
DECCAN ODYSSEY

“INDIAN SOJOURN”



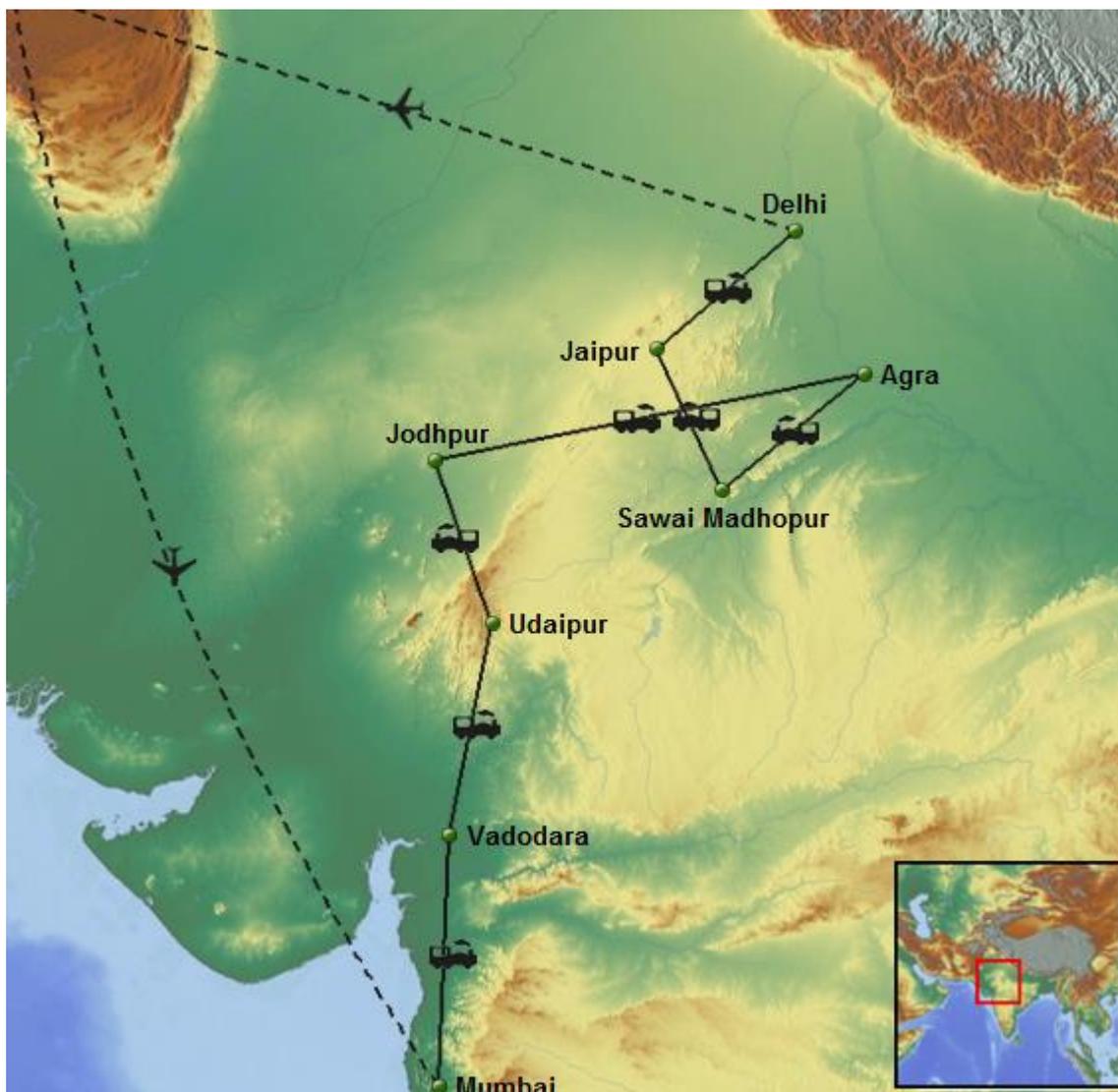
Over a billion people, several hundred dialects, 29 states, and a cultural diversity that baffles the mind and cannot be put in words...Each of India's states - and the uncountable villages within- has a distinct history, cultural markers and allure. It is a land of a thousand untold stories.



Between destinations... journey within and without...

ROUTE MAP

Route: Mumbai – Vadodara– Udaipur – Jodhpur – Agra – Sawai Madhopur – Jaipur - Delhi





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DAY 1:

MUMBAI

BY FLIGHT

Arrive at Mumbai. You will be met and assisted by a Secrets of India's representative who shall handover your travel documents and transfer you to train station to complete the check-in formalities.

Early this evening, assemble at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus at approximately 1530 hours to complete the registration process and check in formalities for your *Indian Sojourn* journey, as you receive a traditional Indian welcome and enjoy a refreshing welcome drink.

After completion of all formalities, you will be shown to your delightful cabins. As you settle in, the Deccan Odyssey shall depart Mumbai for Vadodara.

Overnight: Train
Meals Included: Dinner

DAY 2:

VADODARA

BY TRAIN

As you enjoy breakfast this morning the Deccan Odyssey arrives at the capital of the Gaekwads - Vadodara, located along the seasonal river Vishwamitri.

Breakfast over, you will disembark and proceed to visit Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the only complete and unchanged pre-Mughal Islamic city in India. This concentration of largely unexcavated archaeological, historic and living cultural heritage properties is cradled in an impressive landscape. Marvel at the Jami Masjid (Great Mosque) built in 1513 representing a perfect blend of Hindu and Muslim architecture which was a model for later mosque architecture in India.

Drive back to Vadodara for a leisurely lunch on board the Deccan Odyssey.

After lunch, you will visit the Maharaja Fateh Singh Museum, originally constructed as a school for the Maharaja's children. Today, art lovers can view a large number of works of art displayed in the museum including a collection of the paintings of Raja Ravi Varma and other renowned European Masters as well as a collection of sculptures in marble and bronze.

Enjoy high tea at the resplendent Laxmi Vilas Palace, built in 1890, and the residence of the Royal family even today. Reputedly four times the size of Buckingham Palace, its overwhelming Durbar Hall boasts a Venetian mosaic floor, Belgian stained glass windows and walls with intricate mosaic decorations. The palace also houses a remarkable collection of old armoury and sculptures in bronze, marble & terracotta by Fellici. Witness a folk performance typical of the region as you savour some of the special delicacies from the Royal kitchens.

Return to the Deccan Odyssey for dinner.

Overnight: Train
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



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DAY 3:

UDAIPUR

BY TRAIN

Breakfast will be served in the restaurant car

Arrive into Udaipur, which is considered to be one of India's most lovely locales and is a medieval town. Set on the shores of Lake Pichola and surrounded by hills, Udaipur grew in complete contrast to the harsh deserts of the rest of Rajasthan.

Enjoy boat cruise in Lake Pichola, which is an artificial fresh water lake, created in the year 1362 AD - The picturesque boat ride on Lake Pichola not only provides the best scenic view of the lake and the mountains in the city, but also presents some of the most important historical monuments, fine havelis, temples and palaces, including the City Palace dotted along the lakeside.

Later, visit the City Palace, standing on the east bank of Lake Pichola. The complex is a massive series of palaces built at different times from 1559. The balconies of the palace provide panoramic views of the Lake Palace Hotel and Jag Mandir on one side, and the city of Udaipur on the other. The paintings, mosaics, intricately carved 'chhatris' and the architecturally brilliant facade all contribute to making your visit to the City Palace a truly memorable experience.

Lunch at Jagmandir Palace, later return to the comforts of the Deccan Odyssey

Dinner on board

Overnight: Train
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 4:

JODHPUR

BY TRAIN

Breakfast on board as you arrive into Jodhpur, which is the second largest city in Rajasthan and also called the 'Sun City'.

Relax on-board and enjoy your lunch on board.

Post Lunch, visit the Mehrangarh Fort followed by walking tour of the Old Clock Tower Market. Mehrangarh Fort - This spectacular fort made from red sandstone stands on a perpendicular cliff above the skyline of Jodhpur. The foundations of this fort were laid in 1459; today it houses a museum with a fine collection of arms, costumes, paintings and even a collection of palanquins.

The evening is scheduled for specially arranged lip-smacking Marwar barbeque delicacies that you can savor in the royal courtyard the Mehrangarh Fort. Treat your eyes to the lovely views of the surroundings, while you are standing on the top.

Return to the comforts of the Deccan Odyssey and train depart for Agra

Overnight: Train
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



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DAY 5: Agra BY TRAIN

Enjoy breakfast in the restaurant car.

Move on to pay a visit to Taj Mahal, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. A pristine monument of undying love; It was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved queen Mumtaz Mahal. Agra is also known for its splendid marble inlay work like the Pietra Dura work on the Taj, leather goods and jewellery.

Later, visit Itmad-ud-daulah followed by lunch at the city hotel

Afterwards explore the popular Agra Fort

Enjoy a private shopping tour or enjoy a spa treatment as optional activities.

The luxury coach will take you back to train

Dinner will be served in the restaurant car

Overnight: Train
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 6: Sawai Madhopur BY TRAIN

One can almost sense a life of the wilderness, as the train arrives in Sawai Madhopur, a city named after its founder Maharaja Sawai Madho Singh I. A visit is arranged to the Ranthambore National Park, wherein are located the ruins of a 10th century fort. This wildlife sanctuary is considered to be the country's best for observing and photographing the activities of the tiger. The park, covering an area of 392sq kms is home to more than 300 species of birds. The tiger, hyena, ratel, jackal and fox are among those constituting the carnivorous population here. Sawai Madhopur is known for its exclusive toys, ethnic ornaments and costumes.

After the game drive, a safari canter will take you back to train for lunch on board.

Later, proceed for a village tour and interact with locals. After this, it is time for high-tea at the Sawai Madhopur Lodge, which served as a royal hunting ground for the erstwhile royal family of Jaipur.

Return to the train as it leaves for Jaipur.

Overnight: Train
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 7: Jaipur BY TRAIN

Enjoy breakfast in the restaurant car.



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Jaipur, one of the well planned cities of the world of its time. This capital city of Rajasthan, popularly known as the Pink City, was founded by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, in 1727 A.D. To explore the city, an air-conditioned coach takes you to your first stop Amber Fort. Ride on caparisoned elephants adds to the ambiance at the Amber.

Visit Hawa Mahal or the Palace of Winds, which is a remarkable five storied building along the main street of the old city in pink splendor with semi-octagonal and delicate honey-combed sandstone windows. This is followed by a visit to Albert Hall and the City Palace, home of the erstwhile royal family. Right across the road from the City Palace is the Jantar Mantar, the largest observatory built by the Sawai Jai Singh II.

Savor the Lunch at luxury hotel followed by a cultural program.

After lunch, you can either indulge in a spa session in a city hotel or take a stroll in the colorful markets of Jaipur which are stocked with handicraft, paintings, bangles, lehenga cholis and other knick-knacks.

The Luxury coach will take you back to train.

Overnight: Train
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 8:

DELHI

BY TRAIN

Early this morning, after breakfast, you will disembark at Delhi Cantt Railway station, Delhi.

Bid farewell to the Deccan Odyssey as your royal passage through the grand vistas of India comes to an end.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Please note venue of meals & timings of sightseeing's would be subject to change as per Indian railways norms.



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Departure Dates

Month	Dates	
October 2016	15	N/A
November 2016	12	N/A
December 2016	10	N/A
January 2017	07	28
April 2017	01	N/A

**Rates are available on enquiry to Guidepost Rail Tours
valid from Oct 2016 till Apr 2017**

Inclusions

- Accommodation in deluxe cabin/Presidential suite with attached bath
- All meals including tea, coffee and mineral water
- Transport for sightseeing in deluxe coaches
- Monument entry fee to all palaces, museums & parks
- Still camera fee
- Service tax of 4.50%

Notes

- Deccan Odyssey does accommodate children but we ask parents to be mindful of the sophisticated adult atmosphere we endeavor to maintain.
- One child up to 5 years of age shall be allowed free of cost in the deluxe cabin, subject to sharing of the double bed with parents. This is subject to availability of double bed at the time of booking.
- For families, with a child between 6-12 years of age, or with two children with one child below 5 years and another between 6-12, we recommend the presidential suite which has a double bed in the bedroom and can be shared with child below 5 years and a sofa cum bed in the living room which can accommodate the older child. In this case, the child/children will be accommodated free of cost.
- In case of two children between 6-12 years of age travelling with their parents, you will have to take 2 cabins. The first child pays 25% of the adult fare and the 2nd child will have to pay 50% of the adult fare. One of the parents will have to be present with the child/children in the cabin.