ALWAR
TOURIST MAP & GUIDE

CENOTAPH OF MOOSI RANI
Alwar is nestled picturesquely amongst the hills of Aravalli Ranges. It was one of the rajput principalities and closest to imperial Delhi. Alwar had a turbulent history on account of its strategic location close to both Jaipur and Delhi. After centuries of disorganized and incessant warfare, finally in 1775 AD, Rao Pratap Singh acquired the Alwar fort and founded the State of Alwar. Alwar city, the capital of former Alwar State was guarded by ramparts and moats on all sides, except on the hillside. There were five gates opening into the city. The area occupied formerly by Lal Darwaza and its Ghumbaj now forms the main market, with circular shops around Kailash Burj, popularly known as Hope Circus. The former kingdom of Alwar boasts of palaces, pavilions and temples, historic and prehistoric sites of great interest to both historians and archeologists. It also has a natural heritage of beautiful lakes and scenic valleys, deeply wooded forests one of the finest wildlife sanctuaries in Rajasthan – Sariska Tiger Reserve, is in Alwar.
Bala quila or the Alwar Fort stands high on a steep hill and offers a panoramic view of the city from the watch towers. The fort bears witness to a historic past of valour. It is believed to have been constructed by Hasan Khan Mewati in 1492 AD. It then passed into the hands of the Jats and the Mughals. The fort was conquered in 1775 AD by Maharao Raja Pratap singh, the founder of Alwar.

The fort is 304 metres above the city and 595 metres above sea level. It extends about 5 kms from north to south and 1.6 kms from east to west. The fort is a forbidding structure with 15 large and 51 small towers which contain 446 openings for musketry. Extensive fortifications surround the Nikumbhba mahal Palace at the top, which also has carved marble columns and delicate latticed balconies. There are six entrances to the fort namely, Jai pol, Suraj pol, Laxman pol, Chand pol, Kishan Pol and Andheri pol.

**Bala Quila Buffer Zone Safari** - The Bala Quila forest represents rich floral and faunal diversity of Aravalli mountains. There are many heritage structures of by gone time such as Suraj Kund, Matiya Kund Salim Sagar, which can be visited during safari. Safari Timing 6 am to 6 pm. Tickets can be easily obtained at Bala Quila forest entry gate.
CITY PALACE

This 18th century palace’s architecture is influenced by both the Mughal and Rajput styles. This magnificent palace, situated in the heart of the city, houses a museum in one of its apartments. The ground floor of the palace has been converted into Government Offices and District Courts. Best time to explore this area is morning or evening hours because during day time govt. offices are open leading to crowded premises.

GOVT. MUSEUM

It has perhaps the finest collection of Rajput and Mughal paintings of the 18th and 19th centuries and some ancient and rare manuscripts in Persian, Arabic, Urdu and Sanskrit. Some of the important manuscripts preserved here are – ‘Gulistan’ (the garden of roses), ‘Waqiate Babari’ (autobiography of the Mughal emperor, Babar) and ‘Bostan’ (poems). There is also a copy of ‘Mahabharata’, the great Indian epic, painted by the artists of the Alwar School of painting.

The armoury section has an excellent collection of arms. This section also has some historic swords, including those belonging to Mohammed Ghori, the Mughal emperors Akbar and Aurangzeb. Timing: 9.45 am to 5.15 pm (Monday Closed)
CENOTAPH OF MOOSI RANI

This is an impressive cenotaph (chhatri) on the banks of Sagar, a beautiful lake. The cenotaph reflects the Indo-Islamic style of architecture. The upper portion of the cenotaph is in marble and has columned pavilions and domed arches with exquisite floral tracery, rests on the pillared red sandstone lower storey. Mythological and court scenes in gold-leaf painting and sculptures adorn the ceiling. An artificial lake SAGAR is situated nearby, it has distinct pattern of stairs and towers in perfect symmetry.

PURJAN VIHAR OR COMPANY GARDEN

This beautiful garden was laid out during the reign of Maharaja Sheodan Singh in 1868 AD. The garden has an enchanting setting, locally known as Shimla (the Summer House), which was added to it by Maharaj Mangal Singh in 1885 AD. The cool shades and lush greenery of this garden make it an ideal spot for a visit during the hot summer months. The garden was originally named Company Garden, later on Maharaja Jai Singh changed it to Purjan Vihar.

TOMB OF FATEH JUNG

This spectacular tomb has a massive dome which is an elegant blend of Indian and Islamic architectural styles. Fateh jung, was a minister of the Mughal emperor Shahjehan and was related to the Khanzada rulers of Alwar. Timing - 10.00 am to 5.00 pm
HOPE CIRCUS
This City Centre is best accessible on foot and there are markets around it. Hope Circus is circular monument having stairs towards the shiva temple at the top from all four sides.

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA CENTRE
This center provides glimpses of Swami Vivekananda and his association with Alwar. Swami Vivekananda delivered lectures at various places in Alwar city during his stay from 7 January to 31 March 1891. The center is located on the main city road near CMHO Office where Swami ji has resided in Alwar. Entry Timing : 9 am to 6 pm (Monday - Closed)

BIODIVERSITY PARK
The Biodiversity Park is located near Bala quila forest entry gate. The park has panoramic view of near by mountains. It houses herbal garden, butterfly zone, Peacock zone and yoga zone. The water springs, fountains, tree house, selfie zone attracts visitors to this newly developed park. Entry timing : Sunrise to Sunset.
SILISERH LAKE AND LAKE PALACE HOTEL

The tranquil lake is situated on the Jaipur road. The Palace of Siliserh is set beside a pretty lake bounded by wooded hills and was built as a summer retreat. The water body covers an area of about 10.5 sq. kms. A royal hunting lodge/palace was built by Maharaja Vinay Singh for his beloved queen, Shila in 1845 AD. It has been converted into a hotel and is an attractive spot for a peaceful holiday. Visitors can also enjoy boating in the lake.

JAISAMAND LAKE

This large artificial lake was constructed by Maharaja Jai Singh in 1910 AD. The banks of lake houses shaded pavilions and lovely towers. These monuments are erected on lotus shaped bases with a height of 7 feet. It is an excellent picnic spot, especially during the rainy season when the entire landscape turns lush green. The lake is easily accessible by road from Alwar city and a seasonal tourist place.

TALVRAKSHA

A diversion of 10 kms from Kushalgarh (on Sariska-Alwar road) takes one to this enchanting site associated with mahabharta times. It was also the place of penance for Mandav Rishi.

STEPWELL (BAORI) AT NEEMRANA

The Baori at Neemrana is situated nearly 3 km off road from national highway 8. It is seven storey underground stepwell built around 18th Century. The stepwell is unique for its architecture, water storage and conservation.
Sariska Tiger Reserve (STR) is nestled in the quaint surroundings of the hills of the Aravallis. This thickly-wooded area throbs with wildlife. It is a marvel of ecological adaptation and endurance. It is not only a delight for wildlife lovers, but also for the enthusiast of heritage and archaeology. The total area of the Tiger Reserve is 1203 km², of which 881 km² is notified as core area.

The tiger Reserve features dry, open deciduous forests sprawling over a vast tract of hills and valleys, with lovely springs cascading through them. It has numerous valuable sites of geological and historical interest and above all, a rich, varied and exotic fauna consisting of the tiger, leopard, hyena, jungle cat, sambar, chital, nilgai, chausingha, jackal, wild boar, wild dog, langurs and rhesus monkeys.

The avifauna varies from shrike, parakeet, partridge, crested serpent eagle, red spurfowls and quail to sandgrouse, dove, vulture, owl, treepie and golden-backed woodpecker, Babbler & bulbul. Vehicle can be hired at sariska ticket window for forest safari. **Park Timing** are: Oct. 7.30 am - 10.00 am and 2.30 pm - 6.00 pm | **Nov-Jan** 7.00 am - 10.30 am & 2.00 pm - 5.30 pm | **Feb-March** 6.30 am - 10.00 am & 2.30 pm - 6.00 pm | **April-15 May** 6.00 am - 9.30 am & 3.00 - 6.30 pm | **May-June** 6.00 am - 9.30 am & 3.30 pm - 7.00 pm Safari Booking can done online through sso.rajasthan.gov.in
NEELKANTH

An 8 km. drive from Tehla village is very well compensated by an enchanting view of the ruins of several fabulously carved temples which stand studded on a small hillock, surrounded on all sides by wooded hills. It is believed they date back as early as the 6th to 9th centuries. Particularly remarkable is the highly venerated Shiva temple, where people worship even today. Neelkanth also has a single-stone giant statue of the Jain Tirthankara, Shantinath.

BHANGARH

The ruins of Bhangarh paint a picture of the ancient kingdom that once flourished here. This town of about 10,000 dwellings was suddenly abandoned for reasons veiled in mystery. Particularly noteworthy is the town planning, castle hierarchy, market system and the beauty of several temples in the area. The Someshwar temple and Gopinath temple are situated in the Bhangarh fort complex. The Kevda tree/ is prominently present everywhere in Bhangarh. Ajabgarh was the new habitation of the dwellers of Bhangarh after it was deserted.

Monument Timing - Sunset to Sunrise
ACCESS THROUGH SARISKA TIGER RESERVE GATE

The road commencing from the Sanctuary gate ends at this temple dedicated to Lord Hanuman. Here, is also the delightful Pandupol or Pandu gate where a cascading spring emerges from hard and compact rocks. A legend has it that the Pandava brothers took refuge here during their exile. Entry to the temple is allowed only on Tuesday-Saturday and full moon day after paying forest entry charges.

PANDUPOLE MELA (AUGUST- SEPTEMBER)

Pandupole is the ancient site with mythical connotation of Mahabharata period. Fair is organized at Hanuman temple at pandupol. The deity of Hanuman is in reclining position and the tail of the deity is also very long. The lush green hills around flora and the fauna add to the beauty of the temple. This area is abundant in langurs, peafowl, spurfowl, deer, nilagai and ubiquitous date palm trees.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Jagannath Fair (July) Jagannath temple is situated in Alwar city and the presiding deity is anthropomorphic form of Lord Jagannath of Puri two deities are SitaramJi and JankiJi. The fair of Jagannathji is famous for its annual Rath Yatra festival where Lord Jagannath is carried in a chariot called Indra Vimana. This is an important fair in the district where devotees from different walks of society throng the temple. Department of tourism organizes cultural event at Jagannathji mela each year.
BHARTRIHARI

This is a throbbing pilgrimage centre which revolves around the legend of King Bharathari who spent the closing years of his life in this ancient place amidst hills.

BHRATHARI FAIR (AUGUST- SEPTEMBER)

The samadhi of Shri Bharathari was built by his disciples and devotees. They made this place a permanent memory of the great sage Bharthari. A small rivulet of clean water flows by and people worship the entombment of Bharthari. Here an incessantly burning lamp is cautiously guarded and it has been burning for centuries. In the month of Bhadrapad (August-September), millions of people go to the samadhi.

MATSYA UTSAV (25-26 NOVEMBER)

Each year the celebration of Matsya Utsav nurtures the local art, culture and heritage of Alwar. During Matsya Utsasav one can rejoice at the tunes of Bhapang folk Performers, feel the thrill of different adventure sports, try your paddle boat skills, trek the rugged Aravalli mountains around Bala Fort, take a heritage walk in the old city.
**ACCOMMODATION**

Enjoy your stay at RTDC Hotel Meenal, Hotel Lake Palace Siliserh or at Luxury, heritage or budget hotels in Alwar. Paying Guest Accommodation is also available. Name and Telephone No. of Hotel/Dharmshala/Paying Guest.

- Hotel Meenal, Alwar (RTDC) 0144-2347352
- Indralok Hotel, Alwar 0144-2704045, 2700398
- Burja Haweli Resort, Alwar 0144-2888390
- Hill Fort Kesroli, Alwar 9587885005
- Sariska Palace Hotel Alwar 0144-2841322-25
- Ritumbra Resort, Jaipur Road, Alwar 0144-2886102
- Lemon Tree Hotel, Alwar 0144-2700600, 2700601
- New Tourist Hotel, Alwar 0144-2700897, 5130838
- Aaditya Hotel 8441969154
- Hotel Imperial 0144-2701730
- Ankur Hotel 0144-2333025
- Hotel Clark Inn Aravali 0144-2332316
- Hotel Ashoka 9828833300
- Hotel Atlantic, Manu Marg, Alwar 0144-2343181
- Alankar Hotel Manu Marg, Alwar 0144-2346780
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- Mayur Hotel, Alwar 0144-2702205, 9314020158
- Hotel Swaroop Vilas, Alwar 9414016414
- Hotel Zankar, Delhi Road, Alwar 0144-2372550
- Hotel Kothirao Alwar 0144-2700741
- Hotel Nirwana, Alwar 0144-2701748
- Dadhikar Fort, Alwar 9950869900
- Hotel Moti Dungri Palace, Alwar 9636418051
- Pavna Palace Hotel, Alwar 0144-2982000, 992998875
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- Hotel Cygentt Lite, Alwar 9314466669, 7230002158
- Hotel Natraj, Alwar 0144-5122801
- Hotel A-One, 200 ft. Road, Surya Nagar 0144-2980411, 9413890036
- Hotel Moksh, Sariska 8890155317
- Hotel Tiger Den, Sariska (RTDC) 0144-2841342-44
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2. Jungle Paying Guest House by Jaydeep Singh, Rajgarh, Alwar 9828118998
3. Madhu Paying Guest House by Madhu Sharma, Thanagazi 9694676226
4. Fort View Suites Paying Guest by Umakant Rustagi, Alwar 9829096328

MEDICAL FACILITIES

Govt Rajiv Gandhi General Hospital, Alwar
B Lal Children Hospital, Sch. No. 8, Alwar 0144-2342644
Devyani Maternity Hospital, Alwar 0144-2360340
Daksh Hospital, Sch. 8, Akwar 0144-2704060
Kamla Nursing Home, Alwar 0144-2705400
Life Line Hospital, Alwar 0144-2730601
Mital Hospital, Alwar 0144-2370133
Saniya Hospital, Subhash nagar, Alwar 0144-2373369
Solanki Hospital, Alwar 0144-2700400, 9950805805

TRANSPORT FACILITIES

The Alwar Vahini/local transport connects important parts of city.

TRAVEL AND TOUR AGENCIES IN ALWAR

• Saini Tour & Travel, Old Station Road, Alwar 9829097785
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• Soni tour and travels, Alwar 9414018793
• R C travels, Bhiwadi 01493-511174, 513774
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- Lokesh Khandelwal, Alwar 7597675983
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- Deshraj Payala, Thanagazi Alwar 9460060878
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- Dharmendra Sharma, Rajgarh Alwar 9680261370

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Distance from important cities-

- Jaipur 149 km
- Ajmer 276 km
- Jaisalmer 684 km
- Mathura 115 km
- Amritsar 483 km
- Ahemdabad 874 km
- Bharatpur 116 Km
- Udaipur 563 km
- Delhi 170 km
- Haridwar 365 km
- Goa 1374 km
- Mumbai 1434 km
- Sawaimadhopur 210 km
- Jodhpur 481 km
- Agra 166 km
- Ujjain 495 km
- Shirdi 893 km
**IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Commissioner of Tourism ________________ 0141-2822800, 5110593
Collector Alwar __________________________ 0144-2337565
Police Control Room ________________________ 0144-2338200, 100
Ambulance _______________________________ 108
Archaeological Survey of India _____________ 0141-2784532
Govt. Museum Alwar ________________________ 0144-2331122
Roadways Enquiry ___________________________ 0144-2338285, 2334984
Railway Enquiry ____________________________ 0144-139
Sariska _________________________________ 0144-2841333
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Govt. of India Tourist Office, Jaipur ________ 0141-2372200/1363

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