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## **INDIAN RAILWAY AND ITS SPECIAL TRAINS**

Indian Railways and the IRCTC manages, a total of 7 luxury trains in India – namely Maharajas' Express, Palace on Wheels, The Deccan Odyssey, Golden Chariot, Royal Rajasthan on Wheels, Royal Orient Train, and Fairy Queen Express.

These elite luxury trains of India cater to tourists who wish to explore the rich cultural heritage of India in the lap of luxury. Their grandeur is evident from mind-boggling interiors, majestic ambience, lavish gastronomical fare, stringent security arrangements and almost everything one can imagine.

Journeys in these trains offer matchless comfort onboard and allow travelers to explore some of the most popular tourist destinations of India. Take these luxury train tours in India to explore India in ways, not possible otherwise.

### **7 Best Luxury Trains In India**

If a traveller in India is looking for an exclusive luxury experience , these best trains will take you on a whole different level. Each train will certainly provide the tourist with some of the best experiences that you will simply cherish throughout your journey.

- **Palace On Wheels**
- **The Deccan Odyssey**
- **Golden Chariot**

- **Royal Orient Train**
- **Fairy Queen Express**
- **Heritage On Wheels**

Maharajas' Express

#### 1. Palace On Wheel



#### Image Source

‘Palace on Wheels’ is another in the list of **luxury train ride in India** that was refurbished and re-launched in 2009 to promote tourism. Luxurious cabins, exquisite wallpapers, well-stocked bar, gracious hospitality and local culture displayed by artistic use of paintings and handicrafts – it is very much like a palace on wheels that recreates the bygone era of kings and their royal palaces! No wonder why it was voted as 4th best luxurious train in the world. This is one of the best **royal trains in India**.

If you are planning a luxurious trip to Rajasthan, this is the best bet!

**Route:** Delhi – Jaipur – Sawai Madhopur – Chittorgarh – Udaipur – Jaisalmer – Jodhpur – Bharatpur – Agra – Delhi

**Months of operation for Palace on Wheels are from September to April.** The 7 nights, 8 days journey includes 7 stoppages, where tourist are taken for city tours. Key attractions covered by this train are:

- *Delhi* – India Gate, Lotus Temple, Qutab Minar, Humayun's Tomb
- *Jaipur* – Hawa Mahal, Amber Fort, Rajasthali, City Palace, Jantar Mantra
- *Sawai Madhopur & Chittorgarh* – Ranthambore National Park, Chittorgarh Fort
- *Udaipur* – Jag Niwas, Lake Pichhola
- *Jaisalmer* – Yellow Sandstone Fort, ancient mansions
- *Jodhpur* – Mehrangarh Fort, grand palaces, shopping tour in Jodhpur
- *Bharatpur* – Keoladeo Ghana National Park
- *Agra* – Fatehpur-Sikri, the Taj Mahal

Royal Orient Train



#### **Image Source**

Embark on a royal journey by the Royal Orient Train and enjoy a delightful experience of traveling to famous tourist destinations onboard one of the best luxury trains in India. Journey by **luxury train in India** is a combination of absolute chivalry and unimaginable opulence. It is definitely one of the **royal trains in India**.

The palatial-style comfortable cabins, well-trained hospitality professionals, multi cuisine restaurant with the “Watering Hole” Bar, spacious baths, a library and almost all facilities that come to your mind while imagining yourself in a 5-star hotel – Royal Orient Train has them.

**Route:** Delhi – Chittorgarh/Udaipur -Junagarh/Veraval- Sasan Gir/Dilwara – Palitana- Sarkhej- Ahmedabad- Jaipur- Delhi

**The Royal Orient Train runs all year round**, and the duration is 7 nights, 8 days. City attractions one can see en route are:

- *Delhi* – Qutub Minar, Red Fort, Jama Masjid, India Gate

- *Chittorgarh/Udaipur* – Chittorgarh Fort, City Palace, boating in Lake Pichhola, Shilpgram and Royal Gardens
- *Junagarh/Veraval* – Ashokan Rock EDICT of 3rd Century BC, Darbar Hall Museum, Mausoleum of Nawab
- Mahabat Khanji, Somnath Temple on the shore of the Arabian Sea
- Sasan Gir National Park – Lion Sanctuary
- *Dilwara* – St. Paul's church and Mandir Beach
- *Palitana* – Jain Temple atop Shatrunjaya Hills
- *Ahmedabad* – Gandhi Ashram, Calico Museum of Textiles, Sidi Aayyad's Mosque
- *Jaipur* – Amar Fort and elephant ride, Hawa Mahal, City palace, Jantar Mantar (observatory)