



Explore Jewish India: Tikkun Olam and Rajasthan With author and expert Rahel Musleah

Experience a different India through the lens of social change, empowerment and education.

Eat, pray and mingle with the Jewish communities in Bombay, Ahmedabad, and Pushkar.

Enjoy the spectacular beauty of Rajasthan: ride a camel through the desert, look for leopards, enjoy jeep safaris, explore street markets, and marvel at fairy-tale palaces.

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Five- and four-star hotels, most meals (vegetarian), and all transportation within India included.

International flight on your own.

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A Personal Note from Rahel

India is a vast country of dramatic contrasts, extraordinary cultural richness, and religious diversity. Any visitor to India can choose from a wide array of tours. What distinguishes ours is its "insider's" perspective.

I was born in Calcutta to a family with Baghdadi roots; I live in the United States today and speak widely about the Indian Jewish communities—always adding music wherever I go. My tour partner, Joshua Shapurkar, is a member of the Bene Israel community of Bombay and has been leading general and Jewish tours for twenty-five years. Together we have an intimate knowledge of the Indian Jewish communities and close relationships with its members.

We have now created a tour with an unbeatable combination: a fusion of India's cultural, religious, architectural and natural beauty with an exploration of projects devoted to bettering society, empowering women, educating children, and employing the physically and mentally challenged.

What all our tours offer that others don't:

- ***Personalized attention***
- ***Cohesive groups***
- ***"Insider's" perspective***
- ***Interaction and meals with local communities***
- ***Freshly prepared gourmet meals***
- ***Home hospitality dinner***
- ***In-depth exploration of Jewish history***
- ***Introduction to India's other religions and cultural heritage***
- ***A fabulous team of guides***
- ***Best value for the price!***

You, too, will be treated as part of our broader family. You will meet and interact with community members, enjoy local hospitality, experience India's magnificent cultural tapestry, and enjoy its rare Jewish treasures.

Please join us on this unforgettable adventure!



Day 1:**Namaste and Welcome to India!**

Arrive in Mumbai and transfer to the Trident, Nariman Point. Dinner on your own.

Day 2:**Mumbai**

Begin the day with a visit to Shaar Harahamim, the oldest synagogue in the city, dating to 1796, and learn about its dramatic history. Witness the amazing “lunch box” system and watch the *dabawallas* in action. Stop at the Shiva Temple, where you will see a religious ceremony. After lunch, visit Ohm Creations, which employs physically and mentally challenged adults in projects from painting and embroidery (items available for purchase) to challah-making. Ohm Creations supplies challah to the entire Jewish community. Festive dinner at local restaurant.

Day 3:**Mumbai**

Visit the Gabriel Project Mumbai (GPM), a local NGO that cares for thousands of vulnerable children and women in the slums and poor rural villages through education, hygiene, nutrition and medical programs. Visit the Shravan Health Centre, a premiere medical clinic in the Kalwa neighborhood. Stop at the Sundara soap-making project, where different workshops provide women and older children the skills necessary to create natural, hypoallergenic, biodegradable soap for personal hygiene and for sale in the slums, rural villages and urban cities. Visit the women’s kitchen for interactive cooking and discussion. The women’s food service company supports 160 working women in the slums, providing schoolchildren with daily nutritious meals and empowering the women by expanding their economic wellbeing. Dinner on your own.

Day 4:**Mumbai – Ahmedabad**

Early flight to the historic walled city of Ahmedabad, the first Indian city to be included in UNESCO’S world heritage city list. Ahmedabad still has a small Jewish community of about 100 members. Gandhi lived in Ahmedabad from 1917-1930 and his ashram served as one of the main centers of the Indian freedom struggle.

En route to hotel, visit Sewa (Self-Employed Women’s Association), a registered trade union which strives to protect the rights of women and acts as a vehicle for social change. By organizing into cooperatives and having access to skills training, members are able to improve their levels of income and production. At the childcare center, interact with children, parents and coop board members. At Ahmedabad’s sprawling vegetable market, only one of the hundreds of vendor stalls is run by Sewa members. At the artisan textile workshop, learn about traditional Indian weaving, embroidery and sewing techniques.

Enjoy Shabbat services at the Magen Abraham Synagogue and a sumptuous dinner with the Jewish community. Walk back to hotel, The House of MG (Mahatma Gandhi), a boutique heritage hotel.

Day 5:**Ahmedabad**

Walk to the Magen Abraham Synagogue for Shabbat services and enjoy lunch with the community. Afterwards, we will explore the city of Ahmedabad on a walking tour. Dinner on your own.

Day 6:**Ahmedabad – Udaipur (5 hours by road)**

Visit the Gandhi Ashram and learn about Gandhi's life and his relations with the Jews. Then travel to Udaipur, the city of lakes, admired for its fairy-tale palaces, lakes, temples, and gardens. Built in 1559 CE by Maharaja Udai Singh, the city has been described as the most romantic spot in India. Arrive and transfer to the hotel. Lunch at local restaurant. Evening at leisure and dinner on your own. Overnight at the Trident Hotel.

Day 7:**Udaipur**

Morning city sightseeing tour including the City Palace, Zenana Mahal, Fateh Prakash, Durbar Hall and Shambhu Niwas. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit Jagdish Temple, Sahelion-ki-Bari (Queen's Resort for the Friends). Evening cruise on the waters of Lake Pichola. Dinner on your own and overnight at hotel.

Day 8:**Udaipur – Ranakpur - Narlai****(3 hours by road plus sightseeing stop)**

Depart for Narlai, a small, busy and idyllic little village surrounded by forested hills; one of the most beautiful rural locations in Rajasthan. Visit the Ranakpur Jain Temple en-route. Continue to travel to Narlai and check in to Rawla Narlai, a luxury boutique hotel. Enjoy a guided evening safari in an open jeep covering surrounding villages and temples. Dinner on your own. Overnight at hotel.

Day 9:**Narlai – Jodhpur (3 hours by road)**

Morning leopard-sighting excursion. The rugged Godwad countryside around Narlai is an ideal site for leopards. Afterwards, depart for Jodhpur, stronghold of the fierce Rathore clan. The city was founded in 1459 by Prince Jodha. Arrive and transfer to the hotel. Lunch at local restaurant. Evening visit to Sardar Market, one of the oldest street markets in Jodhpur. Dinner on your own and overnight at Ajit Bhawan.

Day 10:**Jodhpur**

Visit the Mehrangarh Fort, situated on a low sandstone hill. Within the fort, visit Moti Mahal and Phool Mahal. Also visit Jaswant Thada, an imposing marble cenotaph, built in memory of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II, and Umaid Public Gardens. In the afternoon take Bishnoi Village Safari, where you will enjoy wildlife, nature and village life. Dinner on your own and overnight at hotel.

Day 11:**Jodhpur – Pushkar (4 hours by road)**

Depart for Pushkar. Enjoy a camel safari through the desert sands. Then check in to hotel and prepare for Shabbat services at Chabad House. Walk back to the hotel. Overnight at The Westin Pushkar Resort and Spa.

Day 12:**Pushkar**

Shabbat services at Chabad House After lunch enjoy a short walking tour of Pushkar, including Pushkar Lake and a colorful market. Festive dinner after Shabbat and overnight at hotel.

Day 13:

Pushkar – Jaipur (3 hours by road)

Leave for Jaipur, the “Pink City of India.” The capital of Rajasthan, Jaipur is nestled in India’s mountains. Enjoy home hospitality dinner. Overnight at Trident Hotel.

Day 14:

Jaipur

Prepare to be awed by the Amber Fort, the ancient citadel of Jaipur’s rulers, and ride an elephant! Stop at the city palace and the Jantar Mantar observatory. Take time to shop in this beautiful city, known for textiles, jewelry and carpets. Dinner on your own and overnight at hotel.

Day 15:

Jaipur -Delhi or Jaipur-Mumbai

Fly to Delhi or Mumbai. Connect to international airport for flights home or begin post-tours.



Tikkun Olam and Rajasthan: What You Need to Know

Costs:

- \$5490 pp double occupancy.
- \$7090 single occupancy.

Cost includes:

- 15 days, 14 nights.
- Most meals (vegetarian).
- All sightseeing costs.
- All travel within India, including flights, transfers, boat cruise, and air-conditioned buses.
- Fully escorted by highly experienced, English-speaking guide from arrival until departure.
- Specialized talks about Jewish India and get-togethers with members of the local Jewish communities.
- All current applicable taxes.

What is NOT included:

- International airfare and visa fees.
- Gratuities for guides and drivers.

Schedule of Payments and Other Requirements:

- \$1,000 non-refundable deposit with registration. Exceptions for refunds may be made on an individual basis in case of emergency.
- Non-refundable balance/final payment due 90 days prior to departure. Charges cover non-refundable expenses incurred on behalf of the participant and the group, and help protect tour fares for the remaining participants.
- Travel/cancellation insurance is highly recommended.
- Visa and valid passport required.

Optional Add-Ons:

- Pre-Tour
 - Additional night at The Trident: \$200 (per room, not per person).
 - Mumbai day tour of Elephanta Island, a 7th- century Hindu cave and World Heritage site: \$75. Other optional day tours also available.
- Post –Tour:
 - Option A: 2 nights, Jaipur – Agra—Delhi
 - Option B: 2 nights –Varanasi

Resources:

- For more information about the tour, please contact Rahel Musleah, rahel.musleah@gmail.com, 516-829-2358.
- For questions about travel and accommodations within India, please contact our tour guide and travel consultant, Joshua Shapurkar, joshuashapurkar@hotmail.com.
- For expert guidance with international arrangements and travel insurance, contact Brenda Kopelowitz, Travel with Brenda, travelwithbrenda@yahoo.com; 516-482-2787

Looking forward to having you join us!



Read the Reviews!

“A spiritual, enlightening and consciousness-expanding tour. The people were like-minded and kind; a Zen atmosphere was present (whenever I needed it to be!). We had soooo many Jewish **life-altering experiences**, and equally as many fun Indian experiences. Can anyone forget the services in a local synagogue and Shabbat dinner with members of the community under the stars? To balance that out, an elephant ride around—and up—a fortress. The tour guides led with their hearts, and **guided us wisely and well**. India, where “Guest IS G-D!” –*Beverly B., Los Angeles, CA*

“Traveling with Rahel was both exhilarating and a deeply emotional experience for me, as my family had lived in India for a few generations before immigrating to the West. The tour presented a good balance between Jewish and general attractions, and I liked the smaller number of participants as it allowed for a meaningful general interaction. Very ‘Indian’ experiences such as rickshaw and elephant rides added **‘spice’ and color**. The tour was very comfortable in all aspects – great hotels and meals, transport and the well-chosen places we visited and shopped at. It all worked so smoothly, due to the meticulous and thoughtful planning that went into creating such a **memorable and meaningful experience**.” –*Yael S., Sydney, Australia*

“While it’s wonderful to be home, we are constantly asked about our trip to India. As we describe our enchanting journey we relive our **magical holiday** and many fabulous experiences shared with great new friends. People are absolutely amazed at all we did and that we enjoyed India which we credit to our excellently organized tour.” –*Marilyn and Geoff R., Sydney, Australia*

“Can anyone else who has traveled to India say that they have seen and done all that we've had in two weeks? **I might intentionally miss my flight home.**” –*Merav D., Brooklyn, NY*

“What a fabulous trip! I knew a little about the Jews of India---but never knew how much I didn't know. This trip provided both experience and knowledge, in addition to the "tourist" sites that everyone must see. The guides were fabulous, each presenting a different aspect of India. And, it couldn't have been a nicer group. Thank you for all your personal help and **making India so real to us.**” —*Sue and Marty S., Sarasota, FL*

“Many of my friends who are interested in traveling to India were concerned about the thing that also terrified me the most: winding up sick or injured in an Indian hospital. They were very gratified when I told them how **safe and wonderful** you made it all.” -*Eve V., Sydney, Australia*

“An extraordinary tour giving a true flavor and appreciation of the complexities of India. The Jewish connection led to my choosing this tour. Rahel and Joshua both have great knowledge and **bent over backwards to satisfy every need.**” -*Freda A., Marshall, MI*

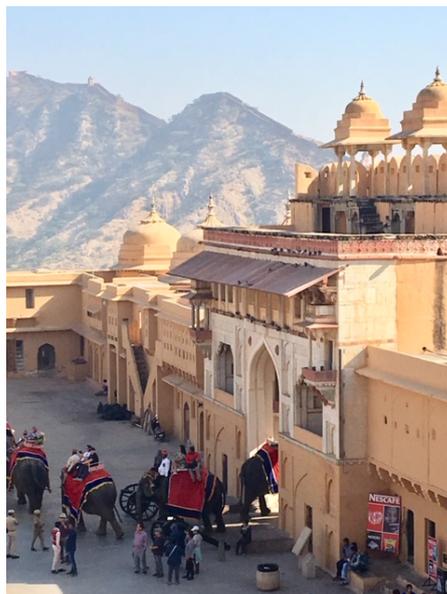
“The combination of Rahel’s personal and historical perspectives blended beautifully with Joshua’s extensive knowledge and experience as a guide. **Each presented individual perspectives with balance, humor and understanding,** providing immense flavor as well as substance.” -*Deinya M., Jacksonville, FL*

“**On a scale of 1-5, I rate the tour a 5 overall.** In spite of my being fairly nonobservant, I was increasingly interested in seeing the different synagogues in different, often extremely out-of-the-way places. I looked forward to the food and was not in the least disappointed by the quality or quantity. The tour ran extremely smoothly with meticulous attention to myriad, sometimes conflicting needs. No request was ignored and not satisfied; no question went unanswered.”-*Mark H., Ambler, PA*

“Your passion for India and Jewish India is contagious! I’m grateful to have been part of this wonderful tour with such compatible people. Each hotel was special and provided luxury and amenities. The meals were delicious. Nothing was left out of the itinerary. **This was the trip of a lifetime!**” -*Arlene U., Potomac, MD*

“There are many organized tours to the fascinating country of India. There are even a few ‘Jewish’ trips to India. But there is only one Jewish heritage tour to India organized and led by Rahel Musleah and Joshua Shapurkar. Rahel’s and Joshua’s passion, knowledge and many personal connections in the communities we visited greatly enhanced this trip experience for all participants. The few remaining Indian Jews are aging. **Go now.**” -*Neal Farber, Newton, MA*

“What a pity you only do India! What about Japan, China . . .?”—*Shulamith D., Brazil*



Tikkun Olam and Rajasthan: Registration

NAME (as it appears on your passport): _____

ADDRESS: _____

TEL: _____ MOBILE (CELL): _____

EMAIL: _____ FAX: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____

PASSPORT: COUNTRY _____ NUMBER: _____

EXPIRATION DATE: _____

PROFESSION: _____

TOUR DATES: _____

HOTEL: Room preference: Single _____ Double _____

I will room with: _____

Preference for double rooms: 2 Twins _____ 1 Queen/King _____

Do you want a room on a lower floor for Shabbat? _____

MEALS DURING TOUR:

Special requests: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Tel: _____

ABOUT YOU (OPTIONAL): (Your interests, special talents, hopes for this tour, or anything else you'd like us to know:

You've Come So Far: Don't Miss These Post-Tour Extension Options! Option A: Agra (2 Nights)

Day 1:

Jaipur – Fatehpur Sikri – Agra (5 hours by road)

Leave by road to Agra. Visit Fatehpur Sikri en-route. Arrive Agra and check in to Double Tree by Hilton. Overnight stay.

Day 2:

Agra

Visit the awe-inspiring Taj Mahal, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, built by the Emperor Shah Jahan in the 17th century. Marvel at the city's Red Fort. Overnight at Double Tree by Hilton.

Day 3:

Agra-Delhi (4 hours)

Leave by road to Delhi and transfer to international airport.

City	Selected Hotels or similar	Nights
Agra	Double Tree by Hilton	2

-Double: \$537 pp

-Single: \$ 663 pp

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Assistance on arrival and departure.
- 2 nights accommodations and breakfasts.
- Exclusive AC vehicle for transfers & sightseeing.
- Entrance to the monuments.
- Local English-speaking guides during the sightseeing.
- All currently applicable taxes.

PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, tips, liquor.

Option B Varanasi (2 Nights)



"In order to understand the soul of India, travel to Varanasi." —Stephan U, Denver, CO

Day 1:

Jaipur-Varanasi

Fly to Varanasi via Delhi.

Day 2:

Varanasi

Varanasi, one of the holiest cities of Hindus, has a fascinating array of shrines, temples and palaces rising in several tiers from the water's edge. Morning excursion to Sarnath, the buried Buddhist city where Lord Buddha gave his first sermon. Sarnath was a renowned school of learning from the 6th century BCE to the 12th century. Evening tour of Ganges ghats to witness the Aarti ceremony. Overnight at hotel.

Day 3:

Varanasi - Delhi

Early morning boat excursion on the Ganges to see the bathing ghats and cremation sites, one of the most extraordinary experiences of a visit to India. Transfer to airport for flight to Delhi (arrival by 5 pm) and flight home or to next destination.

City	Selected Hotels or similar	Nights
Varanasi	Taj Gateway Ganges	2

-Double: \$1,100 pp

-Single: \$1,465 pp

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Assistance on arrival and departure.
- Accommodations and breakfasts.
- Exclusive AC vehicle for transfers & sightseeing.
- Boat and rickshaw rides in Varanasi.
- Flight: Jaipur – Delhi – Varanasi - Delhi.
- Entrance to the monuments.
- Local English-speaking guides during the sightseeing.
- All currently applicable taxes.

PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, tips, liquor.

