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यह एक स्वतंत्र परियोजना है, जो सरकार की आधिकारिक करियर-मार्गदर्शन सामग्री पर आधारित है। · An independent project based on the Government's official career-guidance content.

1 About this career

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2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	No rigid degree; Class 12 plus a guide/tourism certificate helps
Work mode	Fully field job; morning-evening safaris in the desert
Demand	Good; record tourists in Jaisalmer-Pushkar, seasonal
Top earning	₹5-8 lakh/year or more running your own safari business

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Working with and for people
- Leading and managing groups
- Love for the desert, nature and camels

ABILITIES

- Sense of direction, shape and space
- Physical stamina
- Grip on language and communication

KEY SKILLS

- Camel handling, care and rides
- Knowledge of local history and folk culture
- Conversation in Hindi-English; foreign language is a bonus
- First aid and safety

- Desert camping and route planning
- Online booking / social media marketing

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete Class 10/12 in any stream
- 2 Do a certificate or diploma in tourism/hospitality (IGNOU/RTDC)
- 3 Learn as a helper with an experienced safari operator
- 4 Get guide training/licence from the tourism department
- 5 Build language skills and an online review profile
- 6 After experience, start your own safari service

MAIN EXAMS

- Rajasthan tourism department guide licence selection
- IITTM regional level guide training (periodic)

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDC) — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://rtdc.tourism.rajabsthan.gov.in/>)
- Department of Tourism, Govt. of Rajasthan (guide training) — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://www.tourism.rajabsthan.gov.in/>)
- Indian Institute of Tourism & Travel Management (IITTM) — Gwalior/Noida (<https://www.iittm.ac.in/>)

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Local safari operators (apprenticeship) — Jaisalmer, Pushkar, Bikaner

ONLINE

- IGNOU (Certificate/Diploma in Tourism Studies) — Distance learning (<https://www.ignou.ac.in/>)
- SWAYAM (tourism courses) — Online (<https://swayam.gov.in>)

FEES

No separate degree needed; IGNOU certificates cost about ₹2,000-6,000 and tourism diplomas up to ₹10,000-50,000. RTDC/private institutes run short courses.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- National Scholarship Portal (NSP) (<https://scholarships.gov.in>)
- Rajasthan SJE Scholarship Portal (<https://sje.rajasthan.gov.in/>)
- Vidya Lakshmi Education Loan Portal (<https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Thar desert (Sam, Khuri), Pushkar dunes, desert camps, Desert National Park area

WORK CULTURE

Field job; 8-9 hours daily in season (Oct-Mar); entrepreneurship possible with your own safari business

WHO HIRES

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| • Camel safari operators of Jaisalmer-Pushkar | • Desert camps and resorts |
| • Travel agencies and tour companies | • RTDC and tourism department events (Desert Festival) |
| • Hotels selling safari packages | • Own business (camels + bookings) |

DEMAND (2026)

Rajasthan tourism is at record levels in 2026; Jaisalmer, Pushkar and Bikaner steadily need experienced, multilingual guides, though work is seasonal.

7 Career growth

- 1 Helper / camel handler
- 2 Camel safari guide
- 3 Tour guide / safari trainer
- 4 Safari coordinator
- 5 Safari tour operator (own business)

EARNINGS

Starting	₹12,000-20,000/माह
Mid level	₹20,000-35,000/माह
Senior level	₹40,000+/माह (स्वयं के व्यवसाय में अधिक)

Income depends on season, tips and foreign tourists; owning camels/camps can multiply earnings.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Local employment without a costly degree
- Contact with foreign tourists and good tips
- Clear path to your own business

The challenges

- Seasonal work; income drops in summer
- Sun, sand and physical labour
- Uncertain income, dependence on tips

9 Real-life journeys

Gemar Singh

Founder of HACRA Dhani (Osian, Jodhpur); camel safari and rural desert tourism entrepreneur

From a Thar village, Gemar Singh set up HACRA Dhani near Osian, where tourists experience camel safaris and desert village life. His community model creates jobs for local families.

Soul Travel India · <https://soultravelindia.com/desert-stay-rajasthan/>

Harshita Tak

Tour guide from Jodhpur carrying forward her family's village-safari legacy

Despite social discouragement, Jodhpur's Harshita Tak embraced her grandfather's village-safari legacy and became a guide with Intrepid Travel. She asks: why can't girls do whatever boys do?

National Geographic · <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/article/female-tour-guides-women-taking-on-male-travel-industry>

10 Sources & further reading

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