



# Maharajas' Express (The Heritage of India)

(08 Days/07 Nights)



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# The Heritage of India



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Incredible India



*Welcome to India*



## Day 01: Board the Maharajas' Express at Mumbai - Onto Ajanta

### Attractions

Welcome aboard the Maharajas' Express.

This evening, assemble at Delhi Safdarjung station at approximately 2045 hours and complete your registration and check in formalities for the Maharajas' Express, as you enjoy the Live Music, sipping into your Welcome Drink.

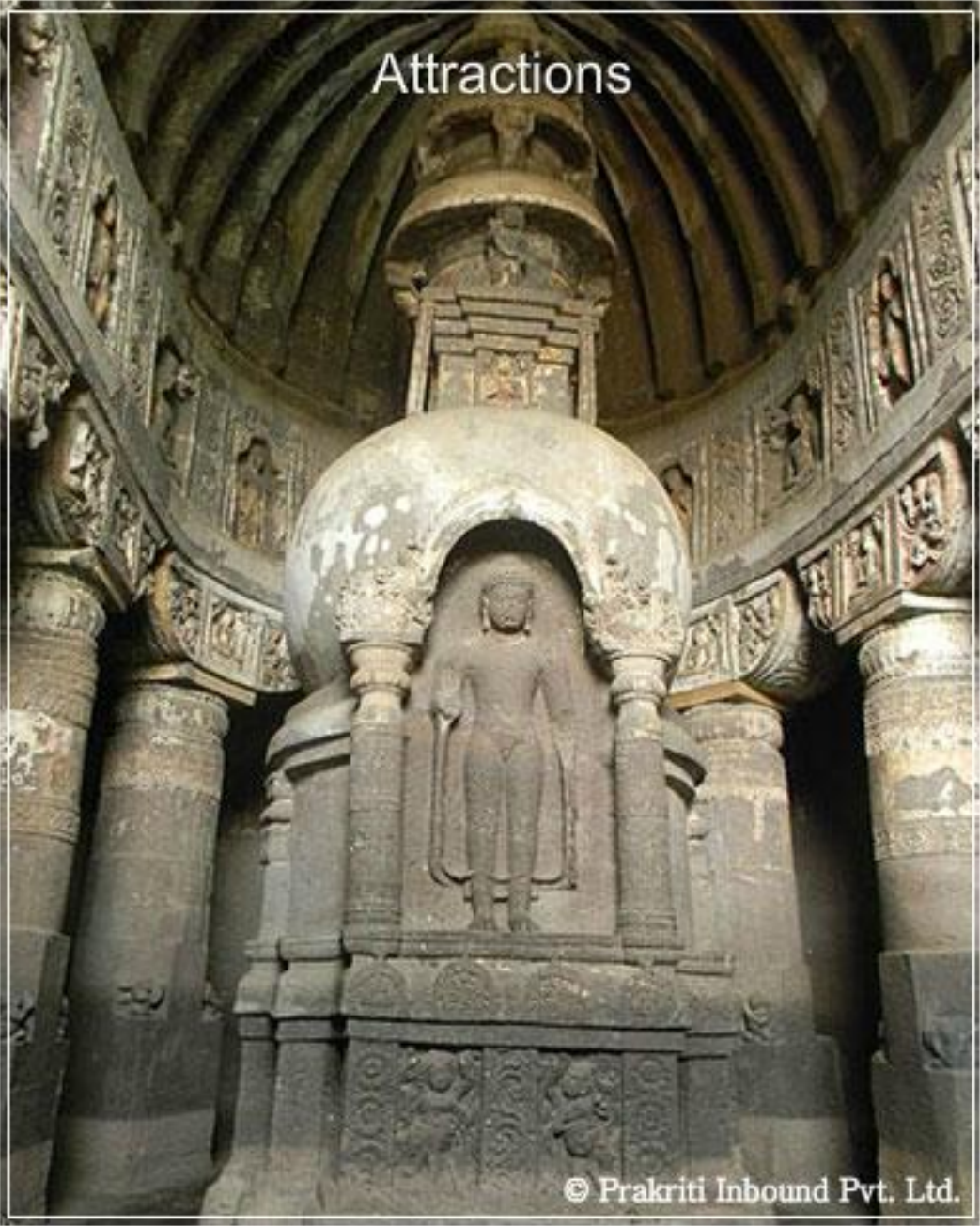
Dinner on board 2130 hours onwards.

The Maharajas' Express departs at 2200 hours to Agra.

Overnight on the Maharajas' Express.



# Attractions





## Day 02: Ajanta

### Attractions

Today you arrive into the World Heritage site of Ajanta. Enjoy an early morning breakfast on board the train at 0630 hours.

Later, following disembarkation at 0740 hours at Pachora station, you will be driven to the World Heritage site of Ajanta Caves famous for its rock cut cave monuments which date back to the 2nd century BC. The approximate drive/time to Ajanta Caves is 90 mins.

The Ajanta caves consist of 30 caves including an unfinished one, which belong to the period 200 BC to 650 AD. These Buddhist cave temples and monasteries are cut from the rocks and volcanic lava of the Deccan in the forest ravines of the Sahyadri hills and are set in beautiful sylvan surroundings. They were discovered accidentally by a British Captain, John Smith in 1819, on a hunting expedition. The Ajanta caves provide a unique combination of architecture, sculpture and paintings. The caves are mainly known for their exquisite frescoes and sculptures, depicting scenes from life of Buddha.

Return to the Jalgaon station by 1330 hours. This is followed by lunch on board the train as the Maharajas' Express chugs away for its next destination, Udaipur.

# Attractions in Udaipur





## Day 03: Udaipur

### Attractions

This morning you will wake up in the picturesque region of Mewar, one of the most popular and royal states of the Rajputana. Admire the magnificent landscape of the Aravali Hills arriving into Udaipur - the City of Lakes.

Disembark the train at 1000 hours as you begin your visit with a boat ride on Lake Pichola. Following the boat ride visit the City Palace, the largest palace complex in Rajasthan, with its scalloped arches, fretted balconies, and cupolas. Visit Mor Chowk and see its lavish mosaics of peacocks; Moti Mahal with beautiful mirror work; Chini Mahal covered in ornamental tiles and the spectacular Zenana Mahal where-after visit The Crystal Gallery and the Darbar Hall with an audio guide. Feel like a king as you experience the hospitality at the Satkar Hall of Fateh Prakash Palace reminiscent of the ancient Mewar glory. Feast your taste buds over a vast spread of International and Indian cuisine.

Following lunch return to the train for a relaxed afternoon on board. Or you have the option of enjoying spa facilities in a five star hotel.

Later in the afternoon, you may if you wish, proceed for an optional 'Walking Tour' through the Old Market of Udaipur.







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## Day 04: Jodhpur

### Attractions

This morning, the Maharajas' Express, continues her journey into the stronghold of the Marwar region. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast on board. Your train passes through some of the dramatic landscapes of the Thar Desert, arriving into the Blue City of Jodhpur.

The morning is at leisure on board or you may wish to embark on a village safari to the Bishnoi village as an Optional Activity, for which you'll disembark at Rohet, 40 km before Jodhpur. As the train reaches Jodhpur, you may wish to opt for a Spa at a Five Star hotel.

Return to the train for lunch on-board.

Post lunch visit the magnificent Meherangarh Fort. Admire the intricate latticed windows, elaborately carved panels and elegantly curved porches. Followed by a walking tour of the Old Clock Tower Market. As you reach the Market on Tuk Tuks, get a glimpse of the daily lifestyle of the local residents, passing some of the oldest houses and havelis.

Enjoy an exclusive Cocktail evening with a wide array of sumptuous Marwar Culinary delights served in the Hanwant Mahal as you admire the cityscape with the illuminated Umaid

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## Day 05: Bikaner

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Your journey through the desert continues. As you relish your breakfast on board, enjoy observing the desert scenery, the scattered prosopis cineraria trees; the villagers attired in their bright turbans and the occasional herd of camels breaking the monotony of the desert.

The medieval city of Bikaner was once a major centre in the cross-desert caravan trade. Popularly known as Camel Country, Bikaner has the best riding camels in the world. Bikaner's forts, palaces and temples are splendid architectural legacy.

Late morning arrive into the desert citadel of Bikaner and relax on board OR you may choose to embark on an optional tour of the city visiting Lalgarh Palace Museum displaying some fascinating exhibits on the royal heritage of Bikaner or visit the famous Deshnok (rat temple). Please contact the Guest Relations Executive for the optional activities. Return to the train for lunch.

Following lunch, you will disembark by 1400 hours and proceed on a visit to the Junagarh Fort, an unassailable fortress built in 1593 AD by Raja Rai Singh. While the fort is a formidable structure encircled by a moat, its real beauty lies inside. Be overwhelmed by the Diwan-i-Khas, Phool Mahal (Flower Palace),

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## Day 06: Jaipur

### Attractions

Today, you will arrive into the 'Pink City' of Jaipur. Jaipur is truly a pristine jewel in the crown of the desert state of Rajasthan. Built by Raja Jai Singh in the 18th century, Jaipur is renowned for its magnificent palaces, forts and temples.

Disembark at 0930 hrs as your exciting tour of the Pink City begins with a visit to the Amber Fort situated on a ridge just outside Jaipur city, this fort palace is surrounded by fortified battlements overlooking the Maota Lake. A short jeep ride takes you up to the fort where you will enjoy a tour of the royal apartments, with striking views of the gorge. Step back into the Mughal era as you enter the Chamber of Mirrors (Sheesh Mahal), and the Hall of Victory.

After your visit to the Amber Fort, enjoy a unique and enthralling experience – an Exhibition Elephant Polo Match at City Palace. Your arrival at the venue will be accompanied by traditional band and the beating of 'Nagadas'. You may choose to watch or participate in the exhibition game. After the match, enjoy a Cocktail lunch at City Palace over sparkling wine.

Return back to the Maharajas' Express. OR you may choose to participate in the optional activities such as Spa facilities at a five star Hotel OR private shopping tour for jewellery, textiles &



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## Day 07: Ranthambore - Fatehpur Sikri

### Attractions

On arrival into Sawai Madhopur, early in the morning, get ready for a safari to the Ranthambore National Park. Originally the private hunting ground of the Maharajas, Ranthambore was declared a National Park in 1973. It is famous for its open sightings of tigers, sambar, chital, nilgai, chinkara, wild boar, sloth bear, hyena, jackal and leopard. Wildlife cannot be compared to that of Africa and you are indeed fortunate if you spot the elusive tiger or the shy leopard.

Proceed for an early morning exciting game drive at 0630 hours where the safari is carried out in open vehicles and one must carry adequate warm clothes for winter months.

Return to the train and continue your journey to the fabled deserted Mughal city of Fatehpur Sikri. Admire the changing landscape as you savour a hearty brunch.

On arrival at the quaint station of Fatehpur Sikri, disembark at 1500 hours and proceed on a tour of the fascinating sights comprising of imposing gateways, Halls of Private and Public audience, beautifully sculptured palaces with unique water bodies, reflecting a perfect blend of Hindu and Muslim architectural styles. This deserted red sandstone city was built by the great Mughal Emperor Akbar as his capital in the late 16th



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## Day 08: Agra-Delhi

### Attractions

Today, the train continues on her last leg of the journey towards the magical city of Agra. The jewel of India, home to one of the world's great architectural wonders - the Taj Mahal. With its spectacular monumental masterpieces and picturesque natural setting, Agra is a legendary city glorified by time.

Early morning, disembark and proceed to the world famous Taj Mahal (one of the Seven Wonders of the World). Also an UNESCO World Heritage Site, it was built by Shah Jahan as a mausoleum for his favourite queen Mumtaz. This incomparable marvel is constructed entirely out of white marble and is an architectural masterpiece with beautiful inlay work and marble screens. Approximately 20,000 of India's most revered craftsmen were recruited to give shape to this poetry in marble.

Later enjoy a Champagne breakfast gazing at the Taj Mahal, from atop the Taj Khema a table and over looking Taj. Following breakfast, return to the train.

Enjoy a hearty lunch on board as you continue your journey to Delhi.

Bid farewell to the Maharajas' Express as your 'The Heritage of India' journey comes to an end at approximately 1530 hours on

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- The scheduled departure dates list:

## Maharajas' Express - General Information

<b>Maharajas' Express Train Tour Departures in 2015 - 2016</b>	
<b>Month</b>	<b>Scheduled departure dates</b>
October 2015	24
November 2015	21
December 2015	19
January 2016	16
February 2016	13
March 2016	12
April 2016	09

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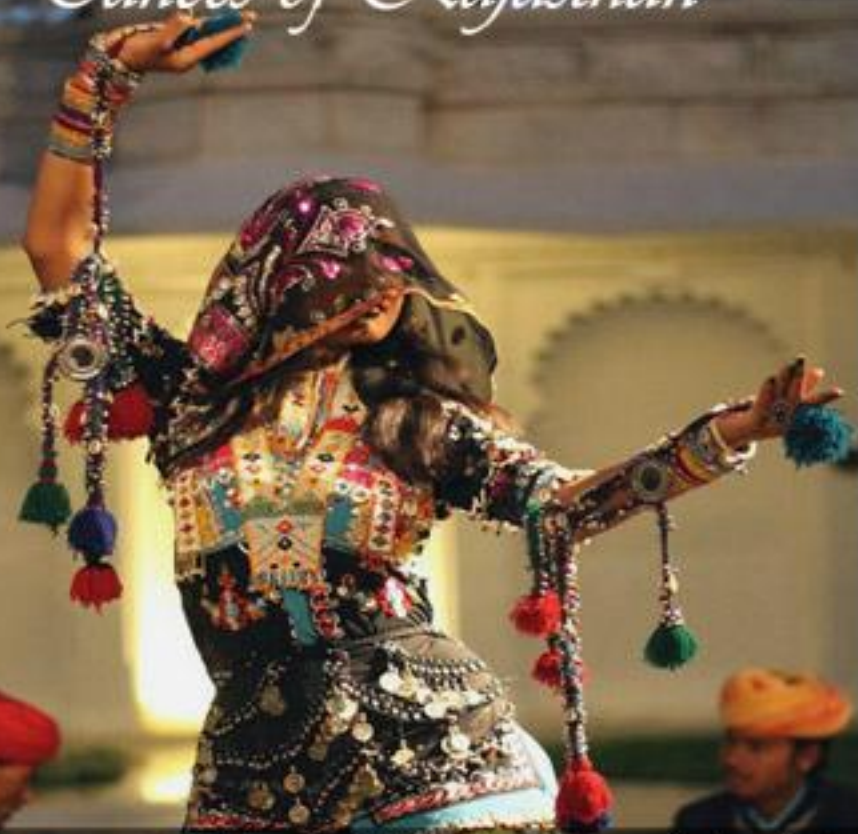
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# Dances of Rajasthan



In India dance are part of the storytelling. Each community has their own dance, music and song. Rajasthan in India is most famous for rich cultural diversity. Due to historical reasons, there is immense importance of folk dances, and rich influence on every aspect of life. Signature travel promises to connect you with local cultural interaction, we present a snippet of dances that showcases much of the territory we call as Rajasthan, abode of kings.

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### **Visa Formalities /Information**

- Foreign nationals wishing to travel to India are required to possess a valid passport of their country and a valid Indian visa. However, nationals of Nepal and Bhutan do not require visa to enter India and nationals of Maldives do not require visa for entry in India for a period up to 90 days (a separate visa regime exists for diplomatic/official passport holders).
- The Consular Passport and Visa (CPV) Division of the Ministry of External Affairs is responsible for issuing Indian visas to foreign nationals for their visit for various purposes. This facility is granted through various Indian missions abroad.
- Visa fees are non-refundable and subject to change without notice. The Embassy / High Commission/Consulate reserves the right on granting and deciding the type/duration of visa irrespective of the fees tendered at the time of making the application.
- Visa on arrival facility is limited to the below listed nationalities.  
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