



## INDIA – SHEKHAWATI IN DELUXE CAMP – AUGUST 01 TO 11 2011

### YOUR ITINERARY

Breathtaking trail in a breathtaking country, and we stay objective: You will discover the Indian MARWARI horses, famous for their body, their mind and of course their ears in circle! A Palace where horses are leaving very well treated and where you will be home at the beginning and the end of the trail...

#### DAY 1 – AUGUST 01

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Flight to Delhi in the evening.  
Night in the plane.

#### DAY 2

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Arrival in the morning. Welcome and transfer to Nawalgarh (about 6-7 hours). Arrival in Nawalgarh in the end of the afternoon. Royal Welcome on arrival at the palace with horses, camels, folk music flower garlands and non alcoholic welcome drink. The Palace is just a kilometer from the town and is a fascinating blend of European and Rajput style of architecture. The Palace has a lovely, spacious lawn, a billiard room and a swimming pool. Evening meet at the stables over tea, we are welcome by Devendra (our guide). If we have enough time she will help us to choose our horse and then we will go for a little ride around the palace grounds. Cocktails, detail briefing of the tour and introduction talk on the arid region ecology followed by Dinner.  
Night at the Palace.

#### DAY 3

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Morning ride out with picnic breakfast around Nawalgarh to get accustomed to our horses. Afternoon sightseeing to Nawalgarh town by car / camel buggy with a guide.  
Night at the Palace.

#### DAY 4

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The cross safari begins today, our route will be through picturesque villages and farms. The Safari will move about 20 to 30 Kms a day with a lunch halt and breaks for tea coffee and refreshments. Today we ride to Dundlod Fort. We enter in the village and will stay here as special guests in this quaint fort which stands in the middle of the village, almost Scottish in its design.  
Night at the Fort.

#### DAY 5

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This morning we leave our hotel and ride through the town onto dry sandy tracks. Through farmland lunch will be in a desert woodlot. At this time of the year most land is planted with crops being raised by monsoon rain.  
Night at the Castle.

#### DAY 6

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This morning we visit a typical local farmer families home at village Dhakas. Lunch halt is near Nangli on a high sand dune "Gogameri". Here there is a temple dedicated to famous folk hero "Gogaji". The area has a large population of peacocks in the wild.  
Night at the Fort.



### **DAY 7**

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Today we ride to the Desert Resort, it is a Resort recreated in the style of a typical Rajasthani Village. The mystery and romance of the desert are captured in the unusual architecture of the Resort. Created by local craftsmen using mud and brick, the cottages reflect the traditional harmony between man and nature in the region. The Jainiwas is a resort situated next to the desert resort and is a horse ranch type of accommodation. The cottages have a horse ranch type design.

Night at Desert Resort in Mud Cottages or at Jainiwas.

### **DAY 8**

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The ride takes us through semi-desert farming country a typical Shekahawati landscape: field dotted with Khejri trees, low sand dunes, small villages with common grazing woodlots with desert flora and fauna. The route will be to Naharsinghani, a farm house. The Farm was a desert retreat of the erstwhile Mandawa Family. It is a working farm. In the evening we are invited in a traditional folk entertainment around a camp fire followed by a traditional Indian meal. A talk will

also be given on the history of the region and customs and traditions that are prevailing in India. Night at Naharsinghani Farm house.

(Accommodation in Rooms with modern western style toilets) or in oriental Shamiana type tents pitched in the courtyard depending on the weather.

### **DAY 9**

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Today is the last ride from Naharsinghani to Nawalgarh.

Night at the Palace.

### **DAY 10**

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Morning departure from Nawalgarh after breakfast. Arrival at Delhi we will be drive to our hotel where a room (free at 14:00pm) will be booked for us. Afternoon and meals are free. Night at the Hotel.

### **DAY 11**

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After breakfast we will be transfer to the airport for our return flight. Arrival in Europe in the end of afternoon.

**ENJOY YOUR TRAIL !**