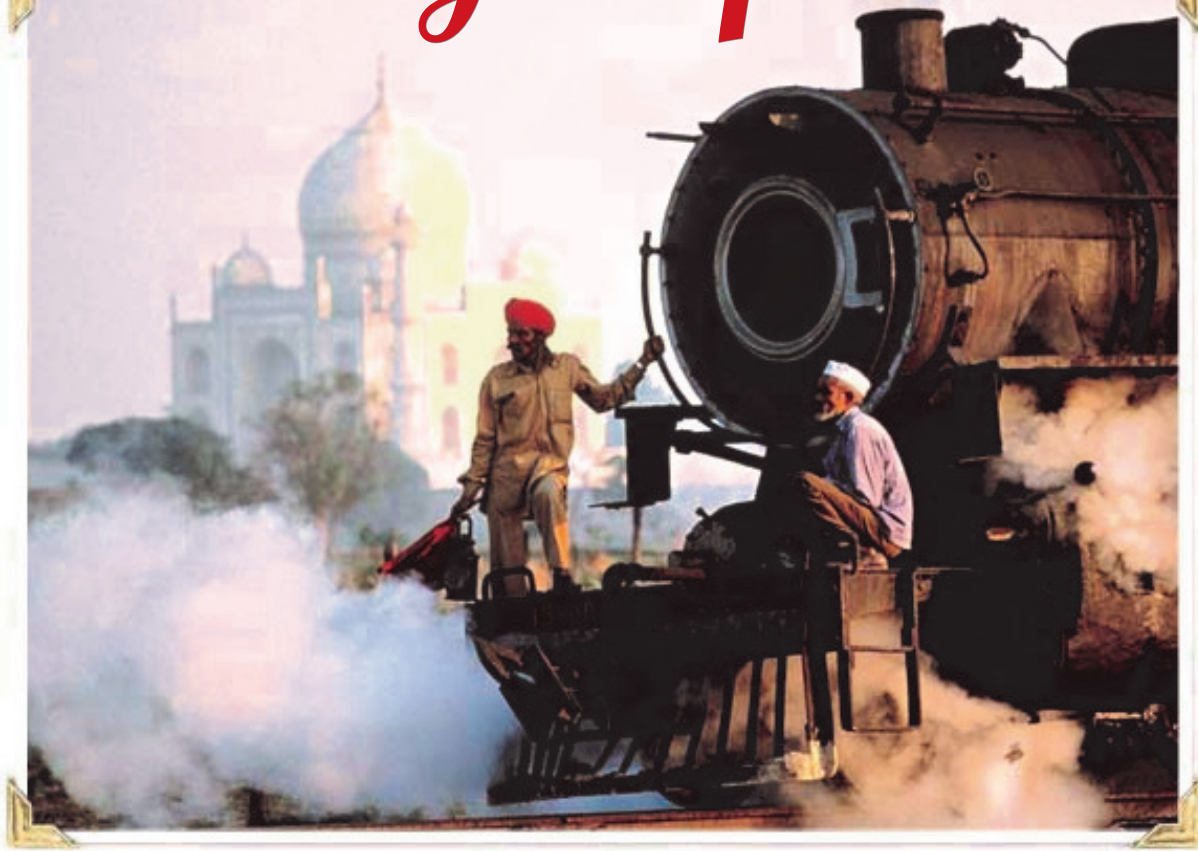


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Travel in utmost luxury onboard the Maharajas' Express train for a seven night journey that takes you to the beautiful cave paintings at Ajanta, the shimmering Lake City of Udaipur and the majestic fort at Jodhpur. Enjoy sunset cocktails on the sand dunes at Bikaner, the colourful Pink City of Jaipur, and if you are lucky, see at close quarters the legendary tigers at Ranthambore. Sunrise views of the magnificent Taj Mahal are included, and the train journey is combined with stays in 5 star hotels in Mumbai and Delhi, making this an incomparable, not to be missed experience.

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ITINERARY

Thu 03 Apr - Arrive Mumbai

Arrive in Mumbai today where you will be met and transferred to the **Trident Hotel Nariman Point** for a two night stay. (D)

Fri 04 Apr - Mumbai

Enjoy a morning excursion by ferry to the Elephanta Caves, a series of rock-cut cave temples. After lunch at Khyber Restaurant situated in the heart of Mumbai's art district, take a city tour visiting Gateway of India, Mumbai's principle landmark, the Aquarium, Jain Temple, Hanging Gardens on the slopes of Malabar Hill, and Dhobi Ghat. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure. (B,L)

Sat 05 Apr - Mumbai

Free time until check out from the hotel and transfer to the **Taj Mahal Palace Hotel** for a mid afternoon welcome and registration for your train journey on the Maharajas' Express. You will be transferred to the Mumbai Chatrapati Shivaji Terminus Railway Station to board the train for a 16:40 departure. There is plenty of time to settle into your cabin before dinner this evening. (B,D)

Sun 06 Apr - Arrive Ajanta

An early breakfast will be served before an excursion to Ajanta Caves, a series of Buddhist caves dating back to the 2nd century BC. Return to the Maharajas' Express for lunch, then relax and watch the passing scene as you journey on to Udaipur. (B,L,D)

Mon 07 Apr - Udaipur

Wake up with views of the picturesque region of Mewar from your window, admiring the magnificent landscape of the Aravali Hills. Arrival into Udaipur is scheduled for mid morning, a city of white marble palaces, placid lakes and green hills. A sightseeing tour will include the City Palace and Crystal Gallery (Audio Tour) before lunch at Satkar Hall of the Fateh Prakash Palace. After lunch it is your choice to either return to the train for a relaxed afternoon or take a shopping tour that includes a visit to a centre for miniature painting - a famous art form of Udaipur. Other options include activities like Spa facilities at a 5 star hotel, Sound & Light show at City Palace or a visit to the Vintage Car Museum and Boat Cruise on Lake Pichola. Dinner is served onboard the train before leaving on the overnight journey to Jodhpur. (B,L,D)

Tue 08 Apr - Jodhpur

The train enters the Marwar region with views of desert landscapes as you enjoy a leisurely breakfast. Relax onboard or take an optional visit to Bishnoi, an ancient eco village. After lunch onboard disembark at the Blue City of Jodhpur, famous for its magnificent forts and palaces and home to some of the finest architectural wonders. Proceed on a walking tour of the Old Clock Tower market and magnificent Meherangarh Fort. An exclusive cocktail dinner at Hanwant Mahal is included this evening. Return to the comfort of the Maharajas' Express for the overnight journey to Bikaner. (B,L,D)

Wed 09 Apr - Bikaner

Arrive in Bikaner late morning where you can choose an optional visit to the Lallgarh Palace Museum or Deshnok (the Rat Temple) or a private shopping tour for Kundan Jewellery. After lunch onboard, visit Junagath Fort, then travel a short distance into the desert to Gajner Palace for sunset cocktails and a barbeque in the sand dunes. The train travels through the night towards Jaipur. (B,L,D)

Thu 10 Apr - Jaipur

Arrive at the Pink City of Jaipur in time for an exhibition Elephant Polo Match followed by champagne lunch at Jai Mahal Palace Hotel. During the afternoon visit the imposing Amber Fort or choose from a range of optional activities such as private shopping tours, spa sessions, or golfing at Rambagh Golf club. Dinner is on the train

before leaving for Sawai Madhopur near Ranthambore National Park. (B,L,D)

Fri 11 Apr - Ranthambore - Fatehpur Sikri

There is an early start this morning to experience an exciting wild-life viewing safari in Ranthambore National Park. Once the hunting ground of maharajas, the park is a haven for a range of wildlife including deer, monkeys, peacocks and tigers. A hearty lunch is served on the Maharajas' Express as you travel on for two hours to Fatehpur Sikri, the deserted Mughal city. Tour the abandoned red sandstone terraces and buildings. It is Indian Night onboard for dinner tonight. Travel overnight towards Agra. (B,L,D)

Sat 12 Apr - Agra - Delhi

The train arrives in Agra early enough for a sunrise visit to the magnificent white marble masterpiece, the Taj Mahal! This is followed by a champagne breakfast atop Taj Khema with views of the Taj Mahal. Reboard the train for the last leg of the journey to Delhi, arriving mid afternoon. Bid farewell to the Maharajas' Express before being transferred to **The Imperial Hotel Delhi**, for a two night stay. (B,L)

Sun 13 Apr - Delhi

Enjoy a guided tour of Old & New Delhi today. Take a rickshaw or walk through Chadni Chowk Bazaar and tour Jama Masjid Mosque - the largest in India. Drive to New Delhi past the imposing India Gate, the Parliament building and the Presidential Rastrapathi Bhawan, and visit Qutub Minar. (B)

Mon 14 Apr - Depart Delhi

Check out is at noon but you may leave your luggage with the hotel concierge until time for your transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

TOUR PRICE

\$10980 per person, twin share
\$7465 single supplement

Price includes:

- 5* hotel accommodation - 2 nights in Mumbai, 2 nights in Delhi
- Maharajas' Express 7 night Heritage of India rail journey, with accommodation in deluxe cabins, fully inclusive of all meals and local wines and beers
- Sightseeing as listed with entrance fees included
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- All current Indian Government service charges and taxes, including 3.09% VAT
- InterAsia Travel bag

Price excludes:

- Optional tours as indicated in the itinerary
- International airfares
- Visa fees

Tour prices are based on a minimum of 2 passengers and are subject to change.

ABOUT THE MAHARAJAS' EXPRESS

The most luxurious train in India features 14 guest carriages with plush accommodation - 20 deluxe cabins, 18 junior suites, 4 suites and a Presidential Suite. All cabins have individual climate control and are equipped with amenities such as bathroom, Wi-Fi internet, electronic safe, live TV with satellite channels and direct dial phones. Dining onboard is in two restaurants offering gourmet delights.

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