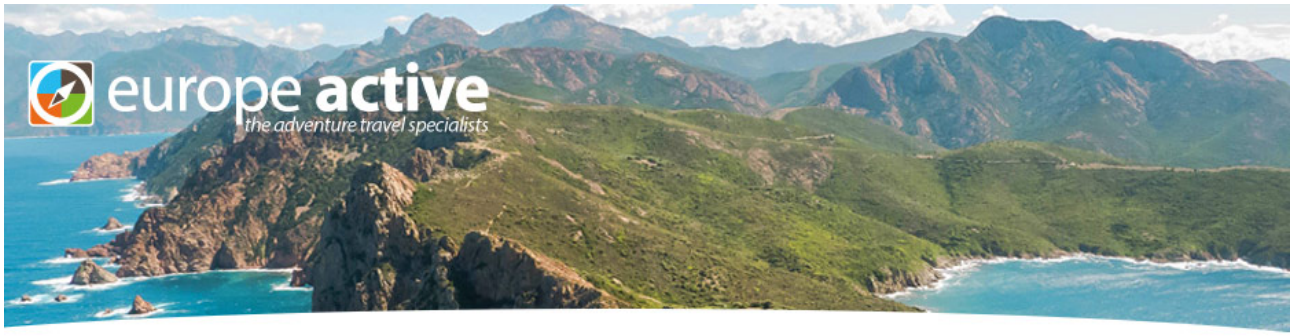

Rajasthan by motorbike - A great Indian Adventure

13 days/ 12 nights

Do not miss this great offer from us at Europe Active: a motorbike safari in India's 'land of kings'! For this particular tour, our team has chosen to rent Royal Enfield motorcycles (350 and 550cc). As ideal means of transport for this great Indian adventure, these motorbikes will enable you to immerse yourself in the local culture and atmosphere.

Rajahstan is also the perfect location for a road trip in India. It offers majestic landscapes and great medical facilities with easy access to medical centres and emergency services for a comfortable and a worry-free holiday.

During this fantastic itinerary, you will discover stunning landscapes overflowing with the breathtaking ruins and treasured relics of an exceptional past. Lose yourself in the midst of picturesque Indian towns and villages. Starting from New Delhi, your trip will open up an enchanting Indian world with the medieval town of Mandawa, Thar Desert, temples, palaces and the marvellous Taj Mahal, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World.

YOUR PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Arrival in New Delhi

A tour guide will meet you at the airport and organise a transfer to your hotel. Once there, you will be given documents relating to your trip. From then on, you will be able to explore your surroundings.

As the capital of India, New Delhi is one of the country's most dynamic cities, with an exceptionally high economic growth rate. Currently buzzing with activity, New Delhi's past is just as colourful. Legend has it that Pandavas, the hero of the ancient Sanskrit epic Mahabharata, founded New Delhi – then called Indraprastha – circa 1200BC. The city now stands on the ruins of the Seven Ancient Cities, its streets being abundant with museums and historical sites reputed to be the best in India.

You will spend the night in a hotel in New Delhi.



Day 2 - Riding through New Delhi on your Royal Enfield

In the morning, you will discover the 'Old' and 'Modern' New Delhi on your Royal Enfield. In the afternoon, a local expert will

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help you to familiarize yourself with your motorbike and the local way of driving. S/he will also talk you through the different stages of your trip.

You will spend the night in a hotel.





Day 3 - From New Delhi to Mandawa

After breakfast, you will hop on your Royal Enfield and ride through the state of Haryana to reach Rajasthan. Today's destination point will be Mandawa, one of the most beautiful parts of Rajasthan. This medieval town dates back to the 18th century and many of its local shops sell traditionally handmade products.

You will spend the night in an ancient fortress, which has been converted into a hotel.

Distance: approximately 255km.



Day 4 - From Mandawa to Bikaner

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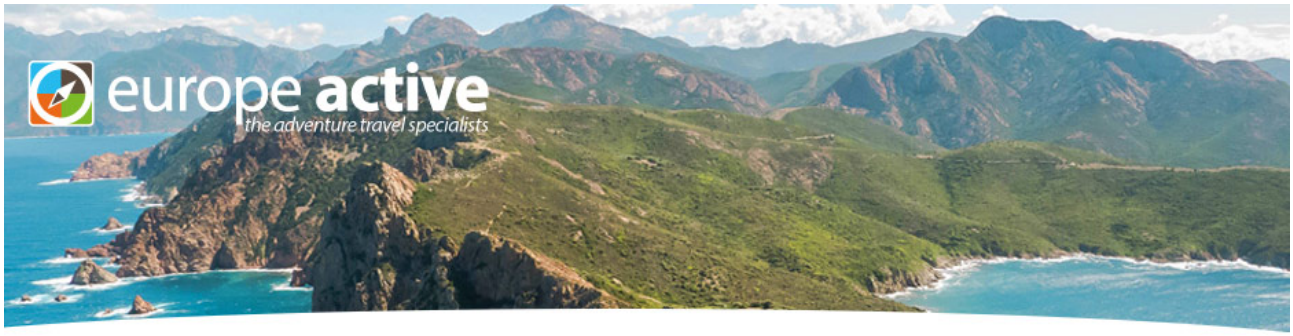

Today's 205km ride will take you to the Western part of Rajasthan where you will get to see some of the most beautiful frescoes and Hindu monuments of the region. Once you reach Bikaner, a district built in the desert from 1488 onwards, its lavish palaces and red sandstone temples will be the ideal backdrop to discover the most fascinating aspects of the Rajput civilization. In the afternoon, you will have the opportunity to visit fortresses, a camel farm, the Palace of Gajner and the temple of Mata Karni, where worshippers revere and idolize rats.

You will spend the night in an Indian palace.



Day 5 - From Bikaner to Jaisalmer

Today, you will ride deep into the Thar Desert, also known as the Great Indian Desert. Do not forget your sun cream in this exposed environment! This epic 330km journey will eventually reward you with the sight of Jaisalmer, one of India's most precious gems. With its 99 fortresses rising to the sky like a mirage in the desert, 'the sun city' is famous for its powerful, brave and ruthless warriors. Palaces and haveli, which are owned by Indian wealthy merchants, are also some of the most beautiful architectural features of the town.

At the end of the day, you will return to your hotel and spend the night in Jaisalmer.



Day 6 - Jaisalmer

In the morning, you will be able to relax and explore your surroundings. There will also be optional activities such as camel rides or temple visits. After lunch, you will go on a desert safari expedition to see the Sam Sand Dunes, one of the region's unmissable sites. This mesmerizing landscape and its white-sand dunes seem like they may have come straight out of a tale from the Arabian Nights. In the evening, you will go to a small local village nearby where live music and Indian folk dancers will entertain you over dinner, with continental food and Rajasthani dishes on the menu.

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You will spend the night in a hotel.





Day 7 - From Jaisalmer to Khimsar

Once back on the road, you will leave Jaisalmer and head South, then, East to reach the ‘Blue City’, which is set against the stark landscape of the Thar Desert. Jodhpur is often referred to as the ‘Blue City’ due to the old blue-painted and timeworn buildings around the Mehrangarh Fort. Founded in the 15th century by Rao Jodha, a powerful Rajput ruler of Mandore, Jodhpur boasts an impressive fort with battlements rising up proudly over the city. The road will then take you all the way to Khimsar, a town tucked away in the barren sand dunes of the Thar Desert.

You will spend the night in a hotel.

Distance: approximately 290km.



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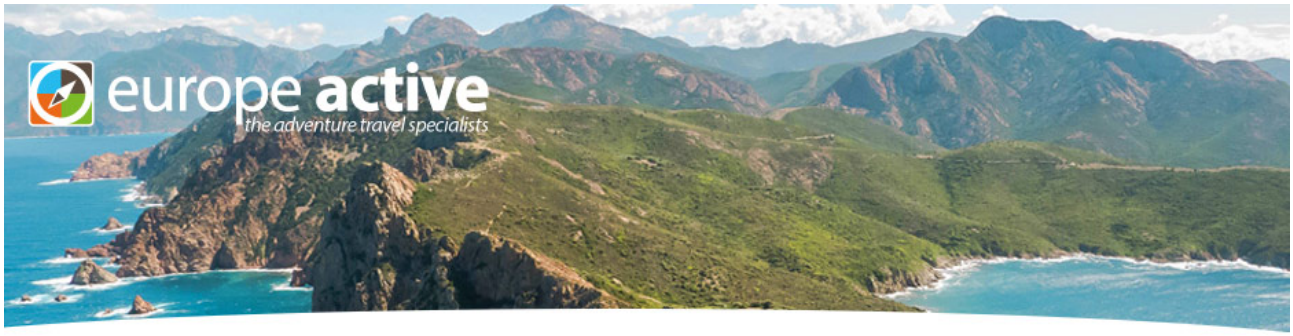

Day 8 - Jodhpur

After a leisurely breakfast, you will visit the town of Jodhpur, Mehrangarh Fort and the Umaid Bhawan Palace, the only palace to have been built during the 20th century to help families suffering from starvation. The monument is so grand that it took 16 years to build. In the afternoon, you will be able to enjoy strolling down streets, which are filled with bazaars and exotic gardens, or sunbathing next to the hotel's swimming pool.

You will spend the night in a hotel.





Day 9 - From Khimsar to Jaipur

Another great ride to the East awaits you! This time, you will ride to Jaipur, known as the 'Pink City'. As you will have probably noticed, Indian landscapes cover a wide spectrum of colours and are a true feast for the eyes. The 'Pink City', for instance, is surrounded by three prominent hills, crowned with majestic forts, palaces, mansions and exotic gardens. It is also divided into nine rectangular districts which apparently symbolise the nine divisions of the universe.

You will spend the night in a hotel.

Distance: approximately 320km.

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Day 10 - Jaipur

You will have all morning to explore Jaipur and the Amber Fort. Why not ride...an elephant(!) to get to the fort? Other marvels of the ‘Pink City’ include the architecture of City Palace, nearby museums and bazaars selling clothes, jewellery, rugs and works of art. Jaipur is the ideal place to fill your bags with heavenly souvenirs.

You will spend the night in a hotel.



Day 11 - From Jaipur to Sagra, via Fatehpur Sikri

Today, the road will take you to the borders of a natural tiger reserve and to Fatehpur Sikri, which will undoubtedly make you travel back to ancient times. 37km later, you will reach Agra, city of the great Taj Mahal. Considered to be the ‘jewel of Muslim art in India’, this white marble mausoleum was dedicated to Sha Jahan’s favourite wife and has been classified as one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. You will, of course, spend an entire afternoon in the Taj in order to admire its architectural beauty and exquisite reflection in the water.
However, Agra has even more to offer with its scattering of shops selling fine oriental carpets, embroideries, gold, marble works and leather shoes.

You will spend the night in a hotel.

Distance: approximately 230km.

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Day 12 - From Agra to New Delhi

After breakfast, you will have the opportunity to discover the Red Fort and to ride your Royal Enfield for five hours, before setting off to New Delhi where you will say goodbye to your motorbike.

You will also spend the night in a hotel.



Day 13 - New Delhi

Transfer to the airport for your return flight. If you wish to stay an extra day in India, please contact us by email or telephone and we will take care of everything for you.

Additional information

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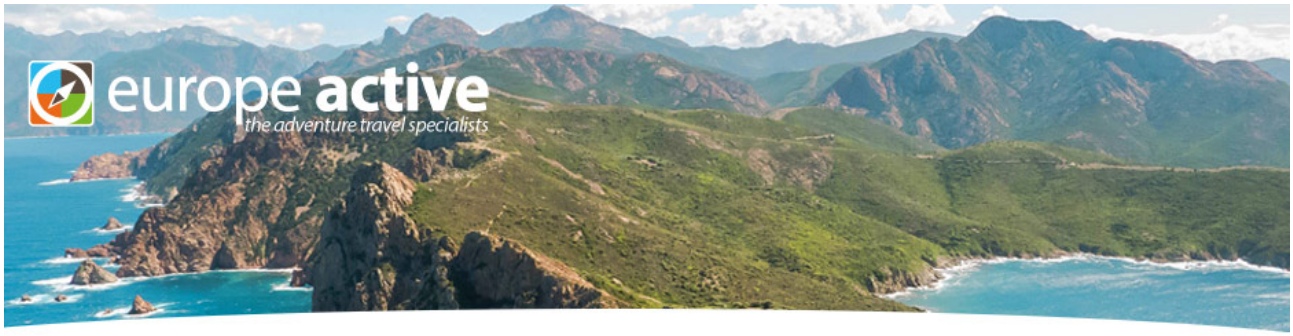

TARIFFS

Price from 2590 euros per person.

OPTIONS

Lone rider (no pilion) : 350 euros per person.
Supplement for single bedrooms : 669 euros per person.
VIP Pack : Fuel for the itineraray and bike parts. : 234 euros per person.

INCLUDED

Motorbike , Nights in 4 star hotels, breakfasts, local assistance during your entire trip around Rajasthan, airport transfers, support vehicle and driver, Anglophone tour guide, the assistance of a Europe Active motorbike specialist and of a local mechanic.

NOT INCLUDED

Transfers which are not included in the tour, flight to New Delhi, personal travel insurance, beverages and meals (recommended budget: 3-8€ per meal), visits of tourist sites (recommended budget: 50€), petrol (approx. 15€/litre in 2017), optional activities which are not included in the tour, personal expenses.

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Approximately up to 312km a day. Riding around India is not always easy, especially in cities. You will need to be comfortable and used to riding a motorbike. A support vehicle will carry your luggage and follow you during the different stages of the trip. Motorcycle passengers have the possibility to travel around Rajasthan in the support vehicle.

LUGGAGE

Luggage transfers by vehicle.

ACCOMMODATION

In 4 star hotels (most of them with swimming pools).

SIZE OF GROUP

From four.

DEPARTURE

New Delhi airport.

DISPERSION

New Delhi airport.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Visa processing times: 3 weeks minimum.
This trip is for experienced riders who are prepared for any kind of situation. India remains an 'Adventure Destination' whichever travel planning agency you choose.

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