

# Jodhpur Packing List

What to pack for climbing Mehrangarh Fort in the heat, wandering the Blue City's old lanes, and Jodhpur's wide swing between scorching days and cool desert nights.

## WHY JODHPUR PACKING IS DIFFERENT

Jodhpur is one of the hottest cities in Rajasthan for much of the year, and Mehrangarh Fort sits on a hill above the city, meaning real climbing and sun exposure with little shade. The Blue City's old quarter is a maze of narrow stepped lanes, best handled in grippy, broken-in shoes rather than anything formal. Like the rest of desert Rajasthan, nights — especially in winter — cool down sharply compared to scorching days, so the packing list has to cover both extremes.

## CLOTHING

- Lightweight, breathable cottons — Jodhpur runs hot most of the year, especially April–June
- Loose, full-coverage clothing that still breathes — useful for sun protection on fort ramparts
- A warm layer for winter nights (December–January), when the desert chill sets in fast after sunset
- Modest clothing for temple visits and conservative old-city neighborhoods
- A scarf or stole for sun protection during fort visits and open courtyards
- Quick-dry clothing if visiting during the hotter months, since the heat means more sweating during fort climbs

## FOOTWEAR & ACCESSORIES

- Sturdy, grippy walking shoes — Mehrangarh Fort's ramps and the Blue City's stepped lanes both demand real footwear
- A wide-brimmed hat for unshaded fort courtyards and ramparts
- Sunglasses with strong UV protection
- A reusable water bottle — fort visits involve long stretches without shade or vendors
- A small daypack for camera gear and water during half-day fort visits
- A buff or light bandana for dust on Blue City rooftop walks

## HEALTH, DOCUMENTS & TECH

- Sunscreen SPF 50+ — fort ramparts offer little to no shade
- Rehydration salts or electrolyte sachets for hot-season visits
- A compact first-aid kit for blisters from extended fort and old-city walking
- Hand sanitizer and wet wipes
- Power bank for full-day fort and city sightseeing
- Cash in small denominations for old-city shops and rooftop cafes

