# Maharajas' Express Indian Panorama, Delhi-Delhi

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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
- Be humbled by the Temples of Khajuraho, the largest group of medieval Hindu and Jain temples together
- Cruise the sacred River Ganges in Varanasi

- Visit the beautiful Fatehpur Sikri, abandoned in the 16th century due to lack of water supply
- Take in the awe-inspiring Taj Mahal, followed by a champagne breakfast
- Relish a visit to Orchha Fort with tuk tuk village tour

#### The Tour

Explore the hidden treasures of India by luxury train. Embark on the *Maharajas' Express* and join an unforgettable adventure that begins in the capital city of Delhi. Make your way through the sacred city of Varanasi and cruise on the River Ganges to observe ancient spiritual rites.

Witness the immortal beauty of the Taj Mahal in Agra, the sensuous moods of the temples of Khajuraho, and the wilderness of the Ranthambore National Park, known for its large population of Bengal tigers.

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

### **Itinerary**

## Day 1: Delhi - Jaipur

After a traditional welcome at Delhi's Safdarjung station, board the *Maharajas' Express* and settle into your fully en-suite cabin. Enjoy breakfast and lunch on board today as you make your way to Jaipur, the Pink City. On arrival you have a visit to City Palace Galleries, followed by dinner at Rambagh Palace Hotel.

Return to the comforts of the train, where you will overnight.

#### Day 2: Jaipur

Enjoy breakfast on board. Disembark to visit Amber Fort, known for its artistic Hindu-style elements. Return to the train for lunch.

After lunch, you may choose an optional activity of a spa visit at a local hotel or a city tour.

Dinner served on board while the train departs for Sawai Madhopur (Ranthambore).

#### Day 3: Ranthambore - Fatehpur Sikri

Start the day with an early morning game drive at Ranthambore National Park, keeping an eye out for the elusive tiger. 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 breakfast and lunch on board as you travel to Fatehpur Sikri.

Mid-afternoon visit this haunting "abandoned" Mughal city.

Dinner on board with the train overnighting in Fatehpur Sikri.

### Day 4: Agra

Disembark in Agra for an early morning visit to the exquisite Taj Mahal, followed by a champagne breakfast at Taj Khema.

Enjoy a pleasurable lunch in the train's beautiful dining cars.

After lunch activities include your choice of a hotel spa visit, Agra Fort, local city tour, or Mohabbat the Taj Show (live dance drama).

Dinner served on board while the train makes its way overnight to Orchha.

### Day 5: Orchha - Khajuraho

Early breakfast today to allow you to deboard at Jhansi and reach Orchha by road travel. There, visit Orchha Fort and have a Village Tour by tuk tuks.

After a relaxing lunch served on board the *Maharajas' Express*, spend the afternoon visiting the UNESCO World Heritage temple complex of Khajuraho. Later, you'll have the option to book a spa session at a luxury hotel, attend the sound and light show at Khajuraho Temple Complex, or appreciate the Dances of India show before returning to the train for dinner.

Overnight the train makes its way to Varanasi.

#### Day 6: Varanasi

Following breakfast onboard, arrive to the holy city of Varanasi where you'll enjoy lunch at the Taj Ganges Hotel.

Visit the ancient ruins of Sarnath and the Varanasi Silk Weaving Centre, followed by a boat ride on the sacred Ganges to witness evening prayer rituals.

Enjoy an exclusive vegetarian dinner with Kathak Dance at Brij Rama Palace hotel at Ghats.

Return to the train for an overnight journey to Delhi.

#### Day 7: Delhi

Your wonderful train journey comes to its conclusion today in the famous city of Delhi.

After breakfast and lunch onboard, disembark the Maharajas' Express and bid it farewell as you

#### **Dates & Prices**

#### 2024 & 2025 Dates

January 21, 2024 - January 28, 2024

February 18, 2024 - February 25, 2024

March 17, 2024 - March 24, 2024

April 7, 2024 - April 14, 2024

September 29, 2024 - October 6, 2024

October 27, 2024 - November 3, 2024

November 24, 2024 - December 1, 2024

December 22, 2024 - December 29, 2024

January 19, 2025 - January 26, 2025

February 16, 2025 - February 23, 2025

March 16, 2025 - February 23, 2025

April 6, 2025 - April 13, 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. Taxes 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.	