



Saturday, May 3, 2008



1. TAKE MALARIA PILL!!

2. Wake up in Jaipur. Breakfast at the hotel.

3. Jaipur, the vibrant capital of Rajasthan is popularly known as the 'Pink City' because of the pink sandstone used for the buildings in its old city. It sits on a dry lakebed in a somewhat arid landscape surrounded by forts and palaces. The walled old city is in the northeast of Jaipur, the new areas spread to the south and west. Jaipur offers a combination of splendid sightseeing and shopping opportunities.



4. On arrival at Amber, you will embark on a jeep for your journey up to the fortress palace. Once on top you can stroll through the sprawling complex of courtyards and halls. Many of the rooms have delightful wall paintings, with precious stones and mirrors inlaid in the walls. Most fascinating, perhaps, is the Sheesh Mahal (hall of mirrors) where a single lamp is replicated in the many mirrors in thousands of twinkling reflections. Jeep will help you descend the fort and then you will proceed to see the Hawa Mahal, also known as the Palace of Winds before arriving at the hotel for check-in/refresher.

visit to the City Palace, which itself one of the most landmark of the city with numerous outbuildings, courtyards, impressive gateways. The palace museum houses collections of rare manuscripts, costumes, carpets, miniature paintings and armoury.

5. Following time for lunch, you will continue with your guided tour with a



6. You will then proceed to visit the Jantar Mantar (Astronomical Observatory) built in 1726 by the Maharaja of Jaipur, Sawai Jai Singh, to predict accurately the movements of the moon and planets. It holds one of the largest and best-preserved collections of astronomical instruments, which are precise even today.



7. Next you will explore Jaipur on cycle ricksahws [1 ½ hrs] which is undoubtedly the most evocative way to sample the old quarters of Jaipur where you will observe all types traditional business activities coupled with streets full of people, chaotic movement of cycle rickshaws by the hundreds, cars, animals - camels pulling large loads, donkeys and people pulling smaller ones, cows and dogs just standing or lying around, and even the odd horse. Rest of the afternoon will be free to indulge in some shopping. A visit to Jaipur is not complete without a visit to the local bazaars to explore the other facets that are synonymous to Jaipur which offers a variety of textiles, specially cottons & silks with traditional

block prints an art form that has continued through generations and has acquired a special place in today's fashion world.

8. At the conclusion of your excursion, you will be transferred to a hotel where you can use the toilet facilities and possibly have an early supper before your next transfer to Agra Cant. Station from where you will board the Shatabdi Express for Delhi [2030/ 2230 hrs – AC Chair Car]. Transfer to airport for departing flight.