Maharajas' Express Indian Splendor, Delhi-Mumbai

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Overview

The Highlights

- Six nights in luxurious accommodations on board the *Maharajas' Express*

- Enjoy the gorgeous ambiance of the train and the lovely on-board service

- Visit the amazing world-famous Taj Mahal

- Appreciate the Amber Fort in Jaipur

- Travel by camel cart to a special "Sundowner" party in the sand dunes, with traditional barbecue and entertainment

- Wildlife of Ranthambore, perhaps even glimpse the elusive tiger

- Explore Mehrangarh Fort, with fabulous views of Jodhpur

- Visit the City Palace of Udaipur, with its beautiful mosaics and mirror work

The Tour

The *Maharajas' Express* "Indian Splendour" journey is a fabulous way to discover India's heritage and exquisite architecture. A few highlights: admiring the legendary Taj Mahal; stalking the elusive tiger in Ranthambore National Park; indulging in traditional barbecue delicacies prepared on the sand dunes.

Feel like royalty with lunch at the Fateh Prakash Palace. Soak up the spectacular historic Amber, Junagarh, and Mehrangarh Forts. This extraordinary journey is full of special touches and delights—not the least of which is the train itself, the *Maharajas' Express.*

Click here to read an in-depth review of the *Maharajas' Express* by Society VP Angela Walker on our blog, Track 25.

Itinerary

Day 1: Delhi - Agra

After a traditional welcome at Delhi's Safdarjung station, board the *Maharajas' Express* and settle into your fully en-suite cabin.

Brunch is onboard, followed by arrival to Agra and a visit to the iconic Taj Majal. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, this incomparable marvel is constructed entirely out of white marble with beautiful inlay work. Witness the interplay of light as the sun rises and casts its golden rays over the pearl white tomb, recreating the magic of the Taj.

Enjoy an optional evening activity of a luxury hotel spa visit or enjoy the Mohabbat the Taj show (live dance drama).

Return to the comforts of the train for dinner.

Day 2: Agra - Ranthambore

Early this morning, disembark to visit Agra Fort.

Return to the train for breakfast and lunch on board while the train makes its way to Ranthambore.

Mid-afternoon arrive into Sawai Madhopur and proceed to an exciting game drive at Ranthambore National Park. The park, with nearly 250 square miles of forest, is famous for its tigers, sambar, chital, nilgai, chinkara, wild boar, sloth bear, hyena, jackal and leopard. It is also a bird-watcher's paradise. (Note: IRT staff and members report very few tiger sightings.)

Enjoy lunch and dinner on board as your journey continues to Jaipur, the Pink City.

Overnight in Jaipur.

Day 3: Jaipur

Early breakfast today with a visit to the Amber Fort. The Fort is situated on a ridge and surrounded by fortified battlements overlooking the Maota Lake. Tour the royal apartments, Chamber of Mirrors and Hall of Victory.

Following lunch on the train, there is time for leisure activities this afternoon — a luxury hotel spa trip, a visit to the City Palace and Observatory (Jantar Mantar), or a local city tour. Note: Jaipur is famous for its fine jewelry and textiles.

Dinner will be at Rambagh Palace, after which you will return to the train to make your way to Bikaner.

Day 4: Bikaner

Enjoy the countryside scenery while having breakfast.

Late morning arrival into Bikaner. This medieval city was once a major center in the cross-desert caravan trade and is popularly known as Camel Country. This morning would be a great time to just enjoy the ambiance of the train. Or you may choose an optional local city tour.

Following lunch on the train, proceed to Junagarh Fort, built in 1593 AD by Raja Rai Singh. While the fort is formidable, encircled by a moat, its real beauty lies inside. The Fort Museum is adorned with costumes and jewelry. Late afternoon, experience the royal pageantry as a convoy of decorated, canopied camel carts accompanied by musicians lead you to your evening’s dinner and entertainment. Experience rural Rajasthan, as you are escorted by camel cart through the surrounding village for a “sundowner” cocktail in the Sand Dunes. Sip drinks and savor traditional barbecued delicacies as you enjoy traditional folk artists, whose music and dance mesmerize.

Late evening, return to the train as it makes its way to Jodhpur.

Day 5: Jodhpur

Enjoy breakfast as you arrive in the Blue City of Jodhpur. The morning is at leisure on board. You have the option of visiting Bishnoi village, a spa trip at a nearby hotel, an excursion to Umaid Bhawan Palace and Jaswant Thada, or a local city tour of Jodhpur.

Following lunch on board, proceed on a walking tour to visit Mehrangarh Fort and the bustling Old Clock Tower market, complete with tuk tuk ride.

This evening savor an exclusive cocktail dinner in an exclusive venue.

Overnight on the train as you travel onwards to Udaipur.

Day 6: Udaipur

Udaipur is an enchanting image of white marble palaces, placid lakes and green hills, sometimes called “The Venice of the East.” Following breakfast, proceed to a boat ride on Lake Pichola followed by a visit to the City Palace and Crystal Gallery, This is the largest palace complex in Rajasthan, with its scalloped arches, fretted balconies, and cupolas.

Experience a royal lunch at Satkar Hall of Fateh Prakash Palace.

Return to the train to make your way to Mumbai.

Enjoy dinner in the luxurious dining cards tonight.

Day 7: Mumbai

After breakfast and lunch, disembark in Mumbai. Bid farewell to the *Maharajas’ Express* as your journey comes to an end at Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaja Terminus.

Reverse itinerary

Day 1: Mumbai

Begin your journey aboard the *Maharajas’ Express* with a morning gathering at The Tower Hotel and The Taj Mahal Palace. Following registration and check-in, join a tour briefing and meet your host before departing for Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus.

Upon arrival at the station, enjoy a refreshing welcome drink and the lively sounds of a local band as you board the train. Settle into your luxurious surroundings as the train departs Mumbai, the historic land of the Marathas, and travels north toward Udaipur, famed for its shimmering lakes and magnificent palaces.

Day 2: Udaipur

Wake to the sunset views of the Aravalli Hills as the *Maharajas’ Express* arrives in Udaipur, the enchanting “City of Lakes,” steeped in the legacy of Rajput royalty. After breakfast, disembark for a boat ride on Lake Pichola and visit the magnificent City Palace, exploring its ornate courtyards, mosaics, mirror work, and traditional artwork. Continue to the Crystal Gallery and Darbar Hall with the aid of an audio guide.

Enjoy lunch at Satkar Hall at Fateh Prakash Palace.

Return to the train for a leisurely afternoon and evening onboard as the train travels towards Jodhpur.

Day 3: Jodhpur

Enjoy breakfast onboard before spending the morning at leisure, relaxing in your cabin, mingling

with fellow travelers, or participating in an optional activity.

After lunch, visit the magnificent Mehrangarh Fort, admiring its intricately carved panels, latticed windows, and graceful arches. Continue with a walking tour of the colorful Old Clock Tower market, traveling by tuk-tuk through charming lanes lined with historic homes and havelis.

This evening, enjoy an exclusive cocktail party at Khaas Bagh, accompanied by a delicious spread of traditional Marwari cuisine. Return to the train afterward as it continues to Bikaner.

Day 4: Bikaner

On arrival to Bikaner, relax in your cabin or participate in one of the optional activities before lunch.

After lunch, visit Junagarh Fort, built in 1593 by Raja Rai Singh. Explore its magnificent interiors, including Diwan-i-Khas, Phool Mahal, Badal Mahal, Hawa Mahal, and Anup Mahal, each showcasing the grandeur of Rajasthan's royal heritage.

Continue with a royal procession by camel cart accompanied by musicians, leading to a sunset celebration on the sand dunes. Enjoy refreshing cocktails, traditional barbecue, and vibrant folk performances by Langaas and Kalbeliyas before returning to the train.

The train continues overnight to Jaipur.

Day 5: Jaipur

Breakfast is served as you arrive in Jaipur, the "Pink City" of Rajasthan. Following a traditional welcome, visit Amber Fort, set amid picturesque hills and celebrated for its beautiful blend of Hindu and Mughal architecture.

Travel by jeep to the fort and explore its royal apartments, Hall of Victory, and magnificent Sheesh Mahal, or "Chamber of Mirrors," while enjoying sweeping views over the surrounding gorge.

Continue to Rambagh Palace for an exclusive lunch. Once the residence of the Maharaja of Jaipur, the palace retains its regal character with hand-carved marble latticework, elegant archways, and beautifully landscaped gardens.

After lunch, return to the train or participate in an optional activity. Enjoy dinner onboard as the train continues to Sawai Madhopur, gateway to Ranthambore National Park.

Day 6: Ranthambore – Agra

Rise early for an exciting game drive through Ranthambore National Park, once the private hunting grounds of the Maharajas of Jaipur and now a renowned sanctuary for diverse wildlife. Keep watch for tigers, leopards, sambar, chital, nilgai, and other native species as you explore the park by open-air jeep.

Return to the train for breakfast and continue toward the historic city of Fatehpur Sikri, enjoying lunch onboard as the landscape changes outside your window.

Upon arrival, explore Fatehpur Sikri, a magnificent red sandstone city built by Mughal Emperor Akbar as his capital in the late 16th century. Discover its impressive gateways, audience halls, palaces, and unique blend of Hindu and Muslim architectural influences. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the city offers a fascinating glimpse into India's Mughal heritage.

Return to the train and enjoy an "Indian Evening" as you continue towards Agra.

Day 7: Agra – Delhi

Continue towards Agra, home to one of India's greatest architectural treasures, the Taj Mahal. Disembark early and visit this iconic UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Return to the train and enjoy breakfast and lunch onboard as you continue to Delhi. Upon arrival at Safdarjung Station, bid farewell to the *Maharajas' Express* as your journey comes to an end.

Dates & Prices

2025-2026 Dates

December 7 , 2025 - December 13 , 2025
January 4 , 2026 - January 10 , 2026
February 1 , 2026 - February 7 , 2026
March 1 , 2026 - March 7 , 2026
March 29 , 2026 - April 4 , 2026

Accommodation	Double	Single	Deposit
Deluxe Cabin	$7,800	$13,700	40%
Junior Suite	$10,000	$19,000	40%
Suite	$14,500	$29,000	40%
Presidential Suite	$25,000	$50,000	40%

Prices are per person.
Service tax of 5% additional. Taxes subject to change.
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2026-2027 Dates

December 6 , 2026 - December 12 , 2026
December 13 , 2026 - December 19 , 2026

January 3 , 2027 - January 9 , 2027
January 10 , 2027 - January 16 , 2027
January 31 , 2027 - February 6 , 2027
February 7 , 2027 - February 13 , 2027
February 28 , 2027 - March 6 , 2027
March 7 , 2027 - March 13 , 2027
March 28 , 2027 - April 3 , 2027
April 4 , 2027 - April 10 , 2027

Accommodation	Double	Single	Deposit
Deluxe Cabin	$8,400-$8,800	$14,700-$15,400	40%
Junior Suite	$10,700-$11,200	$20,400-$21,300	40%
Suite	$15,600	$31,200	40%
Presidential Suite	$26,800	$53,600	40%

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2027-2028 Dates

October 10 , 2027 - October 16 , 2027
October 17 , 2027 - October 23 , 2027
November 7 , 2027 - November 13 , 2027
November 14 , 2027 - November 20 , 2027
December 5 , 2027 - December 11 , 2027
December 12 , 2027 - December 18 , 2027
January 2 , 2028 - January 8 , 2028
January 9 , 2028 - January 15 , 2028
January 30 , 2028 - February 5 , 2028
February 6 , 2028 - February 12 , 2028
February 27 , 2028 - March 4 , 2028
March 5 , 2028 - March 11 , 2028
March 26 , 2028 - April 1 , 2028
April 2 , 2028 - April 8 , 2028

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A visa will be required for citizens of most countries.

Medical & evacuation insurance is required for this journey.

All meals; accommodation on board; sightseeing, except optional sightseeing; transfers within the tour; and drinks with lunch and dinner, are included. Gratuities to the train staff are not included.