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# MAHARAJA EXPRESS

## “GEMS OF INDIA”

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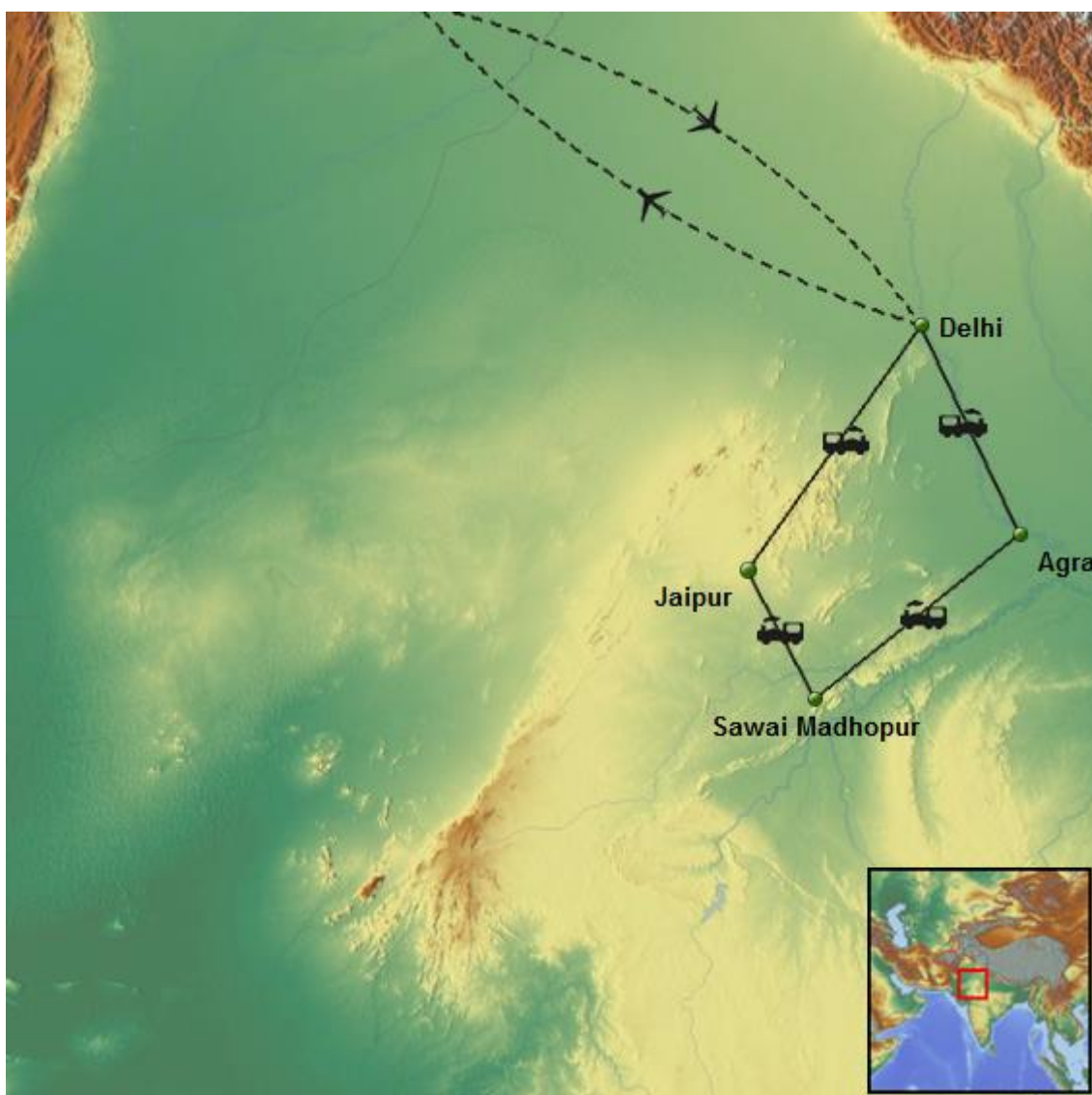
*Over a billion people, several hundred dialects, 29 states, and a cultural diversity that baffles the mind and cannot be put in words...Each of India's states - and the uncountable villages within- has a distinct history, cultural markers and allure. It is a land of a thousand untold stories.*



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

## ROUTE MAP

Route: Delhi – Agra - Ranthambore - Jaipur – Delhi





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## ITINERARY

### **DAY 1:**

### **DELHI**

### **BY FLIGHT**

Arrive at Delhi. 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. .

This fascinating city has been in existence since the 6th century BC and has seen ups and downs from the rule of the Pandavas right up to the British Raj. Delhi is not only the metropolis of India but also the museum of its past. Because of its location on the banks of the river Yamuna, many cities have risen and fallen here over the last five millennia; many dynasties ruled from there and the city is rich in the architecture of its monuments.

**Overnight:** Train  
**Meals Included:** Dinner

### **DAY 2:**

### **AGRA**

### **BY TRAIN**

Enjoy breakfast in the restaurant car.

Visit Red Fort followed by lunch at the palace hotel

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.

Enjoy a private shopping tour or enjoy a spa treatment /visit to Itmad-ud-daulah or Fatehpur Sikri 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 3:**

### **SAWAI MADHOPUR & JAIPUR**

### **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.



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

The Train departs for 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 fort followed by the lunch.

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 dinner at luxury hotel followed by a cultural programme.

At the venue, you can indulge with the elephants - paint them, feed them or may take a joy ride.

The Luxury coach will take you back to train.

**Overnight:** Train  
**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

**DAY 4:**

**DELHI**

**BY TRAIN**

Breakfast is served in your sleeper cabin.

Your final morning in India & de-board the train at the Safdarjung Railway station.

**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 (2016 - 2017) & (2017 - 2018)**

<b>Month(2016 - 2017)</b>	<b>Dates, Wednesday</b>	
October 2016	05	N/A
November 2016	02	30
December 2016	28	N/A
January 2017	25	N/A
February 2017	22	N/A
March 2017	22	N/A

<b>Month (2017 - 2018)</b>	<b>Dates, Wednesday</b>	
October 2017	18	N/A
November 2017	15	N/A
December 2017	13	N/A
January 2018	10	N/A
February 2018	07	N/A
March 2018	07	N/A
April 2018	04	N/A

**Rates are available on request from Guidepost Rail Tours  
valid from Oct 2016 till Apr 2018**

#### **Inclusions**

- Accommodation in mention cabins 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
- Cultural program followed by dinner at Jaipur
- English speaking guide
- Service tax of 4.50%

#### **Notes**

- 10% extra surcharge during Christmas and New Year departures
- Supplement will be applied for Christmas and New Year
- 10% of the tariff for the children up to 5 years of age
- Half fare for children between 5 to 12 years of age