# 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 <u>in-depth review of the *Maharajas*' *Express* by Society VP Angela Walker on our blog, Track 25.</u>

## 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.

## **Dates & Prices**

#### 2024-2025 Dates

January 28 , 2024 - February 4 , 2024 February 25 , 2024 - March 3 , 2024 March 24 , 2024 - March 31 , 2024 October 6 , 2024 - October 13 , 2024 November 3 , 2024 - November 10 , 2024 December 1 , 2024 - December 8 , 2024 December 29 , 2024 - January 5 , 2025 January 26 , 2025 - February 2 , 2025 February 23 , 2025 - March 2 , 2025 March 23 , 2025 - March 30 , 2025

ACCOMMODATION	Double	Single	Deposit
Deluxe Cabin	\$7,750	\$13,570	25%
Junior Suite	\$9,940	\$18,890	25%
Suite	\$14,490	\$28,980	25%
Presidential Suite	\$24,890	\$49,780	25%

Prices are per person.

Service tax of 5% additional. (Tax rate subject to change.) Optional sightseeing tours are extra.

## More

We offer the *Maharajas*' *Express* journeys as part of a longer, custom itinerary. Please contact us at <u>tourdesk@irtsociety.com</u>, to schedule a brief conversation with one of our specialists to discuss our process.

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.