

# Pushkar Packing List

What to pack for Pushkar's sacred lake ghats, desert-edge heat, and the dusty energy of the annual camel fair.

## WHY PUSHKAR PACKING IS DIFFERENT

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Pushkar sits at the edge of the Thar Desert, which means hot, dry days and genuinely cold nights for much of the year, with winter (November–February) bringing a particularly sharp day-night swing. The town's sacred lake and its 52 ghats have their own etiquette — modest dress, no shoes, and no photography at the ghats themselves — while the famous Pushkar Camel Fair (usually November) brings dust, crowds, and livestock everywhere underfoot. It's a small town that asks for both reverence and practicality in the same packing list.

## CLOTHING

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- Lightweight, loose cottons for hot desert-edge days
- A warm layer or jacket for cold desert nights, especially November–February
- Modest clothing covering shoulders and knees for the lake ghats and surrounding temples
- A scarf or stole for sun protection and quick coverage at religious sites
- Dust-tolerant, easily washable clothing if visiting during the Camel Fair
- A light shawl for chilly evenings at outdoor fair grounds or rooftop cafes

## FOOTWEAR & ACCESSORIES

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- Easy slip-on sandals — footwear must come off well before the ghats themselves
- Comfortable closed shoes for walking the dusty fairgrounds during Camel Fair season
- Sunglasses and a wide-brimmed hat for open desert sun
- A bandana or cloth mask for dust during the fair or windy afternoons
- A small crossbody bag, since some ghat areas and fair crowds can get dense
- Flip-flops for guesthouse use, since sand gets everywhere

## HEALTH, DOCUMENTS & TECH

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- Sunscreen SPF 30+ and lip balm for dry desert air
- Rehydration salts — heat and dryness dehydrate faster than humid climates
- Basic allergy medication for dust, especially during the Camel Fair
- Hand sanitizer and wet wipes for ghat-area crowds
- Cash in small denominations for ghat priests' offerings and fair-season vendors, alongside UPI
- Power bank, as some guesthouses near the ghats have limited outlets

Pushkar is also one of India's few alcohol-free towns by local regulation — don't expect it to be sold or served within town limits.