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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.

Traverse the regal charm of Jaipur, soak in the lush wilderness of Ranthambore, and walk through the echoes of history in the Mughal ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri. Marvel at the eternal beauty of the Taj Mahal in Agra, and bask in the royal legacy of Gwalior. Explore the intricate and expressive temples of Khajuraho, where art and spirituality intertwine.

The journey reaches its spiritual peak in the ancient city of Varanasi (Benares), where guests witness the mesmerizing Ganga Aarti, a ceremony of light and devotion on the banks of the sacred River Ganges.

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 on the Maharaja Palace Train: A Grand Welcome Aboard

Step into a world of regal elegance with The India Panorama Royal Journey aboard the opulent Maharaja Palace Train, the Maharajas' Express.

Your majestic adventure begins early morning at Delhi Safdarjung Station, where guests are requested to assemble by 07:30 hours for check-in formalities. By 09:00 hours, the train departs for Jaipur, the Pink City, setting the stage for a truly royal expedition.

Enjoy a sumptuous onboard breakfast, followed by an informative tour briefing where you'll meet the facilitators accompanying you on this extraordinary voyage.

Post-lunch, disembark to explore the stunning Amber Fort, nestled in the scenic hills of Jaipur. A marvel of Mughal and Rajput architecture, the fort was initiated by Raja Man Singh I in 1592 and later enhanced by Mirja Raja Jai Singh. Built with red sandstone and white marble, its stark exterior contrasts with the lavish artistry inside.

Ascend the hill with a short jeep ride and step into royal history. Discover the Chamber of Mirrors (Sheesh Mahal), and the Hall of Victory, as you soak in panoramic views and immerse yourself in the grandeur of India's princely past.

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





## Day 2 – Jaipur – Monday

### Explore Jaipur's Royal Heritage: City Palace Visit and an Evening at Rambagh Palace

After enjoying a delightful onboard breakfast, disembark for a guided tour of the City Palace galleries in Jaipur. This enriching visit includes the Textile Museum, Arms Museum, and Arts Museum, offering a glimpse into Rajasthan's royal legacy. Don't miss the awe-inspiring Sterling Silver Vessels, which hold a place in the Guinness Book of World Records. These massive vessels, crafted from 14,000 silver coins without a single joint, were commissioned by Maharaja Sawai Madho Singh II to carry Ganges water during his 1901 journey to England for King Edward VII's coronation.

Return to the Maharajas' Express for a sumptuous lunch onboard. Afterward, unwind in your luxurious cabin or take advantage of optional activities, which can be arranged through the Guest Relations Executive.

As evening descends, indulge in an exclusive royal dinner at the Rambagh Palace Hotel. Originally constructed in 1835 AD, this majestic palace was the residence of the Maharaja of Jaipur until 1957 before being transformed into a world-class heritage hotel. Marvel at its hand-carved marble latticework, regal architecture, and exquisite gardens.

Conclude your enchanting day and return to the opulence of the Maharajas' Express, as it departs for Sawai Madhopur, the gateway to Ranthambore National Park.

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





### Day 3 – Ranthambore and Fatehpur Sikri – Tuesday

Start your day with a regal expedition as the Maharajas' Express rolls into Sawai Madhopur, the gateway to the legendary Ranthambore National Park. Once the private hunting reserve of the Maharajas of Jaipur, this wilderness was declared a National Park in 1973 and is now a thriving sanctuary for India's most majestic wildlife.

Get ready for an early morning safari, exploring the rugged terrain of Ranthambore in open vehicles. As you venture deep into the forest, keep your eyes peeled for the park's famed residents — Royal Bengal tigers, sambar deer, chital, nilgai, chinkara, wild boar, sloth bears, hyenas, jackals, and perhaps even the elusive leopard. Wildlife sightings here are always a thrill, and spotting a tiger in its natural habitat is a moment to cherish.

Return to the comforts of Maharajas' Express, where a hearty breakfast awaits as you continue your royal journey toward Fatehpur Sikri. As the scenery transforms outside your window, enjoy a leisurely lunch onboard.

Upon arrival at the quaint station of Fatehpur Sikri, disembark for a guided exploration of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built by Emperor Akbar in the 16th century, this deserted red sandstone city is a masterpiece of Indo-Islamic architecture. Marvel at its imposing gateways, majestic audience halls, and ornately sculpted palaces, surrounded by tranquil water bodies.

Reboard the Maharajas' Express and continue your voyage to Agra, the crown jewel of India and home to the eternal symbol of love—the Taj Mahal. With its rich history, awe-inspiring monuments, and stunning natural beauty, Agra promises an experience like no other on your luxury train journey aboard the Maharaja Express.

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



## Day 4 – Agra – Wednesday

Wake up to a magical morning aboard the Maharajas' Express and disembark for a once-in-a-lifetime visit to the Taj Mahal, one of the Seven Wonders of the World and a crown jewel on the Maharajas Express route. This UNESCO World Heritage Site in Agra was commissioned by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as an eternal symbol of love for his beloved wife, Mumtaz Mahal. Crafted entirely from shimmering white marble and adorned with intricate inlay work and delicate marble screens, the Taj is truly a masterpiece of Mughal architecture.

Marvel at its timeless beauty, a creation brought to life by nearly 20,000 master artisans. After your tour, enjoy a serene breakfast at Taj Khema, a panoramic lawn that offers an unmatched view of the monument in the soft morning light.

Return to the Maharajas' Express to relax and relish a gourmet lunch onboard as the train journeys onward. The afternoon is yours to unwind or engage in optional experiences, available through the Guest Relations Executive.

In the evening, enjoy an elegant dinner onboard as your luxury holiday in India continues toward Orchha, bringing more heritage and splendor into your majestic journey aboard the Maharaja Train.

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





## Day 5 – Orchha and Khajuraho – Thursday

Disembark at Orchha Railway Station to discover the charm of this quaint village, celebrated for its rustic lifestyle and timeless appeal. Begin with a guided visit to the majestic Orchha Fort, a 16th-century marvel built by the Bundela rulers, dramatically perched above the Betwa River. Experience the soul of rural India with a short Tuk Tuk ride through the village, offering a genuine glimpse into hinterland life.

Return to the Maharajas' Express for a delicious onboard breakfast, followed by a relaxed and scenic lunch as the train winds its way through picturesque landscapes en route to Khajuraho.

Renowned for its extraordinary architecture and artistic brilliance, Khajuraho was built between 950 and 1050 AD during the Chandela dynasty. Its temples are masterpieces of Indo-Aryan architecture, adorned with sensual and intricate sculptures that express the entire spectrum of human emotions and divine beauty.

On arrival, embark on a captivating tour of the Western Group of Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the famed Kandariya Mahadev Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva. These structures stand as shining examples of Chandela art at its zenith.

As the sun sets, return to the train to enjoy a festive 'Indian Evening' onboard, celebrating the vibrant culture of the subcontinent, as the Maharajas' Express continues its regal journey to the sacred city of Varanasi.

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





## Day 6 – Varanasi – Friday

Begin your day with a serene breakfast onboard the Maharajas' Express as the train glides past lush agricultural landscapes, arriving at one of the most sacred cities in the world—Varanasi, also known as Kashi or Banaras.

With a spiritual lineage stretching back over 3,000 years, Varanasi is considered one of the oldest living cities and a major pilgrimage center. Set along the banks of the holy River Ganges, the city dazzles with vibrant bazaars, radiant silks, ornate temples, mosques, and majestic palaces, all painting a vivid portrait of India's cultural soul.

Upon arrival, disembark and enjoy a gourmet lunch at the Hotel Taj Ganges. Post-lunch, journey to Sarnath, the revered site where Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon, laying the foundation of Buddhism.

Continue your exploration with a visit to a Silk Weaving Centre, where the exquisite craftsmanship of Banarasi silk saris and brocades comes to life—ideal for cultural enthusiasts and shoppers alike.

As the evening unfolds, embark on a scenic boat cruise on the Ganges, culminating in one of the most soul-stirring spectacles of your journey—witness the mesmerizing Ganga Aarti from a privileged vantage point. From your exclusive perch, view the chants, lamps, and the golden glow of devotion transform the riverfront into a celestial celebration.

Return to the luxurious comforts of Maharajas' Express, where a delightful dinner awaits onboard, as the train resumes its royal route to Delhi, bringing a close to yet another unforgettable day of your luxury journey through India.

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





## Day 7 – Delhi – Saturday

### Concluding the Luxurious Journey on Maharajas Express: Farewell from Delhi

As your luxurious journey on Maharajas Express nears its grand finale, enjoy a relaxed breakfast onboard, reflecting on the unforgettable experiences and royal memories gathered along the way.

The train makes its final approach into Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station, where guests are scheduled to disembark at approximately 12:45 hrs.

With hearts full of wonder and minds enriched by India's cultural treasures, it's time to bid farewell to this extraordinary voyage—one that redefined luxury and unveiled India's majestic heritage like never before.



#### 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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