
PALACE ON WHEELS



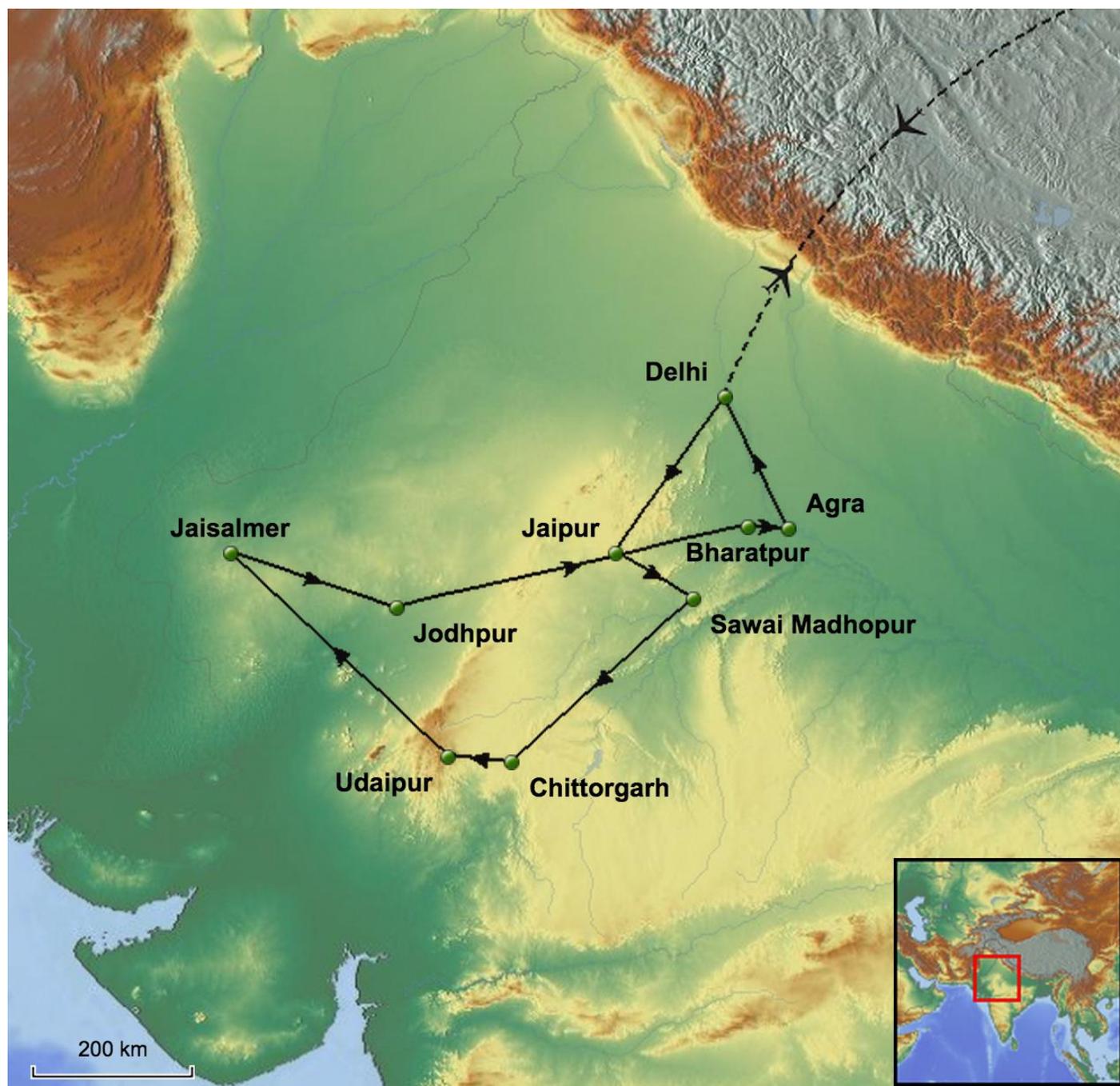
Over a billion people, several hundred dialects, 29 states, and a cultural diversity that baffles the mind and cannot be put in words...Each of India's states - and the uncountable villages within- has a distinct history, cultural markers and allure. It is a land of a thousand untold stories.



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

ROUTE MAP

Route: Delhi – Jaipur – Sawai Madhopur – Chittorgarh – Udaipur – Jaisalmer – Jodhpur – Bharatpur – Agra – Delhi





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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:

JAIPUR

BY TRAIN

Enjoy breakfast in private setting of your comfortable sleeper cabin.

Jaipur, founded, as the Mughal Empire was falling in the early 18th century, by a Hindu soldier-king obsessed with architecture and astronomy, the city is one of India's first examples of urban planning, built along a grid system with the massive City Palace and an extraordinary 18th-century observatory at its heart. The opulent palaces, the pink sandstone structures, the imposing forts, the brilliant colours of the turbans, saris and the gems makes Jaipur a perfect destination.

Start your city visit from 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.

Later visit 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.

Ride on caparisoned elephants add to the ambiance at the Amber fort followed by the lunch. Then you will be off to visit Amber Fort. Shop for Jaipur's famous jewellery, handicrafts, carpets blue pottery and textiles.

The Luxury coach will take you back to Palace on Wheels; Dinner will be served on board.

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



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DAY 3:

SAWAI MADHOPUR & CHITTORGARH

BY TRAIN

One can almost sense a life of the wilderness, as the Palace on Wheels arrives in Sawai Madhopur, a city named after its founder Maharaja Sawai Madho Singh I. Visit is arranged to the Ranthambhor 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, a safari canter will take you back to Palace on Wheels for breakfast on board.

Lunch will be served on board as you will head for Chittorgarh; one gets an opportunity to watch the colourful countryside passing by in the daylight.

Sightseeing in Chittorgarh, where you view the Images of love and valour; scars of battles lost and won.... thrice-besieged, Chittorgarh Fort is all this and more, the Victory Tower and the Tower of Fame. You will also have an opportunity to witness the sound and light show at the majestic Chittorgarh Fort.

The Luxury coach will take you back to Palace on Wheels, dinner will be served on board. The Palace on Wheels stays in Chittorgarh station until the early morning before departing for Udaipur.

Overnight: Tain
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 4:

UDAIPUR

BY TRAIN

Arrive Udaipur & your breakfast will be served on board.

The city was founded by Maharana Udai Singh of Mewar, after the Sisodia dynasty was driven away by the Mughals. After visits to the Garden of Fountains and the Durbar Museum, lunch will be taken at the Fateh Prakash Hotel, which contains an impressive crystal gallery.

After lunch at a Palace Hotel, you will visit one of the most beautiful sites of Udaipur, as we cross Lake Pichola by boat, past the majestic Lake Palace Hotel idyllically situated in the middle of the lake, and our visit to the City Palace takes in the largest palace complex in Rajasthan.

The Luxury coach will take you back to Palace on Wheels, dinner will be served on board.

Overnight: Tain
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



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DAY 5: JAISALMER BY TRAIN

Breakfast is served in your sleeper cabin.

In the heart of the Thar Desert lies Jaisalmer, founded by Rawal Jaisal, in 1156A.D. Here the yellow sandstone fort is an imposing sight, towering magnificently over the city. Discover the painstakingly latticed Havelis or mansions with their grand facades. The Nathmalji-ki-haveli, Patwon-ki-haveli and Salim Singh-ki-haveli are fine examples of the stone carver's skill.

Lunch at a Palace Hotel

After lunch, enjoy an exciting camel ride on the sand dunes of Sam, before sipping a refreshing cup of tea.

The Luxury coach will take you back to Palace on Wheels for wash & change.

Later enjoy the dinner and the cultural programmes at Palace Hotel. After dinner The Luxury coach will take you back to Palace on Wheels.

Overnight: Tain
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 6: JODHPUR BY TRAIN

Breakfast is served in your sleeper cabin.

Today the Palace on wheels will be in Jodhpur, a city ringed by a high stone wall with seven gates and several bastions. This second largest city of Rajasthan, founded by Rao Jodha in 1459 A.D. is known for its rock-solid Mehrangarh Fort. The grand palaces within- Moti Mahal, Sheesh Mahal, Phool Mahal, Sileh Khana and Daulat Khana are impressive examples of architectural excellence. Near the fort complex lays the Jaswant Thada, and a group of royal cenotaphs made of white marble.

Lunch will be served at the city hotel.

The Luxury coach will take you back to Palace on Wheels; Dinner will be served on board.

Overnight: Tain
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 7: BHARATPUR & AGRA BY TRAIN

Early next morning, the Palace on Wheels arrives in Bharatpur, the capital of Maharaja Suraj Mal. Pay a visit to the world famous bird sanctuary, Keoladeo Ghana National Park, the nesting place of thousands of Egrets, Siberian Cranes, migratory Water Fowl and other species of birds.



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The Luxury coach will take you back to Palace on Wheels for breakfast on board and you will depart for Agra

Arrive Agra and 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.

Dinner will be taken at the hotel, later on the Luxury coach will take you back to Palace on Wheels. Bid farewell to the train & perhaps a final drink in lounge bar.

Overnight: Tain
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 8:

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)

Month	Dates				
September 2016	07	14	21	28	N/A
October 2016	05	12	19	26	N/A
November 2016	02	09	16	23	30
December 2016	07	14	21	28	N/A
January 2017	04	11	18	25	N/A
February 2017	01	08	15	22	N/A
March 2017	01	08	15	22	29
April 2017	05	12	19	26	N/A

**Rates are available on request from Guidepost Rail Tours
valid from Sept 2016 till Apr 2017**

Inclusions

- Accommodation in deluxe cabin 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
- English speaking guide
- Service tax of 4.50%
- Commercial tax

Notes

- All prices are on per person per night bases
- 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