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TOUR EXCLUSIVES

- Police escorts through large cities.
- Tickets to an elephant polo tournament at India's most beautiful polo club.
- Dinner in the middle of the desert on the Jaisalmer sand dunes (near the Pakistani border), followed by a fireworks display.



India in 2007 Discovering an exotic land



The 2007 "L'Impérial - Rallye d'Exception" travelled from Delhi to Udaipur, taking participants on an exotic journey across Rajasthan, land of the Maharajas. They discovered the region's majestic temples and opulent palaces, as well as the Victorian architecture so emblematic of the country's colonial past.

« Incredible India »

The tour brought « Incredible India » to life in vivid colour as some 20 drivers and their partners navigated their classic cars through contemporary India's bustling city streets-driving on the left around obstacles that included sacred cows, elephants and rickshaws.

Enjoying the scenery

Speed was far from the objective of this 2,000 km tour; participants took time to savour the extraordinary surroundings, visiting the Taj Mahal in Agra, the ghost town of Fatehpur Sikri, Rajasthan's capital Jaipur (the Pink City), the Blue City Jodhpur, and Deogarh, whose residents greeted the tour with a shower of rose petals!

Exceptional accommodation

During the tour, participants were treated to a night at the Oberoi Amarvillas Hotel, located a mere 600 meters from the Taj Mahal and whose rooms all boast spectacular views of the monument, a night in an 18th century marble palace built in the middle of Pichola Lake, and a night at Deogarh Mahal, a 17th century fort that has been partially converted into a hotel and is still occupied by the Prince's descendants. They were also invited to cocktails at the palace of the King of the Maharajas, Maharana Arvind Singh Mewar, who shared his love of cars with a tour of his personal collection. With hospitality like this, it is difficult not to fall in love with the land of contrasts that is India.

"An Imperial tour is like living in a waking dream...one that lasts for two weeks!"