



Welcome to

The Royal Rajasthan



SEE INDIA LIKE NEVER BEFORE ON
THE PALACE ON WHEELS TRAIN JOURNEY

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The Train Palace on Wheels

The Palace on Wheels luxury train takes you on a scintillating journey into the royal land of sand dunes and regal palaces. It carries with it an intrinsic ambience that goes perfectly well with the majestic charm and beauty spread so lavishly across the Indian terrain.

The journey starts every Wednesday evening from New Delhi and ends the following Wednesday early in the morning, back at the same station. In **7 Nights/8 Days** the train traverses over 3000 Kilometres .

On the Palace on Wheels, your journey is full of exuberance and luxurious feeling. A perfect chance to relive the era when kings and queens ruled; when royalty spelt magic; when charm and mysticism was in the air.

The train is completely self- sufficient and is fully air-conditioned, Each cabin has attached toilets, specially facilitated for the global luxury traveler with all modern amenities such as wifi, mini pantry, music channel, a safe, wall to wall carpeting etc. Each saloon also has a personal attendant, also known as khidmatgars, at your service.

The basic concept of India's first luxury train tour that still holds true today is - Overnight travel in comfortable AC sleeping chambers on the train and pre-arranged group sightseeing in the day by AC buses.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ 39 Deluxe Cabins and 2 Super Deluxe Cabins
- ★ Restaurant Cars with Bar Lounges
- ★ 1 Spa Car
- ★ Complimentary Wi-Fi
- ★ Exclusive Butler

HISTORY

On rolling back wheels of time, we find the rulers of princely states of Rajputana, Gujarat, the Nizam of Hyderabad and the Viceroy of British India travelled by these luxurious coaches. After independence, these coaches were parked and remained in this state for a quarter of a century until in 1981-82, when the Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation and Indian Railways launched a special heritage tourist train for providing a unique memorable experience to the tourists visiting Rajasthan.



Explore the majestic land of Rajasthan and experience a journey worthy of the Maharajas of yore. Rajasthan opens its treasure chest and presents all its mystical charms for the astute guests aboard Palace on Wheels train.



Day 1
New Delhi

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Jaipur

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*Day 1
New Delhi*

Day 1 (Wednesday): New Delhi Depart

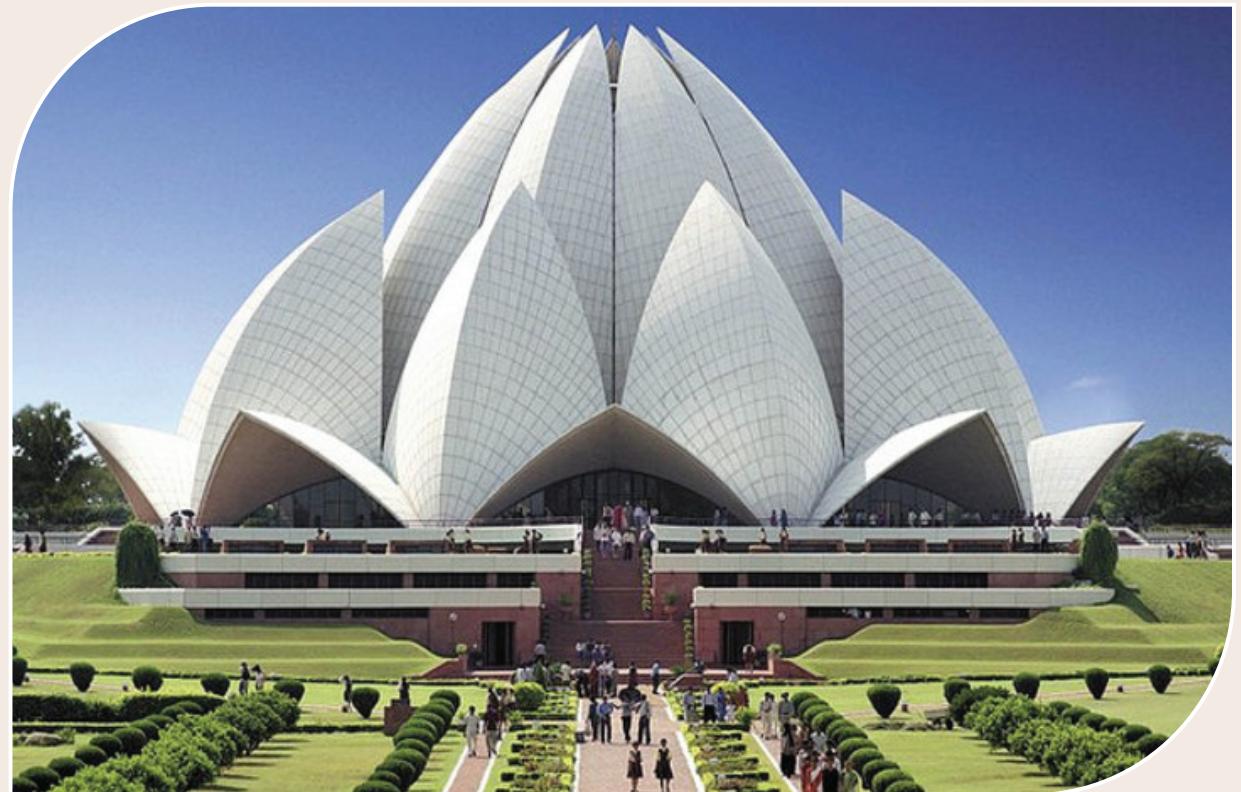
Report by 4:30PM at Safdarjung Railway Station for traditional welcome including garlanding, tikka and turban & check-in formalities for the 'Week in Wonderland' train tour. Time free for photo-shoot with traditionally attired Palace On Wheels staff. Be escorted to your saloon cabins by personal attendant for briefing on cabin facilities. At leisure, proceed to Bar Lounge for complimentary welcome drink. The train departs at 6:30PM & dinner served onboard.

Red Fort



The capital of India, the city of New Delhi has been under the reign of various kings and emperors over a long period of time. This means that there are many such beautiful amazingly enchanting monuments. One such is the Red Fort also called the 'Lal Qila' in India. This eminent fort was the place of shelter for the Mughal emperors for more than 200 years.

Lotus Temple



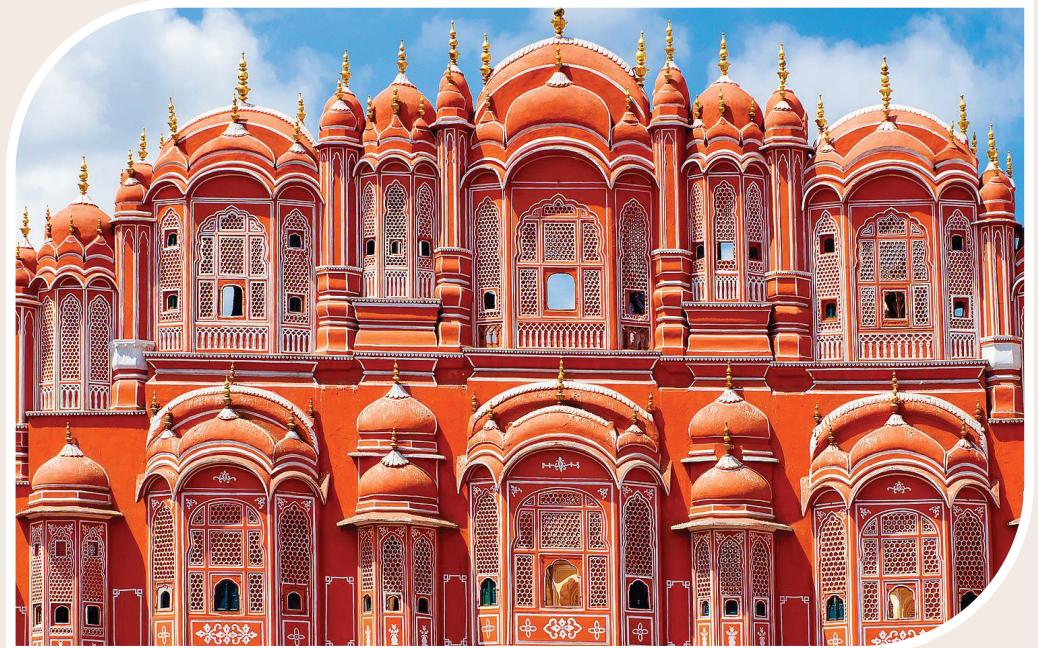
The Lotus Temple also referred as the Bahai House of Worship or the Bahai Temple. The Lotus Temple is considered to be quite an imperative landmark in New Delhi. The unique characteristics of the temple make it one of the most highly visited edifices nationally as well as globally. the Lotus Temple is popular for its individual discrete cultural individuality exemplifying the belief of harmony in diversity. The Lotus Temple follows the principles mentioned in the Bahai texts and thus, welcomes people from all walks of life irrespective of their caste, religion or other sorts of dissimilarity.

*Day 2
Jaipur*

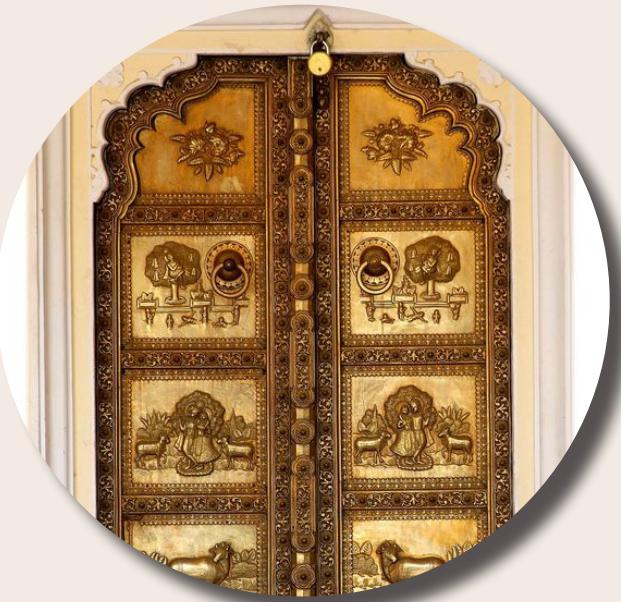
Day 2 (Wednesday): Jaipur, The Pink City

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Day 3
Ranthambhore
Morning

Day 3 (Friday Afternoon) : Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve

After an early morning at 6:30 AM in a forest lodge, proceed to jungle safari in 15-seater canters inside Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve. One of the most popular reserves in India with a rich history; the jungle is home to Tigers, Panthers, Sloth bears, Pythons, Marsh crocodiles, hundreds of deers and numerous birds. Truly a delight for wildlife lovers.

Return back to Sawai Madhopur Railway Station and depart on train by 10:00 AM. Lunch is prepared onboard.

Day 3
Chittorgarh
Afternoon

Day 3 (Friday Early Morning): Chittorgarh Hill Fort

At 04:00PM the Palace on Wheels train reaches Chittorgarh Railway Station. Begin excursion to UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hill Fort of Chittorgarh, spread over a huge plateau - with history dating back to 11th century. It is considered to be the largest fort of India.

In the Evening, enjoy Sound & Light program in fort complex & later return to train for dinner. The train departs post midnight.

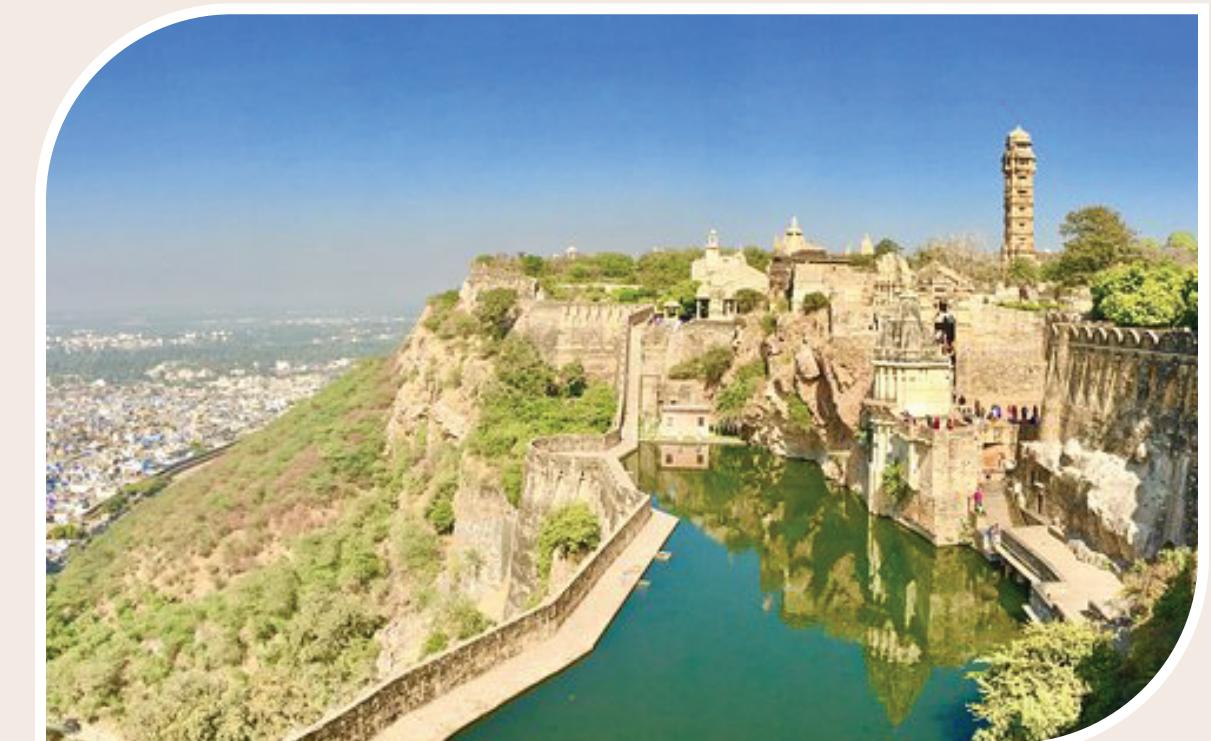
Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve



Ranthambore National Park was established initially as Sawai Madhopur Game Sanctuary in 1955 by the Government of India. In 1973, it was declared as one of the Project Tiger reserves in India.



Chittorgarh Fort



*Day 4
Udaipur
The City of Lakes*

Day 4 (Saturday): Udaipur, the City of Lakes

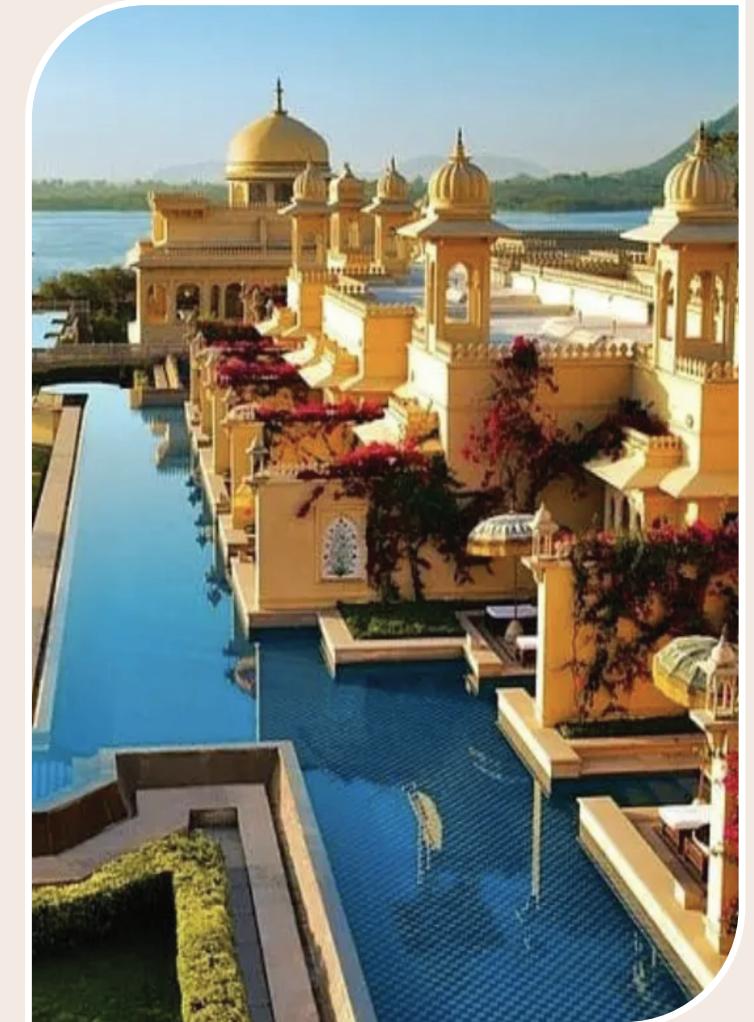
Train arrives by 08:00AM. After onboard breakfast proceed to visit 17th Century built - City Palace complex with eleven constituent Mahaals, balconies, towers and cupolas. Also visit Crystal Gallery - housing personal collection of H.H. of Udaipur.

Later enjoy boat ride around the world famous "Lake Palace Hotel" atop a small island in the middle of Lake Pichola. Lunch is held at the majestic Fatehprakash Palace Hotel.

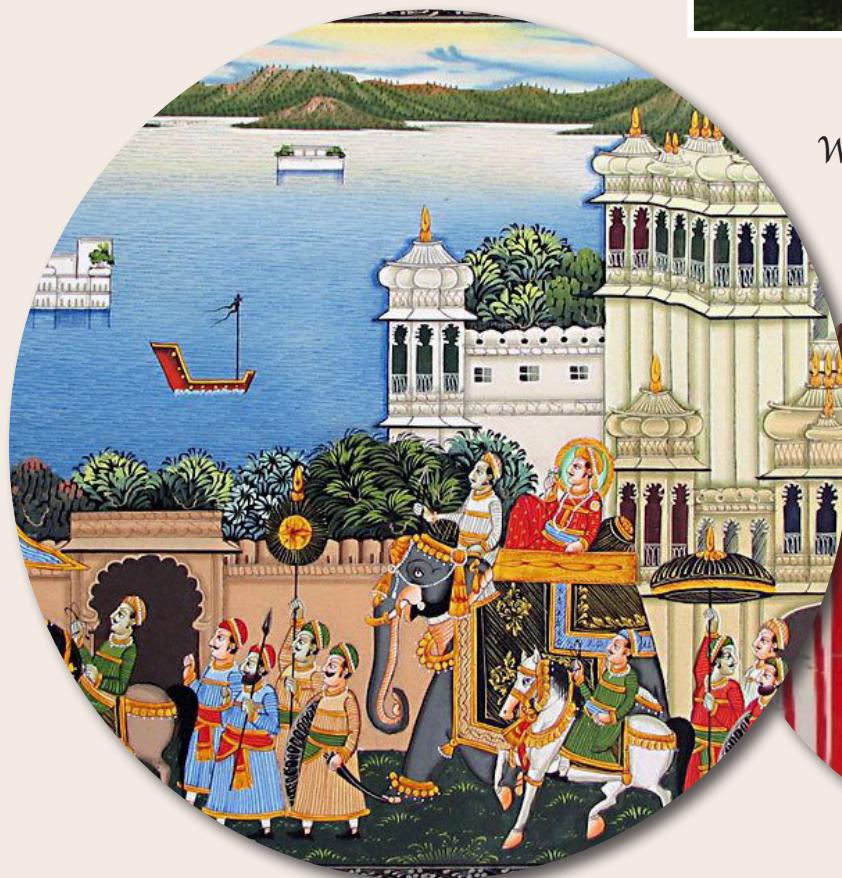
Later, you get time free for shopping followed by a visit to the Royal Gardens at Saheliyon Ki Bari. return to train by 3 pm & depart. Dinner onboard.

City Palace

Located in Rajasthan, the City of Lakes or India's very own Venice, Udaipur, is a prime destination to absorb all the good things offered by India's most charming state. Its location around a series of man-made lakes makes it a highly desirable spot, with close proximity to other beautiful cities of Rajasthan



Jal Mahal



Wall Paintings



Day 5
Jaisalmer
Oasis in the Desert

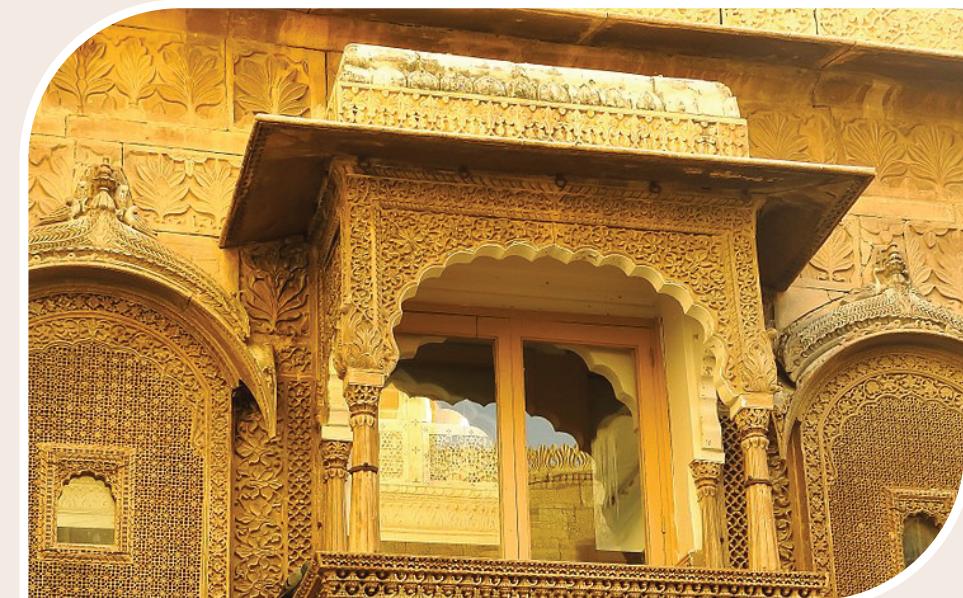
Jaisalmer Fort is located in the magnificent city of Jaisalmer in Rajasthan. Set on the Tri-kuta Hill in the midst of the vast Thar Desert, this fort is an epitome of strength and symbolizes the power of the Rajput dynasty. Constructed way back in the 12th century by the mighty Rawal Jaisal, this imposing fort is famed to be one of the largest ever built.

Day 5 (Sunday): Jaisalmer, Oasis in the Desert

After onboard Breakfast proceed by 09:30AM to **UNESCO World Heritage Site** of Jaisalmer Fort, which seems straight out of an Arabian Nights fable. Enjoy a leisurely walk through the 15th century built living Fort complex, standing at a height of hundred meters over Jaisalmer town & glows golden in the afternoon sun. The fort is entered through a forbidding series of massive gates leading to a large courtyard.

Then visit Patwon ki Haveli, one of the largest and most elaborate mansion houses .-which is five storey high & extensively carved. Nearby is located a group of 15th century built Jain Temples, which are beautifully carved & have a library hosting some of the oldest manuscripts of India.

Proceed for Lunch to 5-Star Hotel & later return to train for brief rest and tea. At 4:30PM proceed for excursion to Sam sand Dunes in Thar Desert for Camel joy ride during sunset. Later enjoy Cultural Program & Dinner at 5-Star Hotel. Return to train by 10:00PM & depart.

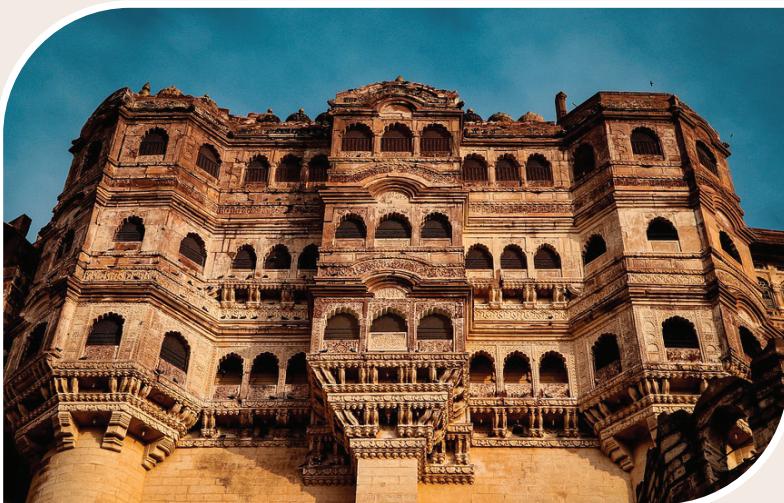


Day 6
Jodhpur,
Heart of Marwar

Day 6 (Monday): Jodhpur, Heart of Marwar

Train arrives at 08:00 AM in Jodhpur and after on-board breakfast proceed for sightseeing of 16th century built Mehrangarh Fort, atop a rocky hill which soars 125 Mts. above Jodhpur town. The Palace complex it is approached by a series of gateways set at an angle so that enemy armies could not charge, with any success. Once past the Fort gates, you have access to breath taking Palatial Apartments (Mahal), overlooking wide courtyards. Inside the fort complex is a museum having wide & impressive collection of Royal dresses & Medieval weapons. Nearby the Fort complex is located, late 19th century built Jaswant Thada, a cluster of royal cenotaphs in white marble. Later visit museum at Umaid Bhawan Palace, displaying personal artifacts of H.H. Maharaja of Jodhpur. Lunch is served at Hanwant Mahal Boutique Restaurant. Return to Palace on Wheels train and depart by 3:30PM. Dinner is served on-board.

The former capital of Marwar, Jodhpur, is one of the most enchanting cities of Rajasthan, with its mighty Mehrangarh fort overlooking the city. Jodhpur has long history of various traditions which are followed till date. Some local festivals which may interest visitors, are Marwar festivals, Gangaur, Veerpuri fair, Holi, Diwali. These festivals are celebrated amidst great cheer and religious fervency. The entire city dons a colorful and gay look. The age old traditions and culture of Jodhpur City interest most tourists who undertake a visit to this city.



Ghoomar or Ghumar is a **traditional folk dance** of Rajasthan. It was Bhil tribe who performed it to worship Goddess Sarasvati which was later embraced by other Rajasthani communities. The dance is chiefly performed by veiled women who wear flowing dresses called ghaghara.



Gair is another famous **folk dance** form by the Bhil community and this dance performance mostly taken place during the festivals like Holi and Janmashtami. Both men and women perform this dance form in colorful traditional attires. Men attires look attractive in long skirts and also they handle sticks for rhythmic beats. The dance formations in clockwise and anti-clockwise moves according to the music beats attracts everyone.

*Day 7
Bhatarpur
Bird Sanctuary*

Day 7 (Tuesday Early Morning): Bhatarpur Bird Sanctuary

At 06:30 AM proceed to UNESCO world Heritage Site of Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary & enjoy cycle rickshaw ride to view many of 375 species of both local & migratory birds (from places like Sri-Lanka, Europe, Siberia, China and Tibet). Return to train for breakfast & depart by 08:45 AM.



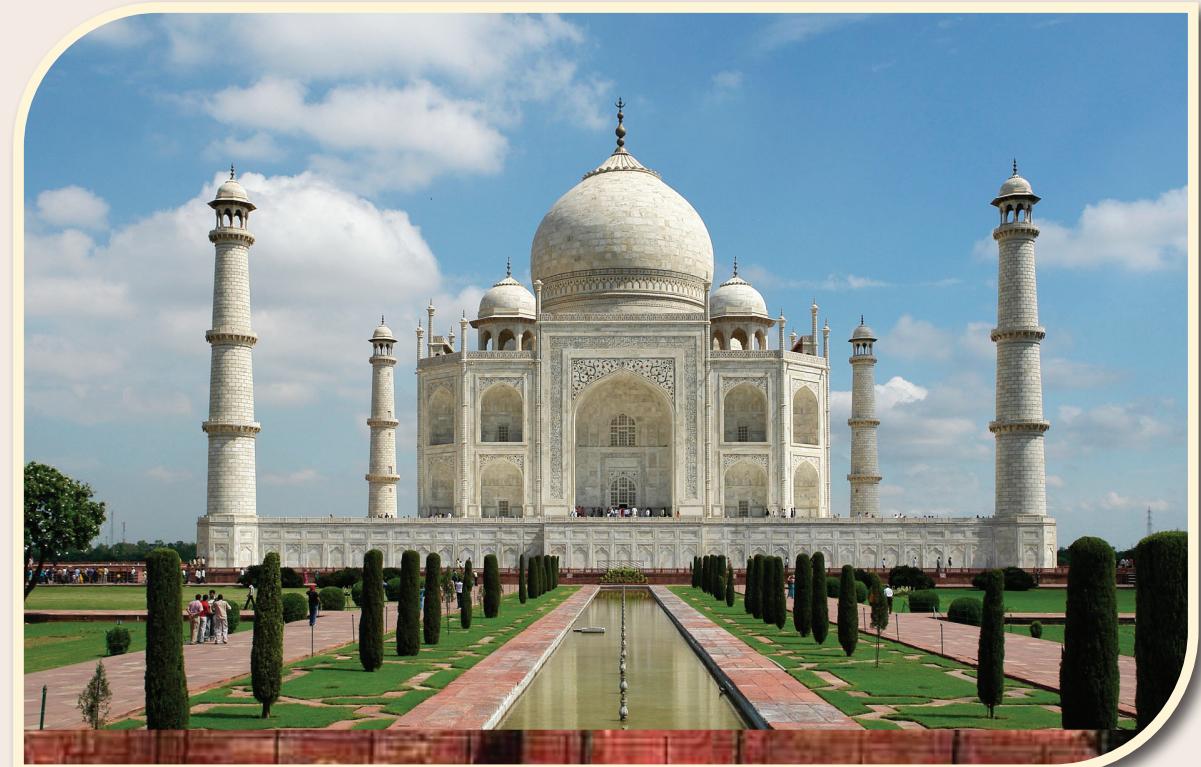
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Agra,
City of the Taj Mahal*

Day 8 (Tuesday Noon): Agra, City of the Taj Mahal

Train drops you at Railway station on outskirts of Agra at 10:30 AM. The sightseeing tour starts with a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Agra Fort, the seat of power of the once mighty Mughal Empire. Lunch at ITC Mughal Hotel is followed by a visit to the majestic Taj Mahal, one of seven wonders of modern world & a flawless architectural wonder built in white marble. Afterwards, guests have some time free for shopping.

Then return to train for onboard dinner & depart.

Taj Mahal



Taj Mahal is an immense mausoleum of white marble, built in Agra between 1631 and 1648 by order of the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his favourite wife.

It was commissioned in 1632 by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan to house the tomb of his favourite wife, Mumtaz Mahal; it also houses the tomb of Shah Jahan himself.





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