

Maharajas' Express

Experience India via the country's finest luxury rail service.



Established in 2010, the Maharajas' Express is India's finest luxury train service. It offers fascinating journeys to some of the country's most iconic attractions, taking in much of the best of India's landscapes and cultural heritage.

Though it is equipped with all the modern amenities you would expect of a high-class luxury train, the Maharaja has been designed to celebrate the elegance and pageantry of an earlier era. Its interiors are steeped in nostalgia, recalling the personal carriages of the Maharajas.

The Maharajas' Express accommodates its guests in 20 deluxe cabins, 22 suites and a single Presidential suite, spread across 14 guest carriages. The en-suite cabins are beautifully furnished and feature a full range of mod-cons, including climate control, high-speed Wi-Fi, LCD TV and minibar.

Guests on the Maharajas' Express have access to two suave restaurants serving a blend of Indian and wider Asian cuisine. Other facilities include a well-stocked bar with a laid-back ambience and an observation lounge complete with library and personal bar.

Below we've provided a brief selection of some of the different itineraries that you can embark on via the Maharajas' Express. If you would like to consider an alternative itinerary, please get in touch with our office and we will be glad to advise on available itineraries and departure dates, taking account of any currently available special offers.

Treasures of India (3 Nights / 4 Days)

Travelling from Delhi to Agra, Ranthambore and Jaipur before returning to Delhi, the Treasures of India is a whistle-stop tour taking in the lively bazaars and historical monuments of Rajasthan and the prowling tigers of Ranthambore National Park – and much else besides! You'll stop at several UNESCO World Heritage Sites, while also enjoying guided tours of Agra and Jaipur, with time for shopping and sightseeing along the way.

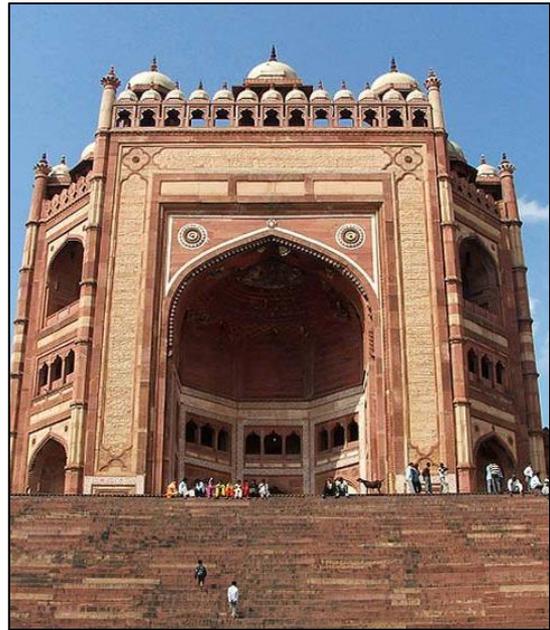
Day 1: Delhi – Agra

Assemble at Safdarjung Railway Station in Delhi, where you board the Maharajas' Express train for the start of your 4-day luxury rail journey.

After completing the registration formalities, you'll be given a traditional Indian welcome and then shown to your chosen cabin – your home for the next 3 nights. Shortly afterwards, you will be led to the restaurant for a delicious brunch as you journey on towards the legendary Mughal capital, Agra.

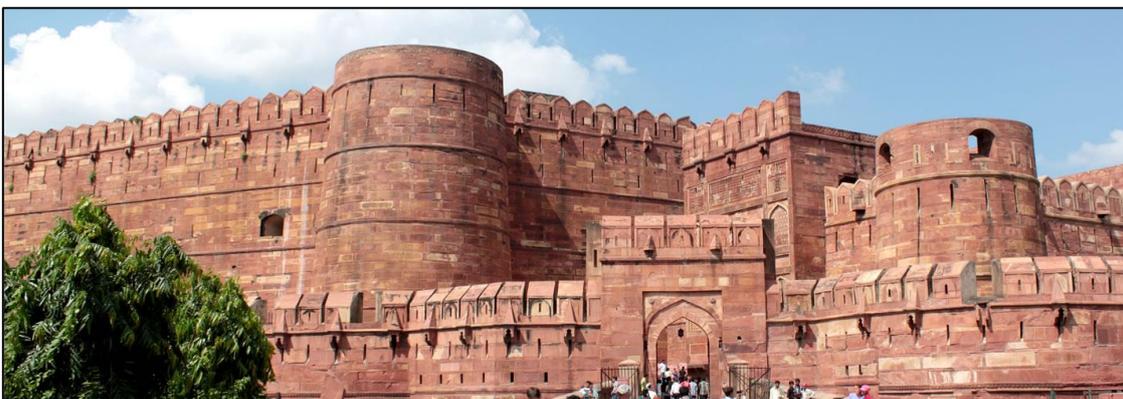
On arrival in Agra, embark on a guided tour of the city taking in the major sights and attractions. Today's star attraction is undoubtedly the Taj Mahal. One of the wonders of the world and a UNESCO world heritage site, it's every bit as spectacular as you've heard.

Late afternoon, you have the choice of a shopping tour, optional spa session, or an extended sightseeing tour to the Tomb of I'timād-ud-Daulah. In the evening, return to the comfort of the Maharajas' Express, where dinner will be waiting. Alternatively, you might like to attend an evening performance in Agra, such as the famous Mohabbat the Taj Show (at additional cost), followed by dinner in town.



Day 2: Agra – Ranthambore

Disembark early this morning for a guided tour of Agra Fort. One of India's most iconic structures, the Agra Fort is the former royal residence of the Mughal rulers. Take your time exploring its many individual palaces, audience halls and two stunning mosques.



Return to the Maharajas' Express for a late breakfast.

Late morning, depart for Sawai Madhopur, the closest station to Ranthambore National Park, with lunch en route. On arrival, enjoy a thrilling safari in to this well-known tiger park, hopefully spotting one of the big cats!

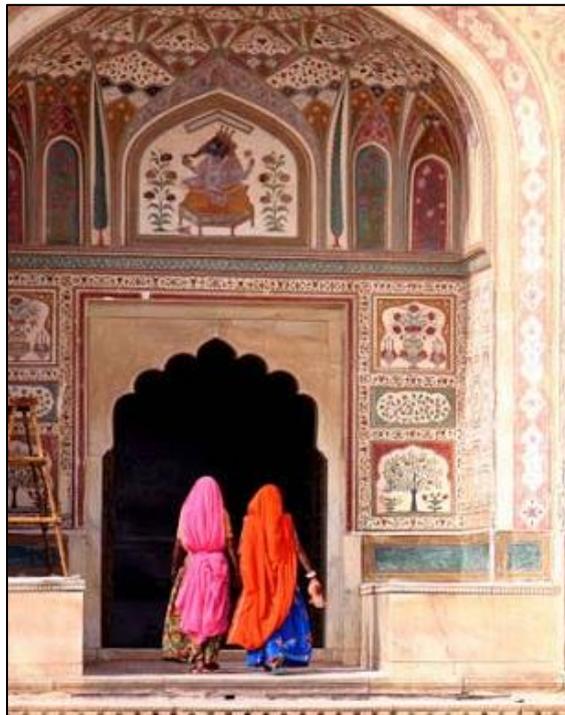
Ranthambore National Park

Occupying a large swathe of territory in southern Rajasthan, Ranthambore National Park is one of India's most famous tiger parks. Formerly the royal hunting grounds of the Jaipur Maharajas, today Ranthambore NP is a prominent wildlife park and conservation zone that is home to a huge diversity of species, including sambal deer, jackal, fox, sloth bear, civet, mongoose and an array of birdlife.

Of course the park is most famous for its tigers. Indeed, it is one of the best locations in India to see these beautiful predators in their natural habitat. The tigers can be easily spotted during the day, busy at their daily routine of hunting and taking care of their young ones.



Return to the Maharajas' Express for a sumptuous dinner as you depart for Jaipur.



Day 3: Jaipur

Arrive in Jaipur this morning, where you disembark after breakfast.

Enjoy a morning tour of the Amber Fort, a unique blend of Mughal and Rajput styles of architecture, and the Jantar Mantar Royal Observatory, built in 1727 for Sawai Maharaja Jai Singh II, a Rajput king famed for his contributions to astrology and music. He commissioned five observatories throughout India – in Jaipur, Ujjain, Varanasi, Mathura and Delhi – but only the one at Jaipur is still functional today.

After lunch you have the option to tour the famous Jaipur bazaars or enjoy a rejuvenating spa session at the Palace Hotel (at additional cost). Alternatively, continue your sightseeing with a tour of the fabulous City Palace.

Return to the Maharajas' Express for dinner.

Day 4: Delhi

This morning you say goodbye to your fellow travellers as you arrive into Delhi and disembark.

Your tour ends in Delhi. We can arrange your accommodation in Delhi, if required, or onward transfers.

Booking information and costs:

The cost of this itinerary is from **£3,900 per person**, based on twin share in a deluxe cabin and subject to availability at the time of booking.

Includes:

- Accommodation in double / twin bedded cabins with attached bathrooms
- All meals, soft beverages, house brands of Indian wines, beer and spirits
- Butler service, complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water on board
- Guided off train tours as outlined
- Entrance fees
- Portage

Excludes:

- International and domestic air tickets
- Optional tours
- Personal travel insurance
- Alcoholic beverages (apart from house brands)
- Pre and post tour accommodation



The Heritage of India (6 Nights / 7 Days)

The Heritage of India itinerary offer an insight into the rich cultural heritage of northern India. Departing from Mumbai, you will explore the old bazaars of Udaipur, the forts and Palaces of Rajasthan and the majestic Taj Mahal.

Day 1: Mumbai

You depart this evening from Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, where you will receive a warm welcome by the Maharajas' staff. After completing the registration formalities, you will be shown to your cabin on the Maharajas' Express, your home for the next 6 nights.

The train will depart for Udaipur, your first destination, while dinner is served.

Day 2: Udaipur

Disembark after breakfast for a guided sightseeing tour of Udaipur, including a visit to the City Palace complex and the Crystal Gallery. After the tour, a delicious lunch will be prepared for you at either Satkar Mahal or Jag Mandir.

Following lunch, enjoy a walking tour of Udaipur's old bazaars. Alternatively, we can arrange for a spa session (at additional cost) at a leading hotel or, time allowing, for you to attend the Light and Sound show at the City Palace.

Return to the train early evening for dinner.



Day 3: Jodhpur

You arrive this morning in the sun city of Rajasthan, Jodhpur.

The morning is free for you to discover this fascinating city, with its old clock tower, ancient markets, and spectacular fort complex (Mehrangarh). We can also arrange for an optional tour of nearby Bishnoi Village to give you an insight into rural life in Rajasthan.

Lunch will be served on board the train. In the afternoon, you can visit Jaswant Thada, a stunning marble monument to Maharaja Jaswant Singh II, and the Umaid Bhawan Palace Museum. Alternatively, you may prefer to join a private shopping tour.

Tonight an exclusive cocktail evening and Jodhpur puppet performance will be arranged for you at Hanwant Mahal, to be followed by a fireworks show.

Afterwards, return to the train for dinner, as you continue your journey to Bikaner.



Day 4: Bikaner

Arrive in Bikaner this morning. The morning is free to either relax on board the train, or take an optional early morning tour of the Deshnok Temples, including Karni Mata, a stunning Hindu monument.

After lunch, take a tour of Junagarh Fort, followed by a ride on a camel cart to the Sam Sand Dunes, stopping along the way for tea at Gajner Palace.

Late this evening, enjoy a walk on the sand dunes followed by a barbecue dinner accompanied by a traditional performance of Langa and Kalbeliya arts.

Return to the train late evening for the onward journey to Jaipur.



Day 5: Jaipur

Enjoy a full-day guided tour of Jaipur, including the Amber Fort, City Palace complex, and the Royal Observatory. If you don't want to spend the whole day sightseeing, alternative afternoon activities can be arranged, such as shopping, golf or a spa session.

Return to the train early evening and depart for Ranthambore. Dinner on board.

Day 6: Ranthambore and Agra

After breakfast, set off an early morning jeep safari through Ranthambore National Park in search of tiger.

Return to the Maharajas' Express and depart for the abandoned city of Fatephur Sikri with lunch en route.

On reaching Fatehpur Sikri, explore the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Panch Mahal and Buland Darwaza, before returning to the Maharajas' Express for dinner. The train departs for Agra this evening.



Day 7: Agra – Delhi

An early start today, as you disembark the Maharajas' Express for a sunrise tour of the Taj Mahal, India's most famous monument. Late morning, enjoy a light breakfast accompanied by champagne on top of the Taj Khema, from where you have a marvellous view of the Taj Mahal.

Return to the train early afternoon. As the Maharaja travels onward to Delhi you will enjoy a delicious multi-course lunch to mark the end of your voyage.

On arrival in Delhi, disembark and say goodbye to your fellow passengers.

Your tour ends in Delhi. We can arrange accommodation in Delhi if required, or onward transfers.

Booking information and costs

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What are the advantages of booking with Gane and Marshall?

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