

Royal Desert Camp Fact Sheet



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7 Mile Stone
Sam
Nr, Jaisalmer
Rajasthan
India

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Location

Royal Desert Camp is located 42 km from Jaisalmer city in the Village of Sam.

Transportation

By Air

To Jodhpur Airport from Delhi, Mumbai, or Jaipur. Followed by a 300 km car journey. During winter 2008 flights from Delhi into Jaisalmer may operate, details are yet to be confirmed.

By Train

To Jaisalmer from Jodhpur & Delhi via Jodhpur-Jaipur-Alwar. Followed by 45 km car journey.

By Road

Excellent roads run between Bikaner and Jodhpur to Jaisalmer.

Transfers

The hotel can arrange transfers (at extra cost) from Jaisalmer railway station or bus station and Jodhpur airport.

Check-In and Check-out

Check-in: 12:00 Noon. Check-out: 10:00 hrs.

Parking

Complimentary Parking is available for guests.

Details

Located en-route caravans crossing the desert carrying spices and riches from India, Jaisalmer with its golden sand dunes rippling in the sunlight is one of the best places for a camel safari. To see the setting sun casting a golden glow over the sand dunes of Jaisalmer is to witness an unforgettable sight. After sundown, a bonfire and dinner on the desert sands is a memorable experience. Jeep safaris, Camel safaris, and desert camping at Jaisalmer are a thrilling experience

The ROYAL DESERT CAMP with its elaborate and majestically designed Royal Tents and complete ambience of festivity is located 42 km from Jaisalmer on the outskirts of the Village SAM.

Ancient style caravans with the camels as company has pioneered the recreation of age old romance and nostalgia of travel and free spirit. Overlooking the dunes onto one side and the spectacular view of the setting sun onto the other Royal Desert Camp has 30 well appointed Royal Tents under the open skies and 20 cottages at the Royal Desert Resort base. Whilst retaining the old world charm these tents are equipped with modern facilities and more than basic comfort to recreate the magic of rustic adventure. A well laid out Barbeque buffet and the Folk artists keeping company takes one into the bygone era.

Enjoy camel rides, breakfast on a camp site, dining under stars or in a Shamiana/marquee, local folk music, and dance performances that capture the vivid images of by gone Era. One is sure to experience true hospitality and natural beauty combined with a perfect setting making it a truly memorable experience.

Apart from camping, camel safari nature walks in the Thar Desert and the jeep safaris to villages and virgin settings can also be organized by Royal Desert Camp. Also organized are camel races, camel decoration competitions enabling guests to feel the rich culture.

The rates include:

- Welcome on arrival
- One Hour Camel safari –Twin sharing
- Tea/Coffee on return from camel safari
- Bottle of Mineral water per payable person

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- Evening entertainment only if minimum 10 persons at the resort
- Evening snacks and dinner with campfire
- Campers Breakfast
- All applicable Taxes.

All the cottages and tents have attached toilets with running water and electricity and the cottages have a shower with running hot and cold water. Heaters / Hot water bottles and additional blankets on request.

Local attractions / possible excursions

- Jaisalmer itself has a lot to offer.
- **Sonar Quila:** The Golden Fort is a mass of intricately carved buildings, facades and elaborate balconies is the oldest living Fort in the world. Various entrances Ganesh Pol, Suraj Pol, Bhoota Pol, and the Hava Pol guard the Megh Durbar and the Jawahar Mahal. Main attractions inside are Raj Mahal (Royal palace), the Lakshminath temple, and the Jain temples which built between 12th and 15th centuries are dedicated to Rikhabdev and Sambhavanth.
- **Havelis of Jaisalmer:** The intricately latticed havelis built by wealthy merchants. Do take time strolling around the side streets to see more of these unique havelis which are still occupied by the same family for generations. Main havelis:
 - **Patwon-ki-Haveli:** Built by Guman Chand Patwa (and later by his five sons), a wealthy merchant. This ornate five-storey complex took fifty years to complete. This is the largest, the most magnificent, and the most elaborate of Jaisalmer havelis.
 - **Salim Singh-ki-Haveli:** Built by Prime Minister Salim Singh in 1815, it has a beautifully arched roof capped with blue cupolas and carved brackets in the form of peacocks.
 - **Nathmalji-ki-Haveli:** Built by a Prime Minister of princely state of Jaisalmer, its facade is has ornately carved flowers, birds, elephants, soldiers, a bicycle and even a steam engine.
- **Gadisagar Tank:** Beautiful yellow sandstone ghats, chattris (carved domes), and the famed yellow sandstone gateway Tilon-ki-Pol, said to have been built by a famous courtesan, Tilon. Serene and beautiful early morning or evenings are the best times to visit Gadisagar. During the winter migrating birds flock at the water hole during the winters.
- **Sam Sand Dunes:** Sojourn the beautiful sunsets at Sam, 45 km from Jaisalmer. Camel safaris or overnight stays at Royal Desert Inn built in the typical Rajasthani Desert Village to enjoy majestic shifting sands. Royal Desert Inn is operated by Fort Rajwada.
- **Khuri village and Desert National Park near Sam** is well worth a quick visit.
- **Lodurva:** The ancient capital of the Bhattis is 16 km from Jaisalmer. Its ruins are visited for the great Jain temple and the Kalpataru, a mythical tree of wish fulfilment.
- **Kuldhara and Khaba:** The abandoned 13th century villages are 18 and 30 km southwest of Jaisalmer. About 100 years ago Paliwal Brahmins abandoned

these villages in a single night due to the atrocities of Salim Khan the Prime Minister. Today this place has the ruins and rubbles of hundreds of abandoned houses.

- **Akal Wood Fossil Park:** A 21-hectare preserved area when whole Thar region lay under the sea. Fossilized logs of trees trunks.
- **Desert Festival:** During these colourful festival musicians, traditional gymnasts, captivating folk dances and music recitals, various competitions, camel polo and camel dances are held. The whole city of Jaisalmer is full of excitement during the Desert Festival.

Dates: 07 to 09 Feb 2009; 28 to 30 Jan 2010

Other facilities

Services

Lounge with Satellite Cable connection thru TATA Sky for entertainment and latest magazines on rent.

Leg Massage and head massage on request on nominal charges

Shop for emergency purchases

Volley Ball for adults. Cricket and carom for kids.

Length of stay

1 to 2 nights stay is recommended to enjoy the sand dunes wilderness experience. Combine this with your stay at Fort Rajwada.

Royal Desert Safari Camp & Gardh Rajwada

Fort Rajwada runs Royal Desert Safaris/Camp. Mr. Jitendra Singh and Mr Dileep Singh Rathore are the energy behind the brand new Gardh Rajwada opening in 2008.

Payment/Cancellation Policy

Pre-payment is compulsory for confirmed advance reservations. Full payment must be made 30 days prior to arrival and at the time of making booking. Bookings cancelled 30 days prior to arrival shall not be charged any retention. If cancelled between 30-15 days, one night cancellation fee applies and if cancelled less than 15 days then 100% cancellation fees apply.

Packages/Surcharges

Available, check www.fortrajwada.com

Taxes

Government and tax applicable on room rates and food & beverage.

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