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WEEK END IN MULTAN, UCH SHARIF, DERAWAR AND BHAWALPUR

Day 01 Multan:

Upon arrival at Multan, you will be met by your Walji's representative and transferred to Hotel One. Multan was one of the most important trading centers of medieval Islamic India and attracted a multitude of Sufi mystics in the 11th and 12th centuries, earning the city the nickname City of Saints. The city, along with the nearby city of Uch, is renowned for its large collection of Sufi shrines dating from that era. After freshening up, we will go to the shrine of Rukhn-e-Alam, which won the Aga Khan award for Architecture due to the painstaking restoration that reinstated it to its resplendent glory. From here we will go into the adjoining bazaar, and from there to a local restaurant. Return to your hotel for overnight.

Day 02 Uch Sharif-Derawar-Bhawalpur excursion:

Today will be long day as we try to squeeze in as many sights as we can of this fascinating area. Our two hour drive will take us first to Uch Sharif, an historic city in the southern part of Pakistan's Punjab province. Uch may have been founded as Alexandria on the Indus, a town founded by Alexander the Great during his invasion of the Indus Valley. Of particular interest is the Tomb of Bibi Jawindi, a female Saint whose recognition as a Sufi religious scholar was a rarity for that era. The Tomb is one of the five monuments in Uch Sharif, Punjab, Pakistan, that are on the tentative list of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. From Uch a 75 minute drive will take us into the remote and barren landscapes of the Cholistan Desert, to pay a visit to the imposing Derawar Fort. Built by the Rajput Bhati, the fortress dominates the desert around it, with 40 towering bastions that stand over 30 metres in height. We will visit the fort and following a desert camel ride (optional). After the Derawar visit, a 90 minute drive takes us to Bhawalpur, founded in 1748 by Nawab Bahawal Khan I. Bahawalpur's central library—which we shall visit—dates from the princely state period. During the Princely period the fabulous Noor Mahal was also constructed (1872-5) by Nawab Sadiq Muhammad Khan the fourth, who was also known as the Shan Jahan of Bahawalpur for his passion of constructing beautiful buildings. We will also visit Bahawalpur museum established in 1976. It is a museum of archaeology, art, heritage, modern history and religion. Other than that we will also visit the Farid gate with its busy market. From here return to Multan.

Day 03 Multan-departure:

After breakfast and checking out of the hotel, we will proceed to visit other shrines, the most prominent of which are those of Bahauddin Zikria and Shams Tabraiz. Shams Tabrizi's tomb, beside a tower monument in a memorial park, has been nominated as a World Cultural Heritage Center by UNESCO. After visiting these shrines transfer to the airport or take the M-3 Motorway to Lahore (transfer to Lahore not included in price).

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