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## INDIA

*"Palace on Wheels"*

*Train Journey with Goa*

### *Itinerary in Brief...*

Day 01	Depart London
Day 02	Arrive in Delhi, India
Day 03	Board Palace On Wheels and travel to Jaipur
Day 04	Jaipur
Day 05	Sawai Madhopur – Chittorgarh
Day 06	Udaipur – Fly to Goa via Mumbai
Day 07	Goa
Day 08	Goa
Day 09	Departure

**Day 01 DEPART LONDON HEATHROW on Air India scheduled air service for your flight to Delhi.**

**Day 02 ARRIVE DELHI**

Arrive Delhi. After completing immigration and custom formalities you will be met by our representative outside the baggage claim area and escorted to a waiting vehicle for your transfer to the hotel.

Delhi is made up of about 15 cities, spanning the period from the 11th to 20th centuries. There is little left of the early cities. Old Delhi (Shahjahanabad) and New Delhi, the two most recent cities and the heart of modern Delhi, are relatively intact. Mughal Emperor Shah Jehan in 1650 switched the Mughal capital from Agra to Delhi. Shah Jehan possessing an exquisite talent, especially in architecture, created the seventh city and in the process brought about Delhi's glorious renaissance. The Red Fort (Lal Qila) is Shah Jehan's symbol of power and elegance, built behind red sandstone walls. Its main gate (Lahore Gate) faces Chandni Chowk, the perpetually congested avenue heading west from the Red Fort, is filled with twisting lanes, small streets and crowded bazaars. If you peer through a portico you may see a man getting shaved, silver being weighed, or any other conceivable form of intense commerce.



In 1911 King George V announced the transfer of the capital from Calcutta to Delhi. The King's architects, Lutyens and Baker, set in motion the design and construction of Delhi's eight city - New Delhi. Lutyens designed an "Imperial City" having palatial-sized buildings set amid broad tree-lined avenues punctuated by Mughal style gardens, complete with fountains and shallow pools. It took 20 years to complete this immense undertaking only to have the British pack up and relinquish the subcontinent in 1947.

**Overnight at the hotel**

**Day 03 DELHI – JAIPUR**

At **9:00 AM** be ready in the lobby of the Hotel.

This morning visit Old Delhi, which is a striking contrast to New Delhi. Here are very narrow streets with unregulated traffic of all kinds (where might is always right). The Jama Masjid (Friday Mosque) opposite the Red Fort is the largest mosque in India and one of the greatest examples of the architectural extravaganza of the Mughal era.

Enjoy a brief stop at Raj Ghat -- Mahatma Gandhi's memorial in black marble.

Enjoy a rickshaw ride through Chandni Chowk (Silver Square), the main shopping street, and a legacy of the Mughal era. Where you will see silver getting weighed, people walking around the road, an adventure in itself.

Enjoy lunch at local restaurant. Cost of the lunch is directly payable.

At approximately **03:00 PM** you will be transferred to Safdarjung Railway Terminal to board your train, The Palace on Wheels.

You will be escorted to your cabin and given a brief familiarisation tour by the Khidmatgars with a welcome drink. The train will leave at 06:30 PM for Jaipur.



Dinner will be served in the restaurant car.

**Overnight on board**

**Day 04 JAIPUR**

The first stop of The Palace on Wheels is Jaipur, one of the most well planned cities of the world of its time. This capital city of Rajasthan, popularly known as the Pink City, was founded by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, in 1727 A.D.

To explore the city, an air-conditioned coach takes you to Hawa Mahal or the Palace of Winds, which is a remarkable five storied building along the main street of the old city in pink splendour with semi-octagonal and delicate honey-combed sandstone windows.

This is followed by a visit to Albert Hall and the City Palace, home of the erstwhile royal family. Right across the road from the City Palace is the Jantar Mantar, the largest observatory built by the Sawai Jai Singh II.

Ride on caparisoned elephants, or you can walk or be driven, add to the ambiance at the Amber Fort followed by the lunch. Then you will be off to visit Amber Fort. Shop for Jaipur's famous jewellery, handicrafts, carpets blue pottery and textiles.

The Luxury coach will take you back to The Palace on Wheels and Dinner will be served on board.

**Overnight on board**



**Day 05 JAIPUR – SAWAI MADHOPUR – CHITTORGARH**

One can almost sense a life of the wilderness, as The Palace on Wheels arrives in Sawai Madhopur, a city named after its founder Maharaja Sawai Madho Singh I.

A visit is arranged to the Ranthambore National Park, wherein are located the ruins of a 10th century fort. This wildlife sanctuary is considered to be the country's best for observing and photographing the activities of the tiger. The park, covering an area of 392sq kms is home to more than 300 species of birds. The tiger, hyena, ratel, jackal and fox are among those constituting the carnivorous population here. Sawai Madhopur is known for its exclusive toys, ethnic ornaments and costumes.

After the game, a safari canter will take you back to The Palace on Wheels for breakfast on board.

Lunch will be served on board as we head for Chittorgarh, when one gets an opportunity to watch the colourful countryside passing by in the daylight.

Sightseeing in Chittorgarh, where we view the Images of love and valour; scars of battles lost and won.... thrice-besieged, Chittorgarh Fort is all this and more, the Victory Tower and the Tower of Fame. You will also have an opportunity to witness the sound and light show at the majestic Chittorgarh Fort.

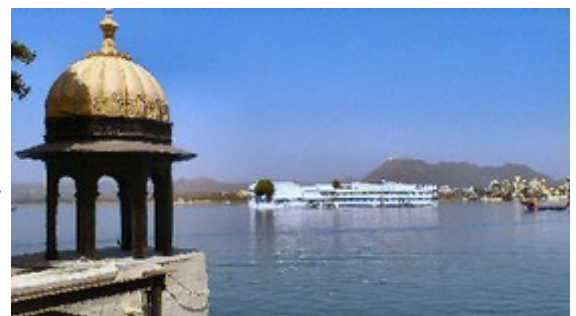
The Luxury coach will take you back to The Palace on Wheels and dinner will be served on board. The Palace on Wheels stays in Chittorgarh station until the early morning before departing for Udaipur.

**Overnight on board**

**Day 06 CHITTORGARH – UDAIPUR / MUMBAI / GOA**

After breakfast de-board The Palace on Wheels, at approximately **07:30 AM** you will be met by our guide who will escort you to the waiting vehicle.

This morning, set out on a boat ride on Lake Pichola (subject to water levels). There is no more delightful way to see this city. While boating in Lake Pichola, you will see the City Palace and its crenelated walls, draped



gracefully along a high ridge.

Visit the City Palace, the largest palace complex in Rajasthan. Though it is a conglomeration of buildings built by successive rulers, it manages to retain a surprising uniformity of design and affords fine views of the lake and the city from upper terraces. Afterward you will be transferred to Udaipur Airport.

**04:40 PM** Depart Udaipur via Air India flight # 644 one stop service to Goa. Total flying time: 1 hour, 30minutes.

**06:10 PM** Arrive Mumbai. Layover time : 2 hours, 50 minutes.

**09:00 PM** Depart Mumbai via Air India flight # 683 direct service to Goa. Total flying time: 1 hour, 25minutes.

**10:25 PM** Arrive Goa. After collecting luggage you will be met by our representative outside the baggage claim area and escorted to a waiting vehicle for your transfer to the hotel.

**Overnight at hotel**

### Day 07 GOA

This morning after breakfast proceed for a half day tour of Goa.

There are a number of churches in Goa built by the Portuguese, many magnificent churches were built by them in Old Goa. The Old Goa churches remind us of its former glory that once rivalled that of Rome. It was known to the world as 'Golden Goa' or 'Pearl of the Orient' in the 16th and 17th centuries and its days of glory. Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Goa, Old Goa: is adjacent to the Cathedral. Built in the 17th Century, a beautiful octagonal tabernacle ornately decorated has two statues, one of St Francis of Assisi and the other of Jesus on the cross. Vows of poverty, humility and obedience of St. Francis of Assisi are scripted right below these two statues.

The Basilica of Bom Jesus is the most august and famous of all the churches in Old Goa. It contains the relics of St. Francis Xavier, Patron saint of Goa, Apostle of the Indies. He was known as Goencho Saib by most of the people of Goa. The construction of the church began on the 24th November 1594 AD from the funds bequeathed for this purpose by Dom Jeronimos Mascarenhas. It became the first church in India to be elevated to the status of a minor basilica in 1946.

In the afternoon enjoy the beach activities on direct payment basis.

**Overnight at the hotel**

### Day 08 GOA

Today is a free day at leisure for you to enjoy the beach or other activities on your own.

**Overnight at the hotel**



### Day 09 GOA / DEPARTURE

At Approximately **11:30 AM** be ready in the lobby of the hotel for your transfer to the Goa Airport to board the flight.

**02:45 PM** Depart Goa via Indigo flight # 712 direct service to Mumbai. Total flying time: 1 hour, 20 minutes.

**04:05 PM** Arrive Mumbai to connect with your flight home to the UK

*Your Journey Is Now Complete!!!!*

## **Tour Cost: Palace on Wheels with Goa extension (November 2018 departures only)**

No. of Paying Pax	Validity : November 2018 Departures only
02 pax travelling together and staying in a Double/Twin room	GBP 4244 per person, including international & domestic India flights

### **Hotels Envisaged:**

City	Hotels or Similar	No of nights (07)
Delhi	Leela Palace – Deluxe Room	01
Jaipur	Palace on Wheels – Deluxe Cabin	01
Ranthambore	Palace on Wheels – Deluxe Cabin	01
Chittorgarh & Udaipur	Palace on Wheels – Deluxe Cabin	01
Goa	Taj Exotica – Deluxe Sea View	03

**Check-in/Check-out at all hotels as per respective hotel policies**

**Airfare in Economy Class: Subject to Change**

Sector	Time	Flight
Udaipur / Mumbai	1640/1810 hrs	AI 644
Mumbai / Goa	2100/2225 hrs	AI 683

### **TOUR COST INCLUDE :**

- Meeting & Assistance on arrival/departure at Airport and Hotel by our local office Representatives.
- International and domestic India flights;
- Hotel accommodation for 04 nights with breakfast.
- Palace on Wheels, Accommodation in Double / Twin bedded cabins with en suite bathrooms, all meals, soft beverages, butler service, guided off train excursions as illustrated in the journeys inclusive of entrance fees, still camera fee, transport and services of a guide, complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water on board, portorage at stations.
- Arrival, departure transfers, sightseeing & excursions using Air-conditioned Toyota 'Innova'.
- **Local English Speaking guide in Udaipur & Goa.**
- **Unlimited mineral water / Soft drinks in the vehicle.**
- Representative for assistance in each Metro city
- Road taxes, parking fee, fuel charges, interstate taxes

- 24/7 on-tour assistance in India
- Government Service Tax (GST)

**TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE :**

- Any services other than those mentioned above
- Any India visa charges & Airport taxes
- Any Entrance fees at the monuments
- Video camera fees.
- Any tips to drive/guide/escort/restaurants etc.
- Any extras like table drinks, telephone calls, any tips, laundry etc or any other items of a personal nature

**TRAIN DEPARTURE DATES IN INDIA**

Month / Year	Train Departs from Delhi	Departure from London
September 2018	05,12,19,26	03,10,17,24
October 2018	03,10,17,24,31	01,08,15,22,29
November 2018	07,14,21,28	05,12,19,26
December 2018	05,12, <b>19*,26*</b>	03,10, <b>17*,24*</b>
January 2019	02,09,16,23,30	31Dec'18*,07,14,21,28
February 2019	06,13,20,27	04,11,18,25
March 2019	06,13,20,27	04,11,18,25
April 2019	03,10,17,24	01,08,15,22

**Notes**

Dates highlighted in red are subject to availability and supplementary charges. Please contact us for further information;

Dates other than November 2018 may be available. Please contact us if you would like us to check availability