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Rajasthan
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actionchallenge in Rajasthan
This amazing nine day adventure is the perfect opportunity to get off the beaten track and immerse ourselves in the nature and culture of Rajasthan’s countryside.

Our first evening is spent at the beautiful Taj Mahal, where we watch the sun go down before enjoying a welcome dinner together. The following day we begin our cycle on quiet country roads, far away from the tourist trail. We pedal through picturesque villages and past ancient temples, experiencing Rajasthan’s rural life as its best. At Bharatpur we have the chance to see stunning water birds and in the Sawai Madhopur district we take a safari into Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity with a chance to see this endangered animal in its natural habitat.

From here we cycle through spectacular, semi-arid terrain as we make our way from village to village passing a beautiful lake, fields of crops and waving children as we soak up the atmospheric surroundings of Rajasthan. We end our cycle at Ramgarh, once a hunting ground for the Maharajas of Jaipur, and now home to India’s best polo ground and a huge man-made lake.

Back in Jaipur, we explore this fabulous city and celebrate the completion of our cycling challenge with a classic Indian dinner and plenty of partying! Our journey back to Delhi is by train where we have dinner on board, a fabulous experience that marks the end of an amazing Indian adventure.

at a glance
- Activity: Cycling
- Location: Rajasthan, India
- Duration: 9 Days / 5 days cycling
- Difficulty: Moderate
- Distance: 400 km
- Group size: 15 -25 people

trip highlights
- Enjoy a 9 day all inclusive group challenge
- Visit the Taj Mahal
- Cycle deep into rural Rajasthan
- Spend a night in 5 star tents under the stars
- See beautiful villages and temples
- Explore fascinating Jaipur
- Take a train to Delhi

Action Challenge have been leading inspirational team adventures across the world for individuals, private groups, charities and corporate clients since 1999. Our trips enable people to experience the world’s most exhilarating locations, often in aid of charity. At the heart of every challenge is team spirit and fulfilment; together we take on once-in-a-lifetime adventures, achieve formidable goals and forge friendships for life.
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**brief itinerary**

Day 1  Depart London
Day 2  Delhi-Agra
Day 3  Bharatpur
Day 4  Karauli
Day 5  Ranthambore
Day 6  Lalsot
Day 7  Jaipur
Day 8  Delhi
Day 9  Arrive London

**what’s included**

- International flights
- Action Challenge cycle guide
- Full support team, including local guides
- UK medic
- High quality bike hire
- All accommodation
- All meals, except in free time
- Airline taxes
- Treated drinking water
- All transfers in local vehicles
- National Park entrance fees
- Celebration dinner
- Invitation to a challenge briefing in London
- Discounted training weekends
- Fitness and training guide
- Discounts from UK retailers
- Reduced rates at Nomad Travel Clinics and Masta Health

**dates**

Please visit our website for more details

**cost**

All inclusive trip cost from £1,899
Initial £299 deposit to sign up
Three payment options available
Please visit our website for more details

**how tough is the challenge?**

This has been classed as a moderate challenge as you will be cycling distances of between 50 km and 110 km per day. Due to this, you will need a good level of stamina and endurance to ensure that you make the most out of the challenge and enjoy the ride!

**when to go**

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itinerary

DAY 1 - Departure
We depart on our overnight flight to Delhi.

DAY 2 - Delhi - Agra
On arrival we meet our guides and transfer to our Agra hotel where we have the rest of the morning to sleep and recover from the long journey. We visit the iconic Taj Mahal which looks good on film and photo, but is even more stunning in real life. The detail, the story and the sunset are sure to mesmerize us all. This afternoon we have a welcome meal and a briefing on the days ahead.

Meals: B,L,D   Accom: Hotel

DAY 3 - Bharatpur
After an early bike fitting today we have a short transfer to Vichupura, where we start on a stretch of countryside road with very little traffic and certainly no tourists! We have a hearty packed lunch at a picturesque stop along the route followed by an afternoon ride on secondary roads, through villages and past ancient temples. Our hotel this evening is in Bharatpur, a bird-watchers paradise, with an optional cycle-rickshaw ride to the Keoladeo National Park, one of the finest Indian water-bird sanctuaries for indigenous bird species.

Meals: B,L,D   Accom: Hotel   Distance: 50 km

DAY 4 - Karauli
We cycle directly from the hotel, experiencing Rajasthan rural life at its best along roads with good tarmac. After lunch we cycle through the town of Hindaun where the traffic starts to get slightly busier and then onto Karauli village where we spend the night at the atmospheric Bhanwar Vilas.

Meals: B,L,D   Accom: Hotel   Distance: 109 km

food
Breakfasts each morning will be at the accommodation, lunch will be en route and evening meals will be back at the hotel, camp or in a local restaurant.

accommodation
- 5 nights in 2/3* hotels along the route
- 1 night camping in a glamorous tent

All accommodation is on a twin/triple-share, single-sex basis and we will pair you with someone of a similar age, where possible. If you wish to share a room with someone you are travelling with, please specify this on your registration form.

single supplement
If you decide that you would like to have your own room on the challenge, we can accommodate this in the majority of places.

Please email us for more information

additional costs
- Insurance - approximately £60
- Tourist Visa - £92.20
- Vaccinations - Vaccinations - Yellow fever immunisation and up-to-date on boosters. Malaria tablets will also be required, please seek advice from your GP.
- Tips for local staff - recommended amount $30
- Airline fuel surcharge / supplement as applied by airlines. Please note that this is capped at a maximum of £150.
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DAY 5 - Ranthambore
We rise early again today for a long cycle, departing directly from our hotel towards Gangapur, a town situated on the Delhi-Mumbai railway line. We continue through many towns of the Sawai Madhopur district, internationally renowned for its Ranthambore National Park home to one of the best tiger conservation sites in the world. There are great quality roads all the way to the Tiger Den resort in Ranthambore where we sleep tonight.

Meals: B,L,D  Accom: Hotel  Distance: 110 km

DAY 6 - Lalsot
For those that wish, there will be an optional early morning safari into Ranthambore Tiger reserve, a once in a lifetime opportunity to see this endangered animal. We get back on the road for another spectacular day of cycling, this time through more arid terrain. We continue along sections of typically rural road before finally arriving at our camp site in a beautiful setting against the hills, next to the village of Lalsot.

Meals: B,L,D  Accom: Tent  Distance: 75 km

DAY 7 - Jaipur
For our last day we cycle through an arid area and a short cycle along dirt roads. The beauty of today is that we will hardly see any traffic along our journey as we make our way towards Jaipur, one of the most important cities of Rajasthan. We cycle through authentic villages and past a beautiful lake, home to crocodiles. We finish our amazing challenge with a lunch at Ramgarh before transferring for the final few kilometers into Jaipur. This evening we celebrate with a classic Indian meal to mark the end of an amazing challenge and sleep well in our comfortable Jaipur hotel.

Meals: B,L,D  Accom: Hotel  Distance: 57 km

DAY 8 - Delhi
We have much of the day free to explore the fabulous city of Jaipur. This evening, for a real cultural experience, we make our way back to Delhi by train and have dinner onboard, arriving late before transferring to our hotel.

Meals: B  Accom: Hotel

DAY 9 - Arrive UK

kit & equipment
A kit list will be sent to you on receipt of registration. Many everyday items can be used on this challenge, and we offer a kit hire service to keep costs down.

land only
If you are planning on travelling to Rajasthan before the challenge or wish to organise your own flights, we do offer a land only option, with a significant discount off the trip price. You will be required to meet your group at the hotel on day two of the itinerary.

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what’s not included
- Alcoholic drinks
- Drinks and food outside of meals, other than water
- Personal kit / equipment
- Airline fuel surcharge / supplement as applied by airlines. Please note that this is capped at a maximum of £150.
payment options

A REGISTRATION DEPOSIT of £299 (for 2015) is required to secure your place. We offer 2 deposit payment options:

OPTION 1: Deposit paid in full, by card at the time of registration.

OPTION 2: Deposit paid in two 50/50 split payments. The first 50% is paid when you register and the second is charged to your payment card at the end of the following month. For this option, a £10 supplement will be charged with the first instalment.

Once registered, there are 3 PAYMENT OPTIONS to fund the balance of the trip cost. Full details are on our website.

1) SELF FUNDED

For anyone who wants to pay for the entire trip themselves. It’s then completely up to you whether or not you choose to raise any money for a charity of your choice.

The total all inclusive cost of this trip is £1,899 (for 2015), which, after you pay the £299 Registration Deposit, leaves a balance of £1,600. This final balance is due for payment 10 weeks before your departure along with any fuel surcharges levied by the airline.

2) SPONSORSHIP FUNDED

This is for anyone who wants to take on this challenge and will link it with fundraising a significant sum of money for a charity of their choice. You would have to raise at least £3,200 (for 2015) via sponsorship and donations from friends, family and colleagues, and be confident at the outset that you can achieve this total.

Pay the Registration Deposit and nominate a charity to fundraise for. All fundraising goes directly to your charity and providing that you raise at least £3,200 (for 2015), your charity will pay for the balance of your trip costs to Action Challenge. That balance, paid by your charity, is £1,600 (the same as if you were you were ‘Self Funded’) - the charity will retain at least £1,600 to help fund their work. You will have to pay any airline fuel surcharges 10 weeks prior to departure.

3) MIXED FUNDED

A mix of the 2 options above! You pay about half the trip cost yourself, and also fundraise for your charity. They pay the remaining balance of your trip costs. Ideal for anyone who wants to take on the challenge and also fundraise for a charity, BUT is happy to pay a reasonable proportion of the trip cost themselves, which with your registration deposit, is set at a level that covers at least the costs of flights & accommodation; perfect for those who feel more at ease asking for sponsorship in respect to the ‘challenge’ component of their trip.

Pay the Registration Deposit and nominate a charity to fundraise for. All fundraising goes directly to your charity and providing that you raise at least £2,400 (for 2015), your charity will pay a portion of your trip cost to Action Challenge. That balance, paid by your charity, is £950. At the same time, you will be required to pay the remaining balance yourself, which will be a figure of £650 (These two amounts add up to the same as the ‘Self Funded’ final balance) - the charity will retain at least £1,450 to help fund their work. You will have to pay any airline fuel surcharges 10 weeks prior to departure.

ATOL

ATOL is a scheme that protects you from losing money or being stranded abroad if your travel company collapses. Action Challenge is 100% ATOL bonded, which provides you with full financial protection. On receipt of your registration fee, you will receive an ATOL certificate explaining your protection.

how to book

To book on to this challenge, please visit our website; www.actionchallenge.com for a full list of prices and all available dates.

private groups

If you are a charity, business, school or private group with a minimum of 10 people and fancy your own bespoke trip, please call us on +44(0)207 609 6695 or you can send us an email to events@actionchallenge.com for more information.

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