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“Maharajas’ Express – The Indian Panorama: A Majestic Journey Through Royal India in Unparalleled Luxury”

Maharajas' Express Luxurious Rail Journey: Discover India’s Culture, Heritage & Witness the Sacred Aarti in Varanasi Step aboard the Maharajas’ Express, a symbol of opulence and elegance, and embark on The Indian Panorama, a voyage that captures the essence of India’s vibrant culture and timeless heritage. This luxurious rail journey begins in the historic capital of Delhi, unfolding a curated route through India’s most captivating destinations.

- **Delhi – The Grand Capital**: Embark on your royal journey from **New Delhi**, a city where Mughal grandeur meets colonial elegance.
- **Jaipur – The Pink City:** Discover the flamboyant architectural marvels of Rajasthan’s capital, Jaipur.
- **Ranthambore – Wilderness and Royalty:** Early morning safari in **Ranthambore National Park**, once the private hunting grounds of Jaipur's Maharajas.
- **Agra – Home of the Timeless Taj Mahal:** Witness the breathtaking beauty of the **Taj Mahal**, an eternal ode to love and a global icon of architectural perfection.
- **Gwalior – Citadel of Culture and Valor:** Explore the imposing **Gwalior Fort**, perched atop a sandstone hill and offering panoramic views of the city.
- **Khajuraho – Temples of Passion and Piety:** Delve into India’s artistic and spiritual duality at the **Khajuraho Group of Monuments**, famed for their intricate erotic carvings and divine depictions.
- **Varanasi – The Sacred Spiritual Core:** Arrive at **Varanasi**, one of the world’s oldest continually inhabited cities and India’s spiritual heart. Witness the ethereal **Ganga Aarti** ceremony on the ghats of the River Ganges—a mesmerizing blend of fire, chants, and devotion.

This voyage is more than a train ride—it’s an immersive experience into India’s soul, where **royalty, spirituality, and nature** come together in a symphony of unforgettable memories.



MAHARAJAS' EXPRESS- THE INDIAN PANORAMA (6 Nights / 7 Days)

Day 1 – Delhi – Jaipur Sunday

The India Panorama Royal Journey Aboard the Maharaja Palace Train: A Grand Welcome to Royalty

Welcome aboard the Maharajas' Express.

Welcome aboard the Maharajas' Express. This morning, assemble at Delhi Safdarjung station at approximately 0630 hours and complete your check in formalities. The train shall proceed to Jaipur at 0750 hrs.

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast on-board. Join us for a tour brief and meet your facilitators during this exciting journey.

Post lunch, de-board to visit Albert Hall Museum, Jaipur's oldest museum and a striking example of Indo Saracenic architecture. Its impressive collection includes exquisite sculptures, paintings, textiles, carpets and other historic artifacts, reflecting the rich cultural heritage of Rajasthan.

Conclude your visit the Amber Fort. The Amber Fort, set in picturesque and rugged hills is a fascinating blend of Hindu and Mughal architecture. Constructed by Raja Man Singh I in 1592 and completed by Mirja Raja Jai Singh, the fort was made in red sand stone and white marble. The rugged forbidding exterior belies an inner paradise with a beautiful fusion of art and architecture. Amber is the classic and romantic fort-palace with a magnificent aura.

A short jeep ride takes you up to the fort where you will enjoy a tour of the royal apartments, with striking views of the gorge. Step back into the Mughal era as you enter the Chamber of Mirrors (Sheesh Mahal), and the Hall of Victory.

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Day 2 – Jaipur – Monday

Jaipur's Royal Heritage: City Palace Tour and an Evening at Rambagh Palace

After on-board breakfast, de-board to visit the City Palace galleries including the Textile Museum, Arms Museum and Arts Museum. Admire the famous Sterling Silver Vessels entered in the Guinness Book of World Records. The vessels are said to be made from 14000 silver coins without any joint and were used by Maharaja Sawai Madho Singh II to carry the water of the Ganges to drink on his trip to England in 1901 to attend King Edward VII's coronation.

Continue to the Jantar Mantar Observatory, a UNESCO World Heritage Site featuring remarkable astronomical instruments built by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II to observe and measure celestial movements.

Return to the train for lunch. Post lunch relax onboard.

In the evening, proceed for an exclusive dinner at the Rambagh Palace Hotel. The Palace built in 1835 AD was the residence of the Maharaja of Jaipur from 1925 to 1957, when it was converted into a luxury hotel. The palace retains its royal splendor with hand-carved marble latticework and elaborate gardens.

Return to the comforts of Maharajas' Express as it leaves for Sawai Madhopur (Ranthambore).

- Breakfast, lunch on-board. Dinner at Rambagh Palace Hotel.
- Overnight on the Maharajas' Express.



Day 3 – Ranthambore and Fatehpur Sikri – Tuesday

Ranthambore Safari and Fatehpur Sikri Excursion with the Maharajas' Express

Upon arrival into Sawai Madhopur, early in the morning, get ready for a safari to the Ranthambore National Park. Originally the private hunting ground of the Maharajas, Ranthambore was declared a National Park in 1973. It is famous for its open sightings of tigers, sambar, chital, nilgai, chinkara, wild boar, sloth bear, hyena, jackal and leopard. Wildlife cannot be compared to that of Africa and you are indeed fortunate if you spot the elusive tiger or the shy leopard.

Proceed for an early morning game drive. The safari is carried out in open vehicles and the ride is quite bumpy and dusty. One must carry adequate warm clothes for winter months.

Return to the train. Enjoy breakfast as you continue your journey to the fabled deserted Mughal city of Fatehpur Sikri. Admire the changing landscape as you savour lunch.

On arrival at the quaint station of Fatehpur Sikri, disembark and proceed on a tour of the fascinating sights comprising of imposing gateways, halls of private and public audience, beautifully sculptured palaces with unique water bodies, reflecting a perfect blend of Hindu and Muslim architectural styles. This deserted red sandstone city was built by the great Mughal Emperor Akbar as his capital in the late 16th century. It is now a famous UNESCO World Heritage Site. Return to the Comforts of Maharajas' Express, the train continues the journey towards the magical city of Agra. The jewel of India, home to one of the world's great architectural wonders - the Taj Mahal. With its spectacular monumental masterpieces and picturesque natural setting, Agra is a legendary city glorified by time.

- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on-board.
- Overnight on the Maharajas' Express.



Day 4 – Agra – Wednesday

Taj Mahal with Maharajas' Express: A Royal Experience on India's Luxury Train Route

Early morning, disembark and proceed to the world famous Taj Mahal (one of the Seven Wonders of the World). Also, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it was built by Shah Jahan as a mausoleum for his favourite queen Mumtaz. This incomparable marvel is constructed entirely out of white marble and is an architectural masterpiece with beautiful inlay work and marble screens. Approximately 20,000 of India's most revered craftsmen were recruited to give shape to this poetry in marble.

Later, enjoy breakfast from atop the Taj Khema, a tabletop lawn, gazing at the Taj Mahal.

Following breakfast, return to the train for lunch.

Post Lunch, disembark around 1600 Hrs and visit the magnificent Agra Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of India's finest examples of Mughal architecture. Built primarily in red sandstone by Emperor Akbar in the 16th century, the fort features grand palaces, audience halls and ornate courtyards, offering a fascinating glimpse into the grandeur of the Mughal era.

Return to the train for dinner as the train proceeds for an onward journey to Orchha.

- Breakfast at Taj Khema, Lunch and Dinner on-board.
- Overnight on the Maharajas' Express.



Day 5 – Orchha and Khajuraho – Thursday

Orchha and Khajuraho with the Maharajas' Express: A Journey Through India's Cultural Heart

Disembark at Orchha railway station to visit the quaint village of Orchha known for its rustic lifestyle. Visit the Orchha Fort, built over several years in the 1500s by the Bundela rulers overlooking the Betwa river. A short Tuk Tuk ride will take you to experience village life in the hinterland. Return to the train for breakfast.

Enjoy a relaxed lunch on-board as the train continues its journey through some of the most dramatic and picturesque environs towards Khajuraho.

Khajuraho is renowned for its architecture and exquisite sculptures. Built between 950 and 1050 AD in a truly inspired burst of creativity, the temples are superb examples of Indo-Aryan architecture. The highly sensual engravings depict the whole range of human emotions and relationships.

On arrival, proceed on a tour of the magnificent temples of Khajuraho, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the western group of temples which constitutes some of the finest examples of Chandela art at its peak, including the Kandariya Mahadev Temple dedicated to Lord Shiva.

Then return to the train to enjoy an 'Indian Evening' and train proceeds to Varanasi.

- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on-board.
- Overnight on the Maharajas' Express.



Day 6 – Varanasi – Friday

Spiritual Varanasi: Ganga Aarti Experience with the Maharajas' Express

Today as you enjoy breakfast on-board, your journey continues through rich agricultural fields, arriving into the holy city of Varanasi.

One of the oldest living cities in the world, Varanasi (also known as Kashi or Banaras) has a spiritual legacy of over 3000 years. A place of pilgrimage, this holy city is set on the banks of the sacred river Ganges. Varanasi epitomizes the chaos and colour of India. Lively bazaars, exquisite and bright silks, festivals, temples, mosques and palaces – all can be found here.

Following disembarkation, proceed for lunch at Hotel Taj Ganges. After lunch, visit the ancient ruins of Sarnath, where Buddha delivered his first sermon expounding the principles of Buddhism. Proceed for a boat cruise on the Ganges, en-route visit a Silk Weaving Centre, where you may even shop for some world famous Banarasi silk saris and brocades.

Enjoy a scenic cruise on the river Ganges and witness a magical evening aarti at the ghats of the holy Ganges.

Return to the comforts of Maharajas' Express. Dinner will be served on-board. Maharajas' Express leaves for Delhi.

- Breakfast on-board, Lunch at Taj Ganges Hotel and Dinner on-board.
- Overnight on the Maharajas' Express.



Day 7 – Delhi – Saturday

Concluding the Maharajas' Express Journey: A Grand Farewell in Delhi

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and Lunch on-board as the train arrives into Delhi.

Disembark at around 1430 hrs at Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station.

Breakfast and Lunch on-board.

Disembark.



Note:

- All 'Optionals' / 'Optional Tours' are on chargeable basis and are subject to availability. Details and pricing will be made available on-board during the journey.
- The itineraries and timings are subject to change, due to factors beyond our control such as 'force majeure' events, strikes, fairs, festivals, sport events, weather conditions, disruptions/diversions of rail services, re-routing of railway, closure of / restricted entry at a place of sightseeing, non availability of venues etc.
- The tour will generally be organised as per details given above. However, one may please check any changes in the program/timings provided in the travel document during check in formalities and/or check with Train General Manager during the tour for any last minute changes/updates.

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