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Maharajas Express: An Indian Splendour

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Overview

Imagine yourself transformed by the echoes of ancient grandeur as you step onto the Maharajas Express: An Indian Splendour. You become a voyager of time and self, shedding the mundane to embrace the extraordinary. You are no longer just a traveler, but a seeker of stories, an architect of memories woven from the vibrant tapestry of India's soul. The rhythm of the luxury train pulses through your veins, awakening a spirit of discovery and rekindling a forgotten connection to the world around you. With each passing mile, you evolve, emerging as a more enlightened version of yourself, filled with a profound sense of wonder and belonging.As the journey unfolds, you feel the gentle embrace of New Delhi's vibrant chaos before the ethereal beauty of Agra's Taj Mahal leaves you breathless.

In Jaipur, the Pink City, your heart races with the thrill of painting your own elephant, a symbol of your renewed creativity. In Bikaner, the desert whispers secrets to your soul as you sip sundowners amidst the dunes. Jodhpur's gala dinner wraps you in regal elegance, while Udaipur's royal luncheon makes you feel like modern royalty.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

NEW DELHI

As you step aboard the Maharajas' Express, a wave of anticipation washes over you, igniting a sense of wonder for the journey ahead. The allure of Agra calls to you, promising not just sights, but a deep connection to history and love, as you prepare to witness the timeless beauty of the Taj Mahal, a testament to devotion.

In the serene embrace of the train, with every meal savored and every view cherished, you find moments of peace that awaken your spirit. These experiences become cherished memories, knitting together a tapestry of joy and discovery that will forever reside in your heart, shaping how you see the world.

DAY 2

AGRA

You awaken in the tranquil embrace of the Maharajas' Express, anticipation buzzing through you as you prepare to explore the majestic Agra Fort. Each step within its ancient walls fills you with awe, a profound connection to the past that ignites your spirit with wonder and reverence.

Your heart races with excitement as you venture into the wild expanses of Ranthambore National Park, where the thrill of a tiger sighting transforms your understanding of nature's beauty. The laughter and camaraderie shared with fellow travelers create lasting bonds, leaving you with cherished memories and a sense of belonging that lingers long after the journey ends.

DAY 3

JAIPUR

You awaken to the gentle sway of the Maharajas Express, your heart filled with anticipation for the day ahead. As you step into Jaipur, the Pink City, a sense of wonder envelops you. The vibrant colors and rich history whisper stories of ancient royalty, igniting your spirit with a newfound appreciation for the culture that surrounds you.

At Amber Fort, you wander through breathtaking halls adorned with intricate mosaics, feeling a deep connection to the past. Each moment, from the grandeur of the Sheesh Mahal to the tranquil gardens of Rambagh Palace, weaves memories of joy and serenity that will forever reside in your heart.

DAY 4

BIKANER

You awaken to the gentle sway of the Maharajas Express, your heart filled with anticipation as you journey through the enchanting countryside. Arriving in the desert citadel of Bikaner, a sense of wonder envelops you, as if the rich history and vibrant culture are whispering secrets meant only for you.

As you explore the majestic Junagarh Fort, each step deepens your connection to a bygone era, igniting a profound sense of belonging. The evening sun casts golden hues over the sand dunes, where laughter and music intertwine, creating memories that will forever warm your soul and remind you of the beauty of life's fleeting moments.

DAY 5

JODHPUR

You awaken in the regal ambiance of Jodhpur, where the whispers of history and vibrant hues envelop you. As you savor a leisurely breakfast, a sense of calm washes over you, igniting your spirit for the day's adventures. Every moment becomes a brushstroke on the canvas of your memories, painting joy and connection.

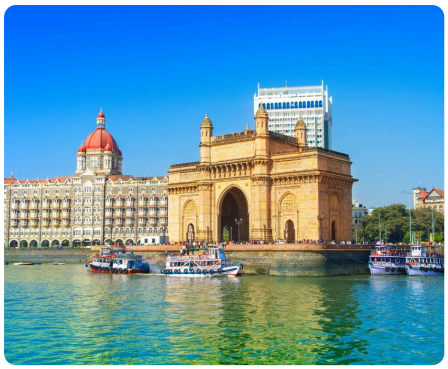
The majestic Mehrangarh Fort stands before you, a fortress of stories waiting to be discovered. As you wander through the bustling Old Clock Tower Market, the laughter of locals and the colors of their world infuse your heart with warmth. Each experience deepens your appreciation for life's beauty, leaving you forever transformed.

DAY 6

UDAIPUR

You awaken in Udaipur, where the serene landscapes of Mewar and the shimmering waters of Lake Pichola cradle your spirit in tranquility.

As you glide across the lake, each gentle ripple reflects the joys and memories yet to be created, enveloping you in a sense of wonder and connection to this majestic place.Your visit to the City Palace fills you with awe as you wander through its opulent halls, each intricately designed mosaic whispering tales of the past.



DAY 7

MUMBAI (BOMBAY)

You awaken to the soft rustle of the morning breeze, feeling a profound sense of peace as the majestic Maharajas' Express glides toward Mumbai, a city pulsating with life and dreams. The remnants of your royal journey linger in your heart, a transformative experience that has awakened your spirit and enriched your soul.

As you step onto the platform of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, the vibrant energy of Mumbai envelops you, sparking a sense of wonder and possibility. You carry with you the cherished memories of laughter, connection, and discovery, each moment a golden thread woven into the fabric of your life, inspiring you to embrace new adventures ahead.

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**
	Junior Suite	**$19,000**	**$10,000**
	Deluxe Cabin	**$13,700**	**$7,800**
Dec 6, 2026	Presidential Suite	**$50,000**	**$25,000**
	Suite	**$29,000**	**$14,500**
	Junior Suite	**$19,000**	**$10,000**
	Deluxe Cabin	**$13,700**	**$7,800**
Jan 3, 2027	Presidential Suite	**$50,000**	**$25,000**
	Suite	**$29,000**	**$14,500**
	Junior Suite	**$19,000**	**$10,000**
	Deluxe Cabin	**$13,700**	**$7,800**
Jan 31, 2027	Presidential Suite	**$50,000**	**$25,000**
	Suite	**$29,000**	**$14,500**
	Junior Suite	**$19,000**	**$10,000**
	Deluxe Cabin	**$13,700**	**$7,800**
Feb 28, 2027	Presidential Suite	**$50,000**	**$25,000**
	Suite	**$29,000**	**$14,500**
	Junior Suite	**$19,000**	**$10,000**
	Deluxe Cabin	**$13,700**	**$7,800**

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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-indian-splendor for the latest information.

Terms & Conditions

PAYMENT TERMS:

25% of total tour cost plus applicable tax is due at the time of booking

100% or balance no later than 65 days prior to tour departure date

Comapnion Case Offer:

1st Adult - 25% of the published price plus applicable taxes at the time of confirmation and booking

2nd Adult - Full 50% of the published price plus applicable taxes at the time of confirmation and booking

The remaining balance is due 65 days prior to the departure date

CANCELLATION FEES:

(i) 25% of the total tour value if cancelled more than 65 days prior to date of first service sold by TRAVBUZZ / PALACE TOURS

(ii) 50% of the total tour value if cancelled 45-64 days prior to the date of the first service sold by TRAVBUZZ / PALACE TOURS

(iii) 100% of the total tour value if cancelled 0-44 days prior to date of first service sold by TRAVBUZZ / PALACE TOURS

(iv) Companion Case: 1st Adult regular fees, 2nd Adult will be charged with full 50% fare irrespective of the number of days from the date of the cancelation and departure.

(v) 15% Adminstrative Fee is charged against any refunds of the service by TRAVBUZZ / PALACETOURS

Please consider that these dates are international and there are an additional 5 days in order to process returns

We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance to cover the losses incurred in case of cancellation. For information on available plans or to purchase travel insurance, please visit www.palacetours.com/insurance.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the route of the Maharajas Express Indian Splendour journey?

> This 7-day, 6-night journey travels more than 1,000 miles from Delhi to Mumbai: Agra for the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort, Ranthambore National Park, Jaipur and Amber Fort, Bikaner, Jodhpur and Mehrangarh Fort, and Udaipur, the City of Lakes, before ending at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus in Mumbai.

Where and when do I board the Maharajas Express for Indian Splendour?

> Guests assemble at Delhi Safdarjung station at approximately 07:00 on day 1 to complete check-in, and the train departs for Agra at about 08:15. The journey ends in Mumbai on day 7, disembarking at around 16:35.

How much does the Indian Splendour journey cost?

> Fares start from USD 7,800 per person sharing a Deluxe Cabin, and single occupancy starts from USD 13,700. Suites cost more, and the exact fare for each departure and cabin is shown on this page. Indian government taxes are charged in addition.

Which cabins are available on the Maharajas Express?

> The train has 43 cabins in four sizes, carrying up to 88 guests: 20 Deluxe Cabins, 18 Junior Suites, 4 Suites and the one Presidential Suite. You can choose any of these categories for Indian Splendour, subject to availability.

What is included in the Indian Splendour fare?

> The fare includes your cabin, full catering (morning tea, breakfast, lunch, evening tea and dinner), house beverages, tea, coffee and bottled water, conducted sightseeing in deluxe coaches with a local English-speaking guide, monument and palace entrance fees and camera fees as per the itinerary, cultural entertainment, porter service at stations and butler service on board.

What is not included in the Maharajas Express Indian Splendour price?

> Domestic or international airfare, travel insurance, visa fees, laundry, extra toiletries, gratuities, souvenirs and personal items, and services not listed such as extra hotels or transfers are not included. Optional activities offered in Bikaner and Jodhpur are also charged separately.

How are taxes charged on the Maharajas Express?

> Taxes for tours in India are calculated at the applicable rate under Indian government guidelines and are due 30 days before departure, before travel documents are issued. Your booking confirmation shows the tax amount for your cabin.

What are the deposit and balance terms for Indian Splendour?

> A deposit of 25 percent secures your cabin, and the balance is due 65 days before departure. The full tour must be purchased; there is no refund for unused portions of the journey.

When do I see the Taj Mahal on this journey?

> The Taj Mahal is visited on day 1 after the train arrives in Agra, with breakfast and lunch served on board on the way. Built by Emperor Shah Jahan as a mausoleum for Mumtaz Mahal, the white-marble UNESCO World Heritage Site is followed by a morning visit to Agra Fort on day 2.

What is the game drive at Ranthambore National Park like?

> On day 2 you take a game drive in open vehicles in Ranthambore, once the private hunting ground of the Maharajas of Jaipur. The park is known for tiger sightings as well as leopard, sloth bear, sambar, chital, nilgai and hyena, though sightings of the elusive tiger can never be guaranteed.

What happens in Jaipur on the Indian Splendour journey?

> On day 3 you receive a grand traditional welcome in the Pink City and visit Amber Fort, built from 1592 in red sandstone and white marble with a blend of Hindu and Mughal architecture. A short jeep ride takes you up to the royal apartments, and the itinerary highlights a chance to paint your own elephant.

What does the Jodhpur day include?

> On day 5 you visit the magnificent Mehrangarh Fort with its latticed windows and carved panels, then ride tuk tuks to the colourful Old Clock Tower Market for a walking tour past old houses. The journey highlights also include a gala dinner in Jodhpur.

What will I see in Udaipur?

> On day 6 you arrive in Udaipur, the City of Lakes, for a boat ride on Lake Pichola and a visit to the City Palace, the largest palace complex in Rajasthan, including Mor Chowk's peacock mosaics and Moti Mahal. The Crystal Gallery and a royal luncheon with modern maharajas are also highlights.

Does Indian Splendour visit a dinosaur site?

> Yes, the journey highlights include a visit to one of the world's largest dinosaur excavation sites and fossil parks, a surprising stop on the way from Rajasthan towards Mumbai on the final part of the route.

Can children travel on the Maharajas Express?

> Yes. Children aged 5 up to 12 at the time of travel are priced at 50 percent of the adult tariff, and children under 5 travel free. In both cases they must be accompanied by an adult and share the bed with the adult.

Do I need a visa to take the Maharajas Express?

> Most international visitors need an Indian visa before travel, and visa fees are not included in the fare. Check the requirements for your passport well before departure; we can advise on timing when you book.

Which departure dates are available for Indian Splendour?

> Departures are on sale from 11 October 2026 through 28 March 2027, covering India's cooler touring season. The

Why choose the Maharajas Express for touring India?

> The Maharajas Express has won the World's Leading Luxury Train title at the World Travel Awards several times. It combines butler service and all meals with guided visits to India's great monuments, so you see the Taj Mahal, Rajasthan's forts and Udaipur without changing hotels.

How do I ask a question or book the Maharajas Express Indian Splendour?

> Every departure listed on this page is bookable directly, with the fare shown for each cabin type. For questions, email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610, or message us on WhatsApp at https://wa.me/17864080610, answered by a travel specialist or our AI assistant.

What is there to see in Bikaner?

> On day 4 you visit Junagarh Fort, an unassailable fortress built in 1593 and encircled by a moat, whose real beauty lies inside in the Phool Mahal, Badal Mahal and Anup Mahal. Later a convoy of camel carts takes you into the sand dunes for a sunset experience, and optional activities are available in the morning.

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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