

# **WOMEN V CANCER INDIA BIKE RIDE**

**19 – 28 October, 27 October – 5 November  
& 9 – 18 November 2012**

India is one of the most richly rewarding regions of the world to visit. Its scenery is amongst the most varied and exciting anywhere.

This cycle ride takes place in Rajasthan, the Land of Kings, which is India at its exotic and colourful best. The harsh landscape and tribal customs have fashioned a people and culture which are visibly different from the rest of the country.

**Day 1: 19 & 27 October, 9 November**

Overnight flight London – Delhi.

**Day 2: 20 & 28 October, 10 November**

**Delhi - Agra**

Late morning arrival at Delhi airport. Bus transfer to Agra (5 hours), stopping for lunch on the way. Free time to recover from the long journey and to prepare for the challenge ahead. Dinner and overnight in Agra.

**Day 3: 21 & 29 October, 11 November**

**Agra**

Free day to visit the Taj Mahal, do the bike fitting and relax before the start of the challenge.

**Day 4: 22 & 30 October, 12 November**

**Transfer Agra - Khanua**

**Cycle Khanua - campsite Bashawar**

**70km approx**

We start the challenge today with a transfer to the village of Khanua where we set off from to cycle through the colourful Rajasthan countryside. We begin on a stretch of road for about 4.5km through fields and small villages – a spectacular start! After about 7km the road is very poor. The rest of the day's ride involves some secondary roads with of pot holes through villages and past temples. Overnight camp near the village of Bashawar.

**Day 5: 23 & 31 October, 13 November**

**Bashawar – Bhandarej**

**92km approx**

A great day of cycling today through beautiful Rajasthan along flat roads with hills either side of us in the morning. We cycle on minor roads all day today with little traffic, but many potholes! After lunch we cycle through probably the most scenic section of the whole trip - Rajasthan rural life at its best. After a long day's cycling we reach Bhandarej village and spend the night at the atmospheric Bhadrawadi Palace.

**Day 6: 24 October, 1 & 14 November**

**Bhandarej - Tahela Camp site**

**87km approx**

It's a tough day today with some short off road sections. We will begin the day by cycling to the Abhenrai ancient temple complex which is around 700 years old. Here we visit Chand Baori, one of Rajasthan's most awe inspiring step wells. It has about 11 visible levels of zig-zagging steps and is an incredible sight. The roads are not bad on the first part of the day but become worse and narrower as the day goes on. In the morning the surroundings are simply stunning - green valleys with lush vegetation, ancient forts on the hill tops. As the day goes on, it becomes more arid and a bit hillier but will hopefully see the monkeys playing in the trees. We will camp on the edge of the Sariska Park.

**Day 7: 25 October, 2 & 15 November**

**Tahela Camp - Doela camp site**

**67km approx**

The terrain today is less exotic and more arid, but nonetheless it is a spectacular day of cycling. We will stop to look at the ruins of an ancient city, reaching it by cycling on the edge of the Sariska Park where there is a good chance we will see some wild life. We continue to see the ruins of the temple there. Certain parts of the roads today are in a bad condition. We arrive at the most spectacular camp site of the trip in the sand dunes next to the village of Doela with two ancient forts on the background hills.

**Day 8: 26 October, 3 & 16 November**

**Doela Camp – Lal Mahal - Jaipur**

**40km approx**

Our last day of cycling. Part of this area is arid, almost like desert. We start this morning on an undulating road cycling between sand dunes. Some of the terrain is undulating, at certain parts the asphalt just stops, a dirt road continues and the asphalt returns. We have 5 km on a dirt track and through a river before we join the tarmac road again to Tala. Villages remain very authentic this morning. We finish the amazing challenge at Lal Mahal where we will have lunch. We then transfer about 20km to Jaipur. Tonight we celebrate our achievement with a celebration meal. Overnight in Jaipur.

**Day 9: 27 October, 4 & 17 November**

**Jaipur**

Day in and around Jaipur, generally known as the "Pink City" due to the salmon coloured facades of its older buildings. This morning there is an optional tour to the Amber Fort. Afternoon free to explore Jaipur and we overnight here for a second night.

**Day 10: 28 October, 5 & 18 November**

**Delhi**

Today we have an early transfer to Delhi (Approx 5 hours) and have lunch before going to the airport to check in for our flight home.

**This is a complex itinerary and may be subject to change**

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