

Raaga Taala

Retreat



13 – 19th February 2027



Fort Chanwa, Luni, Jodhpur.
Rajasthan



Extended Raaga Taala

Tour & Ayurveda Retreat



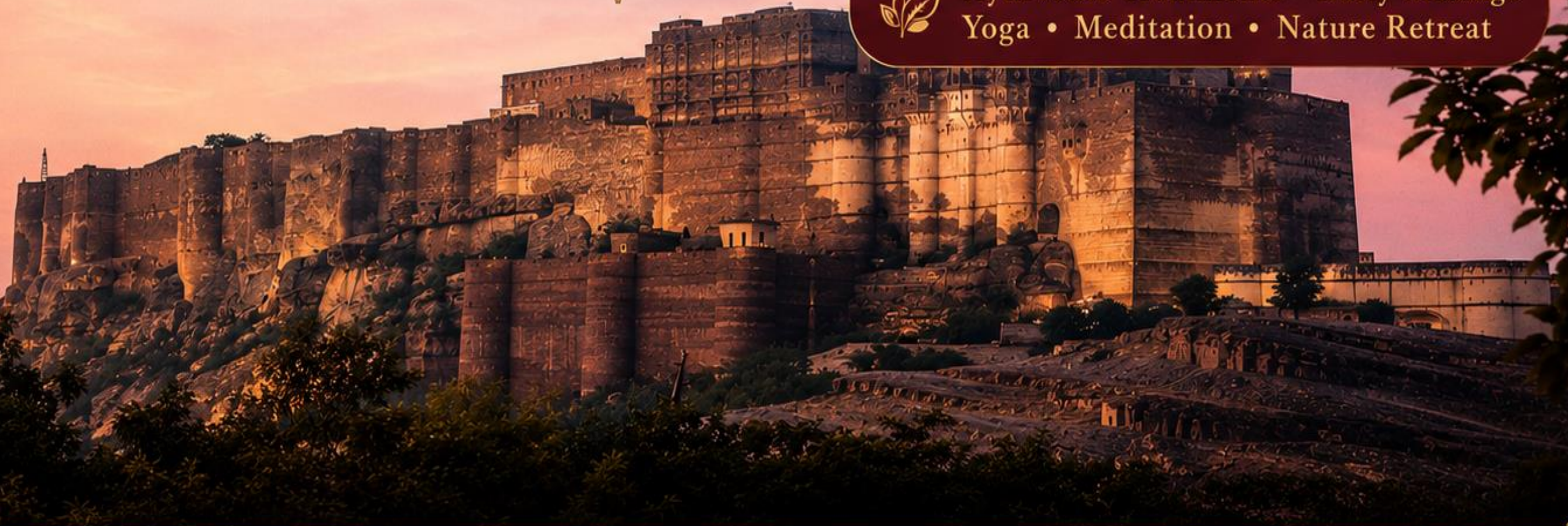
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Ranakpur | Jawai Bandh | Deogarh
Pushkar | Kerala Ayurveda Retreat

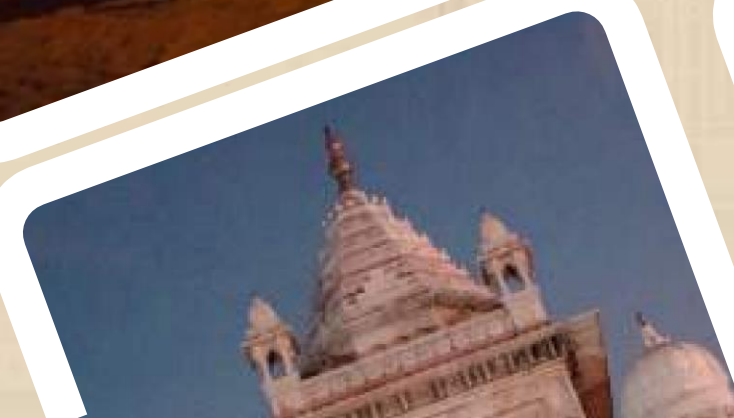


Ayurvedic Treatments • Daily Massage
Yoga • Meditation • Nature Retreat



About Raaga Taala RETREAT

- Interactive and Enjoyable Retreat: Designed for both artists and art lovers.
- Open to All Levels: Suitable for professionals and beginners in music and dance.
- Focus on Indian Music, Dance, Yoga/Meditation
- Duration: 7-day retreat.
- Extensive Learning: Offers more than 25 hours of classes and workshops in Vocals, Sitar, Tabla, Kathak, Bollywood Dance and various Indian instruments
- Skill Enhancement: Aimed at enhancing your music, dance, Yoga and meditation skills with heritage tourism and cultural exploration.
- Knowledge Growth: Deepen your understanding of Indian music and dance.
- Group performance opportunities & classes at heritage monuments.



Heritage Tourism

Excursions to Osian Desert and Jodhpur's highlights like Mehrangarh Fort, Jaswant Thada, Umaid Bhawan Palace, Mandore Garden

Yoga & Meditation

Daily yoga sessions to connect with your inner self & experience the peaceful essence at the core of you soul

Concerts

More than 13 concerts in the entire week by various top Indian artists of Classical, Folk, Fusion & World music collaborations to enjoy.

Royal Accommodation

7 nights' stay in a 4-star Heritage hotel in Fort Chanwa on the outskirts of Jodhpur. Full board inc. breakfast, lunch, dinner & high tea

Workshops

Mentoring & training in either sitar, vocal, tabla, bollywood dance or Kathak dance with a renowned guru

Cultural Activities

Experience a visit to a local artisan, crafts, life in the village, visit to historical places, sunrise concerts at the heritage monument and more.





Your Accommodation: Fort Chanwa, Luni, Jodhpur

Your accommodation is 4 star heritage Fort Chanwa, owned and lovingly renovated by Maharaja Dalip Singh, younger brother of former Maharaja of Jodhpur. Fort Chanwa of Luni is an exceptional example of elegance and symmetry in Indian architecture of the last century. The entire fortress is carved out of the famous red sandstone of Jodhpur and with its ornately carved lattice work friezes and intricate “Jharokas”.

Historical Significance: Echoing the grandeur of a bygone era, Fort Chanwa reflects the legacy of Rajasthan’s royal heritage, offering guests a window into the region’s rich cultural past and aristocratic lifestyle.

Seven Days Retreat: This immersive retreat blends Music, Dance, and Yoga in the tranquil and culturally rich setting of Fort Chanwa, creating a soulful journey into wellness, rhythm, and tradition.



Heritage Tourism & Sightseeing



Jodhpur and Osian sightseeing will include visits to the majestic Mehrangarh Fort, Jaswant Thada, Clock Tower and the Old City (Also known as The Blue City). Visit to famous Umaid Bhawan Palace.

Mandore Garden and historic Chhatris (funerary monuments of the Royal Family) Mandore Garden- ruins, red-stone cenotaphs of Marwar rulers and langur-filled lawns under a craggy fort.

Osian Desert – Trip into the famous Thar Desert of Rajasthan to see the Golden Sands, Camel Safari and live Music around the campfire!

Village Safari : Jeep ride through nearby rural villages to experience traditional Rajasthani crafts, pottery, and local lifestyle.





Concerts at the Raaga Taala RETREAT

Each evening there will be an opportunity to watch live music or dance performances

Performers from across India and the World will showcase their talent in Classical, Folk, World and popular styles of dance and music for you to enjoy

Guests can also enjoy soulful tea-time afternoon concerts and serene sunrise performances set against the backdrop of a stunning heritage monument.

Participants can collaborate with different artists upon consultation with the Creative Karma team

A great opportunity to see a variety of acts over a week, making this the best music festival in India!



Jodhpur - The Blue City

Known as the Blue City, Jodhpur. Rajasthan's second-largest city and famous as the "Blue City" due to the vibrant, indigo-painted homes in the old town, particularly in the Brahmapuri and Navchokiya areas. The city serves as the gateway to the Thar Desert and was a major trading center, founded by the Rajput chief of the Marwar Kingdom. The iconic cobalt-blue architecture offers a striking contrast against the desert landscape.

During the stay, guests will be hosted at a majestic Fort Chanwa Luni in ourskirts of Jodhpur. Jodhpur offer the iconic cobalt-blue architecture offers a striking contrast against the desert landscape. One of India's largest forts, dominating the skyline and offering the best views of the blue homes. Known for its bustling Sardar Market near the Ghanta Ghar(Clock Tower) and traditional Rajasthani cuisine.

Meet Our Gurus: Tabla

Pandit Sanju Sahai, the acclaimed tabla player and **torchbearer of the Benaras Gharana**, will lead the tabla workshop at Raaga Taala Retreat. Known for his power, virtuosity, and spontaneity, he captivates audiences with his exceptional talent. Sanju's collaborations span genres like jazz, Egyptian, flamenco, opera, Western classical, hip-hop, folk, blues, and contemporary music and dance, showcasing his imaginative and elegant style.

He has worked with international artists such as Manuela Carrasco (flamenco dance), Michael Nyman (British composer), Patricia Rozario (opera), BBC Philharmonic, Pete Lockett (multi-percussionist), Yair Dalal (oud), Jason Carter (guitar), and Akram Khan (dancer), among others. Sanju is esteemed for his artistry, rich repertoire, tonal brilliance, and musicianship, serving as an important reference for younger musicians.



Meet Our Gurus: Vocal

Sunanda Sharma: Carrying forward the legacy of the legendary vocalist of the Benaras Gharana, **the highly revered Dr. Vidushi Girija Devi, a Padma Bhushan awardee** and a doyen of Indian classical vocal music, Sunanda is a leading vocalist among the young generation. The beauty of Sunanda's singing lies in her ability to demonstrate and bring forth the depth and beauty of her renditions. Though her forte lies in Khayal, Tappa, Thumri, Dadra, and Chaiti, Sunanda has expanded her talent and repertoire to include Punjabi folk, Sufi, and other devotional styles.

Alongside her schedule of concerts, lec-dems, and workshops, and as a visiting teacher at universities in India, Sunanda enjoys the privilege of being a visiting teacher at SOAS University and the Royal Academy of Music in London since 2000. Sunanda Sharam has been a part of Raaga Taala Retreat editions in 2013, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2023, 2024 and we are happy to announce that she will join us again in 2025!



Meet Our Gurus: Instrumental

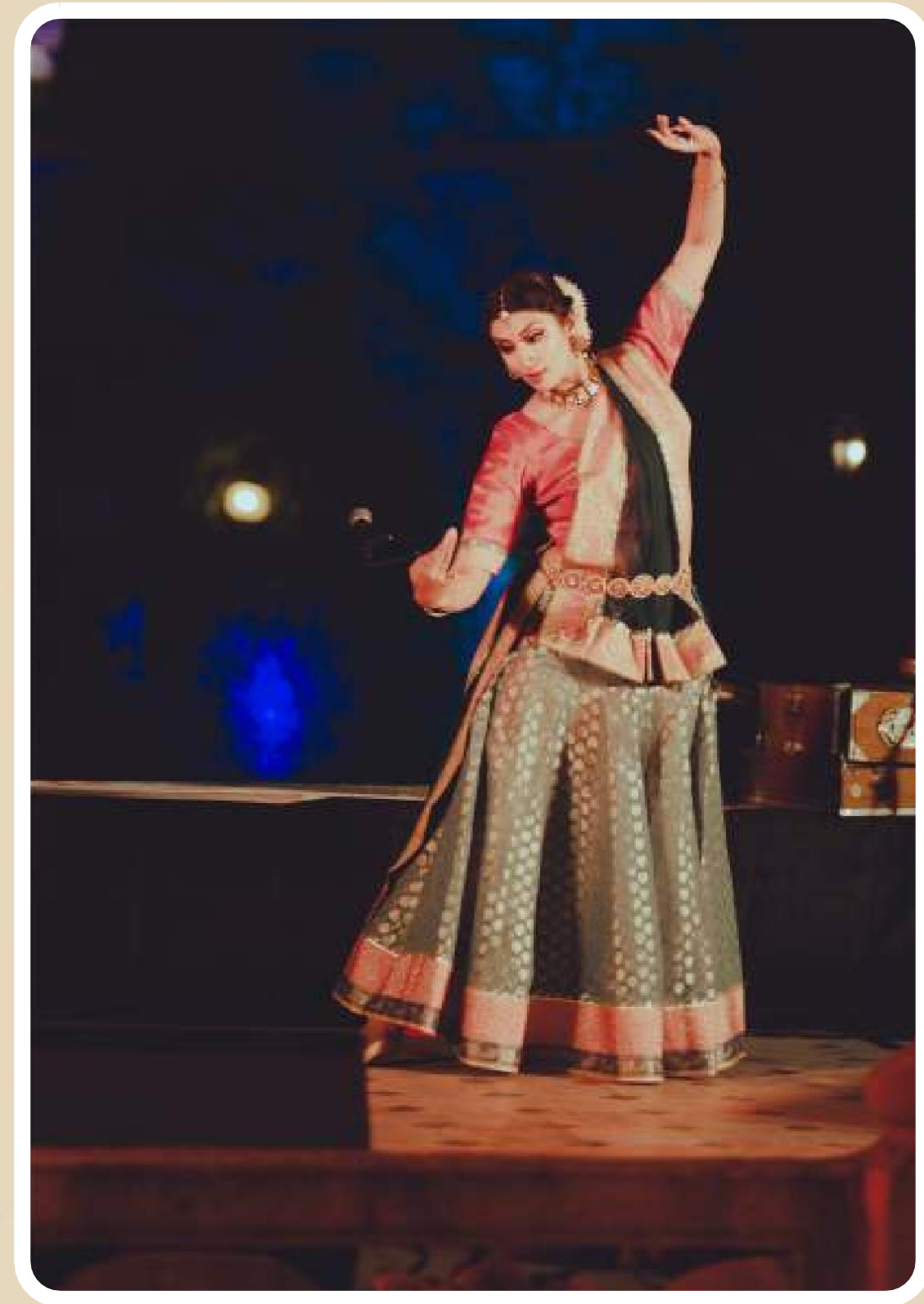
Imran Khan is a prolific sitarist and composer in his own right. It could be said that Imran has music in his blood—literally. **Hailing from the Sikar Gharana**, he has been trained in music from the age of six by his grandfather, the sarangi player and vocalist, the late Ustad Gulab Khan. He continued his sitar training with his father, Ustad Niyaz Ahmed Khan, and his uncle, Padma Bhushan Ustad Sultan Khan.

Imran Khan is an emerging name in the world music scene and his brilliant ability for soothing composition sets him apart. He has taken his music to concerts and festivals all over India and abroad. He has performed in countries such as Germany, France, Belgium, Holland, Croatia, Italy, Thailand, Cambodia, Malaysia, and Laos, among others, presenting classical music as well as conducting workshops and collaborations with artists from diverse backgrounds. **Recently Imran Khan teamed up with record label T-Series** for a new music season series “Song Craft” season 1 featuring more than 300 artists and bringing together some of the biggest singers of India like Hariharan, Rekha Bhardwaj, Javed Ali and more. Imran will be on hand to support you with sitar/various instruments and composition/collaborative skills from his extensive experience working with musicians from all over the world!



Meet Our Gurus: Dance

Shinjini Kulkarni, the granddaughter and student of the prolific **Kathak exponent Pandit Birju Maharaj**, is a rising star in the classical dance scene in India. Her graceful style and exuberant footwork have earned her accolades such as ‘Nritya Shiromani’ and first-class diplomas in dance from Prayag Samiti. Her repertoire of live performances includes traditional solo presentations at prestigious festivals like the International Khajuraho Dance Festival, Sankat Mochan Sangeet Samaroh in Varanasi, and the Kalidas Samaroh, which showcase her style in the Kalka-Bindadeen Gharana.



Meet Our Gurus: Bollywood

Anne Nataraj, deeply rooted in Indian culture from birth, was influenced by her Mumbai-born brother and parents. She began studying dance at age 4, focusing on Indian styles such as Bharat Natyam, Kathak, Odissi, Bollywood, and folk dances. She trained in Europe and India with renowned masters and choreographers like Maitryee Mahatma, Ashimbandhu Bhattacharya, and Sunny Singh. Anne creates unique fusions of classical, sacred, and folk Indian dance styles, emphasizing expressive gestures and dynamic movements. In 2010, she founded the Nataraj Center and Dance Company in France to teach, create shows, and promote Indian culture.

Anne regularly travels to India to deepen her cultural immersion and performs at festivals in Europe and India. As a trumpeter, she plays classical and world music across Europe and Morocco. Anne believes in the power of emotion in dance, stating that technique alone is insufficient without heartfelt expression. Her mission is to passionately share and perpetuate Indian culture and dance



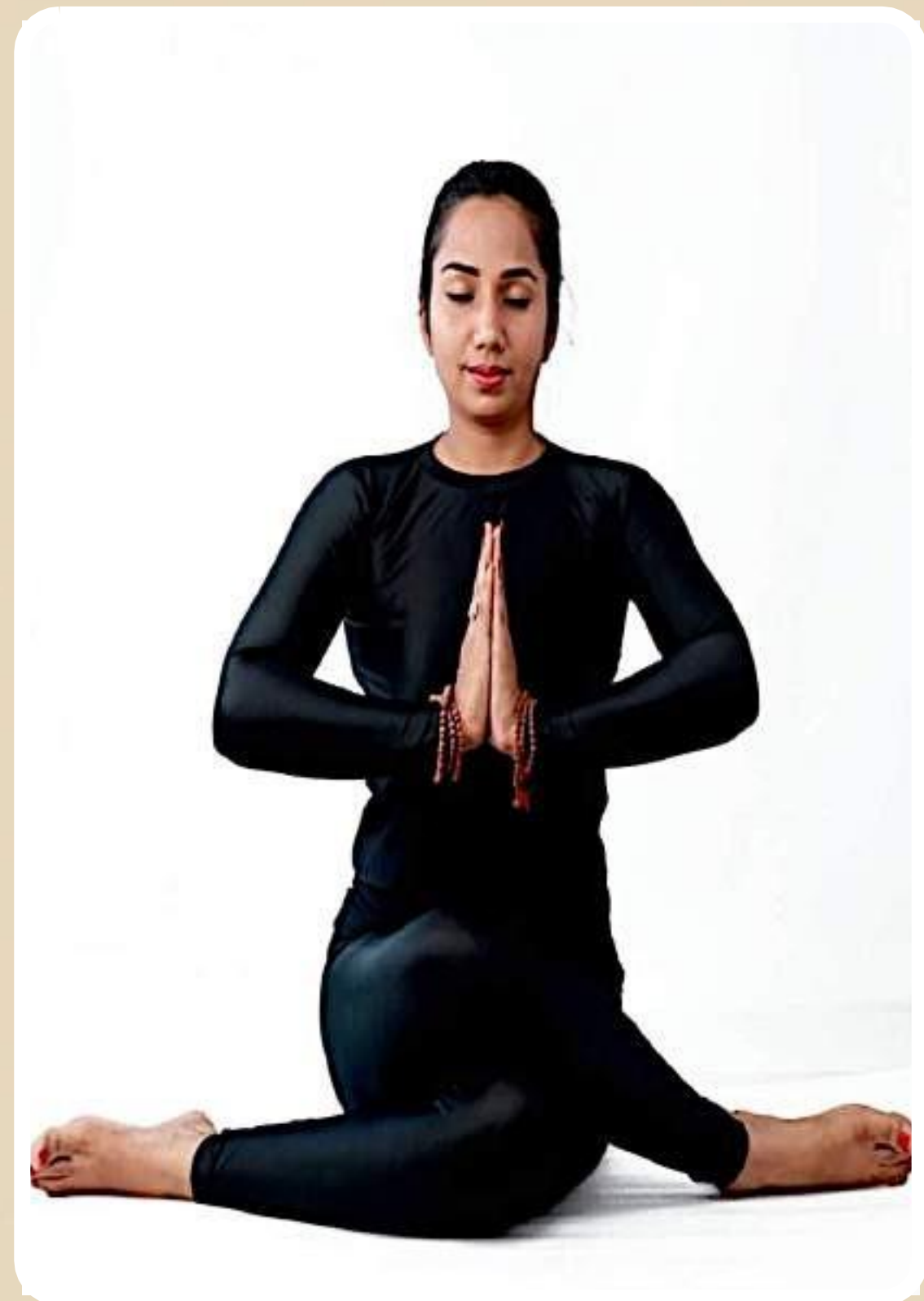
Meet Our Gurus: Yoga

Rachna Rankawat is a yogini whose experiential learning of yoga allows her to rediscover the finer meaning of the traditional yoga sutras. Her signature yoga style is a blend of modern and traditional approaches to the subject and provides holistic healing to the body and mind. She is a contributor on the subject to leading publications like Times of India, Dainik Bhaskar, and Rajasthan Patrika, and is a yoga guru to the Royal Family of Jodhpur as well as to sports academies and national sportspersons. She runs Aarogyam Yoga Studio in Jodhpur.

Focused on easing the stresses of modern life, she will help you practice various exercises that will improve your stamina and flexibility, and make you feel focused and full of concentration. Through our yoga sessions, you will have the chance to connect with your inner self and experience the peaceful essence at the core of your soul.

Each day will start with a blissful yoga session. Practicing yoga and meditation is scientifically proven to help you concentrate, become recharged, and become more creatively receptive.

Yoga positions, along with a focus on breathing and movement, will increase your sense of creativity and awareness.



Non-Music/Dance package

If you would like to participate in the retreat but do not wish to focus on music and dance, we offer a specially curated experience to enhance your stay in Fort Chanwa, on the outskirts of Jodhpur.

This includes full accommodation, board, local travel, and engaging workshops in folk dance and Rajasthani cookery. You'll also enjoy sightseeing, a jeep safari through rural landscapes, and a heritage walk in the historic city. Additionally, you'll have the opportunity to meet local artisans from nearby villages to witness traditional weaving and pottery, along with vibrant shopping trips in Jaipur.

Please enquire with us for individual non-music package details!

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About: Creative Karma



Creative Karma was born out of a love for music and live performance, aiming to bridge the gap between the artist and the audience. Our mission is to bring music in its myriad, sensuous forms to new audiences, enrich their listening experience, educate on mindfulness, mental health, peace, heritage, and rich Indian traditions, and foster collaborations to inspire innovation in music.

Raaga Taala Retreat is a labour of love by director Imran Khan, designed for like-minded individuals—musicians, artists, dancers, yoga practitioners, and art connoisseurs—to come together for a beautiful, immersive experience. The retreat offers a unique opportunity to develop music and dance skills in the regal, historic, and majestic surroundings of Rajasthan, while nurturing a deeper connection to culture, creativity, and well-being.

Director of Creative Karma: Imran Khan



Contact us to join **Raaga Taala** RETREAT



13th to 19th February 2027



**Fort Chanwa, Luni, Jodhpur.
Rajasthan**

The cost for 7 days of Raaga Taala Retreat:

- Double sharing room per person -
1250 Euros /1470 USD/ 1085 Pounds
(Includes everything)
- Single room per person -
1550 Euros/ 1820 USD/ 1340 Pounds
(Includes everything)



The package includes your stay at the majestic Fort Chanwa, Luni, Jodhpur,
all meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner), yoga/meditation classes, all the
music/dance classes/workshops, sightseeing, entries to monuments, Jeep
Safari, local transportation, airport pick up and drop.

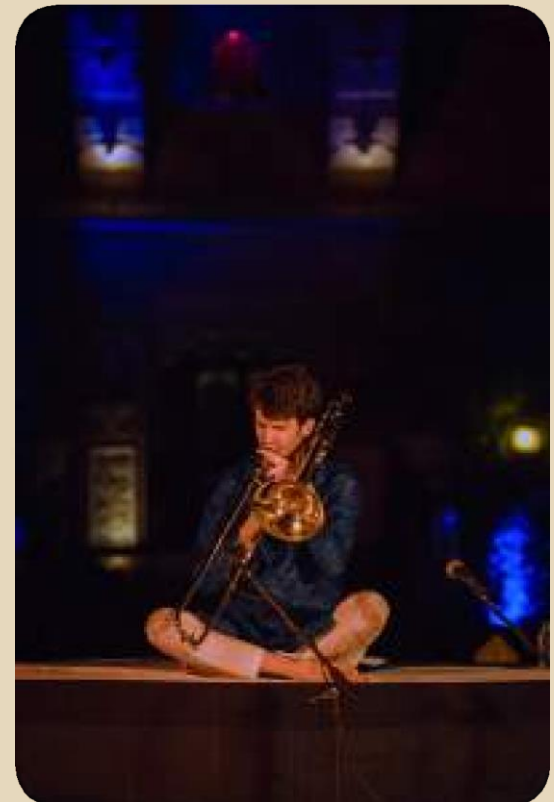
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Raaga Taala Extended Tour 2027

8 Cities | 17 Days

📅 20 February – 8 March, 2027

📍 Ranakpur | Jawai Bandh | Deogarh | Pushkar | Mandawa |
Ayurveda Retreat in Southern India

A Journey Through India's Cultural Soul

Experience the duality of India's spirit—where the vibrant folk rhythms of the Thar Desert meet the meditative silence of the Himalayas. This year's Raaga Taala journey is a carefully composed symphony, beginning with the ancient temple chants and leopard-tracked hills of Rajasthan and culminating in the tranquil landscapes of Kerala for a deeply restorative Ayurveda Experience.



Tour Highlights



- **The Pillars of Ranakpur:** Explore the 15th-century Chaturmukha Jain Temple, a forest of 1,444 uniquely carved marble pillars. Experience the "impossible count" of these columns—no two are identical—and witness how the light shifts across the intricate stone lattices throughout the day.
- **The Painted Havelis of Mandawa:** Step into an "Open-Air Art Gallery" in the Shekhawati region. We delve into the grand mansions (Havelis) of wealthy silk and spice merchants, featuring vibrant frescoes that blend traditional Indian mythology with curious colonial influences.
- **Twilight at Pushkar Lake:** Witness the Maha Aarti at the Varaha Ghat. As the sun sets, hundreds of oil lamps are floated on the lake to the sound of temple bells and conch shells, creating a mesmerizing visual and auditory "Taala" (rhythm) that defines the spirit of Pushkar.
- **The Rural Rail Rhythms:** A highlight of the Deogarh stay is the vintage 1930s meter-gauge train ride. As the train chugs through the Aravalli tunnels and over stone bridges, the rhythmic clatter of the tracks becomes a live percussion track to the changing landscape of village life.

Tour Highlights



- **The Leopards of Jawai Bandh** : Experience a rare Safari in the Granite Hills. In Jawai, leopards live in perfect harmony with the nomadic Rabari herdsman. We track these majestic cats across ancient rock formations, witnessing a unique model of coexistence that feels more like a shared territory than a wild park.
- **Shikara Living on Dal Lake** : More than just a boat ride, the Shikara journey is a window into a floating civilization. From the rhythmic rowing of the boatmen to the morning "call and response" of the floating vegetable market, you will experience the quiet, water-based pulse of Srinagar.
- **The Canyons of Sonmarg** : Known as the "Meadow of Gold," Sonmarg is where the Sindh River carves through crystalline glaciers. We take a quiet pony trek to the Thajiwas Glacier, where the only sound is the meltwater and the distant mountain wind.
- **Ancient Valley of Pahalgam**: Known as the "Valley of Shepherds". Situated at 2,130 meters, it offers stunning views of pine-clad mountains, the rushing Lidder River, and acts as a base for the Amarnath Yatra. Key attractions include the picturesque Aru Valley, scenic Betaab Valley, and lush green meadows, perfect for nature walks and pony rides



Contact us to join the Extended **Raaga Taala** Tour

Ranakpur | Jawai Bandh | Deogarh | Pushkar | Mandawa

Srinagar | Gulmarg | Sonmarg | Pahalgam



20th Feb- 4th March 2027



Ranakpur | Jawai Bandh | Deogarh

Pushkar | Mandawa | Srinagar

Gulmarg | Sonmarg | Pahalgam

The all-inclusive cost for 13D & 12N Soul India Tour:

- Double sharing room per person - 1450 Euros/1250 Pounds/1700 US D
- Single room per person - 1850 Euros/1600 Pounds/ 2175 US D

The all-inclusive cost includes all meals, transportation from one city to another by a/c chauffeur- driven vehicle throughout the trip, Delhi-Srinagar-Delhi return flights, guides, entry to all the monuments, boat rides, live music performance.

Sacred rituals in Pushkar & more.

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