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# THE NEW GRAND TOUR

A TREASURY OF  
19 SPECTACULAR PLACES  
AND EXPERIENCES

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The entrance of  
the Amber Palace  
in Jaipur, India

# 10 Rajasthan, India

EYE-POPPING ARCHITECTURE

India beckons. Rajasthan, and its capital, Jaipur, beguile. The architectural heritage here makes for a sensational roster: The Sun, the Monkey, and the Marble temples; the Jal Mahal; and elaborate forts comprise a decorative riot of spires and tracery. In Jaipur, many buildings are painted a dusky rose, a tradition that began in 1876 to welcome the Prince of Wales and gave rise to the sobriquet the "Pink City." After all the historic eye candy, drink in the exuberant ornamentation of the Bar Palladio, then decamp to the Oberoi Rajvillas Jaipur and your private tent set in its own garden. At twilight, find your way to the main courtyard, where dancers and musicians entertain you maharaja-style as you dine. Explore the region in-depth on National Geographic Expeditions' "India's Fabled Rajasthan by Rail" tour.



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Bar Palladio Jaipur (above and left), located in the historic Narain Niwas Palace Hotel, incorporates ornate Mughal design elements