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Maharajas Express: Heritage of India by Rail

6 Nights • Luxury Experience

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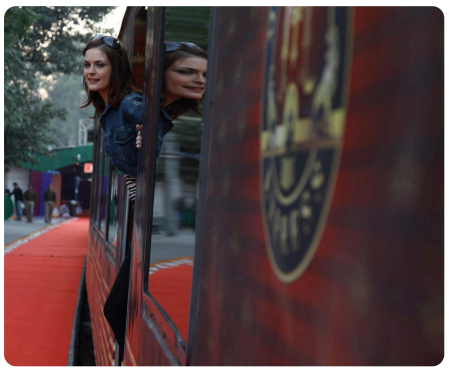
Overview

Imagine stepping into a realm where the echoes of history whisper transformative stories into your soul, where every moment aboard the Maharajas Express: Heritage of India by Rail is a brushstroke in the masterpiece of your own renewal. You emerge not just as a traveler, but as a modern-day explorer, touched by the opulence of India's royal past and the warmth of its present. As the landscape unfolds outside your window, you find yourself, layer by layer, shedding the weight of the ordinary world and embracing a version of yourself that is limitless, curious, and gloriously alive.

In Mumbai, the vibrant chaos ignites a spark of adventure within you, setting the stage for the serene beauty of Udaipur, where dining like royalty becomes a moment of personal reverie. Jodhpur's grandeur invigorates your spirit, while Bikaner's sand dunes capture your heart with every golden sunset. The majestic palaces of Jaipur invite you to dream beyond the horizon, and in the wild heartbeat of Ranthambore, you encounter the thrill of life unguarded. As you sip champagne at the Taj Mahal, the final stroke of this journey leaves you with a portrait of India—and yourself—that is forever etched in your heart.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

MUMBAI (BOMBAY)

As you step into the grandeur of the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, a wave of serenity washes over you, igniting a sense of wonder that has long been dormant.

With every moment spent in this iconic sanctuary, you feel a deep connection to the vibrant tapestry of Mumbai, the city that pulses with life and stories waiting to unfold.Boarding the Maharajas' Express, you embark on a journey that transcends mere travel.

DAY 2

UDAIPUR

As you glide across the shimmering waters of Lake Pichola, a gentle breeze carries the whispers of ancient tales, wrapping you in a serene embrace. The beauty of Udaipur unfolds around you, igniting a profound sense of wonder and connection to a world steeped in royal history.

Within the opulent halls of the City Palace, you feel the weight of time lift, replaced by a joyful anticipation of new memories. Each moment spent here deepens your appreciation for life’s rich tapestry, leaving you with a heart full of peace and a spirit ready to cherish every enchanting experience that lies ahead.

DAY 3

JODHPUR

You awaken to the gentle embrace of the morning sun, feeling a deep connection to the vibrant culture surrounding you in Jodhpur.

As you step into the charming streets, every sight and sound evokes a sense of wonder, igniting a spark of joy within your soul. The colors of the bustling market and the laughter of locals remind you of the beauty in human connection, as you share in their stories and traditions.Your visit to the majestic Mehrangarh Fort uplifts your spirit, revealing not just the grandeur of history but also the strength within yourself to embrace new experiences.

DAY 4

BIKANER

As you savor breakfast while gliding through the rural tapestry of India, a sense of tranquility envelops you, igniting a newfound appreciation for life's simple pleasures. Each bite is a reminder of the beauty of indulgence, and you feel your spirit awaken to the allure of exploration.

Your visit to Junagarh Fort immerses you in a rich history, stirring emotions of connection as you walk through ancient halls. Later, as you gather around the flickering flames of the barbecue under a starlit sky, laughter and music fill the air, weaving memories that will linger in your heart long after the journey ends.

DAY 5

JAIPUR

You step into the timeless allure of Jaipur, where the majestic Amber Fort stands as a testament to your journey of discovery.

As you wander through its sun-kissed halls, the vibrant colors and intricate designs awaken a sense of wonder within you, igniting a passion for the beauty that surrounds you. Each moment feels like a brushstroke on the canvas of your life, creating memories that will linger long after this day.Your heart swells as you gather with fellow travelers at the opulent Rambagh Palace, where laughter and shared stories weave a tapestry of connection.

DAY 6

SAWAI MADHOPUR

You awaken to the chirping of birds and the promise of adventure, feeling an exhilarating blend of anticipation and tranquility as you embark on a game drive through Ranthambore National Park.

Each moment spent in this wild haven connects you to nature's untamed beauty, igniting a sense of wonder that lingers long after the roar of a tiger fades into the distance.As you wander through the majestic ruins of Fatehpur Sikri, you are enveloped in the echoes of history, each step deepening your appreciation for the stories that shaped this land.

DAY 7

AGRA

As you step into the ethereal beauty of the Taj Mahal, a wave of tranquility washes over you, igniting a sense of wonder that transforms your perspective on love and legacy.

The sheer magnificence of this iconic monument envelops you, allowing you to connect deeply with its storied past and the emotions it inspires, leaving you with a renewed appreciation for life's fleeting moments.Over a leisurely champagne breakfast at Taj Khema, you savor each bite, feeling the warmth of the sun on your skin and the joy of being present in this magical setting.

Tips & Travel Guide

General Information

What your journey price includes:

- Accommodations on board the Maharajas' Express; all meals while on board; complimentary mineral water, coffee, tea, and soft drinks while on board; all house brands of Indian beer, wine, and spirits; porter service at all stations and butler service on board; transportation to and from, and participation in, off-train excursions as described in the tour itinerary as well as the services of an English-speaking guide.

On-Board Facilities

- Unlike virtually any luxury train in the world, the Maharajas' Express features a total of 43 cabins in four different sizes--20 deluxe cabins, 18 junior suites, four express suites, and the one-and-only Presidential Suite--that can accommodate up to 88 passengers.
- The Maharajas' Express sports two luxury restaurant cars, the Mayur Mahal and the Rang Mahal, that serve the finest in Indian and international cuisine and seat up to 42 people each. All on-board meals are served in either of these two cars.
- Passengers can socialize in either the Rajah Club or Safari Club bar cars, featuring a choice selection of beer, wine, and spirits, complimentary snacks, and luxurious seating. And if these features alone don't make you feel pampered, the Maharajas' Express also houses a high-end boutique featuring exquisite and unique creations.

Staff Service

- The Maharajas' Express employs a world-class team of hospitality staff that is both attentive and unobtrusive. All staff members are fluent in English. Each carriage is manned by its own butler to ensure that your every wish is fulfilled while on board. Porter service is available at all stations for your convenience.

Electricity

- The Maharajas' Express is equipped with 110/230-volt sockets. International adapters are available for your convenience.

What your journey price DOES NOT include:

- Fees related to participation in any tours or events marked as "Optional" in the tour itinerary; arrival and departure transfers, such as transportation from the airport to the train station; film,

Indian beer, wine, and spirits; taxes; insurance; gratuities; telephone calls; laundry service fees.

- Unless specifically mentioned, any airfare, pre- or post-tour accommodations, or tour extensions are not included in the price of your journey.

Visa and Travel Documents

- As per international law, you must have a visa in order to enter India to begin your trip. While Palace Tours does not provide visas, we can help by providing you with all the necessary information you need to successfully obtain a visa to India.
- Travel documents, which are valid only for the passenger(s) named, will be issued after receipt of full payment for your reservation and not normally later than 14 days prior to departure. Please carry your confirmation of booking with you upon departure.

Insurance (Personal and Otherwise):

- Palace Tours strongly recommends the purchase of adequate travel insurance in your country of origin prior to arrival on the Maharajas' Express to cover injury, illness, death, loss of luggage or effects, or cancellation (For more information on the latter, refer to the Cancellation Policy in our Booking Terms and Conditions).
- The Maharajas' Express itself is comprehensively insured for fire, earthquake, theft, and terrorism. As such, all guests are covered for the above-mentioned situations under an umbrella policy.

Health Considerations

- While there are no specific vaccinations required to enter India, Palace Tours strongly recommends that you check for any health advisories at the Indian government's website, india.gov.in.
- Palace Tours also strongly recommends that you consult your physician for any personal health advice based on your travel itinerary. If you are taking prescription medication, we advise you carry enough supplies to last the duration of your trip.
- If traveling from a country with high rates of yellow fever, passengers should carry documentation, in conformity with international standards, of their yellow fever vaccination.
- Palace Tours recommends you carry sufficient amounts of insect repellent.
- Anti-malaria precautions should be taken.
- There is a paramedic on board the Maharajas' Express that can provide emergency medical facilitation if required.

Pre- and Post-Tour Hotel Accommodations

- Palace Tours strongly recommends all passengers reserve a hotel for at least one night prior and one night following their journey on the Maharajas' Express. Any hotel reservations are not included in the price of your journey, but we are happy to arrange them for you at an extra

Embarkation and Disembarkation

- Guests are required to check-in at least one hour prior to departure in either Mumbai or Delhi, depending on the itinerary, for pre-boarding formalities; check-in takes place at an assigned venue in your respective city. Final details of the meeting point will be provided in your travel documents and vouchers, which will be e-mailed or physically sent over to you approximately 14 days prior to departure. Following completion of boarding formalities, you will be escorted to your cabin and assisted with your luggage.
- On your final night on board, the train manager will assist with disembarkation formalities which include luggage and clearance of extras.

Off-Train Excursions

- As the tours require a fair amount of walking and you may encounter unpaved sidewalks, uneven surfaces, and difficulties getting on and off the train, a moderate degree of physical fitness is required to participate in off-train excursions.
- Travelers with walking difficulties or any such physical condition should inform us at the time of booking. We reserve the right to refuse participation on any of our excursions to anyone who would be incapable of completing the tour or would cause unacceptable delays to the rest of the group. In these circumstances, there would be no refund for any unused part of the tour.
- Professional, English-speaking guides are available for all off-train excursions listed as part of the tour itinerary. If you would prefer a guide who speaks a language other than English, such as French or Spanish, one can be provided at select destinations based on availability and at an extra cost. Please specify your preference at the time of booking.
- Most off-train excursions include a coach transfer for deluxe cabin and junior suite passengers and cars for suite and presidential suite passengers; however, certain excursions are also undertaken by jeeps. Please refer to your itinerary for specific details.
- An additional supplement will be levied on certain departures which offer special interest off-train excursions, signature events, and special guest lecturers.
- All itineraries are approximate and subject to change.

Minimum Passenger Requirement

- All of the Maharajas' Express' itineraries require a minimum number of passengers to operate. Should this number not be met, we will offer you an alternate date of departure, an alternate itinerary, or a refund. In the unlikely eventuality that this should occur, 30 days advance notice can be given.

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I safely store my valuables while on the Maharajas' Express?

- All cabins on board are equipped with electronic safes for your convenience; however, we cannot be held liable in the event of lost or stolen property.

- Storage is available under your bed and in the hold, but since space is limited, we recommend that passengers follow the same guidelines used for international air travel for first-class or business-class flights. Soft-topped luggage is also advised, as it is easier to store.

Is there a dress code on board?

- No, but while on-board, guests may choose to dress elegantly to recreate the splendor of a regal lifestyle; for this, lounge suits and blue blazers would be acceptable.
- For off-train excursions, we recommend walking shoes and comfortable casual clothing in natural, subdued colors (Which is essential for any trips to wildlife reserves). Warmer clothing is advised during winter departures.

Is smoking allowed on the Maharajas' Express?

- No. In accordance with Indian law, smoking is prohibited on board the train or in any public places (Train stations, restaurants, historic sites, etc.).

Will I be able to use my cell phone?

- The strength of cell phone reception can vary while the train is moving, but generally improves when stationary or near main roads or metropolitan areas.
- Out of consideration for your fellow passengers, cell phones should be used in the privacy of your cabin and should remain silent in public areas on board the train or when visiting certain monuments and sites during any off-train excursions.

Is there internet access on board?

- High speed wi-fi is available on The Maharajas' Express. Signal strength can vary while the train is moving, but generally improves when stationary or near roads or metropolitan areas. Contact the train manager for more details.
- Out of consideration for your fellow passengers, laptops, tablets, and any other internet-capable devices should be used in the privacy of your cabin and should remain silent in public areas on board the train or when visiting certain monuments and sites during any off-train excursions.

Can my children accompany me on the Maharajas' Express?

- The Maharajas' Express does allow children, but we ask parents to be mindful of the sophisticated adult atmosphere. Consult the Child Policy below for details.
- 1. Children below five years shall be allowed to travel for free, subject to sharing a double bed with their parents and the availability of double beds at the time of the booking (This option is not recommended).
- 2. A single child between the ages of five and 12 years must pay 50% of the adult fare, subject to the sharing of a double bed with his or her parents and the availability of double beds at the time of booking.
- 3. Two children, traveling with their parents, must be accommodated in a separate cabin

note that the Maharajas' Express does not have the facilities for interconnecting cabins, except in the Presidential Suite.

- Any applicable taxes arising from the presence of children will be charged extra.

I have a wheelchair and/or difficulty walking. Will this affect my tour in any way?

- We regret that the dimensions of the carriages and design of the train are not suitable for wheelchair-bound passengers. We also recommend that guests with limited mobility and other such constraints should be accompanied by an able-bodied passenger. Please specify any special requirements or physical handicaps at the time of booking.

I have dietary restrictions. Can the Maharajas' Express accommodate me?

- Every effort will be made to accommodate all culinary requests; however, we are unable to provide meals requiring strict religious observance in their preparation. Please specify any dietary requirements at the time of booking.

Will I be able to do any laundry?

- Limited laundry services are available at select destinations for a fee. Contact your carriage butler for more details.

Is the Maharajas' Express available for charter?

- The Maharajas' Express can be chartered to corporate companies, agencies, and individuals for incentives, conferences, weddings, or any other exclusive event.

Should I leave a tip? What is a fair amount?

- Providing gratuities for services is part of the culture in India. This is in addition to the tour package price and is completely at the discretion of the passenger. An envelope will be provided in each cabin on the last night of the journey towards gratuities for the entire staff. A suggested total amount would be $250 per guest.

DATES & PRICING

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Nov 8, 2026	Presidential Suite	**$50,000**	**$25,000**
	Suite	**$29,000**	**$14,500**
Nov 15, 2026	Junior Suite	**$19,800**	**$10,400**
	Deluxe Cabin	**$14,400**	**$8,200**
Dec 6, 2026	Presidential Suite	**$50,000**	**$25,000**
	Suite	**$29,000**	**$14,500**
Dec 13, 2026	Junior Suite	**$19,800**	**$10,400**
	Deluxe Cabin	**$14,400**	**$8,200**
Jan 3, 2027	Presidential Suite	**$50,000**	**$25,000**
	Suite	**$29,000**	**$14,500**
Jan 10, 2027	Junior Suite	**$19,800**	**$10,400**
	Deluxe Cabin	**$14,400**	**$8,200**
Jan 31, 2027	Presidential Suite	**$50,000**	**$25,000**
	Suite	**$29,000**	**$14,500**
Feb 7, 2027	Junior Suite	**$19,800**	**$10,400**
	Deluxe Cabin	**$14,400**	**$8,200**
Feb 28, 2027	Presidential Suite	**$50,000**	**$25,000**
	Suite	**$29,000**	**$14,500**
Mar 7, 2027	Junior Suite	**$19,800**	**$10,400**
	Deluxe Cabin	**$14,400**	**$8,200**

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
	Suite	**$29,000**	**$14,500**
Apr 4, 2027	Junior Suite	**$19,800**	**$10,400**
	Deluxe Cabin	**$14,400**	**$8,200**

Rates shown are per person. Single rate applies to single occupancy; Double rate applies per person in double occupancy.

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Visit https://www.palacetours.com/tour/maharajas-express-heritage-of-india for the latest information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Terms & Conditions

Booking Conditions

- **Deposit:** 25% of total price required at booking
- **Final Payment:** Due 60 days before departure
- **Confirmation:** Booking confirmed upon deposit receipt

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be in writing. Charges apply:

- More than 60 days before departure: 25% charge
- 45-59 days before departure: 50% charge
- 0-44 days before departure: 100% charge

Important Terms

- Travel insurance: Not specified, but recommended.
- Name change is allowed before 45 days prior to departure subject to mail received directly from any of the booked guests with proper reason and who is definitely travelling

Source: Maharajas Express official terms

COMMON QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

How long is Heritage of India on the Maharajas Express and what is the route?

> Heritage of India is a 6-night, 7-day rail journey from Mumbai to Delhi. Along the way it visits Udaipur, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Jaipur, Ranthambore National Park, Fatehpur Sikri and Agra for the Taj Mahal. It is the longer of the two Maharajas Express journeys we offer, and it crosses the heart of Rajasthan.

Where does the Heritage of India journey begin in Mumbai?

> Welcome and registration are at 09:00 on Day 1 at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel in Mumbai. The group then goes to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, and the Maharajas Express leaves for Udaipur at about 11:30. Lunch and dinner on Day 1 are served on board.

Where and when does Heritage of India finish?

> The journey ends in Delhi on Day 7, and you leave the train at about 15:30. The fare includes pickup from the station on arrival, Delhi sightseeing with monument entrance fees, and drop-off at your hotel or the airport. That makes onward flights from Delhi straightforward.

What do we do in Udaipur on the Maharajas Express Heritage of India?

> On Day 2 you take a boat ride on Lake Pichola and then visit the City Palace and its Crystal Gallery. In the afternoon you can choose an optional hotel spa or a local city tour. In the evening there is an exclusive dinner in the Satkar Hall of Fatehprakash Palace or at the Jagmandir Island Palace, and then the train continues to Jodhpur.

What is included in the Jodhpur day of Heritage of India?

> On Day 3 there is an optional morning tour to a Bishnoi village, reached from Rohat station. In the afternoon you visit the Mehrangarh Fort, then walk through the old Clock Tower market and take a tuk-tuk ride. The day ends with an exclusive dinner at Hanwant Mahal or Khaas Bagh.

What happens in Bikaner and at the sand dunes?

> The train reaches Bikaner on the morning of Day 4. You can relax on board or choose an optional visit to the Lalgarh museum or a local city tour. In the afternoon you visit Junagarh Fort and then go out to the sand dunes at sunset for a barbecue and Rajasthani folk dances, returning to the train at about 20:15.

What does the Jaipur day on Heritage of India include?

> On Day 5 the train arrives in Jaipur and the group visits Amber Fort, followed by lunch at the Rambagh Palace hotel. In the afternoon you can choose an optional spa, a visit to the City Palace Museum and the Jantar Mantar observatory, or a local city tour. Dinner is on board, and the train then heads overnight to Sawai Madhopur for Ranthambore.

When is the Ranthambore game drive and the Fatehpur Sikri visit?

> Both are on Day 6. At 06:30 you go on a game drive in Ranthambore National Park to look for tigers. The train then travels to Fatehpur Sikri, the deserted Mughal city and UNESCO World Heritage Site, which you visit in the afternoon. The evening is an Indian Evening on board followed by dinner.

How is the Taj Mahal visit arranged on Heritage of India?

> The Taj Mahal is the grand finale on Day 7. The train reaches Agra early and the group visits the Taj at about 06:45, in soft morning light. Breakfast follows at Taj Khema, near the monument, and you are back on the train by about 10:45 for the run to Delhi.

What cabin types can I choose on the Heritage of India journey?

> There are four cabin types: Deluxe Cabin, Junior Suite, Suite and the one Presidential Suite. With 43 cabins and a maximum of 88 guests, the train keeps group sizes small. Each cabin type is priced separately in the departure list on this page.

How much does the 6-night Maharajas Express Heritage of India cost?

> Fares start from about US$8,200 per person sharing, in the entry cabin category. Suites and the Presidential Suite cost more. The fare changes by departure and cabin, so the exact fare for each departure is shown on this page.

What does a single traveller pay on Heritage of India?

> Single occupancy is available, with single fares starting from about US$14,400 per person. The single price depends on the departure date and cabin type, and the exact fare for each departure is shown on this page.

Can children travel on the Maharajas Express Heritage of India, and how are they priced?

> Yes. Age is taken at departure. Children under 5 travel free, and children from 5 up to (but not including) 12 pay 50% of the adult fare. Children in both bands must travel with an adult and share the adult's bed.

What is included in the Heritage of India fare?

> The fare includes full catering every day (morning tea, breakfast, lunch, evening tea and dinner) and house beverages, tea, coffee and bottled water throughout. It also covers sightseeing in deluxe coaches with a local English-speaking guide, monument and palace entrance fees as listed, camera fees, and cultural entertainment. Porter service at stations and butler service on board are also part of the journey.

What is excluded from the Heritage of India price?

> Domestic and international flights, travel insurance and visa fees are not included. Most foreign visitors need an Indian visa arranged in advance. Laundry, extra toiletries, gratuities, souvenirs, personal items, and any sightseeing, transfers or hotel nights not listed as included are also extra.

How do Indian government taxes work on this Maharajas Express booking?

> Indian taxes are charged on top of the fare at the rate set by the Indian government. They are due 30 days before departure and must be paid before travel documents are issued. Tax payments are expected by check, and a 5% surcharge applies if you pay the tax by credit card.

What deposit secures Heritage of India, and when is the final payment due?

> A 25% deposit confirms your cabin, and the balance is due 65 days before departure. The tour is sold as a complete journey only, and there is no refund for unused portions.

Which Heritage of India departures are available to book?

> We have 28 departures on sale, from 11 October 2026 to 4 April 2027. That window falls in the cooler, drier months that are generally the most comfortable time to tour Rajasthan and Agra. The live dates and fares are listed on this page.

Is there a Delhi hotel or transfer offer with Heritage of India?

> For selected dates, bookings can include a complimentary night at a 5-star hotel in Delhi plus an airport transfer in Delhi. The offer is tied to specific departures, so chat with us or call before you book to check whether your date qualifies.

How do I ask a question or book Maharajas Express: Heritage of India by Rail?

> You can email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610, or message us on WhatsApp at https://wa.me/17864080610. A travel specialist or our AI assistant will reply. You can also book any date in the departure list on this page directly: pick your date and cabin type and reserve online.

Do I need a Visa for India?

> All visitors to India need a Visa

Do you help with getting a Visa

> Unfortunately, we don't offer Visa assistance but we can provide you with all the information that you need for getting a visa to India

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