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THE INDIAN PANORAMA

(Delhi – Jaipur – Ranthambore and Fatehpur Sikri – Agra – Orchha and Khajuraho –
Varanasi – Delhi)

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Brunch on-board.

Dinner at an exclusive venue at Jaipur

Overnight at Jaipur on Luxury Train The Maharajas Express.

Day 03: Jaipur – Ranthambore Tiger Sanctuary (B/L/D)

After on-board breakfast, visit Amber Fort.

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Return to train for lunch.

Later evening at leisure.

On-board dinner.

Evening train proceeds to Ranthambore Tiger Sanctuary.





Day 04: Ranthambore Tiger Sanctuary (enroute visit Fatehpur Sikri) (B/L/D)

Early morning Safari at Ranthambore National Park.

1 x Safari rides for sunrise incl. your Open Jeep Safari with Naturalist (shared).

Tiger safaris traditionally take place at dawn and dusk when the big cats are on the move, hunting. **In the morning**, after tea or coffee and biscuits, you depart on your first tiger safari of the day. On your return, take breakfast and a few hours of leisure walking the grounds, or napping. **In the late afternoon** embark on a second safari to catch the best time of the evening to view tigers and photograph the park. Your naturalist will speculate where you can likely see the tigers emerge from the forest. Enjoy a rich diversity of fauna and flora, incl migratory birds.



Train proceeds to Fatehpur Sikri. Afternoon visit to the deserted Mughal Empire city of Fatehpur Sikri.

Welcome to Fatehpur Sikri. This magnificent fortified ancient city, 40km west of Agra, was the short-lived capital of the Mughal empire between 1572 and 1585, during the reign of Emperor Akbar. Earlier, Akbar had visited the village of Sikri to consult the Sufi saint Shaikh Salim Chishti, who predicted the birth of an heir to the Mughal throne. When the prophecy came true, Akbar built his new capital here, including a stunning mosque, still in use today, and three palaces, one for each of his favourite wives – one a Hindu, one a Muslim and one a Christian (though Hindu villagers in Sikri dispute these claims). The city was an Indo-Islamic masterpiece, but erected in an area that supposedly suffered from water shortages and so was abandoned shortly after Akbar's death.



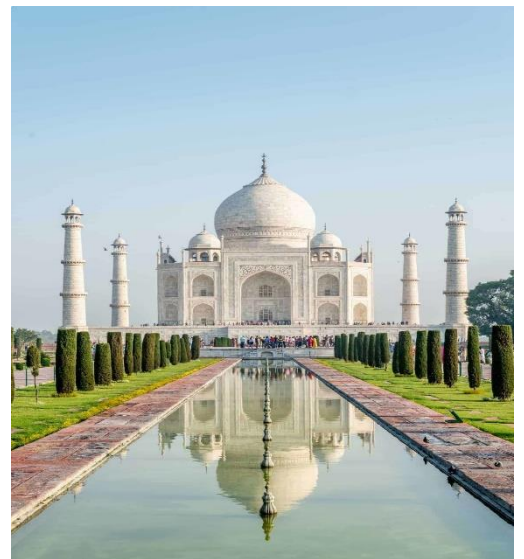
All meals on-board.

Day 05: Agra - Orchha (B/L/D)

Morning visit to Taj Mahal followed by breakfast at an exclusive venue. Lunch on-board.

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Dinner on-board as train proceeds to Orchha.

Day 06: Orchha & Khajuraho - Varanasi (B/L/D)

Early morning visit Orchha.

Return to train as train proceeds to Khajuraho.

Visit the Khajuraho temples in the afternoon.

Dating back to 10th century and housing world's finest Heritage Temples, Khajuraho is swathed with stunning sculptures showcasing Nagara style of architecture including the infamous erotic artwork relating to Hindu's book of love Kamasutra. These temples were built by the rulers of the Great Chandela Dynasty and offers a blend of Hindu, Buddhist and Jain religions.



All meals on-board.

Train proceeds to Varanasi.

Magical auspicious city of Varanasi, best described as the India of your imagination! This is India's most holy city and has a spiritual legacy stretching across 3,000 years. It is an important Hindu pilgrimage centre, and attracts a large number of people from all over the world. For centuries, Varanasi has been famous for spiritualism, mysticism, Indian philosophy and Hinduism.

Day 07: Varanasi - Delhi (B/L/D)

Breakfast and lunch on-board.

DE board at Varanasi to visit a Silk Weaving Center.

Later we visit buried Buddhist city of Sarnath.

Sarnath, the world-famous Buddhist site, is situated about 10 km (6 miles) northeast of Varanasi city. This was the place where the Buddha delivered his first sermon in the Deer Park in 528 B.C that is also known as Dhamma Chakra Pravartan, meaning "The Wheel of Law turns".



Afterwards enjoy Boat Ride on the Ganges to witness evening **Sunset Ceremony Aarti**, a Sanskrit prayer performed to worship The Ganges River by several priests, accompanied by bells, drums, cymbals and flower petals.

Dinner at an exclusive venue.

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Disembark at Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station at around 1000 hrs. Pick up from railway station and then start the sightseeing of Delhi.

Visit India gate, Agrasen ki Baoli & drive pass Parliament & President house.

Have lunch in a restaurant. Then visit Akshardham Temple – One of the largest Hindu temple in world.

Evening free to stroll around near famous market of Delhi.

After dinner, timely transfer to airport to catch flight for onward destination.



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We arrive Agra.

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Later tour of the Agra Fort.

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Brunch on-board

Dinner on-board

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Dinner onboard as the train proceeds to Jaipur.

Day 04: Ranthambore - Pink City of Jaipur (B/L/D)

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Lunch on board.

Dinner at an exclusive venue.

Train proceeds to Bikaner.

Founded as a princely state in the 15th century, Bikaner became a British Protectorate in 1818 and home to one of the only two models of biplane used by the British Army during WWI. With sand dunes scattered across the city, Bikaner offers an ancient opulence with its rustic Junagarh Fort and Palace, made completely out of Red Sandstone and host to several empires. Nicknamed the Camel Country of India, Bikaner has some of the finest Camel breeds and home to world's largest camel breeding farm. Since the region is off the beaten track from the regular touristic cities of India, the experience here is much secluded





and private. Yearly two day celebrations of its foundation day 'Akshaya Tritiya' is a must experience with locals flying kites and preparing exclusive dishes.

Day 05: Jaipur - Rustic towns of Rajasthan (Bikaner & Jodhpur) (B/L/D)

After a leisurely breakfast and lunch onboard, proceed to visit inside the 1478 built Junagarh Fortress and Museum showcasing exquisite Rajasthani architecture.

One of India's most impressive fort, it was constructed between 1589 and 1593 by Raja Rai Singh, ruler of Bikaner and a general in the army of the Mughal emperor Akbar. The beautifully decorated Karan Mahal was the palace's Diwan-i-Am (Hall of Public Audience), built in the 17th and 18th centuries. Anup Mahal Chowk has lovely carved jarokhas (balcony windows) and jali screens, and was commissioned in the late 17th century by Maharaja Anup Mahal. Rooms off here include the sumptuous Anup Mahal, a hall of private audience with walls lacquered in red and gold, and the Badal Mahal (Cloud Palace), the walls of which are beautifully painted with blue cloud motifs and red and gold lightning.



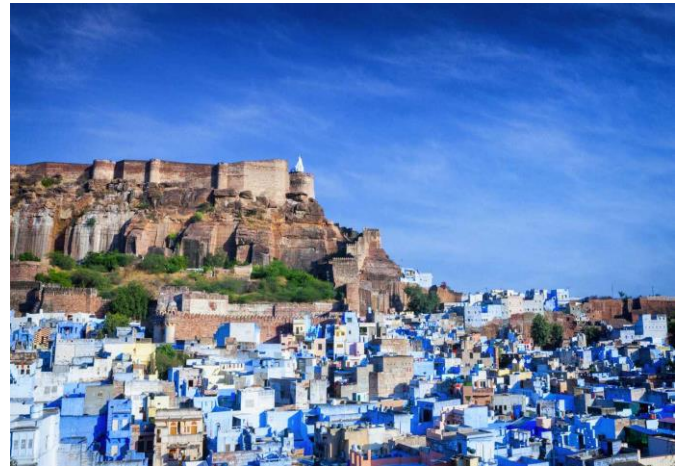
Followed by an exclusive bar-be-cue evening on the sand dunes. Train proceeds to Jodhpur, the blue washed city of rustic Rajasthan.

Day 06: Blue Washed City of Jodhpur (B/L/D)

Breakfast and lunch onboard.
Morning at leisure.

Post lunch proceed to visit the Mehrangarh and a Walking Tour of the Old Clock Tower Market.

This medieval Blue Painted City houses the Mighty Mehrangarh Fortress that is still run by the Royal Family of Jodhpur. Towering 120m above the skyline of Jodhpur and its array of blue shaded Traditional Houses in the Old City, a colour sacred to the highest caste of Hinduism the Brahmins'. Jodhpur is set in the stark of the Great Indian Thar Desert, and offers plenty to the modern traveller.



From its heritage palaces, forts, temples to glittering bazaars selling everything from trumpets to saris. Experience the buzz of Jodhpur and its legendary history. Outskirts of Jodhpur a town called Bishnoi is home to the infamous 15th century 'Bishnoi Village Tribes'.

Followed by dinner at an exclusive venue.

Train proceeds to Udaipur, the princely lake city of British Raj.

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. As capital of the old Mewar State it was the only Rajput stronghold to uphold its Hindu allegiance in the face of Muslim invasion. From the late 16th century, peace brought about an era of renaissance in the arts and encouraged the building of beautiful palaces around the lake, culminating in the City Palace, one of the largest palace complexes in the world. The lake itself is a romantic setting surrounding the gleaming white Lake Palace and the Jag Mandir, a refuge of the rebel Mughal prince, Shah Jahan, soon to be the creator of the incomparable Taj Mahal.



Day 07: Jodhpur - Udaipur (B/L/D)

After onboard breakfast proceed for boat ride on Lake Pichola for panoramic views of the glamour of royal India.

Next we visit to City Palace followed by lunch at an exclusive venue.

Surmounted by balconies, towers and cupolas towering over the lake, the imposing City Palace is Rajasthan's largest palace, with a facade 244m long and 30.4m high. Construction was begun in 1599 by Maharana Udai Singh II, the city's founder, and it later became a conglomeration of structures (including 11 separate smaller palaces) built and extended by various maharanas, though it still manages to retain a surprising uniformity of design.

Evening at leisure.

Dinner on board as train proceeds to Mumbai.

Formerly known as Bombay, Mumbai is India's dream city and often related to New York of India. Mumbai has lots to offer to the modern traveller, from its renowned Bollywood film industry, a fashion epicentre, colonial-era architecture, Gateway of India by waterfront, a home to Asia's largest slums to the world's most expensive home. Mumbai, with its Colonial and Art Deco buildings, tall skyscrapers, wild traffic and frenetic pace of life, is one of India's most intriguing cities.



Day 08: Udaipur - Mumbai + Departure (B/L/D)

Breakfast and lunch on board.

Train Journey ends in Mumbai. Then half day city tour in Mumbai. Visit most famous **Siddhivinayak Temple & Victoria Terminus**. Afternoon free for shopping in Colaba area. Dinner in restaurant then timely transfer to airport to catch the flight from its own direction.



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