

Tips and FAQ

Exclusive Tour to Rajasthan with Yuval Ron & Sajida Ben-Tzur 2016

1. **Q:** If I plan to arrive in India before or after the group pickup from the airport during the early morning of Feb 16, 2016, how shall I get to the hotel?

A: Please make arrangements with Bobby of Carmel India Tours by email: boby@carmelindiatours.com, to have your own private transportation to the hotel and to get the hotel address. If you arrive late for the group transfer from the airport to the hotel, and arrange to have your own transfer to the hotel, you will need to pay for that private transfer. Please consult Bobby at Carmel regarding options and costs for such private transfers.

2. **Q:** May I fly back home on a later flight on Feb 28, 2016 or stay in India for further travel?

A: Yes, you may depart India anytime after the tour ends sometime late at night on Feb 27, 2016. Please arrange with Bobby of Carmel India Tours for your private transport to the airport (this is not included in the cost of the tour package as you will not use the provided group transfer to the airport during the late night hours of Feb 27, 2016). Also you may contact Bobby to arrange for further travel in India at email: boby@carmelindiatours.com.

3. **Q:** How much money shall I bring along to India for extra expenses, not covered by the tour package?

A: Our tour guide estimates that \$100 per person will be sufficient for all additional costs in India during the entire trip for lunches and gifts. We suggest that if possible, you bring along between \$100-300 for lunches and gifts.

4. **Q:** Is Rajasthan, India a safe and peaceful place?

A: Yes, Rajasthan is a peaceful destination, which has never had any terrorist activities aimed at tourists.

5. **Q:** Who are the Sufis of Rajasthan?

A: Sufis are a moderate and peaceful people who have lived in India for hundreds of years following the esoteric wisdom tradition within the Islamic faith. Their traditions are related to the mystical wisdom traditions of the East, often including devotional dance and music as important practices of their spiritual path.

6. **Q:** I am concerned about the air quality in India and my health.

A: We will spend much time outside of the major cities of Rajasthan and in the rural areas where there is not much industry. Our tour bus and hotels all have air conditioning systems, which filter the air we will breathe. If you are still concerned please consult your doctor if a tour to Rajasthan may be harmful for your health before registration.

7. **Q:** Do I need special vaccinations:

A: No, but please consult your doctor if you are concerned about it.

8. **Q:** Is it safe to eat food in Rajasthan, India?

A: Our experienced local tour guide Sajida will arrange for us to eat only in clean and safe hotel restaurants, or other safe locations.

9. **Q:** May I bring a musical instrument?

A: Yes, you may be able to play along with Yuval Ron and local musicians in some of the musical activities and in the farewell party jam session.

10. **Q:** Do I need to arrange for Entry Visa to India BEFORE the tour starts?

A: Yes. As of early 2015 India requires USA citizens and citizens of other countries to apply and receive entry visas at the country of their origin, and NOT in the entry port in India. You must apply for an Entry Visa at the India Consulate in the city of your residence. Please look online for the address and hours of operation of the closest Indian Consulate Visa Department and apply for a visa at that location. Visa fee may be around \$80.

11. **Q:** Do I need to check the expiration date of my passport BEFORE the tour?

A: Yes. Airlines who fly to India recommend that when you return from the tour, your passport would have at least 6 months before it expires. If your passport expires within 6 months after Feb 27 2016, please renew your passport 3 or 4 months before the departure date of the tour (Feb 14 2016). You may be able to renew your passport with a rush charge within few weeks before the tour departure date.

12. **Q:** Is February a good time to go to Rajasthan, India?

A: Yes, that is the BEST time to go to Rajasthan, India. During that time the temperatures are NOT hot, and usually there no strong winds or rain.

13. **Q:** What do I do if there are no answers to my questions and concerns in this document?

A: Bobby from Carmel India Tours would be glad to assist you with any additional questions or concerns. His email is:
boby@carmelindiatours.com,