
MAHARAJA EXPRESS

“THE HERITAGE OF INDIA”



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.



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ROUTE MAP

Route: Mumbai— Ajanta— Udaipur — Jodhpur — Bikaner - Jaipur — Ranthambore — Agra — Delhi





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Day 01: ARRIVE 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 pre assigned Venue (Hotel) to complete the pre boarding 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 "The Heritage of Indian" 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 Maharaja Express shall depart Mumbai for Ajanta.

Dinner will be served on-board in comfort of the Maharajas' Express.

Overnight: Train
Meals Included: Dinner

Day 02: AJANTA CAVES BY TRAIN

Breakfast will be served in the restaurant car.

You will disembark and drive to the Ajanta Caves, another World Heritage site and an architectural marvel of its time. The 30 rock-hewn Buddhist caves at Ajanta have been masterfully carved and are adorned with sculptures and paintings of Buddhist religious art, depicting universal pictorial art and are known to depict the fusion between Buddhist and Hindu faith.

Return to the comforts of Maharajas' Express.

Lunch will be on board.

Dinner will be served on-board in comfort of the Maharajas' Express.

Overnight: Train
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 03: 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



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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 Satkar Hall of Fateh Prakash Palace, later return to the comforts of the Maharajas' Express

Dinner on board and depart for Jodhpur.

Overnight: Train
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 04: JODHUR 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.

Later, enjoy a joy ride on Tuk-tuks. Proceed for an exclusive Royal cocktail evening with cultural performance (puppet show) at Hanwant Mahal

Return to the comforts of the Maharajas' Express and train depart for Bikaner

Overnight: Train
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 05: BIKANER BY TRAIN

Breakfast will be served in the restaurant car.

Arrive into Bikaner...if ever beauty has bloomed in a desert, it has been at Bikaner. Founded in 1488 AD by Rao Bika Ji, Bikaner comprises imposing palaces and beautiful, richly sculptured temples of red and yellow sandstone.

Lunch on board.

Post lunch, Visit Junagadh Fort... an unassailable fortress, it never been conquered. Built in 1593 A.D. by Raja Rai Singh, one of the most distinguished generals in the army of Emperor Akbar, the fort is a



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formidable structure encircled by a moat. Inside the fort are some magnificent palaces like Anup Mahal, Ganga Niwas and Rang Mahal or palace of pleasure.

From Junagarh Fort Proceed for Sundowners at the Sand Dunes. En-route, tea break at Gajner Palace

Arrive at the sand dunes followed by cocktails, barbeque and folk dances.

Later return to the comforts of the Maharajas' Express.

The Maharajas' Express departs for Jaipur

Overnight: Train
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 06: JAIPUR BY TRAIN

Breakfast will be served in the restaurant car

Arrive into 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.

Visit Amber Fort, a fascinating blend of Hindu and Mughal architecture. The best way to explore the fort is to ride up to it on elephant back.

Later Visit the City Palace... again, a synthesis of Rajasthani and Mughal styles followed by lunch.

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

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

Post lunch; visit the Jantar Mantar, the largest observatory built by the Sawai Jai Singh II, comprising geometric devices for measuring time.

Return to the comforts of Maharajas' Express.

Overnight: Train
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 07: SAWAI MADHOPUR & AGRA BY TRAIN

Breakfast will be served in the restaurant car.

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 lunch on board.

The Train departs for Fatehpur Sikri, an enigmatic deserted Mughal city. This spacious, red sandstone city was built in the 16th century by the great Mughal Emperor, Akbar, one of India's greatest rulers. The architecture of Fatehpur Sikri is a combination of Hindu and Muslim styles, expressing Akbar's vision of synthesizing the two cultures. Akbar occupied Fatehpur Sikri for 14 years before the city was mysteriously abandoned. This hauntingly beautiful city has been painstakingly restored and is now a World Heritage

Return to the comforts of Maharajas' Express

Dinner will be served on board.

Overnight: Train
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 08: AGRA - DELHI BY TRAIN

Experience the sublimity of the Taj Mahal at sunrise (closed on Fridays) - a varying kaleidoscope of solitude, colour and mood. A tribute from a great emperor to the memory of his beloved wife, it was 22 years in the making (1631-1653) and is a cerebral experience that defies description. Widely regarded as the earthly replica of paradise, the Taj Mahal is likened to "a vision, a dream, a poem and a wonder

Later, you can take delight in a lavish breakfast accompanied by Champagne at Taj Khema.

While you treat yourself to a grand lunch aboard the Maharajas' Express, the train will traverse back to Delhi to mark the end of the voyage aboard this India luxury train.

Disembark and bid farewell to the Maharajas' Express 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 (2016 - 2017) & (2017 - 2018)

Month (2016 - 2017)	Dates, Saturday	
October 2016	22	N/A
November 2016	19	N/A
December 2016	17	N/A
January 2017	14	N/A
February 2017	11	N/A
March 2017	11	N/A
April 2017	08	N/A

Month (2017 - 2018)	Dates, Saturday	
September 2017	N/A	N/A
October 2017	07	N/A
November 2017	04	N/A
December 2017	02	30
January 2018	27	N/A
February 2018	24	N/A
March 2018	24	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