

KOTA

All Along Chambal from Dawn To Dusk

Kota is the third largest city in the state of Rajasthan and is one of the popular tourist destinations. Situated on the banks of the Chambal River, the city of Kota is famous for its distinctive style of paintings, palaces, museums, and places of worship. The city is known for Doria sarees, silk sarees and the famous Kota stone and Kota Kachori (Hot Bolls) . The city also boasts of an atomic power station and Asia's largest fertilizer and

chemicalplant.

The history of Kota dates back to the 12th century when Rao Deva conquered the territory and founded Hadoti. The independent Rajput state of Kota was carved out of Bundi in 1631. The kingdom of Kota had a turbulent history as it was raided by various Mughal rulers, Maharajas of Jaipur and even the Maratha warlords. The city of Kota is well known all over the world for its architectural splendour comprising beautiful palaces, temples and museums which exhibit the grandeur of the foregone era.

Prime Sites

1-GARH PALACE

The foremost tourist attraction in Kota is the 'Garh'. This large complex, also known as the City Palace, is built in a predominantly Rajput style of architecture. The palace is a sprawling complex of suites and apartments built by different rulers of the Rajput dynasty at different times in history.

2-MAHARAO MADHO SINGH MUSEUM

Situated within the walls of the Garh palace, Maharao Madho Singh Museum houses a splendid collection of Rajput miniature paintings of the Kota school. Visitors can spend hours taking in the fascinating sculptures, arms and other valuable antiques.

Entry Fee Rs : Indian - 50(Museum only) 100 (Museum and Bada Mahal) Indian student 20 rs (Museum only) Foreign Tourist -350 . Still Camera& mobile phone camera 50rs Movie Camera- 100

Time- 9-30 Am to 5 Pm

3-The Braj Villas Governmen Museum

Braj Villas is the fine Rajput building in Chhatra Villas garden and houses the Government Museum . Braj villas was commissioned by Maha Rao Durjan Shal in 18th centurey. The Museum has a vast collection of pre historic and historic artifacts and idols. The sculptures belonging to 5th to 15th centurey are displayed here .Old coins, miniature paintings rock edicts are some of the attractions of the museum. Entry Fee Rs : Indian -20 and Indian student 10 rs . Foreign Tourist -100rs Foreign student 50 rs Time- 9-45 am to 5-15 Pm every , Holiday Dhulandi (Holi) only

ABHEDA MAHAL AND ABHEDA BIOLOGICAL PARK

Located 8 kilometres away from Kota, on the banks of a tank, this medieval palace was the recreation spot of the rulers of Kota. It is where they went to enjoy the wildlife and natural beauty of the region. Close to Abheda Mahal is the temple of Karni Mata, the reigning deity of Kota. Abheda biological park situated on Nanta road near Abheda Mahal Kota. It is newly constructed by forest department. The biological park of kota is eco friendlier place for wild animals.

5- DAD DEVI TEMPLE

Situated about 18 kilometers from Kota, the temple of the deity of the royal household of Kota is surrounded by thick forests and is an ideal place to spend some time in quiet contemplation. This temple is dedicated to Shri Dad Devi Mata Ji, an incarnation of Goddess Durga.

6- CHARAN CHAUKI

On the way to Dad Devi, 15 kilometres from Kota City, is Charan Chauki. It marks the legendary spot where Lord Krishna is said to have rested for a brief moment while travelling to Dwarka from Mathura. His footprints are said to have been preserved here.

7- Kishor Sagar- JAGMANDIR PALACE

The Jagmandir Palace was built by one of the queens of Kota in 1743-45 and is situated in the middle of the Kishore Sagar Lake. Built in red sandstone, it is a monument of exquisite beauty. The palace is open to tourists who can enjoy boat rides in the Kishore Sagar Lake and the panoramic view of the palace from the lake.

8- Keshar Bagh,

situated near the Kishor Sagar- Jagmandir Palace is well known for its royal cenotaphs.

9- CHAMBAL GARDEN

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Located on the bank of river Chambal, the Chambal Garden is one of the most beautiful picnic spots in the city of Kota. Visitors can enjoy peace in the lap of exquisite greenery at this spot. The major attraction of the Chambal Garden is the wonderful Boat Ride in Chambal river . Chambal River is in National Chambal Gharial (Gavial) Sanctuary . The Sanctuary was Declared in 1983 with express purpose of conserving the fast depleting population of Gavial and Marsh Crocodile . This sanctuary is also famous for its Bird Population and Nature Beauty . A Boat Ride in Chambal River Valley is a Life time experience .

10- SEVEN WONDER PARK

The Seven Wonder Park is a Rs. 20 crores worth project developed along the Kishore Sagar Lake at Vallabh Bari in Kota. A single visit to this park allows visitors to get a glimpse of the replicas of all the Seven Wonders of the World. Entry Fee Rs : Indian - Foreign Tourist -Rs 10. Time- 2-30 After noon to 10 Pm and on Wednesday Time 11-30 am to 10 Pm .

11- KHADE GANESH JI TEMPLE

The Ganesh temple is situated in the southern part of the city. What makes this temple unique is that this is the only temple in India that has a standing idol of Ganesh. One can also visit Rangbadi Balaji temple on the way there.

12- GODAWARI DHAM

Godawari Dham is a Hanuman temple that is just a walking kilometers from Chambal Garden. This temple is located beside the Chambal River. It is a beautiful shrine, made entirely of white marble. The towers of the temple are quite high and impressive. It has a huge marble swan built at the top of the entrance gate.

13- KANSUA SHIV TEMPLE

This is one of the oldest and most beautiful temples in Kota and is dedicated to Lord Shiva. The temple has a small pond within its premises. There is a stone inscription here dating back to 738 AD that says that it was built by Raja Shivgana Maurya but local legend has it that the temple was built by the Pandavas during their exile.

14- MATHURADHEESH MANDIR

Mathuradheesh Temple in Kota is Belongs to Pushti Marg, a Vaishnava Sect Started by Shri Vallabhacharya Ji The Krishna Idol was brought from Village Karnaval (Mathura) and placed in the Haveli of Dewan Dwarka Das . Now it is Major attraction for the devotees of Lord Krishna . **The festivals of Janmashtami, Nand Mahotsav, Annakoota and Holi are celebrated with great** enthusiasm.

15- Christian Graveyard

The Graveyard near Nayapura Circle has the Graves of Some British Soldiers who were killed during the 1857 AD uprising.

16- Adhar Shilla and Dargha

A large Peace of Rock suspended in the Chambal River Valley is fascinating. The Majar of Sufi Sant Meer Sayyed Ali Hamdani is Situated close to Adhar Shilla . Devotes throng in large Number to pay their respect to the Saint.

Excursions :

1- ALANIYA Rock paintings

The Alnia Dam is one of the must-see attractions of Kota. It is renowned for the beautiful rock paintings that date back to the Upper Paleolithic age. Still in good condition, they adorn the bank of the river, making this place definitely worth a visit.

2- Badoli Temples : (45 Km)

As one takes the same road of rawatbhata about 45 Km. from kota stands a complex of exquisite temples. This temples belong to 9th -10th century. The temple of Trinity and Mahishasarmardani temple are still intact and worth seeing

3- GAIPARNATH TEMPLE

Gaipar Nath is a lovely big chasm with an old Shiva temple set in a deep gorge with a spectacular view of the ruggedly beautiful forests and cliffs of the Chambal valley. The pleasant sound of gushing water from the Gaiparnath waterfall near the temple, set against a picturesque canvas of a green landscape make it an idyllic and beautiful spot to visit

4- MUKUNDARA HILLS TIGER RESERVE

The Mukundara Tiger Reserve is 50 kilometres from Kota. Tigers are already relocated here from Ranthambore Reserve. It has a core area of 417 square kilometers and a buffer zone covering 342.82 square kilometres. Other wildlife includes panther, deer, wild boar and bear. This thickly wooded area is home to a large variety of birds as well.

5- Abla Meeni's Palace : (45 Km)

On The way Kota to Jhalawar in Darrah Village A palace was built by Rao Mukund Singh for Abla Meeni on a hillock at Darrah

6- Bhudadeeth Sun Temple (60 Km)

At a distance of 60 Km on the way to Sultanpur this temple belong to 11th-12th century. Sun temple is a beautiful architecture . This temple are still intact and worth seeing.

7- Bheem Chauri (55 Km)

This is a 5th century Shiv temple of Gupta period .It is situated 55 Km from Kota Jhalawar road in Darrah Village near Abla Meene Palace

8- Kaithoon (25 Km) '

A little hamlet near Kota is famous for its handloom fabric called Masuriya . The local artisans weave a magic of cotton silk and gold . Kaithoon is also famous for its Vibhishan Temple . The temple attributed to Vibhishan the younger brother of Demon King Ravana

9- Charchauma (48 Km)

It is famous for its Gupta period Shiv temple. The five -faced shiv ling is of great spiritual importance .It is 48 Km from Kota city .

10- Chandresal Shiv Temple (12 Km)

A Shiv Math of 10th century is situated on the bank of Chandloi River . The temples and their sculptures are of ancient style and beautiful carved. The Crocodiles of the Chandloi River are added attraction for the wild life lovers.

11- GARADIA MAHADEV TEMPLE(29 Km)

One can get a grand view of River Chambal from the Garadia Mahadev Temple. Situated on Chittorgarh Road (NH 76), this temple provides an incredible view of the surrounding wilderness. It is a must visit, especially during monsoon.

Garadia Mahadev Temple is a noted shrine of Kota, located near the Chambal River. It is located near the NH-76 that leads to Dabi and Chittorgarh. If you're someone who enjoys spectacular views, then this place doesn't disappoint. It provides one of the most mesmerizing views you can hope to find of the Chambal River, gorge and the plains. The shrine can be reached by descending a few steps where you can pay your respects to Lord Shiva. The place is a tad remote and isolated from regular tourist hotspots but is worth the journey you have to make. Most people recount being stunned by the sheer its sheer beauty and memorable view. Thanks to the privacy and view it affords, this spot is quite popular as a picnic destination. Nature lovers can sit here for hours, absorbing its tranquility and pristine beauty. Budding poets, writers and artists can count on being inspired by the still, blue waters and surrounding wilderness. If peace, blessings, nature's splendor and privacy is what you're looking for, you won't find a better place than this.

Entry Fee Indian -75 Rs Foreign - 500 Student- 20 Vehicle Bus -400 Jeep-Car 250 Auto Two wheeler- 30 Rs

12- Udpuriya (30 Km)

Udpuriya is on way to Kota Sultanpur way in Digod can take left turn for Udpuriya Village . This village is famous for Bird watching and Painted Stork breeding colony . The Birds assemble in large number of breed and raise their young ones. The view of Young birds from a closed quarter is possible which make it a memorable experience .

Fair/Festivals

Dussehra Festival (Oct-Nov)

Ten day of battle between Lord Ram and Ravana are celebrated throughout On the tenth day. Huge effigies stuffed with fire crackers of Ravana his brother Kumbhakarna and son Meghnath are alight. People from far off places come to enjoy the popular and versatile fair. Dates for upcoming festival

1	2023	15-10-2023	23-10-2023	9-11-2023
2	2024	3-10-2024	12-10-2024	29-10-2024
3	2025	22-9-2025	2-10-2025	18-10-2025

Nahan Celibration - Sangod (on Rang Pachmi)

Anant Chaturdasi - Kota (Aug/Sep)

HOW TO REACH HERE

The nearest airports are Sanganer airport in Jaipur which is 244 kms away Regular buses are available to Kota from all cities and towns in Rajasthan.Kota is a major junction in the East Western Railway sector, on the Delhi-Mumbai line. Most trains pass through Kota.

Where to stay :-

Hotel Umed Bhawan Palace (Welcome Group) 0744-2325262

Hotel Chambal (RTDC) 0744-2326527 Brij Raj Bhawan Palace Hotel 0744-2450529

Hotel Navrang 0744-2323294 Hotel Everest 0744-2390547 Hotel Rajkeser 07442460055 Hotel Phool Plaza 0744-2329352 Hotel Surya Royal 0744-2390092-96 Palkiya Haveli 9829747316 Hotel Karan Villas 0744-2320822 Hotel Shree Anand 0744-2462473

Hotel Menal Residancey 0744-2371075 Sukhdham Kothi- 744-2320081 Hotel celebration 0744-2391747 Hotel Country Inn 7230043891 Hotel Clarks Premier 9161916123 Hotel Hariyali 9680106019

Govt. Accommodation

Circuit House 0744-2450228

Dak Bunglow 0744- 2325004

Other Useful information

Hospital :

New Medical Collage Rangbari Road Kota

Maharao Bhim Singh Hospital Nayapura Kota

Matri Hospital Talvandi Jhalawar Road Kota

Bharatvikas Parishad Hospital Dadabari

Kota Heart Hospital Talvandi Kota

Tourist Information

Tourist reception center

Hotel chambal (RTDC) campus

Nayapura Kota Rajasthan

Tel 0744-2327695

Important Tel No

Police Control Room - 100

GPO - 0744-2327592

General Information

Area : 193.58 sq Km Altitude 251.1 meters

Climate	Mean	Max	Mean	Min
Summer	42.6 c			29.7 C
Winter	24.5 C			11.6 C
Rainfall	88 cms			

Best Season Oct- Feb

Clothing Summer Light Tropical

winter Light Woolen

Languages Hindi -English - Rajasthani Local