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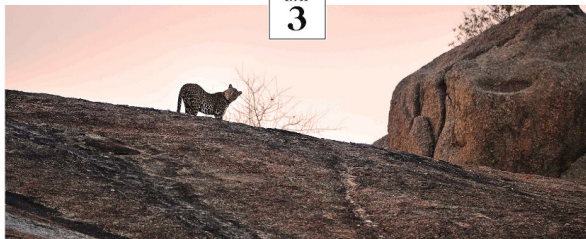
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A 10-Day Itinerary to Northern India

Rajasthan translates to “land of the kings,” and as you would expect in the home state of the Maharajahs, it’s replete with elaborate palaces, ancient forts, and opulent temples. While modern-day Rajasthan was founded in 1952, this desert state has been home to civilization for five thousand years. Hundreds of tribes have occupied the land at one time or another, resulting in a fusion of Rajput, Mughal, and Hindu architecture that defines the landscape. For the inaugural issue of goop Magazine (on newsstands through December), we collaborated with Black Tomato—one of our go-to travel companies for one-of-a-kind vacation experiences—on a fully immersive Rajasthan experience. (They also created goop itineraries for Marrakech, Iceland, Tokyo, and Kyoto.) The ten-day itinerary version of the Rajasthan trip is broken down below. We’ve compiled tips for navigating the bustling city bazaars and textile emporiums of Jodhpur, the palaces of lakeside city Udaipur, and the wildlife-rich terrain of rural Jawai. Whether you book as is or go off-script, don’t leave without spending some time at Ananda, a life-changing Ayurvedic wellness retreat at the foothills of the Himalayas, above the sacred city Rishikesh, the world capital of yoga.

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Check In:

A tented safari camp right by the lake in the Aravalli Hills, Suján Jawai—designed by owner and Central St. Martins grad Anjali Singh and her husband Jaisal—takes glamping to another level. The hand-sewn tents come complete with en-suite bathrooms, private verandas, and vintage furniture. The royal tented suite has its own outdoor heated pool and includes butler service and a private Jeep for game drives.



Do:

Some say that this part of Rajasthan has more leopards than tourists, due in large part to the local belief that they are the sacred guardians of temples. After lunch, join your guide in a custom, open-topped Jeep for an afternoon safari, where if you’re lucky, you’ll see leopard cubs as well as the big cats.



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See:
A sunrise safari (blankets and chai will be on hand to ward off the chill) is made even more magical by what the locals call “gaudhuli,” or cow dust hour, when the herds kick the dust up into the sun-soaked air. While leopards are definitely the main attraction, keep an eye out for pink flamingoes, monkeys, and when you reach the lake—crocodiles.



Do:

In addition to traditional driving safaris, Jawai offers yoga, walking, and cycling experiences. Whatever you choose, the day starts early and requires energy, making an in-tent massage a great idea; many of the botanicals used are grown in Jawai’s own organic garden.



Eat:

The dining tent, with its views of the surrounding granite hills and roaring boma-style fire, serves fresh salads, fish caught by the local fishermen, and Rajasthani-style curries—all cooked right in front of you by the camp’s chefs using ingredients sourced from the organic garden and local farmers. Sundowners (that’s sunset cocktails, for the uninitiated) are mixed to order at vintage cocktail trolley.

