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### 1. Geographical location

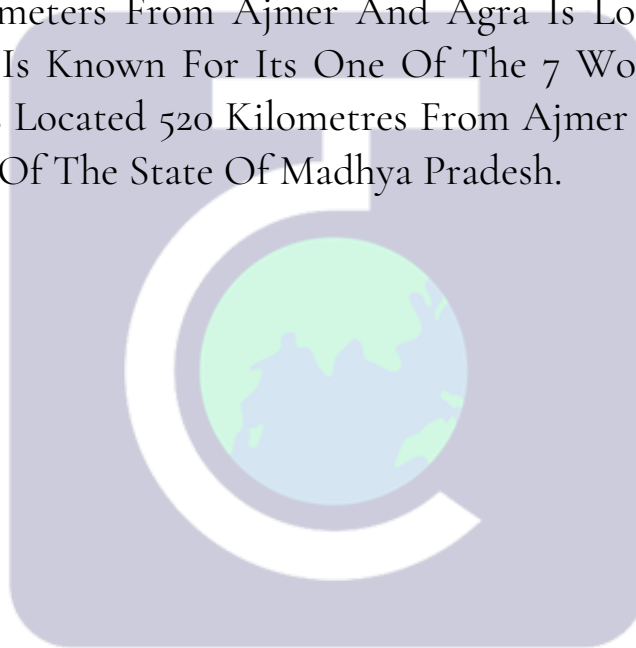
Ajmer is located in mid-Rajasthan. Aravalli Mountains surrounds the Ajmer district. It covers the western parts which lie on the slopes of Taragarh Hill and an artificial lake called ana-Sagar Lake is situated in Ajmer, with the catchment area of 5 square km built up area. The depth of the lake is 4.4m with the storage capacity of 4.75 million cubic meters. Nagpathar range is protecting Ajmer from Thar Desert.



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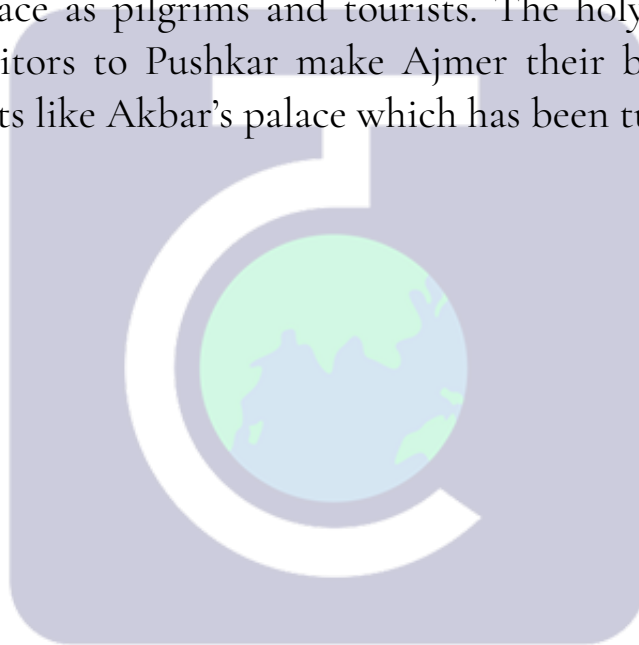
### 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Jaipur, Situated At 132 Kilometres Away From Ajmer Is The One Of The Popular Tourist Destination In The Country And It Is The Capital Of State Of Rajasthan, And Jodhpur Is Located 204 Kilometres From Ajmer Which Is The Second Largest City In Rajasthan State And It Is Called As “sun City” Due To The Sunny Weather It Experiences Round The Year. The Country Capital Delhi Is Situated 389 Kilometers From Ajmer And Agra Is Located 373 Kilometers From Ajmer Which Is Known For Its One Of The 7 Wonders Of The World “Tajmahal”. Indore Is Located 520 Kilometres From Ajmer And It Is Called The Commercial Capital Of The State Of Madhya Pradesh.



### 3. Significance

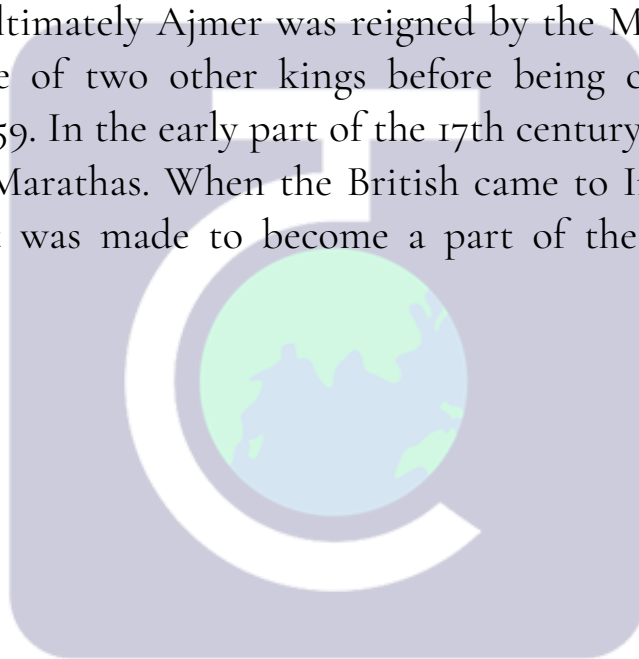
Historically the seat of the Chauhan Dynasty, Ajmer is an important North Indian city that has witnessed many significant Indian rulers and kingdoms that have left their legacies and heritage in the city. The most important factor that contributes to the city's fame, however, is the presence of the Ajmer Sharif Dargah, the shrine of Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti, a sufi saint. Today, millions of believers visit the place as pilgrims and tourists. The holy city of Pushkar lies nearby and most visitors to Pushkar make Ajmer their base. There are many important monuments like Akbar's palace which has been turned into a museum.



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### 4. History

Founded in the 7th century by Ajayraj Singh Chauhan, the city of Ajmer was earlier known as 'Ajayameru', which means, 'invincible mountain.' The city was Ajmer witnessed multiple invasions before being conquered by Muhammad of Ghor, founder of the Delhi Sultanate, in 1193. Afterwards the capture of Ajmer became a major bone of contention between the Maharajas of Mewar and Marwar. However, ultimately Ajmer was reigned by the Marwar in 1532. Ajmer came under the rule of two other kings before being captured the Mughal emperor Akbar in 1559. In the early part of the 17th century, Ajmer's control was handed over to the Marathas. When the British came to India, they forced the Marathas out and it was made to become a part of the Province of Ajmer-Marwar.



## 5. Cultural identity

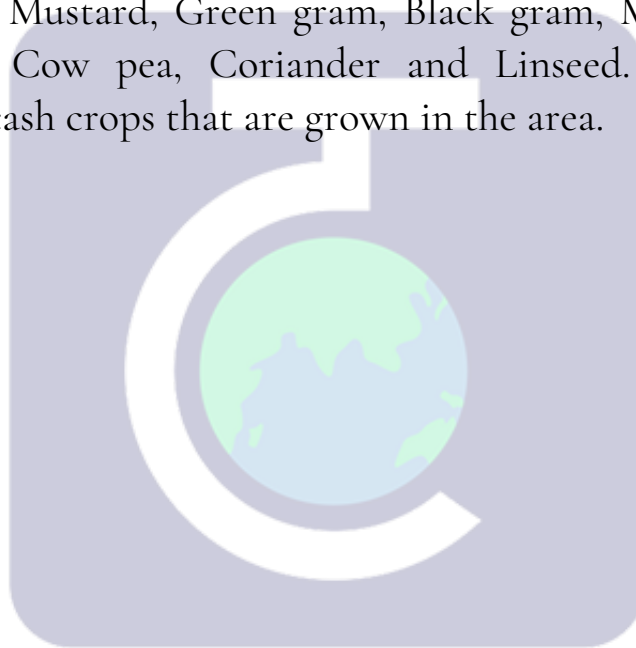
Ajmer is a culture-rich city. As the city is the home turf to Gujjars, Rajputs, Ahirs and Jats, Ajmer's culture is influenced by each of them. In fact, in Ajmer you will see locals speaking in languages like Urdu, Marwari, Sindhi, and Dhundhari. A mix of Hindus and Muslims live in harmony in Ajmer. Folk Music and folk dance are deeply-etched into the cultural fabric of many cities and states of Rajasthan, and Ajmer is no exception. In fact, a large number of tourists visit Ajmer specially to catch the sights of the city's folk dance and music.



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### 6. Natural resources

Ajmer has a large deposit of natural minerals and resources such as Feldspar, Quartz, Asbestos, Magnetite, Soapstone, Mica, Emerald, Granite, Masonry stone and that of Calcite. It also has fair reserves of Barytes Fluorit, Wolastonite and Vermiculite. The forest cover is not so dense as the normal rainfall that the city receives is just 60.18 cms. The major crops that are grown in the area are Wheat, Bajra, Rapeseed and Mustard, Green gram, Black gram, Maize, Barley, Kidney bean, Cumin seed, Cow pea, Coriander and Linseed. Sugarcane and the Groundnuts are the cash crops that are grown in the area.





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### 7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

#### 7.1. Paid

##### 7.1.1. Nasiyan Jain Temple

Also known as Soniji Ki Nasiyan, this Jain temple was built in the latter half of the nineteenth century. The main chamber of the temple is referred to as the Swarna Nagri and is adorned with several gold-plated wooden figures depicting various figures from the Jain religion.

Address : Soni Ji Ki Nasiyan, Agra Gate, Ajmer- 305001, India

Zipcode : 305001

Location : 26.4224466, 74.65846720000002

Nearest Public Transport : Adarsh Nagar Bus Station

Entry Fee : Indians – INR 10 Foreigners – INR 25

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:30hrs-16:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

##### 7.1.2. Pushkar Yoga Garden

The Pushkar Yoga Garden, as the name suggests, is a yoga centre. Visitors can choose their desired courses and select the number of days they would like to spend here. The center provides accommodation and food, and ensures a relaxing experience.

Address : Vaam Dev Road, Ajmer/Pushkar, Rajasthan 305022

Zipcode : 305022

Location : 26.481429, 74.56190200000003

Contact : 98282 79835

Website : <http://www.pushkaryogagarden.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Chyavanashram Bus Station

Entry Fee : INR 2000-INR 45000

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.3. Akbar's Palace and Museum

The museum was once home to the great Mughal Emperor, Akbar. It serves as a Government museum with a rich collection of mesmeric sculptures that have been sourced from Sirohi, Bhagora, Pushkar and Adhai din ka Jhonpra. They date back to as early as Gupta Era and also contain some rare prehistoric relics and epigraphs.

Address : Akbar's Palace & Museum, District- Ajmer, Ajmer- 305001, Rajasthan, India

Zipcode : 305001

Location : 26.4607837, 74.63350459999992

Contact : +91-1452620637

Nearest Public Transport : Ajmer Junction Train Station

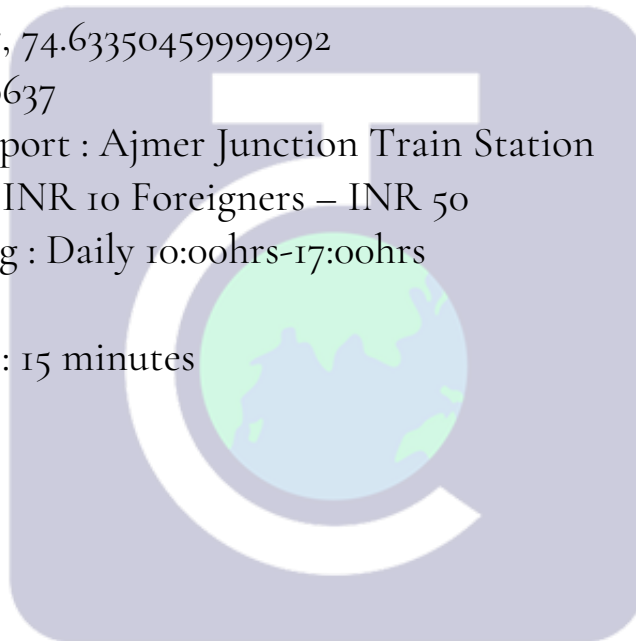
Entry Fee : Indians – INR 10 Foreigners – INR 50

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes



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### 7.2. Free

#### 7.2.1. Mayo College Museum

This one of a kind museum is a part of the Mayo College that celebrates a rich collection of artefacts, sculptures, photographs, antiques, armoury and coins.

Address : Inside Mayo College, Bhajan Ganj, Ajmer, Rajasthan 305007

Zipcode : 305007

Location : 26.4463878, 74.65442469999994

Website : <http://www.mayocollege.com/>

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.2. Dargah Shariff

The Ajmer Sharif Dargah and is an international waqf, consisting of marble buildings and large pillars, known as Kose Minar. The pillars are erected at intervals of two miles. An estimated of over 125,000 pilgrims visit the Dargah every day.

Address : Doula House, Hashmi Chowk, Gate No.4 , Dargah Sharif, Ajmer, Rajasthan 305001

Zipcode : 305001

Location : 26.45632, 74.62789870000006

Contact : +91-1452622173

Website : <http://dargahajmer.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Ajmer Junction Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 04:30hrs-13:00hrs; 16:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.3. Ana Sagar Lake

It is an artificial lake that was built by Anaji Tomar, popularly known as Anangpal Tomar in 1135 - 1150 AD. There is an island in the center of the lake that was once a British Residency.

Address : Ana Sagar Lake, Ajmer- 305001, Rajasthan, India

Zipcode : 305001

Location : 26.4745925, 74.61954739999999  
Nearest Public Transport : Ajmer Junction Railway Station  
Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:30hrs-16:30hrs  
Time Required : 1  
Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.4. New Rangji Temple

Constructed by Seth Puran Mal Ganeriwal of Hyderabad in 1823, the temple is popularly known as Shri Vaikunth Nath. It is dedicated to Lord Rangji, who is believed to be an incarnation of Lord Vishnu. This temple has a strong influence on the Dravidian, Mughal and Rajput style of architecture.

Address : Choti Basti, Pushkar, Rajasthan 305022

Zipcode : 305022

Location : 26.4881954, 74.55859459999999

Nearest Public Transport : Chyavanashram Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.5. Shah Jahan's Mosque

This monument exemplifies the grandeur of the Mughal Sultanate. Built by Mughal Emperor, Shah Jahan, the mosque is built within the courtyards of the Dargah Sharif.

Address : Dargah Sharif, Bagh-e-Khadijah, Ajmer, Rajasthan, India 305001

Zipcode : 305001

Location : 26.4568321, 74.62775020000004

Contact : +91-1452622173

Website : <http://www.chishtiyasufi.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Ajmer Junction Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 04:30hrs-13:00hrs; 16:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.6. Mahila Mandi

Exclusively for women, this market specializes in beauty products and curios. One can also shop for various kinds of jewelry, tie-and-die draperies and hand embroidered suits.

Address : Ajmer, Rajasthan 305023

Zipcode : 305023

Location : 26.4450833, 74.64470929999993

Contact : 0145 279 4481

Website : <http://www.rmkm.org.in/>

Nearest Public Transport : Makarwadi Halt Railway Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.7. Pushkar Lake

The sacred Pushkar Lake is a key water-centric pilgrimage site. The lake finds its mention on coins that date back to the 4th century BC. Surrounded by 52 bathing ghats, a dip in the sacred lake is said to cleanse your soul from sins and cure skin diseases.

Address : Pushkar, Rajasthan 305022

Zipcode : 305022

Location : 26.4871515, 74.55401770000003

Nearest Public Transport : Chyavanashram Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.8. Brahma Mandir

Dedicated to the Hindu God, Lord Brahma, the temple is built with marble and stone slabs. It is distinguished by its red pinnacle and Hamsa bird motif. The temple holds the images of Brahma and his consort Gayatri.

Address : Brahma Temple Rd, Ganahera, Pushkar, Rajasthan 305022

Zipcode : 305022

Location : 26.487315, 74.54891640000005

Nearest Public Transport : Chyavanashram Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 05:00hrs-13:30hrs; 15:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.9. Savitri Temple

The archaic temple dedicated to Savitri, the wife of Lord Brahma is a must-visit spot for all tourists and pilgrims. It is believed that the walls of the temple are a witness to the days when God roamed in the land of Rajasthan.

Address : Kharekhari Rd, Pushkar, Rajasthan 305005

Zipcode : 305005

Location : 26.441092, 74.53999269999997

Nearest Public Transport : Pushkar Terminus Railway Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 05:00hrs-12:00hrs; 16:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.10. Varaha Temple

Built in the 12th century and destroyed by Mughal Badshah, Aurangzeb, this temple was later renovated by Raja Sawai Jai Singh ii of Jaipur in 1727. The temple is dedicated to the Hindu God, Lord Vishnu.

Address : Varaha temple, main market, Pushkar 305005

Zipcode : 305005

Location : 26.4905459, 74.5576916

Nearest Public Transport : Chyavanashram Bus Station

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.11. Main Market Road

Known for being a lively shopping spot, this market is always bustling with energy. Whether you're on a pilgrimage or leisurely touring the city, there's plenty to do in the Pushkar Bazaar.

Address : Ajmer, Rajasthan 305005

Zipcode : 305005

Location : 26.4896119, 74.5563922

Nearest Public Transport : Mittal Hospital Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### **7.2.12. Gurudwara Shree Guru Nanak Sabha**

It is one of the largest Sikh temples, specifically known for an engraved stone slab has Govind Ghat carved on it in the multiple scripts, Gurumukhi Devanagari, Roman and Persian.

Address : Foy Sagar Rd, Dayanand Colony, Hathi Khera, Rajasthan 305004

Zipcode : 305004

Location : 26.4591892, 74.60028740000007

Nearest Public Transport : Nataraj Colony Bus Station

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### **7.2.13. Apteshwar Mahadev Temple**

Dedicated to the Hindu God, Lord Shiva, this temple was built in the 19th century. It is known for its dainty structure and a statue of Mahadeva with five faces, which is made up of white marble and ornamental embellishments.

Address : Main Market Rd, Badi Basti, Pushkar, Rajasthan 305022

Zipcode : 305022

Location : 26.4888649, 74.55340239999998

Nearest Public Transport : Chyavanashram Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### **7.2.14. Adhai Din Ka Jhonpra Mosque**

One of the oldest mosques in India, Adhai Din Ka Jhonpra was built on the remains of a Sanskrit college, with materials used from the relics of Hindu temples. According to historians, a part of the mosque was built within a span of two and a half days, thus giving it its unique name.

Address : Ander Kote Rd, Lakhan Kothri, Ajmer, Rajasthan 305001

Zipcode : 305001

Location : 26.4552512, 74.6251327

Contact : 077374 33172

Nearest Public Transport : Nagfani Bus Station

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.15. Madar Gate

This busy market is the shopping hub for eye-catching geometrical patterns of the bandhini work, silver ornaments, Jodhpuri jootis, ittar and Kishangarh miniature paintings made by local artisans.

Address : Purani Mandi Rd Diggi Bazaar Ajmer, Rajasthan 305001

Zipcode : 305001

Location : 26.4574075, 74.63504209999996

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.16. Naya Bazaar

Located near the famous Raghunath Temple, Naya Bazar is the place to be for every shopper. An irresistible incense of ittar floats in the air of the market, accompanying you while you shop for a range of products like miniature paintings, antique jewelry, woodwork and groceries. The market starts at around 9 in the morning and remains open till 10 in the night.

Address : Dargah Bazar Ajmer, Rajasthan 305001

Zipcode : 305001

Location : 26.4615913, 74.63220969999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.17. Dargah Bazar

One of the oldest and the most busiest markets in Ajmer is the Dargah Bazar. Located near the famous Dargah Sharif, this market attracts a lot of tourists. The Dargah Bazar is known for antique paintings, bracelets and other jewelry and jootis. Offering a wide spread of delicacies, the market is a hotspot for all foodies.

Address : Dargah Bazar Ajmer, Rajasthan 305001



Zipcode : 305001

Location : 26.4600047, 74.62980229999994

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



## 8. Key sites sports & adventure

- **Camel riding -**

Address : Pushkar, Ajmer, Rajasthan 305022

Location : 26.49644649999999,74.5393228

Contact No : 098281 78063

Website : <http://www.pushkarcamelsafari.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Chyavanashram Bus Station

Entry Fees : INR400-INR2500

Open / Close Time : Daily 07:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 5.00



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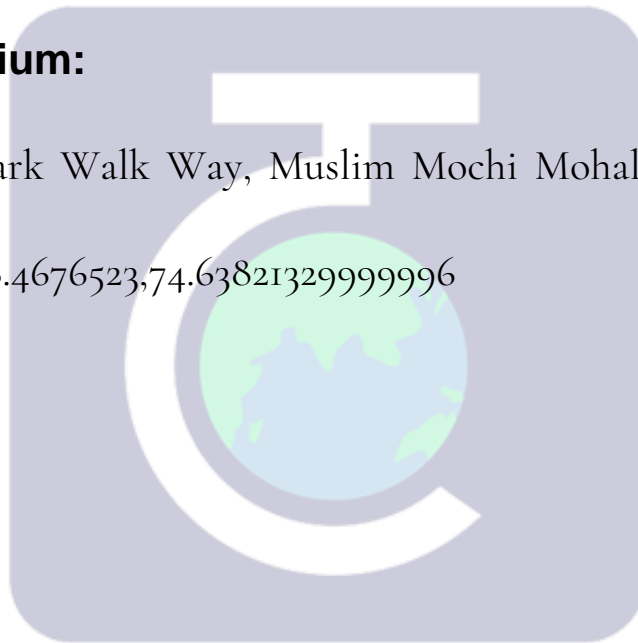
### 9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Sport activities are not common in this city but something is being done to make sports a major activity in the city. Local sports in this city include table tennis, cricket and football. The city has some indoor stadiums which are not only used for sport activities but also used for huge functions or events. There are also various table tennis courts in the city.

- **Patel Stadium:**

Address : Park Walk Way, Muslim Mochi Mohalla, Ajmer, Rajasthan  
305001

Location : 26.4676523,74.63821329999996



## 10. Spas and relaxation

- **Ananta Spa & Resort:**

Address : Village - Leela Sevri, 4 Kms Before Pushkar, Ajmer Pushkar Road, Distt.Ajmer, Pushkar, Rajasthan 305022

Location : 26.495988,74.58382529999994

Contact No : 0145 305 4000

Website : <http://www.anantahotels.com/>

- **Amara Saloon & spa:**

Address : M-28, Behind City Hospital, Anasagar, Link Road, Mali Mohalla, Ajmer, Rajasthan 305001

Location : 26.4764578,74.63537339999993

Contact No : 099290 70000

Website : <http://amaraspaandsaloon.com/>

- **Perfection Studio Salon & Spa:**

Address : Ajmer, Gyan Vihar Colony, Ajmer, Rajasthan 305004

Location : 26.480138,74.64374520000001

Contact No : 094144 31582

Website : <http://www.perfectionstudiosalon.com/>

## 11. Events calendar

### Month

### Events

#### Kite Festival @ Ajmer (14th)

A festival where people fly different sizes and colors of kites and each person tries to cut the kite of the other where when they manage to cut it, the other people cheer.

#### Desert festival @ Ajmer (8th)

A festival held to showcase the rich culture heritage of this place with people performing on the sand dunes.

#### Dhulandi Festival (Holi) @ Ajmer (13th)

A festival of colors held to mark beginning of spring where people play with colors and water as they dance to folk music.

#### Urs of Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti @ Dargah, mausoleum ( 14th or 15th)


A Muslim festival held to mark the death anniversary of saint Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti where his tomb is anointed with

**rosewater.**

**Summer festival @ Ajmer (9th)**

**This summer festival celebrates the culture of this place with people dancing folk styles and great folk singers performing.**

**Teej festival @ Ajmer (26th to 27th)**



**A festival mainly for women where they pray for the wellness of their husbands with a lot of singing and dancing.**

**Independence day @ Ajmer (15th)**

**A national holiday where the country celebrates its independence with military parades marching in the streets.**

**International Sufi festival @ Ajmer ( date is usually decided some months before)**

**A Muslim festival held to remember the teachings of the saints with Muslim monks performing.**

**Diwali festival @ temples in Ajmer (first week of November)**

**A Hindu religious festival held to celebrate good health and they**

**pray for their emotional needs.  
Christmas @ churches in Ajmer  
(25th)**

**A Christian festival held to  
celebrate the birth of Jesus  
Christ.**



**Index****12. Key local guides and tours**

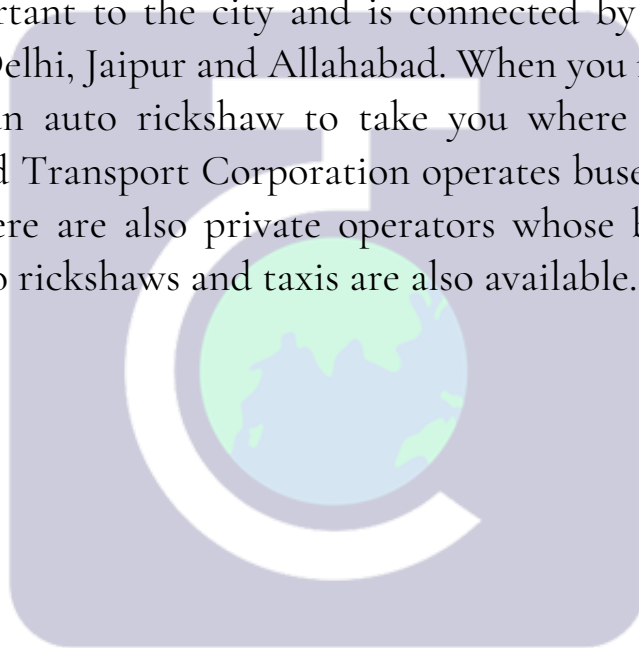
Visiting the historical site and religious places will require a tour guide. The tour guides will help you learn more about the places. You should make sure you hire the guides who are certified and approved by the tourism department of the city. The tour guides can serve small to large groups or even individuals. You can hire them for a day or more depending on your needs. They charge reasonable fee to suite your needs and budget. The rates will range from Rs.1, 500 to Rs.2, 000 per day per person. Their packages include family tours, walking tours, youth tours, shopping tours, out of city tours, adventure tours, religious and heritage tours.





**Index****13. Transportation hubs**

Jaipur International Airport is the nearest airport to Ajmer and is located in Jaipur 135 kilometers away. From the airport, you can hire a taxi to take you to Ajmer town. The journey to town takes about 2 to 3 hours. The fares are negotiable and range from 1,500 rupees to 2,000 rupees. Ajmer airport is under construction and will probably start operating in 2017. Ajmer Junction Railway station is very important to the city and is connected by direct train links to cities like Mumbai, Delhi, Jaipur and Allahabad. When you reach the station, you can hire a taxi or an auto rickshaw to take you where you will be staying. Rajasthan State Road Transport Corporation operates buses within the city and to nearby cities. There are also private operators whose buses ply within and outside the city. Auto rickshaws and taxis are also available.



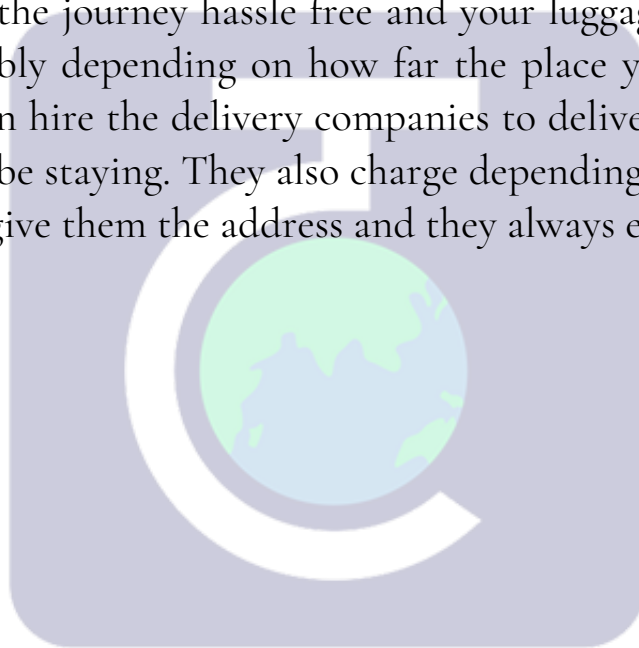
## 14. Transportation cost

Ajmer is pretty small town and you can tour it just by walking around which is the cheapest way. Auto rickshaws, cycle rickshaws and horse-drawn tongas are the commonly used means of transport in this city. They are very cheap and charge around 10 rupees per person within the city. Tempos and minibuses are also available and charge 20 rupees per person from the bus stand to the railway station and other parts of the town. Trains are also majorly for travelling to other cities. The tickets should be booked online or at the station in advance as many people use the trains. Taxis are also available and will charge according to distance travelled. For instance, from Jaipur Airport to Ajmer town they charge around 2,000 rupees. The fares are not fixed which means it is open for bargaining. Rental cars are also available and will charge according to distance covered and days you intend to use it. You can use buses that have a one-way ticket for 20 rupees with a monthly pass for around 300 rupees.

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### 15. Baggage allowance

It is advisable to get a taxi or an auto rickshaw if you have luggage. This is because many buses and trains have limited space for luggage. But if travelling on a week day it is a bit better as most people are usually travelling to work and have no luggage. It can however be very hectic and stressful when travelling during weekends or on holidays as the buses are congested and there is no space for luggage. Taxis make the journey hassle free and your luggage is not mishandled. They charge reasonably depending on how far the place you're travelling to is. Alternatively, you can hire the delivery companies to deliver the luggage for you to the place you will be staying. They also charge depending on how far the place is. You only need to give them the address and they always ensure safe and timely delivery.



## 16. Restaurant & Nightlife

There are many restaurants in Ajmer. Most of them are spread Station Road.

### Food -

There are many restaurants in Ajmer. Most of them are spread Station Road.

- **Dargah Bazar:**

Address : Near Divya Deep Marriage Hall, Ana Sagar Link Rd, Mali Mohalla, Ajmer, Rajasthan 305001

Location : 26.4600047,74.629802299

Contact No : 098281 73134

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Ambrosia:**

Address : Nagina Bagh, Ashok Marg, Ajmer, Rajasthan 305001

Location : 26.4766066,74.641309399

Contact No : 0145 242 5095

Website : <http://www.ambassadorajmer.com/ambrosia/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 7:30hrs-23:30hrs

- **shri rajasthan namkin and sweets:**

Address : near Hotel Mansingh, Vaishali Nagar, Ajmer, Rajasthan 305001

Location : 26.483979,74.631006000

Contact No : 092142 25127

Website : <http://www.rajasthansweets.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 07:30hrs-23:00hrs

- **Mango Masala Restaurant:**

Address : Kutchery Road, India Motors Circle, Ajmer, Rajasthan 305001

Location : 26.4651429,74.639008999

Contact No : 0145 242 2786

Website : <http://www.mangomasala.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Honeydew Restaurant:**

Address : Station Rd, Parao, Ajmer, Rajasthan 305001

Location : 26.4547327,74.636583999

Contact No : 0145 262 2498

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-22:30hrs

- **Elite Family Restaurant:**

Address : Kmc Complex, Station Road, Jaipur Rd, Ajmer, Rajasthan 305001

Location : 26.4540297,74.636798600

Contact No : 094140 02738

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:30hrs-23:00hrs

- **Khokha The Lounge:**

Address : Sagar Vihar Colony, Vaishali Nagar, Ajmer, Rajasthan 305004

Location : 26.4885054,74.628357300

Contact No : 0145 264 3114

- **Royale Fumes RestoLounge:**

Address : 1st Floor, Rajasthani Food Plaza, Gaurav Path, Vaishali Nagar, Apna Nagar, Vaishali Nagar, Ajmer, Rajasthan 305001

Location : 26.484029,74.630851

Contact No : 094148 27786



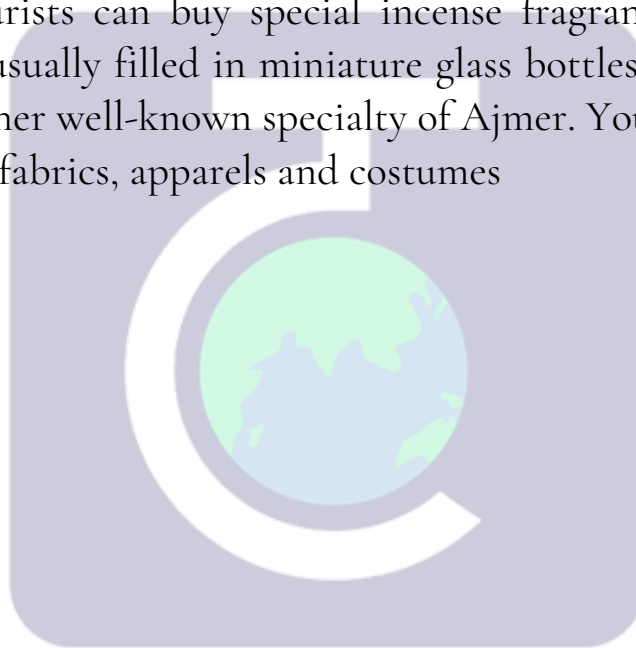
**Index****17. Average meal cost**

In an inexpensive restaurant a normal meal is available at 190.00 rupees. A three-course meal at a mid-range restaurant for two people is available at 500.00 rupees. A combo meal at McDonald's can be purchased at 225.00 rupees. You can have a fresh cappuccino at 76.00Rs. 11.2 oz small bottle of water is available at 15.56 rupees. A mid-range bottle of Wine can be purchased at 400.00 Rs.



**Index****18. Shopping**

Though Ajmer is a small city, it has a slew of shopping options which can be explored by tourists and travelers. Popular shopping spots in Ajmer include: Madar Gate , Mahila Mandi , Naya Bazaar , and Dargah Bazaar . In these shopping locales one can easily expect to find and shop for Jodhpuri joothis, colorful turbans, silver ornaments, chaddars, table covers which are available in abundance. Also tourists can buy special incense fragrances known as Ittars. These perfumes are usually filled in miniature glass bottles and sold in markets. Handicrafts are another well-known specialty of Ajmer. You will find traditional handiwork adorning fabrics, apparels and costumes





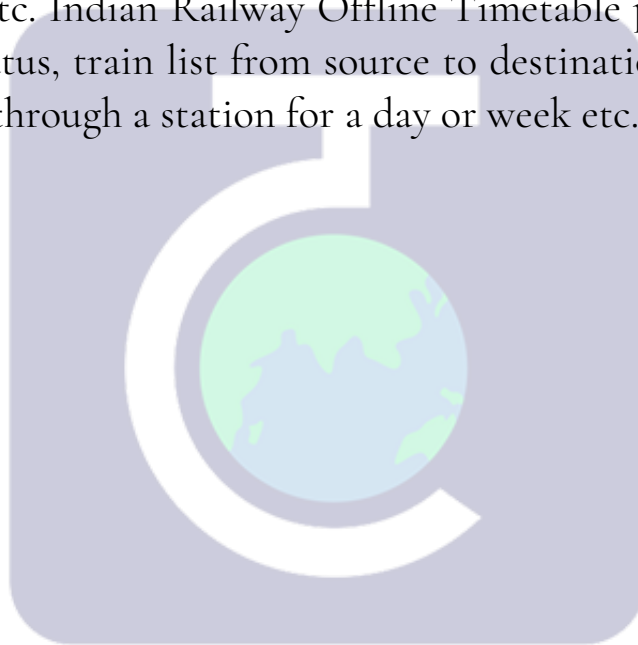
**Index****19. Tourist benefits**

It is unfortunate that there are no tax refunds for tourists and foreigners in this city. The tourists pay the full amount including the tax rate of 8% on the goods and services and there is no place they can claim for their tax refund. There are however, duty free shops in the city and most are located in the airport. They usually have the tax free logo and visitors can enjoy the fair prices at these shops.



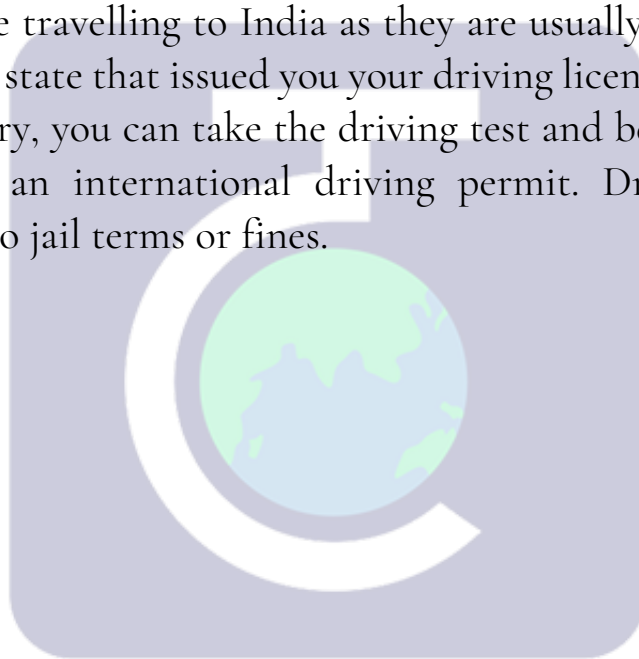
**Index****20. Essential local apps**

Ajmer is a small town and can be covered on your own by using some travel and navigation apps. RSRTC Bus Ticket Booking app is provided by the Rajasthan State Road Transport Corporation for easy online ticket booking. Tourists can find buses and routes, check schedules, and book or cancel tickets. IRCTC Connect helps in getting all the information about the Indian Railway like trains, stations, timetable, etc. Indian Railway Offline Timetable provides train routes, train status, PNR status, train list from source to destination for a day or week, list of trains passing through a station for a day or week etc.



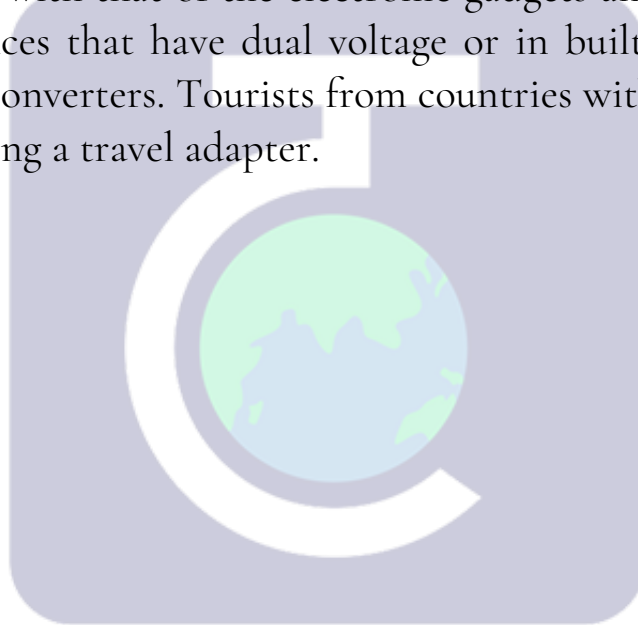
**Index****21. Driving**

In this city, no one is allowed to drive without a valid driving license. Tourists and foreigners are however required to have an International Driving Permit, a valid home driving license and a valid passport. To rent a car, truck or motorcycle you should also have the international driving permit and a valid passport. The minimum age for renting a car is 18 years. You should have the international driving permit before travelling to India as they are usually issued in your home country or rather the state that issued you your driving license. If planning to stay for long in the country, you can take the driving test and be issued with another driving license and an international driving permit. Driving without these documents can lead to jail terms or fines.



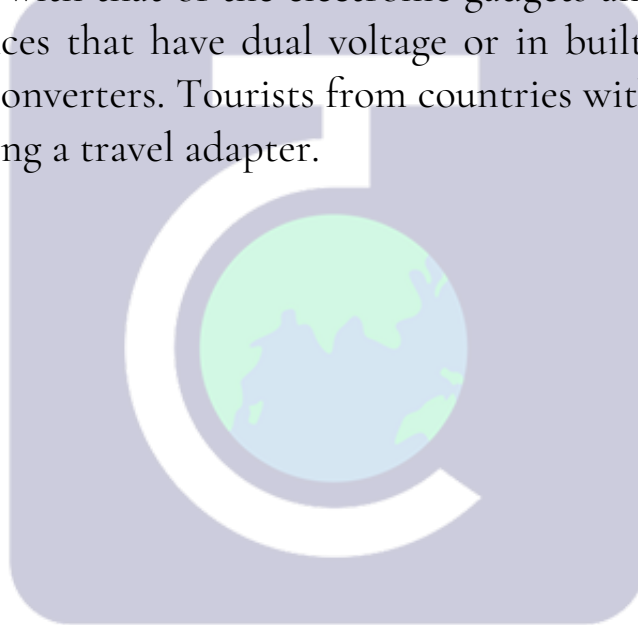
## 22. Travel essentials

Ajmer is connected to a standard voltage of 240 volts with a frequency of 50 hertz. Most sockets found in this city are the type D sockets that have three pin plug configuration with the first pin being larger than the other two pins. Tourists from countries with a different type of voltage are required to carry a voltage converter, transformer and a plug adapter. The voltage converters convert the voltage to match with that of the electronic gadgets and prevent them from blowing up. Appliances that have dual voltage or in built voltage can operate without the voltage converters. Tourists from countries with same voltage of 240 volts only need to bring a travel adapter.



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**Index****24. Local currency**

The local currency of Ajmer is Indian Rupee. It is denoted as INR. 1 USD = INR 66.99



**Index****25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

Most money exchange counters are found at the airport. Many other change vendors can be found on the local streets. Different banks charge different rates. It is advisable to visit your bank before travelling and ask them if your card can be used in foreign countries and the rates that will be charged for the foreign transactions. Visa and plus cards are widely accepted here. Most bank ATMs charge around 2% of the transaction. The ATMs however give you an option of confirming the transaction fee before completing the transaction. Other bank ATMs do not charge a fee for the foreign transactions. State of India bank is one of them.



## 26. Staying connected

If you are planning to buy a mobile SIM card in Ajmer, be advised that you Reliance, Airtel, Vodafone, Idea and Tata Docomo are the best telecom networks operating in the region. Buy a SIM card of either of the telecom providers. Purchasing a SIM is simple and inexpensive – between INR 50 AND INR 200. Do carry your ID proof documents as without them dealers will not issue a SIM card to any customer. Internet and Wi-Fi connectivity is well-spread in hotels, pubs, bars and most other public spots!





## 27. Time Zone

Ajmer follows Indian Standard Time Zone (IST) which is UTC + 05:30 hours.



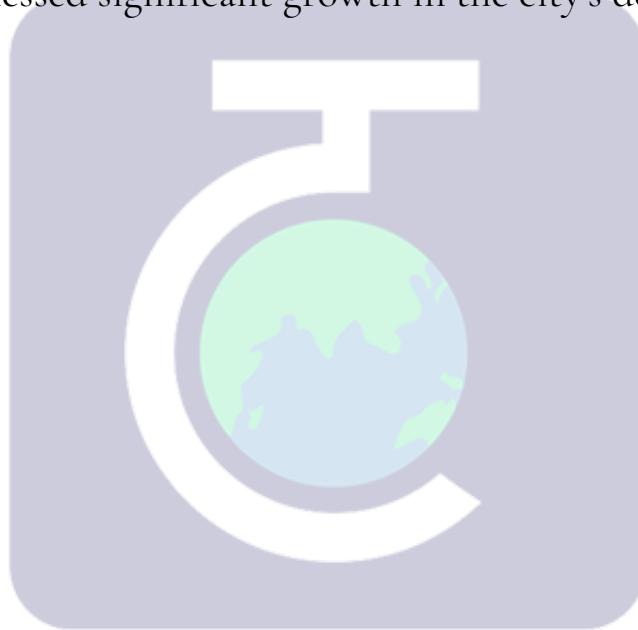
## 28. Languages

Rajasthani is the main language spoken across the city. Marwari is the following language.



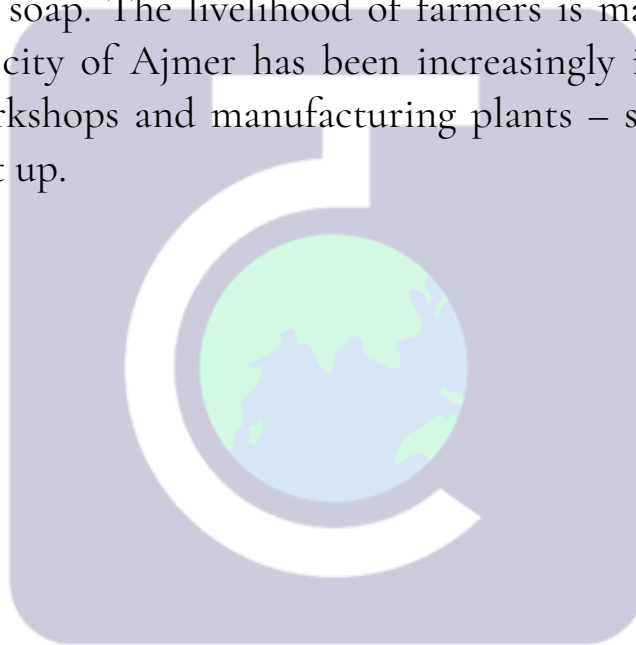
**Index****29. Political Scenario**

According to much news reportage, the common perception is that Ajmer's political system is largely caste-driven. The ruling party – at present it is the Bharatiya Janta Party calling the governance shots – is working in tandem with the different caste communities to establish different sectors of growth in the city. The plan has unfolded beautifully thus far as Ajmer's cityscape and local population have witnessed significant growth in the city's developments.



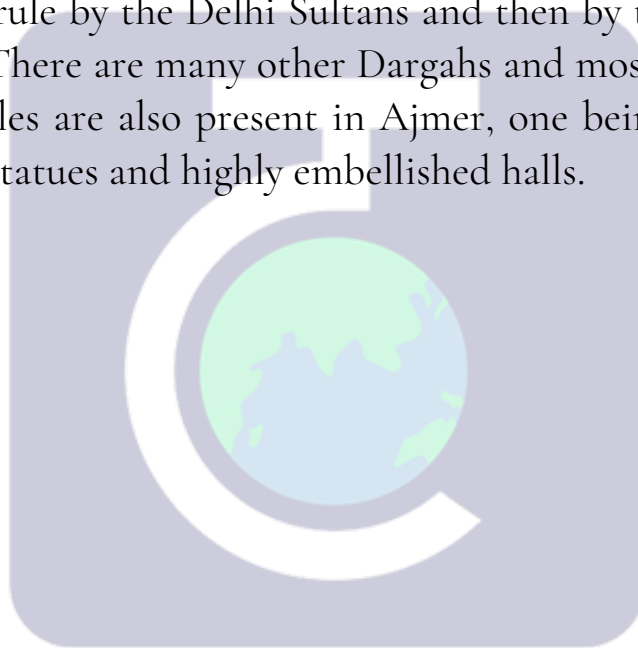
### 30. Economic Scenario

Known as the ‘Marble City of India’, the pillars of Ajmer’s thriving economy is the marble which is outputted from the marble industry in Kishangarh, it is the town closest to Ajmer. The industry employs a workforce of more than 7000 works, mostly locals from Ajmer. Apart from marble, Ajmer’s economy is also well-supported by products such as woolen textiles, hosiery, leather, shoes, pharmaceuticals and soap. The livelihood of farmers is mainly comes from the sale of poultry. The city of Ajmer has been increasingly industrialized as it is where numerous workshops and manufacturing plants – specially of electronic goods – have been set up.



**Index****31. Religious belief**

Three main religions in Ajmer are Hinduism, Islam, and Jainism. Hindus form the majority followed by Muslims and Jains. Ajmer is the holy city of the followers of Islam as this city is home to the shrine of the Sufi saint Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti. In the early history of Ajmer in the 11th and 12th centuries, the rulers were the kings of the Chauhan dynasty who were Hindus. Later the city came under Muslim rule by the Delhi Sultans and then by the Mughals who had patronized the city. There are many other Dargahs and mosques in the city. Two important Jain temples are also present in Ajmer, one being famous for having gold plated wooden statues and highly embellished halls.



## 32. Visa requirements

All foreigners travelling to Ajmer should have a valid passport and visa. The visa should be obtained before travelling to India. There are however some countries that have made agreements with India that their nationals get the visas upon arrival. You should however check for eligibility of this exemption before travelling. British nationals can also apply for the electronic tourist visa if the purpose of their visit is only tourism. You should also check if you are eligible for this before travelling on the Indian e-tourist visa website. It is also important to apply the right visa depending on the purpose of the visit. Overstaying a visa can lead to detainment and deportation.



**Index****33. Essential vaccination**

It is recommended to be vaccinated for Japanese Encephalitis, Rabies, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Tetanus & Diphtheria, Typhoid, Varicella, Mumps, Measles, Rubella and Routine vaccines.



**Index****34. Theft and Safety**

Pick-pocketing at the entrance to the Ajmer Dargah is very common as people usually crowd here. Keep your purse and other belongings in front pockets to deter any such incidents. Do not encourage beggars.





**Index****35. Embassy/Consulate**

There are no foreign embassies and consulates in Ajmer. You can have more information at <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/india>.



## **36. Accessibility**

E-wheelchair services are available at the Ajmer railway station which helps in booking wheelchair for rail passengers with valid reservation tickets.



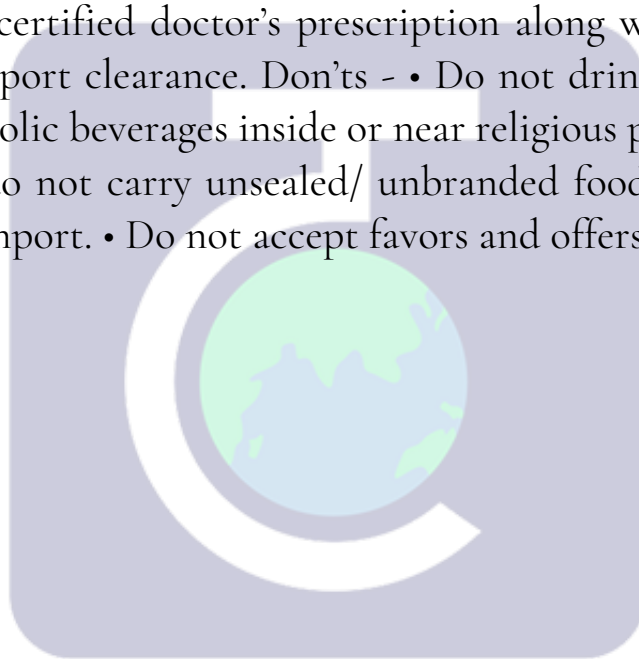
**Index****37. Emergencies**

In case of emergencies you can call 100 for Police, 101 for Fire and that of Ambulance, you can call at 108. Apart from this, you can call 1090 for women safety and security. You are provided with top-notch medical services and facilities even if you are a tourist. The hospital that provides the travel insurance is St. Francis Hospital .



**Index****38. Do's and Don'ts**

There are some rules to be followed and customs to be observed while visiting Ajmer. Do's - • Always carry passport or other identification documents • Hire only licensed tourist guides • Avoid the use of plastic covers and bottles • Dress modestly to avoid attracting attention • Cover your head while entering the Ajmer Dargah • Women should cover shoulders while entering the Dargah • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. Don'ts - • Do not drink and drive • Do not smoke or drink alcoholic beverages inside or near religious places • Do not litter • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. • Do not accept favors and offers from strangers



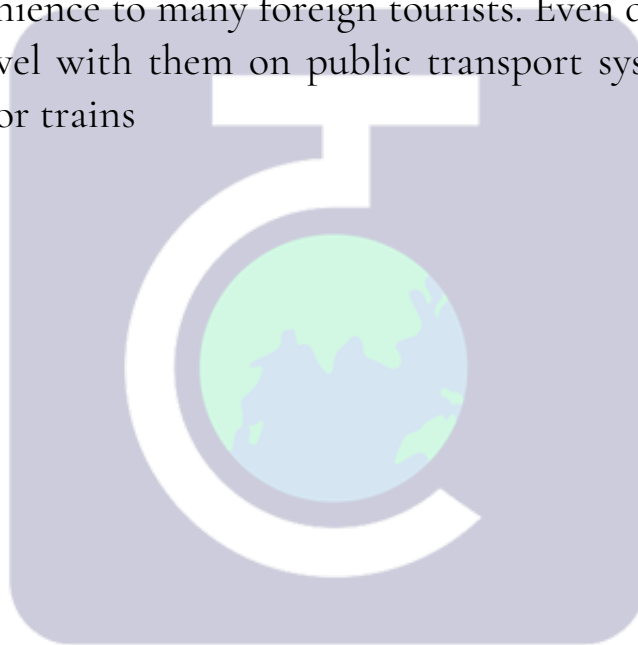
**Index****39.Tipping basics**

There are no mandatory rules to follow in Ajmer for tipping. However, you can offer a kind gesture by giving 10 – 15 rupees after having meals in restaurants. You can ask the drivers to keep the change while using any private vehicle.



**Index****40.Pet info**

The Indian Government has passed laws which prohibit the foreign tourists from bringing their pets with them into the country. Exemptions in the law are given to those who return to India from any foreign country after staying there for two continuous years. The goal of such a law was to curb the people who pose as tourists and traffic foreign breeds of animals into the country. However, this has caused great inconvenience to many foreign tourists. Even domestic tourists who own pets cannot travel with them on public transport systems as pets are not allowed inside buses or trains



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### Conclusion – Why to select this destination

*Why Choose Ajmer ? A city with religious and historical significance, Ajmer is a pilgrimage site with a strong Islamic history and heritage. Ajmer Sharif Dargah, the shrine of the Sufi Saint Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti, is visited by millions from around the world. The city's name is synonymous with this holy site. Surrounded by the Aravalli hills, the marble buildings and the massive gate of the dargah proclaim the mastery of early Muslim architecture, especially that of the Mughal Era. Most of the forts and other buildings in Ajmer are built by various Mughal Emperors who were great devotees of the saint. Apart from the religious aspect of the city, Ajmer has seen many rulers and empires that have left their legacies all around the city. The man-made lake Anasagar dates back to the 12th century and is surrounded by gardens and pavilions that were added on by the Mughal Emperors in the later periods. Ajmer also has a Jain temple renowned for its gold-plated wooden statues and highly decorated halls. The City of Gold depicted inside the main chamber is a visual and architectural treat for the visitors. The famous Hindu pilgrimage site Pushkar is only 11 km away from Ajmer. In fact, most visitors come to Ajmer from Pushkar as a one day side trip. For those interested in history, the former palace of Emperor Akbar has been turned into a museum that houses many relics of the Mughal and Rajput eras including sculptures, rock inscriptions, miniature paintings, and old weapons and armors. Shopping in Ajmer is mainly for finely crafted antiques and silver jewelry. Rajasthani craft and hand-made veils and turbans are also quite popular among the tourists.*

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