

# NEPAL, THE GANGES & RAJASTAN BRIEF ENCOUNTER.

DAY 1. Leave KIM no later than 0900.  
Have <sup>the</sup> group spread out in the hotel for their  
breakfast; returning to the Guest House by  
0815 at the latest. Pack trailer, collect  
fresh food from fridge at Ashta Mangal. All  
documentation from safe.

Stop at Mughling Bazaar for lunch. Buy  
group Dalphad or omelette

Carry on to <sup>Royal</sup> Chitwan via Narangarh and  
camp at Christabels. Go to Elephant Camp  
and organise elephant rides for following  
day plus jungle and bird walks.

Elephants 75 Rs per person

Walks 25 Rs -- --

Park entrance 65 Rs.

2. Spent at Royal Chitwan.  
Camping 10 Rs per head.

3. Leave Christabels as early as possible and  
go straight to India border at Sonauli/  
Bhairawa. Thru border and camp inside  
India. Good campsite 3 km past Nantamwa  
on LHS just after white bridge. A well  
treed area.

DAY 4. Nantawa to Varanasi long day (10 hours)  
Camp at Tourist Dak Bungalow, Cantonment  
opposite main post office.

8/6 per head per night.

Manager can organise boat rides ~~on~~ the  
following morning down the "Ganges"  
2/6 per head. Includes all transport  
and guide. See map for route thru <sup>Gorakhpur</sup>

5. Boat ride. Remainder of day at leisure.  
Visits to burning Ghats. Best in afternoon.

6. Leave early once again and head out  
to Khajuraho via Mirzapur, Rewa and  
camp at Pandva falls. NH7 to Rewa. SH6  
toward Jhansi Chhatapur

About 35 km before ~~Chhatapur~~ you  
descend a long Ghat. At the bottom there  
is a sign on the R.H.S. to Pandva Falls.

Two parking areas about 1 km in.

(Try not to have group annoy the privacy  
of the local hermit)

See map for Mirzapur by-pass.

7. Up and onto Khajuraho (33 km) Turn off  
signposted to right. ~~Is~~ Two hours maybe  
enough perhaps three. 22 temples but  
difficult to find ~~erotic~~ sculptures. Park  
opposite RASA RESTAURANT (under Swiss manage-  
ment)

DAY 7  
cont. Then on toward Jhansi camping  
roadside.

~~See map for Mirzapur by-pass~~

DAY 8 Thru Jhansi and to Agra via N.H. 3  
Camp at either hauries Hotel (10Rs per head)  
or Highway Inn (Major Singh's) (12Rs per head)  
\* Much quieter and closer to Taj Mahal

Day 9. Day at leisure in Agra. Major Singh  
can organise a small Sitar Concert  
about 200Rs good value divided between  
group. Food restock at Daily Needs Store  
opposite Kwality Restaurant. if necessary

Day 10. To Jaipur via Fatehpur Sikri (2-3 hours)  
and if group shows interest and time  
available Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary  
(Camp at Tourist Bungalow) 10Rs per head.

Day 11/12 Jaipur. Camp at either Khetri  
House or Jaipur inn (Wing Commander Ross)  
Khetri House 10Rs very pleasant surrounding  
Jaipur Inn 8Rs.

At Khetri House you can hire a guide  
Eugene Pram. Does the city tour and Amber  
Will organise a Rajasthani Puppet show (about  
3Rs per head) and a barbeque on hills

## ROUTE 2

Day 13.

Jaipur towards Jodhpur.

Thru Ajmer is very tricky as no trucks are allowed in Ajmer city centre streets are too narrow. Use by-pass route

~~On entering Ajmer turn left at 1<sup>st</sup> small traffic island~~

do Beawar and Udaipur

Camp as close to Jodhpur as possible

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Day spent in Jodhpur. Difficult town to navigate. Use ring road. Can park right outside fort. Excellent place Jodhpur has a good Bazaar near clock tower. Camp outside Jodhpur.

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Jodhpur to Udaipur is a full day.

Camp either en route or at Khajri Tourist Bungalow, Udaipur

16.

Udaipur

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Udaipur towards Ratlam. Camp past town. Important do take correct road out of Ratlam across river. Take road for DHAR.

Day 11/12 surrounding Jaipur. He is excellent value at 25k per person. This includes all entrances except Jangarh Fort. (6k entrance). He gives all his time and is an invaluable source of information on all India not only Rajasthan and its cultural history ancient and modern. A telegram to "Travellers Jaipur" will ensure his services. Send from either KM or Varanasi with EDA.

~~Day 13.~~

Now two possible routes occur here.

Route 1. a) Jaipur - Bikaner - Jodhpur  
Udaipur - Bombay

b) Jaipur - Bikaner - Jaisalmer - Udaipur  
c) Jaipur - Bikaner - Jodhpur - Jaisalmer  
Udaipur (Very, very rushed and a necessary <sup>stop</sup> for Bombay to finish on time.)

Route 2. Jaipur - Ajmer - <sup>JODHPUR -</sup> Udaipur - Ratlam  
- Ajanta - Aurangabad - Bombay.

All depends on available time, groups preferences (drivers preference also)

Day 18. Rattam towards Dhule. Go via Mandu, signposted after DHAR. Camp roadside

19. Dhule to Ajanta. Camp at Holiday Resort Ajanta village. 10Kms before caves.

20. Drive to caves. Take guided tour -  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours and cheap? See best caves. Then drive to Ellora. There is a by-pass around Aurangabad (signposted)  
Can camp at Ellora but better to camp past Aurangabad.

21 Drive onto Poona then down ghats to Panvel (By-pass around Poona - ask)  
There is a causeway from Panvel to Bombay.

Camp at Daria Mahal, Versova Beach  
(see map)

Telegram them from Udaipur of your arrival date "Canon Bombay"

22 Bombay

23 Bombay

24 Flyout Bombay

# NEPAL, THE GANGES AND RAJASTHAN

DAY	FROM	TO	REMARKS
1	KATHMANDU	CHITWAN	buy the group lunch at Muglin, Dal bhat omtette. Camp at Cristobal Lodge or Elephant Camp. Arrange tours thru E.C. immediately upon arrival.
2	CHITWAN	-	elephant rides, jungle walks etc.
3	CHITWAN	INDIA!	good start, get to bdr early as poss, get thru + camp past bdr.
4	BDR	TOWARDS VARANASI	could make Varanasi in one day - but need early start + late finish - at least 12 hr drive. Perhaps a bit soon for a new group.
5	→	ARRIVE VARANASI	visit Sarnath on way into town - perhaps have lunch here. Camp at Dak-Bungalow. send shoppers on by rickshaw to market - not far.
6	VARANASI	-	early morning boat ride - get guide from Dak Bungalow - make sure u leave by at least 5.30 am. will also visit Golden Temple, Burning Ghat. In afternoon, monkey temple, silk factory, swimming pool Clarke's Hotel, or just stay at Dak Bung for, snake charmers, yogi, ear cleaners, barber, massage, laundry, shopping.
7	VARANASI	PANDAWA FALLS. PANDWA FALLS WHITE SIGN RIGHT	very long day. requires 6 am start - missing out bad traffic in Varanasi. Beautiful camp site - about 20-25 kms before Khajuraho, go down long steep hill (Ghat) at bottom falls sign posted to the right.
8	PANDAWA FALLS	TOWARDS SHANSI	late start from the falls, 2-3 hrs at Khajuraho, on to camp just before Shansi and the main road.
9	INTO	AGRA.	Camp at Lauries Hotel, swimming pool, ask 'Fat Man' to get some gas for u.

	FROM	TO	REMARKS
✓	AGRA	—	Taj Mahal, Red fort, - food restock oppo Quality Rest. if needed.
✓	AGRA.	JAIPUR	Via Fatehpur Sikri, spend 2-3 hrs here. (Bharatpur Bird sanctuary if time.
✓	JAIPUR	—	camping at Khetri House, guide - Eugene Pram. - Amber palace, Palace of the Winds, City palace, Santa Manta - Eugene will organise this all for you + guide you. Also good for background talk on India.
	JAIPUR	—	Eugene can organise other visits
	JAIPUR	TOWARDS JODHPUR.	Thru Ajmer, tricky by pass - see other notes. Past Beawar + camp as close as poss to Jodhpur.
	INTO JODHPUR	CAMP JUST OUTSIDE	Spend day in Jodhpur + then camp outside town back towards Pali. Jodhpur, good bazaar area, but best time is spent at the fort - great. Drive right up to it going around <u>back</u> of town then up to fort. it <u>is</u> possible.
	PALI?	UDAIPUR	Camp at Khajri Tourist Bungalow. Sights are bazaar, Lake Palace, City Palace. Drive truck around to lake side.
	UDAIPUR	—	↑
	UDAIPUR	RATLAM ?	camp past town. imp to take correct road out of Ratlam across river - maybe bridge by now. - take road to DIFAR.
	RATLAM	TOWARDS? <DHULIA> <DHULE>	Go via Mandu, signposted after Dhar, great view.
?		AJANTA	Camp at Holiday Resort. - Ajanta village 10kms before caves.

	TO	FROM	
21	ASANTA	AURANGABAD?	day spent at Ajanta + Ellora caves. - see other notes.
22	VIA POONA	BOMBAY	NB - drive straight to airport to confirm time. and then Dheerica Mahal.
23	BOMBAY	-	Don't take truck into city. They can catch train. - get gas. at the "DIANA GAS CO" which is behind the "FAMOUS STUDIOS" - get Mr Chinai to help you.
24	FLY OUT		

NIGHTSTOPS

1. Chitwan
2. Chitwan
3. Chitwan - border - camp past border
4. Border - Varanasi
5. Varanasi
6. Varanasi - towards Khajuraho - camp anywhere
7. On Khajuraho - 2 hrs enough - camp on way Jhansi
8. Arrive Agra
9. Agra (day trip to Fatephur Sikri)
10. Agra - Jaipur (Bharatpur bird sanctuary)
11. Jaipur
  
12. Jaipur towards Udaipur  
NB Bypass Ajmer - no trucks allowed city centre - very narrow.  
On entering Ajmer turn left on 1st small traffic island - then right for 1½kms until pass private college (impressive building) - turn right here - after 1km arrive at intersection with traffic island - go straight ahead and cross over railway level crossing - left at next intersection is road to Udaipur.
13. Arrive Udaipur am. Camp Khajri Tourist Bungalow.  
Sights: Lake Palace Hotel, City Palace & Museum
14. Udaipur - Ratham - camp past town.  
NB ensure take road across river past Banswara - no bridge - drive across river bed.
15. On to Mandu - take road to Dhar & Mandu is signposted after that. Mandu is well documented in 'Lonley Planet' - well worth the effort just for view.  
Camp on road towards Dhulia.
16. Drive onto Ajanta via Dhulia & Jalgoan.  
Camp at Holiday Resort - on main road 10kms before caves.

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17. Drive to Cave (15mins from Resort)

- Get group to take guided tour - 1½hrs and cheap - selects best caves.
- Then drive on to Ellora - there is shortcut bypassing Aurangabad - sign posted.
- Is possible to camp at Ellora but better to drive on past Aurangabad on road to Pune (Poona).

18. Drive on to Poona - tricky bypass - just ask - then down ghats to Panvel. Here is a causeway linking Panvel to Bombay. Drive straight to Airport and get group to confirm airtickets.

Camp at Daria Mahal, Versova Beach

- Old colonial building - camp on lawn.  
Very private with seafront - only hassle - have to park truck on road.
- 50/rps per person/day - can take rooms if wish.
- good idea to telegram from Udaipur

: Mr Viren Chinai  
Daria Mahal  
Versova Beach  
Bombay

19. Bombay

20. Bombay

21. Fly out