

# Jaisalmer Packing List

What to pack for Jaisalmer's golden fort city, desert safaris into the Thar, and overnight dune camps where days bake and nights bite with cold.

## WHY JAISALMER PACKING IS DIFFERENT

Jaisalmer sits deep in the Thar Desert, with some of the most extreme day-to-night temperature swings in India — scorching, sun-blasted afternoons followed by genuinely cold desert nights, especially November to February. Most visitors add an overnight or evening dune-camp desert safari to their stay, which means sand, wind, open-air sleeping arrangements, and zero light pollution worth packing for. The honey-colored fort city itself also involves a lot of uphill walking on sandstone in full sun.

## CLOTHING

- Lightweight, loose cottons for daytime desert heat
- A proper warm layer, including a jacket, for cold dune-camp nights — even in shoulder season this catches people off guard
- A windproof layer for dusty, breezy dune excursions
- Modest, full-coverage clothing for fort and temple visits
- A scarf or shemagh-style wrap for sun and sand protection during camel or jeep safaris
- Thermal layers if visiting during peak winter (December–January) for overnight desert camping

## FOOTWEAR & ACCESSORIES

- Closed shoes that keep sand out — open sandals fill up fast on dune safaris
- Comfortable walking shoes for the fort's sandstone ramps and steps
- Sunglasses with strong UV and glare protection — sand reflects sun intensely
- A wide-brimmed hat or cap secured against wind
- A buff, bandana, or scarf for sandstorm-prone afternoons
- A daypack for camel/jeep safari essentials — water, layers, camera

## HEALTH, DOCUMENTS & TECH

- Sunscreen SPF 50+ and lip balm for intense, dry desert sun
- Rehydration salts — dehydration risk is high in desert heat
- A basic first-aid kit, especially if camel riding or sleeping in remote dune camps
- Hand sanitizer and wet wipes, since running water can be limited at desert camps
- A fully charged power bank — outlets are scarce or shared at overnight desert camps
- Headlamp or small flashlight for navigating dune camps after dark

