



Luxury Trains in India – A Review

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Abstract : Trains are a lifeline to India. Connecting every state in an elaborate mesh, India Railways provides a safe, comfortable, convenient and a great way to explore the Indian landscape , Historical, Religious and Heritage places. The Indian Railways has in it the century old locomotives taking a tourist to the timeless vintage era. Travelling in hill trains like Darjeeling-Himalayan Express and those operating in Shimla and Ooty are a great way to explore the cool terrains on narrow track lines.

The Luxury Trains like Palace on Wheels, Maharaja Express and Golden Chariot introduces a tourist with the indulgence of the country. Along with this, the fastest rail connectivity through Rajdhani, Shatabdi and most recently Suburban Trains-Metros contribute to the intricate Indian Railway network. Indian railway has some of the most spectacular and unforgettable rail journeys with the 4th largest railway network in the world. Indian railway also operates a number of luxury trains which cater to various tourist circuits throughout India.

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Luxury Trains in India :

Palace On Wheels

Started in 1982 on the Republic Day , The India's first pan-country super luxury train "Palace On Wheels" Later train service was refurbished and re designed in August 2009 with a new looks and more luxury and latest facilities.



Palace On Wheels is the best Royal Indian Train and world's 4th best luxury train. The cruise train has 14 salons named after provinces of Rajasthan, two Restaurant named as Maharaja Restaurant and Maharani Restaurant, with other world class facilities like exotic bar, Spa, Live TV, internet connectivity, music and security. Heritage on Wheels another luxury train run by RTDC to explore the vibrant and exotic attraction of royal state, Rajasthan.



The Golden Chariot

A luxury tourist train started by the KSTDC to connect most popular tourist spots in the state of Karnataka and Goa. The royal itinerary has 19 coaches colored purple and gold with two restaurants, a lounge bar, conference room, gym and spa facilities. The ultimate luxury train was named after the renowned ‘Stone Chariot’ of Hampi and commercial run on March 10, 2008.



Explore the fascinating architectural designs and exotic natural landscapes of south India with the Golden Chariot and experience the Royal Indian Luxury train.

Royal Rajasthan on Wheels

The Royal Rajasthan on Wheels is luxury tourist train running by RTDC. The royal carriage of Rajasthan is equipped with facilities like super deluxe rooms, Restaurants, bar, board room, fitness center, spa, saloons and enabled Wi-Fi. Royal Rajasthan luxury train launched its royal journey from January, 2009 and take you to the heritage destinations of Rajasthan and Agra.



The Maharajas Express

The Maharajas Express is a joint venture of IRCTC and travel agency Cox and Kings India, first commercial run was on January 9th, 2010. It is the newest and most costly luxury train in India, equipped with world class facilities including large dining, bar, lounge, generator, LCD TVs, direct dial phone,





internet, individual temperature controls and in suite bathroom as well. The Royal Sojourn offer royal experience to explore illuminating destinations in India with a new 8-day/7-night journey from from Mumbai to Delhi.

The Deccan Odyssey

The Deccan Odyssey is a special luxury train run by venture of Maharashtra MTDC and Indian railway. The 5-star hotel on wheels covers the heritage site of Maharashtra and boost the tourism on the Konkan route. The new express luxury train of India has total of 21 luxury coaches equipped with restaurants and a bar, a sauna, business center, Computers and



internet connectivity. There is another blue train called The Indian Maharaja – Deccan Odyssey runs from Mumbai to New Delhi is considered as the best luxury trains in the world. Enjoy once in a life time experience of heritage sites of Maharashtra and beautiful beaches in Goa on the magnificent Deccan Odyssey.

Royal Orient Train

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 this train is a combination of abso lute chivalry and unimaginable opulence.



The palatial-style comfortable cabins, well-trained 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.

hospitality professionals, multi cuisine

Fairy Queen

Fairy Queen is a luxury train runs on the same basis as the Palace on Wheels between the Indian capital of





New Delhi and Alwar in Rajasthan. The tourist train is the world's oldest steam locomotive train and has the heritage status as national treasure.

Conclusion : 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 you can imagine.

Journeys in these trains offer matchless comfort onboard and allow travelers to explore some of the most popular tourist destinations of India.

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