



The Indian Splendour (8 Days/7 Nights)

(Delhi - Agra - Ranthambore - Jaipur - Bikaner - Jodhpur - Udaipur - Balasinor – Mumbai)

Day 01

Saturday

Welcome Onboard as we proceed to Agra.

Welcome aboard the Maharajas' Express.

This evening, assemble at the Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station at 2045 hours and complete your registration and check in formalities for the Maharajas' Express, as you enjoy sipping into your welcome drink enjoying the Instrumental Music. Dinner shall be served onboard 2100 hours onwards.

The Maharajas' Express departs Delhi at 2300 hours for Agra.

Dinner on board.

Overnight on the Maharajas' Express.

Day 02

Sunday

Agra

Arrive into Agra – the Jewel of India.

Early this morning, disembark to visit the world famous Taj Mahal (one of the Seven Wonders of the World), built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as the mausoleum for his favourite queen Mumtaz Mahal. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, this incomparable marvel is constructed entirely out of white marble and is an architectural masterpiece with beautiful inlay work and marble screens.

Later, enjoy Champagne breakfast at Taj Khema, a tableland overlooking the magnificent Taj!

Following breakfast, return to the train. Or you may choose to take an optional tour to the Itmad-ud-Daula or Spa at a five star hotel or Private Shopping Tour.

After a leisurely lunch onboard visit the Agra Fort or you may choose from one of the optional activities like spa facilities at a five star hotel or a private shopping tour or visit Fatehpur Sikri or Mohabbat the Taj show.

Please contact the Guest Relations Executive for the optional activities.

Return to the comfort of the train and continue your journey to Sawai Madhopur (Ranthambore).

Breakfast at Taj Khema; Lunch and Dinner on board.

Overnight on the Maharajas' Express.



Day 03
Monday

Sawai Madhopur (Ranthambore) - Jaipur

On arrival into Sawai Madhopur, early in the morning, get ready for an exciting safari to the 'Ranthambore National Park'. Originally the private hunting ground of the Maharajas of Jaipur, Ranthambore was declared a National Park in 1973. The Park is famous for its open sightings of tigers, sambar, chital, nilgai, chinkara, wild boar, sloth bear, hyena, jackal and leopard. The safari cannot be compared to that of Africa and you are indeed fortunate if you spot the elusive tiger or the shy leopard.

Proceed for an early morning exciting game drive. The safari is carried out in open vehicles and the ride is quite bumpy. One must carry adequate warm clothes for winter months.

Return to the train for a relaxed breakfast. Unwind over lunch as your journey continues to Jaipur. Jaipur, the capital and the largest city of Rajasthan was built by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, the ruler of Amber in the 18th century. It is renowned for its magnificent palaces, forts and temples, jewellery and blue pottery.

After lunch disembark to visit the Jantar Mantar (Observatory). The Jantar Mantar at Jaipur is a collection of 19 astronomical instruments, built in 138 CE by the Rajput ruler Sawai Jai Singh. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage site, it has the world's largest stone sundial.

You may choose to participate in one of the optional tours. Enjoy spa facilities at a five star hotel or proceed on a private shopping tour or visit the City Palace Museum.

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Proceed for an exclusive royal experience. Your arrival at the venue will be accompanied by the band and the beating of 'Nagadas' (Indian drums). You shall also have an opportunity to indulge with the elephants – paint them, feed them or opt for a joy ride. Later, enjoy Cocktail dinner over sparkling wine at the venue.

Following dinner, return to the station and board the train for your onward journey to Bikaner.

Breakfast and lunch on board; Dinner at an exclusive venue (City Palace or Jai Mahal Palace).

Overnight on the Maharajas' Express.

Day 04
Tuesday

Bikaner

Enjoy your journey through the country side with breakfast on board.

Late morning at around 1000 hours, arrive into the desert citadel of Bikaner and relax on board or you may choose to embark on one of the optional tours. Visit the Lalgarh Palace Museum displaying some fascinating exhibits on the royal heritage of Bikaner or another intriguing optional is an excursion to the Karni Mata Temple in Deshnok, popularly known as the "Rat Temple".

The temple complex has hundreds of rats swarming the courtyard, an integral part of the temple rituals and



customs as they are considered very sacred.

Please contact the Guest Relations

Executive for the optional activities.

Following your participation in any one of the optional tours, return to the train for lunch.

Following lunch, disembark and proceed on a visit to the Junagarh Fort, an unassailable fortress built in 1593 AD by Raja Rai Singh. While the fort is a formidable structure encircled by a moat, its real beauty lies inside. Be overwhelmed by the Diwan-i-Khas, Phool Mahal (Flower Palace), Hawa Mahal, Badal Mahal and Anup Mahal.

Later experience the royal pageantry as a convoy of camel carts accompanied by musicians takes you for a Sundowner in the Sand Dunes. Enjoy cocktails, savour traditional mouth watering barbecue delicacies as you enjoy traditional folk arts like the Langaas and Kalbeliyas.

Later return to the comfort of your train by 2115 hours and embark on your onward journey to Jodhpur.

Breakfast and Lunch on board; evening barbeque on dunes.

Overnight on the Maharajas' Express.

Day 05 Wednesday

Jodhpur

This morning, the Maharajas' Express, continues her journey into the stronghold of the Marwar region. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast on board. The morning is at leisure on board or you may participate in one of the optional tours. Embark on a village safari to the Bishnoi village or enjoy spa facilities at a 5 star hotel or Private Shopping Tour or Visit to Umaid Bhawan Palace Museum and Jaswant Thada.

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Return to the train for lunch on-board.

Post lunch visit the magnificent Meherangarh Fort. Admire the intricate latticed windows, elaborately carved panels and elegantly curved porches followed by a walking tour of the Old Clock Tower Market. As you reach the Market on Tuk Tuks, get a glimpse of the daily lifestyle of the local residents, passing some of the oldest houses and havelis.

Enjoy an exclusive Cocktail evening with a wide array of sumptuous Marwar Culinary delights served at the Hanwant Mahal as you admire the cityscape with the Umaid Bhawan Palace forming the backdrop.

Return to the train and continue your journey to picturesque Udaipur.

Breakfast and Lunch on board; Cocktail dinner at Hanwant Mahal.

Overnight on the Maharajas' Express.

Day 06 Thursday

Udaipur

This morning you will wake up in the picturesque region of Mewar, one of the most popular and royal states of the Rajputana. Admire the magnificent landscape of the Aravali Hills arriving into Udaipur - the City of Lakes.

Disembark the train at 1000 hours as you begin your visit with a boat ride on Lake Pichola. Following the boat



ride, visit the City Palace, the largest palace arches, fretted balconies, and cupolas. Visit peacocks; Moti Mahal with beautiful ornamental tiles and the spectacular Zenana and the Darbar Hall with an audio guide. Feel like a king as you experience the hospitality at the Satkar Hall of Fateh Prakash Palace reminiscent of the ancient Mewar glory. Feast your taste buds over a spread of Indian cuisine.

complex in Rajasthan, with its scalloped Mor Chowk and see its lavish mosaics of mirror work; Chini Mahal covered in Mahal where-after visit The Crystal Gallery

Following lunch return to the train for a relaxed afternoon on board. Or you have the option of enjoying spa facilities at a five star hotel.

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Maharajas' Express proceeds for Balasinor at 2000 hrs.

Breakfast on board; Lunch in Satkar Hall of Fateh Prakash Palace; Dinner on board

Overnight on the Maharajas' Express.

Day 07

Friday

Balasinor

Today you arrive into the princely state of the Babi dynasty. Enjoy an early morning breakfast at 0630 hours on board as you arrive into the Sevalia Station. Disembark at 0815 hours and drive down to Balasinor.

Visit the Dinosaur Fossil Park where the fossilized dinosaur remains of at least 13 species and eggs have earned Balasinor the name of India's Jurassic Park, followed by a village walking tour. Later proceed to the 'Garden Palace' for a warm welcome by the royal family.

Following a sumptuous lunch hosted by the royal family return to the comfort of the Maharajas' Express for the last leg of your journey. Enjoy an 'Indian Evening' on board, raising a toast to a memorable experience.

Breakfast on board; Lunch at 'Garden Palace'; Dinner on board.

Overnight on the Maharajas' Express.

Day 08

Saturday

Disembark in Mumbai

Early this morning, after breakfast, you will disembark at around 0830 hours at Lokmanya Tilak Terminus (LTT) in the financial capital city of Mumbai. Bid farewell to the Maharajas' Express as your 'The Indian Splendour' journey comes to an end. The royal journey is over, but the memory of which, will live on forever!

Breakfast on the Maharajas' Express.



Note:

1. All 'Options' / 'Optional Tours' are on chargeable basis and are subject to availability. Details and pricing will be made available on board during the journey.
2. 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.
3. 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.