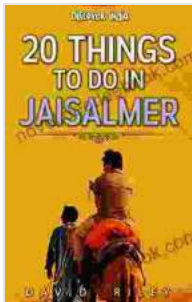


# 20 Unforgettable Things to Do in Jaisalmer: Discover India's Golden City

Nestled amidst the golden sands of the Thar Desert, Jaisalmer, also known as the Golden City of India, is a city of unparalleled charm and rich history. With its imposing fort, magnificent havelis, picturesque lakes, and vibrant culture, Jaisalmer offers a captivating blend of the past and present.

To fully experience the essence of this desert gem, we present a comprehensive guide to the top 20 things to do in Jaisalmer. From exploring its architectural wonders to indulging in thrilling adventures and tasting delectable local cuisine, our guide will help you create a memorable itinerary for your visit to this enchanting city.



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## Exploring Jaisalmer Fort

Jaisalmer Fort, also known as Sonar Qila (Golden Fort), is the city's most iconic landmark. Built in the 12th century, this massive fortress is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the largest forts in the world.

Within the fort walls, you'll find narrow lanes lined with shops, restaurants, and guesthouses. There are also several temples, including the Laxminath Temple, dedicated to Lord Vishnu. The fort offers stunning views of the city and the surrounding desert.



### **Admire the Intricate Havelis**

Jaisalmer is renowned for its intricately carved havelis, or mansions. These palatial structures were built by wealthy merchants in the 18th and 19th centuries and showcase the architectural prowess of the region.

The most famous haveli is Patwon ki Haveli, a magnificent complex of five interconnected mansions. Other notable havelis include Salim Singh ki Haveli, Nathmal ki Haveli, and Kothari's Patwa Haveli. Don't miss the opportunity to explore these architectural masterpieces and admire their exquisite facades.



Patwon ki Haveli, one of the most famous havelis in Jaisalmer

### **Visit Gadisar Lake**

Situated on the outskirts of Jaisalmer, Gadisar Lake is a large artificial lake built in the 14th century. The lake is surrounded by lush gardens and provides a serene escape from the hustle and bustle of the city.

You can take a boat ride on the lake or simply relax on the banks and enjoy the scenic beauty. The lake is also a popular spot for birdwatching, as it

attracts a variety of migratory birds.



### **Embark on a Desert Safari**

No trip to Jaisalmer is complete without experiencing the thrill of a desert safari. Explore the vast Thar Desert in a 4x4 vehicle and witness the beauty of the golden sands.

You can choose from a variety of desert safari packages, ranging from half-day to overnight trips. Many tours include activities such as camel rides, dune bashing, and traditional folk performances.



Embark on a thrilling desert safari in Jaisalmer

### **Enjoy a Camel Ride**

Camel rides are a quintessential experience in Jaisalmer. These gentle creatures are well-adapted to the desert terrain and provide a unique way to explore the dunes.

You can take a camel ride at various locations around Jaisalmer, including the Sam Sand Dunes and the Khuri Sand Dunes. Enjoy the panoramic views of the desert and capture some unforgettable photographs.



## **Explore the Sam Sand Dunes**

Located about 42 kilometers from Jaisalmer, the Sam Sand Dunes are a popular destination for desert enthusiasts. These towering dunes offer breathtaking views and a variety of activities.

You can take a camel ride, go sandboarding, or simply relax and enjoy the sunset over the dunes. The Sam Sand Dunes are also a popular spot for camping, and several tour operators offer overnight packages.



Explore the enchanting Sam Sand Dunes

### **Visit Bada Bagh**

Bada Bagh, or the Garden of Lord Shiva, is a beautiful garden complex located on the outskirts of Jaisalmer. Built in the 16th century, the garden features lush green lawns, fountains, and cenotaphs of the rulers of Jaisalmer.

The cenotaphs are intricately carved and decorated with colorful tiles. The garden also offers stunning views of the Jaisalmer Fort and the surrounding desert. It's an ideal place to relax and escape the summer heat.



## **Discover Kuldhara**

Kuldhara is an abandoned village located about 18 kilometers from Jaisalmer. The village was once home to a prosperous community of Paliwal Brahmins, but was mysteriously abandoned overnight in the 19th century.

Today, Kuldhara is a popular tourist destination for its eerie and abandoned ruins. You can explore the crumbling houses, temples, and streets of this once-thriving village. Many people believe that Kuldhara is haunted by the spirits of its former inhabitants.





Unveil the mystery of Kuldhara, an abandoned village

### **Visit Amar Sagar**

Amar Sagar is a small but picturesque lake located near the Jaisalmer Fort. The lake is surrounded by temples and gardens, making it a popular spot for picnics and relaxation.

The most notable temple at Amar Sagar is the Amar Sagar Jain Temple, dedicated to Lord Rishabhanatha. The temple is built in the Dilwara style of architecture and features intricate carvings and sculptures.

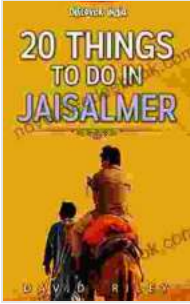


## Explore Jain Temples

Jaisalmer is home to a number of beautiful Jain temples, showcasing the rich architectural heritage of the region. These temples are known for their intricate carvings, colorful paintings, and peaceful atmosphere.

Some of the most notable Jain temples in Jaisalmer include the Lodhruva Jain Temple, Rishabhdev Temple, and Chandraprabhu Temple. Be sure to visit these temples and admire their architectural splendor.

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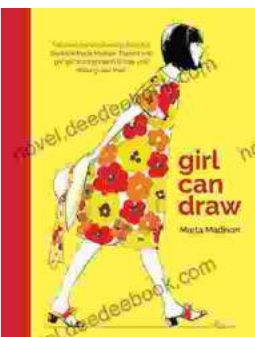


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