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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
Begin your regal experience with **The India Panorama** journey on the luxurious **Maharaja Palace Train**, known as the **Maharajas' Express**.

Your journey starts at **Delhi Safdarjung Station**, where guests are requested to arrive by 07:30 hours for check-in. After a smooth boarding process, the train departs at 09:00 hours, heading toward Jaipur—the Pink City.

Start your day with a gourmet breakfast onboard, followed by a welcome briefing and introduction to the team who will guide you on this remarkable trip.

After lunch, disembark to visit the iconic **Amber Fort**, nestled in the hills of Jaipur. Built in 1592 by Raja Man Singh I and expanded by Mirja Raja Jai Singh, the fort combines Mughal flair with Rajput strength. Its outer walls may seem austere, but the interiors reveal intricate details, ornate courtyards, and mirrored halls.

A jeep ride brings you to its gates, where you'll explore highlights like the **Sheesh Mahal** and **Hall of Victory**, all while enjoying sweeping views and absorbing the rich legacy of India's royal heritage.

- Return to the comforts of Maharajas' Express.
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on-board.
- Overnight on the Maharajas' Express.



Day 2 – Jaipur – Monday

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

Begin your day with a relaxed breakfast onboard the **Maharajas' Express**, then disembark for a guided visit to the **City Palace galleries** in Jaipur. Explore the **Textile Museum**, **Arms Museum**, and **Arts Museum**, each offering a look into the grandeur of Rajasthan's royal past. A highlight is the pair of **Sterling Silver Vessels**, recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records. Made from 14,000 silver coins without joints, they were created for Maharaja Sawai Madho Singh II to carry Ganges water to England in 1901.

Return to the train for a leisurely **lunch**, followed by some downtime in your elegant cabin. Optional experiences are available and can be arranged through the Guest Relations Executive.

In the evening, enjoy a royal **dinner at Rambagh Palace**, once the residence of Jaipur's Maharaja. With carved marble, grand architecture, and lush gardens, the setting is as impressive as the cuisine.

After dinner, reboard the train as it heads toward **Sawai Madhopur**, your next stop on this extraordinary journey.

- 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

Begin your morning in **Sawai Madhopur**, where the **Maharajas' Express** arrives at the edge of **Ranthambore National Park**. Once the royal hunting ground of Jaipur's Maharajas, this park is now a protected wildlife reserve, known especially for its tiger population.

Set out on an early **jeep safari** through rugged forests and open meadows. Watch for the elusive **Royal Bengal tiger**, along with sambar, chital, nilgai, wild boars, hyenas, sloth bears, and leopards. The drive can be dusty and rough, so dress comfortably, and bring warm layers during cooler months.

Return to the train for a well-earned **breakfast**, followed by a **leisurely lunch** as the Maharajas' Express travels onward.

By afternoon, arrive at **Fatehpur Sikri**, a city built by **Emperor Akbar** in the 16th century. Now a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, it's famed for its red sandstone buildings, monumental gateways, and serene courtyards. Explore the grand palaces and halls, each rich in detail and history.

Reboard the train and continue toward **Agra**, home of the iconic **Taj Mahal**—the next highlight on this extraordinary journey.

- 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

Begin your day with a sunrise visit to the **Taj Mahal**, a highlight of the **Maharajas' Express** journey and one of the most admired monuments in the world. Built by Emperor **Shah Jahan** in memory of his wife **Mumtaz Mahal**, this white marble wonder is a symbol of eternal love and a pinnacle of Mughal craftsmanship.

Admire its flawless symmetry, delicate marble screens, and inlay work created by thousands of artisans. After exploring the monument, enjoy **breakfast at Taj Khema**, a serene garden with panoramic views of the Taj in the morning light.

Return to the **Maharajas' Express** for a relaxed afternoon. A **gourmet lunch** is served onboard as the train moves forward on its luxurious route.

Later, unwind in your cabin or choose from **optional activities** arranged by the Guest Relations Executive.

In the evening, savor an elegant **dinner** as the train heads toward **Orchha**, continuing your journey through India's royal past with unmatched comfort and style.

- 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

Begin your day with an excursion to **Orchha**, a quiet village known for its historical charm and rural atmosphere. Disembark at Orchha Railway Station and visit the **Orchha Fort**, a 16th-century stronghold built by the Bundela kings, perched above the Betwa River. Ride through the village in a **Tuk Tuk** to see the simplicity and rhythm of life in India's heartland.

Return to the **Maharajas' Express** for a hearty breakfast, then relax with lunch onboard as the train heads toward **Khajuraho**.

Famous for its detailed temple art, **Khajuraho** was built during the Chandela dynasty between 950 and 1050 AD. The temples reflect a blend of spirituality and artistic expression, with carvings that capture divine forms and human emotion.

Tour the **Western Group of Temples**, including the iconic **Kandariya Mahadev Temple**, dedicated to Lord Shiva. These structures stand as enduring symbols of Chandela architecture and craftsmanship.

As evening falls, return to the train for a vibrant **Indian cultural evening** onboard, as the journey continues to **Varanasi**, one of India's oldest and most sacred cities.

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



Day 6 – Varanasi – Friday

Spiritual Varanasi: Ganga Aarti Experience with the Maharajas' Express

Start your day with a peaceful breakfast aboard the **Maharajas' Express** as the train approaches **Varanasi**, one of the world's oldest and most sacred cities, also known as **Kashi** or **Banaras**.

With a rich spiritual history stretching over 3,000 years, Varanasi sits on the banks of the **Ganges River** and pulses with culture, tradition, and devotion. Its narrow lanes, vibrant markets, ornate temples, and riverside ghats reveal the soul of ancient India.

After arrival, enjoy a **gourmet lunch** at the **Hotel Taj Ganges**, followed by a visit to **Sarnath**, where Lord Buddha gave his first sermon. This revered site offers a calm contrast to the city's vibrant energy. Next, visit a **Silk Weaving Centre** to see the artistry behind the famed **Banarasi silk**, known for its rich textures and detailed patterns.

As evening falls, take a **boat ride on the Ganges** to witness the **Ganga Aarti**, a moving ceremony of light and prayer. From a reserved spot, watch priests perform this spiritual ritual with synchronized chants and blazing lamps—an unforgettable highlight of your journey.

Return to the train for a relaxed **dinner onboard**, as the **Maharajas' Express** continues its journey to **Delhi**, marking the close of a deeply meaningful day.

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



Day 7 – Delhi – Saturday

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

As your royal journey aboard the **Maharajas' Express** comes to a close, begin your morning with a relaxed **breakfast onboard**, revisiting the highlights and special moments that defined this unforgettable experience.

Around **12:45 hrs**, the train arrives at **Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station**, marking the official end of your voyage. With lasting memories of India's rich culture, historic grandeur, and refined hospitality, it's time to disembark—bringing a graceful end to a journey that set a new standard for luxury travel across India.



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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