# <u>YOGA TANDAVA GROUP – 2018</u> <u>RAJASTHAN</u>

Delhi \* Udaipur \* Jodhpur \* Jaipur \* Rishikesh

# **Detailed Itinerary**

Please be advised...This is just an outline, And could change upon circumstances.

03 MAR'18 (SAT) DELHI

Today you will all gather at the hotel lobby and later proceed for the visit to Shanidham temple.

Shani Dham Temple, situated near Asola in Delhi, has the natural rock Idol of Lord Shani. This statue is very radiant and is the tallest statue of Lord Shani in the world.

Although there are many other man-made idols established since long yet it has become the center of attraction for the devotees of Lord Shani from all over the world. Shree Shani Dham Peeth adeshwar Sant Shiromani Shani Charanuragi 'Datti' Madan Maharaj Rajasthani ji enchanted One Hundred Crores and Thirty Two Lakhs (in numbers) Shani Mantras on this sacred grove before unveiling the statue. As a result, the premises of Shani Dham Temple became very alive and all the hardest of troubles and problems caused due to the adversity of Shani are extinguished within no time by worshiping here and by offering oil (Tel Abhishek) to Lord Shani.

After visit to Shanidham, you will visit the Fab India Store.

Return to your hotel

**Dinner** and Overnight at the hotel

04 MAR'18 (SUN) DELHI – UDAIPUR BY FLIGHT

After breakfast at the hotel, in time a representative will meet you and will transfer you to Delhi airport to board your flight departing for Udaipur.

Departure: Delhi at: 1120 Hours by: 9W 824 (Jet Airways)

Arrival: Udaipur at: 1230 Hours

Upon arrival in Udaipur, you will be transferred from the airport to the hotel for check in.

Rajasthan is romantic with tales of valour and chivalry, and a history that brings to life forts, palaces and court intrigues. But Udaipur is different - an interlude for the diehard romantics. A splash of colour in colourful Rajasthan that's brighter, tinged with the tones of local legends and lores. Here are lakes that come as a surprise in sandy Rajasthan, and forested hills where wildlife still abounds. And in the lakes or by their edges are palaces straight out of fairy tales, each more

beautiful than the other. There are rugged fortresses too -- Chittaurgarh and Kumbalgarh, where the history of Udaipur is told as if it were but a page from yesterday. For in Udaipur the past lives and breathes with the present.

Later in the evening, take a **boat cruise on Lake Pichola to visit Jag Mandir Palace by common boat**, which covers almost four acres and is noted for its marble pavilion and an imposing dome. You'll see people doing their laundry on the shores of the lake against the backdrop of the massive City Palace and the old city.

Return to your hotel after sightseeing tour.

**Dinner** and Overnight at the hotel.

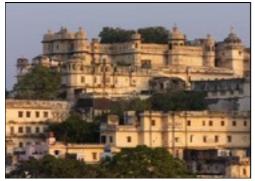


### 05 MAR'18 (MON)

#### **UDAIPUR**

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed for excursion to **Eklingji temples** its neighboring cities also have some very beautiful temples. And the **Eklingji and Nagda temples** are a must visit.

We begin our tour with Eklingji. The town has in all about 70 temples including the famous **Eklingji Shiva temple**. The original structure of the temple was built in **734 A.D**. The temple has a beautiful rustic architecture with distinctly carved tower. The temple also has beautiful and heavy silver doors. On entering the main hall, you are greeted by a mesmerizing fragrance and a silver image of 'Nandi'. There are two more Nandi's in the temple; one made of black stone and the other of brass. Shiva is worshipped here in the form of a four-faced black marble image.



Later you will return and you will proceed to visit the vast and exquisite **City Palace**, a well-fortified, majestic white monument. The main entrance, a triple-arched gate named the Tripolia, was built in 1725 and is a marvel. The Suraj Gokhada, the Balcony of the Sun, where the Suryavanshi Maharanas of Mewar presented themselves in times of trouble to the people to restore their confidence, is also a fascinating sight. L

Also, visit the **Jagdish Temple**, a 16th-century temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu, it is the largest and most splendid

temple in Udaipur. Also visit **Mahakaleshwar Temple**, marvellous temple of lord Mahakaleshwar, around the bank of Lake Fateh Sagar is situated. People have great faith, devotion, belief and reverence on this temple, which is spreaded on three and a half acres of land. Here, the great saints, hermits and ascetics like Guru Gorakhnath, the dignified devotee of lord Shiva worshipped the God. At present, the renovation of the old temple is in the progress. An impressive and huge structure is constructed on the original place since 8th August,1998. **Drive past Fateh Sagar** Lake and visit **Sahelion-ki-Bari**, the Garden of the Maids of Honor, which has numerous fountains in four pools, embellished with delicately chiseled kiosks and elephants. The garden brings to the fore the unique lifestyle of the royal ladies, who once strolled through these grounds.

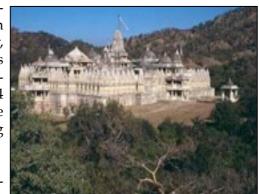
**Dinner** and Overnight at the hotel

# 06 MAR'18 (TUE)

UDAIPUR - RANAKPUR - JODHPUR

After buffet breakfast, you will be driven from Udaipur to Jodhpur (300 KMS /6 - 7 hours) enroute visiting Ranakpur Jain Temples.

Ranakpur Jain Temples, an exceptionally beautiful excursion through the rugged, wooded hills of Rajasthan to the Jain Temples of Ranakpur in the Aravalli Valley, to see one of the best complexes of Jain religion which is particularly noted for the grandiose scale of its architecture and the highly-decorated ceilings, walls and 1444 different pillars. The priests of the temples did all the temple designing and their generations are continuing the work.



Later continue your journey to Jodhpur and upon arrival, check-in at your hotel.

The old city of Jodhpur is surrounded by a wall 10km long, which was built about a century after the city was founded. From the fort, you can clearly see where the old city ends and the new begins. The old city is fascinating jungle of winding streets of great interest to wander around. Eight gates lead out from the walled city. It's one of the more interesting cities in India and those baggytight horse riding trousers, jodhpurs, took their name from this locale.

Option 01 - Visit Osian sand dunes for camel ride and visit Osian Mata temple and other jain temples. (60 kms/01 hour)

## Option 02 - Visit to Mandore Garden

The historic town boasts several monuments. The now ruined Mandore fort, with its thick walls and substantial size, was built in several stages and was once a fine piece of architecture. A huge, now ruined temple is a highlight of the fort. The outer wall of the temple depicts finely carved botanical designs, birds, animals and planets.

**Dinner** and Overnight at the hotel.

07 MAR'18 (WED) J O D H P U R

After breakfast visit the Mehrangarh Fort (citadel of the Sun) that evokes the very spirit of the Rathores, the ruling local Rajput clan. Visit its various palaces with their delicate friezes and respective museums, displaying treasures of the royal family. Also visit Chamnuda Mata Temple inside the fort complex.

North of Meherangarh Fort, and connected to it by road, **Jaswant Thanda** is a pillared marble memorial to the popular ruler Jaswant Singh II (1878-95), who purged Jodhpur of dacoits, initiated irrigation



systems and boosted the economy. The cenotaphs of members of the royal family who have died since Jaswant are close to his memorial; those who preceded him are remembered by chhatris at Mandor. This south-facing spot is also the best place from which to photograph the fort, looming above the sheer rocky Mehrangarh plateau.

Later you will proceed for Heritage walk of Jodhpur, visiting **Kunj Bihari Temple**, it's another popular Krishna temple, built in 18th century by **Gulab Rai**, **Maharaj Biijay Singhji's concubine**, **Gulab Sagar**, **Fateh Pol and Jalandar Nath ji temple**.

Return to your hotel after the tour.

Dinner and Overnight at the hotel

#### 08 MAR'18 (THU)

JODHPUR

PUSHKAR

JAIPUR

After breakfast at the hotel, drive from Jodhpur to Jaipur (330 kms/07 Hours) en-route visit **Pushkar Brahma Temple and sacred lake.** 

Brahma Temple in Pushkar is one of the most famous and only few of the temples dedicated to Lord Brahma in the holy city of Pushkar, Rajasthan. This Pushkar Brahma Temple is the place of deep spirituality and thousands of devotees come here to pay homage to the many gods that reside in this temple town. Pushkar city has over 500 temples with the main Pushkar temple. It is dedicated to lord Brahma and the only Brahma temple anywhere in the world. Although the structures of the temple dates back to 14th century but it is believed that the temple is about 2000 years old.

After visit, continue your drive to Jaipur.

Upon arrival, check in at your hotel.

Late evening, proceed to Birla Temple to attend evening aarti followed by visit to local bazaar.

**Dinner** and Overnight at the hotel

#### 09 MAR'18 (FRI)

# JAIPUR - DELHI - HARIDWAR - RISHIKESH

After breakfast at the hotel, you will be driven to Delhi Railway Station to board train to Haridwar. (Dehradun Jan Shatabadi # 1520/1930 Hrs).

Upon arrival, transfer to Rishikesh.

Check-in at your hotel.

**Dinner** and Overnight at the hotel

# 10 MAR'18 (SAT)

RISHIKESH

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed for the sightseeing tour of Rishikesh Temples, Laxman Jhula, Ram Jhula, Parmarth Niketan Ashram.

Return to your hotel after the tour.

Evening we will go to Parmarth Niketan Ashram to attend the evening Aarti on Holy Ganga River.

**Dinner** and Overnight at the hotel

# 11 MAR'18 (SUN)

RISHIKESH

YOGA

RETREAT

After breakfast at the hotel, morning is at leisure. Check-out and transfer to **Glass house on Ganges for Yoga retreat.** 

End of our tour