

Palace on Wheels

9 days – 8 nights

**Delhi, Jaipur, Sawai Madhopur, Chittorgarh, Udaipur, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Bharatpur, Agra
Luxury, Nature, Relaxation, Photography, Culture, History**

**This program may be operated for individual or for small groups
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize**

Travel on the iconic Palace on Wheels train, comfortably visiting those essential places in northern India. It is the most sold and demanded train in India.

Day 1 - Tue: Delhi

After arrival at Delhi airport you'll be met and transferred to your hotel in the city.

Day 2 - Wed: Delhi, Jaipur

Today we will visit Old and New Delhi, starting with Jamma Masjid, the largest mosque in India. Later, we approach Raj Ghat, where Ghandi was cremated, to continue with a panoramic view of the government buildings along the Raj Path and the imposing Gate of India. Lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, we will visit the Birla Temple and the Sikh Temple, which will surprise us with the deep religiosity of the parishioners. We will also visit the impressive 236-foot high Qutub Minar Minaret. After the visits, transfer to Safdarjung station, where we will embark on the fascinating Palace on Wheels. After check-in formalities there is a traditional Indian welcome by the train staff with garlanding, tikka and turban. Afterwards, you will be escorted to your luxurious cabin. The journey will begin in the evening. Enjoy a sumptuous dinner and overnight stay onboard while the train moves towards its first destination – Jaipur. [B/L/D]

Day 3 – Thu: Jaipur

The first destination of the trip is Jaipur, city of the Maharajas (Kings), splendid palaces and impressive forts. Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan, was established in 1727 by Maharaja Jai Singh II and is among the most beautiful cities of India. Jaipur owes the surname “pink city” to the colorfully painted houses in the old city. The buildings of Jaipur were painted pink during the 19th century for the visit of Prince Albert, the husband of the British queen Victoria. In Rajasthan, pink is also the traditional color of hospitality. In Jaipur, you visit the city palace with that “Sawai Singh museum” which houses an impressive collection of furniture, jewelry, miniature paintings, textiles, manuscripts, carpets and weapons out of the period of the Rajput rulers. Further, it goes to the Jantar Mantar, the largest of the six observatories built by Maharaja Jai Singh II in different parts of India. Jai Singh II was himself an astronomer; therefore, he designed some of the instruments you will see. The highlight of the tour is the symbol of Jaipur: The “Palace of Winds”, a five-story pageant construction with a honeycombed facade made of red and pink sandstone. This impressive building was made in 1799 for queens so they could watch the royal procession. From here, one has a fantastic view over the entire city. After lunch in the Rambagh-Palace Heritage Hotel, a former Maharaja palace, you travel on to Amber and see the world-famous fort palace with its unique mirror halls. After sightseeing we will make our way to the vibrant and colorful local bazaars of Jaipur. Return to the train for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

Day 4 – Fri: Sawai Madhopur, Chittorgarh

Sawai Madhopur is named after its founder, Maharaja Sawai Madho Singh I. Steeped in history, this city counts as one of the most visited places in Rajasthan. It is the gateway to the world-famous Ranthambore National Park, a wild sanctuary with innumerable animal and plant species. Here you witness Chinkara (Indian Gazelle), Spotted Deer and Sambar Deer (also known Swamp Deer), Hyenas, Crocodiles and of course Tigers in the wild. The former hunt district of the Maharaja of Jaipur was declared a national park in 1980. Enjoy an exciting wildlife Safari and then be treated to a delightful breakfast at the jungle lodge after which we get back on board the Palace on Wheels and continue to Chittorgarh a city known distinctively for its classic stories of heroes and heroines, triumphs over its enemies and dedication to religion. Lunch will be served on board. Visit Chittorgarh Fort, whose

preserved palaces and temples still narrate the epic tales of heroes and heroines, conquests and religious devotion. According to its history, the city of Chittorgarh with its imposing fort that sits on a three-mile-long knoll was raided three times. Chittaurgarh Fort which is said to be India's largest fort is another place of interest that we will visit. It was constructed during the period from the 5th to the 8th century by the Mauriyan leaders. Covering some 680 acres this vast area consists of beautiful palaces, exquisite temples, and striking towers. It is a fantastic tour from beginning to end, starting with your entrance at the fort through seven ceremonial gates. You must make it a point to see the Rana Kumbha palace and Padmini Palace in the fort, which many consider to be the prized- features of Rajput. [B/L/D]

Day 5 – Sat: Udaipur

Udaipur, on the bank of the spectacular Pichola Lake, is the economic and cultural center of the Mewar region and one of the most romantic cities of Rajasthan. Nestled at the foot of the Aravalli mountain range, Udaipur is designated also as a "Venice of the East" – a popular place for poets, painters and writers. Udaipur is a kaleidoscope of magical palaces, lakes, temple, gardens and small alleys that witness the heroic past. The city that was established in 1568 by Maharaja Udai Singh embodies a harmonious mixture of blooming white houses, splendid palaces, flourishing gardens, temples and Havelis (mansion). In the town of Udaipur, we will visit the imposing City Palace, the largest in Rajasthan, with a wealth of Mughal architectural styles. Inside the palace you will find an exclusive and amazing variety of wall art, traditional miniature paintings, mirror work and artifacts. Added to that, inside the museum is the Mor Chowk (peacock courtyard) with elaborate inlays and mosaics of Rajasthan's beloved bird, the peacock. Making your way through the narrow bazaar lanes and being amongst a large display of fabulous creations makes your time in Udaipur even more thrilling. After a delicious lunch, it is time for one of the most memorable moments of your itinerary in Rajasthan. We will go on a private cruise on the amazing Lake Pichola, where you will pass by the famed Taj Lake Palace Hotel and the unbelievable Jag Mandir Island that rises from its waters. Return to the train for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

Day 6 – Sun: Jaisalmer

In the heart of the Thar Desert lies Jaisalmer – the "golden city". Its landmark is the medieval fort made of yellow sandstone that raises itself majestically out of the glittering desert sand. The beginnings of the city date back to the Bhatti-king Rawal Jaisal, who established Jaisalmer in 1156. Jaisalmer fort, with 5000 inhabitants, is the only living fort of the world. This kept the city safe within the fort walls and resisted all attacks during the past centuries. The houses out of the 12th through 15th centuries are decorated with fine carvings and are maintained so well, that it gives the impression of a gigantic museum. A breathtaking drama offers itself at sunset. If the night sinks itself over the desert, the sky inflames in a red golden glow. Jaisalmer's great prosperity is a direct result of its vicinity to the earliest camel routes to Afghanistan and Pakistan. It is well known that the merchants in those times flaunted their wealth by building beautiful havelis, with galleries that were ornately decorated and wonderfully painted exteriors of yellow-sandstone, skillfully built by the artisans of that day. Both the inside and outside of these havelis will take you through a fairy tale adventure. See Some of the best havelis with Patwon-Ki-Haveli being the most extravagant. After a short rest, you will go to the sand dunes of Jaisalmer for a camel-Safari. On the back of the desert animals, you cross a piece of the endless expanse of the Thar-desert. Return to the train for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

Day 7 – Mon: Jodhpur

Jodhpur, the former capital of the Marwar Empire in the East of the desert Thar, resembles a green oasis with trees, plants and artificially designed lakes. The color of the houses gives Jodhpur the sur-name "blue city". Originally, the color blue symbolized the membership to the caste of the Brahmins. The blue color also acts as an aid in the defense of mosquitoes. Already from far away, the historic fort enclosure of Mehrangarh Fort, built on a 360-foot-high sandstone hill, falls in the eyes. Inside the walls of the fort are a maze of courtyards and palaces that house the museum. It is a perfect opportunity to learn from your knowledgeable guides about the great wealth and belligerent lifestyles of the Rajput princes. See a splendid collection of artifacts like; miniatures, trinkets, weaponry, elephant howdahs

that are worn in processions, wood-carvings, murals and mirror-work inside the palace complex; all reflections of the amazing abilities of the artisans of Jodhpur. A visit to this fort brings you upfront and personal with the endless beauty of Rajasthan's best kept and most impressive fort. Return to the train for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

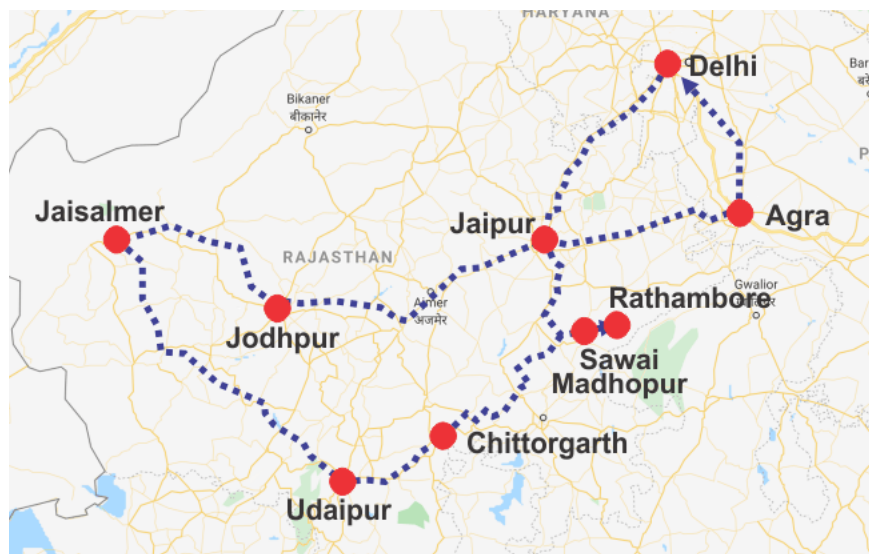
Day 8 – Tue: Bharatpur, Agra

Jointly with Deeg and Dholpur, Bharatpur captures an important place in the history of Rajasthan. Its landmark is the Laxmi Vilas Palace that was constructed in 1899 for the younger brother of the Maharaja of Bharatpur. The architecture is a mixture of Mughal and Rajput styles. The small city is visited mainly because of the Keoladeo Ghana national park a UNESCO World Natural Heritage site. The former hunting zone of the royal family of Bharatpur is today a bird sanctuary where Black-necked and Painted Storks, Comorants, Intermediate Egret, Cotton Pygmy-goose, and more than 250 other species of birds live. As well as birds, you will watch Spotted Deers, Fox, Indian Gazelle, Nilgai (Blue Bull Antelope) in the park. With some good fortune, you can observe even the rare Siberian Cranes that are attracted each year to the sanctuary. This marshy area is haven for the migratory birds. We'll explore the 29 square kilometers of park by a rikshaw ride. After the safari, you will travel to Agra, the capital of mighty Mughals and visit the magnificent Agra Fort when we arrive. The fort includes the regal city of the Mughal emperors and was built on the banks of the Yamuna River in 1565 by the great Emperor Akbar. Its enhancement with sandstone and marble buildings were commissioned by Emperors Jehangir and Shah Jahan. It's a massive double walled fort elevated 66-foot in height and stretching 2.5 miles in length. The interior walls, a network of fantasy land marble palaces, audience halls, mosques, courtyards and gardens, create what is very much a city on the inside of a city. Clearly the fort pales in comparison to its former glory; however, the monuments and red sandstone walls give us some insight of the times of an affluent and prosperous Agra. One feature of Agra Fort that will forever linger in your memory is the coveted view of the white marbled "wonder of wonders" the Taj Mahal that you will visit after lunch. The Taj Mahal, the world's first wonder, is a the symbol of love built by Shajahan for his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal, who died in 1630 after the birth of her 14th child. It is difficult to describe the magnificence and splendor of the Taj Mahal. You will be awe struck at its marvelous architecture, its white marble and semi-precious stones that affirm the remarkable skills of the 20,000 artisans who came from France, Persia, Turkey, and Italy. It took some 17 years for this tribute of endless love to be built. The mausoleum is a feast for the eye and a pilgrimage site for the hearts of all lovers. Enjoy a super sunset and take some memorable photographs! After seeing all the wonderful mosaic work on the buildings, wouldn't it be fantastic if you actually got to see how this stunning work is done? Indeed! You get the opportunity of a lifetime to see the artisans at work, right before your very eyes as they demonstrate how the inlay work on buildings like the Taj Mahal is done. The few remaining craftsmen who brilliantly ply this trade keep this traditional art form alive, blending the beauty of the marble and their creativity to produce some of the most stunning work you will ever see. After an exciting day, you will enjoy your dinner on board the Palace on Wheels. [B/L/D]

Day 9 - Wed: Agra, Delhi, USA

Arrival at dawn to Safdarjung station. Breakfast on board. Transfer to Delhi's city center for a last farewell before going to the airport to board your flight back home. Enjoy the souvenirs, pictures and most of all life-long memories of your tour on board the Palace on Wheels. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



Your Tour includes:

- Arrival and departure private transfers in Delhi
- 8 nights' accommodation in A/C deluxe Cabin with attached bathroom
 - Delhi 1 night
 - Train 7 nights
- Meals
 - Breakfast daily
 - 3 lunches on board
 - 4 lunches at deluxe hotels and restaurants
 - 6 dinners on board
 - 1 dinner at Gorbad Palace
 - Free tea, coffee and mineral water.
- Tour of Delhi
- Jaipur visit: Amber Fort, Hawa Mahal, Jantar Mantar, City Palace
- Elephant ride
- Ranthambhore National Park
- Chittorgarh Light & Sound program
- Udaipur sightseeing
- Visit of Jaisalmer, Gadsisar Lake, Fort, Havelies

- Sam dunes and camel ride & tea
- Jaisalmer cultural program
- Tour of Jodhpur
- Meharangarh Fort, Jaswant Thada, Umaid Bhawan Museum
- Keola Deo National Park (Ghana Bird Sanctuary)
- Visit to Fort of Agra & Taj Mahal
- Transportation for sightseeing in deluxe coaches
- English-speaking guide during the tour
- Entrance fees for monuments, palaces, museums & parks
- All local taxes

Tour does not include:

- International airfares
- Any taxes related to airfares or airports
- Meals not mentioned under inclusions
- Travel Insurance
- Visas
- Tips to guides or drivers
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Any item not mentioned as "Included"

Accommodation in your Tour:

Location	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Delhi	Taj Palace	5
Rajasthan	Palace on Wheels	5

Delhi hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Train Departures from Delhi:

Month	Days
2021 Departures	
January	6, 13, 20, 27
February	3, 10, 17, 24
March	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
April	7, 14, 21
September	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
October	6, 13, 20, 27
November	3, 10, 17, 24
December	1, 08, 15, 22, 29
2022 Departures	
January	5, 12, 19, 26
February	2, 9, 16, 23
March	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
April	2, 6, 13, 20, 27

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Schedules may change without advance notice

Tour Prices:

These programs can be customized for individuals and groups. Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- **Airfare**
We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares
- **Program**
You may add or remove;
 - Trip days
 - Cities and sites
 - Meals
- **Other options**
 - The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sight-seeing where available
 - If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.
- **Quotation**
Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.

We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.



**Palace on Wheels
Day-by-day Schedule**

Day 1 Tuesday		Arrival. No Palace on Wheels activities
Day 2 Wednes- day	Delhi – board the Palace on Wheels	
	4.00 PM	Welcome on arrival at Safdarjung railway station.
	6.30 PM	Departure for Jaipur
	8.00 PM	Dinner on board
Day 3 Thurs- day	Jaipur - The Pink Paradise	
	3.45 AM	Arrival at Jaipur
	7.00 AM	Breakfast on board
	8.00 AM	Welcome with Shenai & Garland
	8.30 AM	Departure by coach for sightseeing
	1.30 PM	Visit to Hawa Mahal, Jantar Mantar, City Palace, shopping, elephant ride and lunch at Amber Fort
	3.00 PM	Visit of Amber Fort
	6.00 PM	Return to train
	8.00 PM	Dinner on board
	11.30 PM	Departure for Sawai Madhopur
Day 4 Friday	Sawai Madhopur - Feline Bounty & Chittorgarh - Resplendent Pride	
	5.30 AM	Arrival at Sawai Madhopur
	6.00 AM	Departure for Ranthambhore National Park (Sanctuary visit)
	9.15 AM	Breakfast on board
	10.30 AM	Departure for Chittorgarh, lunch on board
	4.00 PM	Arrival at Chittorgarh
	4.30 PM	Departure for sightseeing, evening tea at fort
	6.00 PM	Evening Tea & Light & Sound program at fort
	7.30 PM	Return to train
	8.00 PM	Dinner on board
Day 5 Saturday	Udaipur - Picturesque Royalty	
	2.00 AM	Departure from Chittorgarh
	8.00 AM	Arrival at Udaipur
	8.15 AM	Breakfast on board
	9.00 AM	Departure for sightseeing by coach Sahalio Ki Bari, shopping, City Palace & Crystal Gallery
	1.30 AM	Lunch at Palace Hotel (Fateh Prakash)
	2.45 PM	Boat ride
	3.00 PM	Arrival at station
	3.30 PM	Evening Tea on board
	3.30 PM	Departure for Jaisalmer
	7.30 PM	Dinner on board
Day 6 Sunday	Jaisalmer - The Golden Ecstasy	
	7.30 AM	Break Fast on board
	9.15 AM	Arrival at Jaisalmer
	9.15 AM	Departure for sightseeing. Visit of Gadsisar Lake, Fort, Havelies and city
	1.30 PM	Arrival to train for lunch
	3.30 PM	Departure for Sam dunes and camel ride & tea
	7.00 PM	Arrival on train
	7.45 PM	Dinner & Cultural program at 5-star hotel (HRH Gorbant Palace)
	11.45 PM	Departure for Jodhpur

Day 7 Monday	Jodhpur - Glory Yonder	
	7.00 AM	Arrival at Mandor Jodhpur
	7.30 AM	Break Fast on board
	9.00 AM	Departure for sightseeing
	1.30 PM	Visit of Meharangarh Fort, Jaswant Thada, Visit of Umaid Bhawan Museum & shopping. Lunch at 5-star hotel (Hanumant Palace)
	2.45 PM	Return to train
	3.30 PM	Departure for Bharatpur
Day 8 Tuesday	Bharatpur - Unbound Magnificence and Agra - Royal Romance	
	5.00 AM	Arrival at Bharatpur
	6.00 AM	Departure for Keola Deo National Park (Ghana Bird Sanctuary)
	7.30 AM	Breakfast on board
	8.30 AM	Return to train
	8.45 AM	Departure for Agra
	10.30 AM	Arrival at Agra Fort railway station
	11.00 AM	Departure for Sightseeing-Visit to Fort of Agra.
	1.30 PM	Lunch at 5-star hotel (Mughal Shereton)
	3.00 PM	Visit to Taj Mahal
	5.30 PM	Shopping
	8.00 PM	Dinner on board
	11.00 PM	Departure for Delhi from Agra Cantt.
Day 9 Wednes- day	Disembark Palace on Wheels in Delhi	
	4.00 AM	Arrival at Safdarjung railway station
	7.00 AM	Breakfast on board
	7.30 AM	Deboard / Checkout