

PALACE ON WHEELS

ITINERARY

Day - 1 Tuesday

Arrive Delhi, meet assist and get transferred to hotel in Delhi. Overnight Delhi

Day - 2 Wednesday

Reporting time 1600 hrs. Departure 1830 hrs

Morning after breakfast proceed for a sight seeing tour of New Delhi. Afternoon drive to Delhi Cantt Station to board palace on wheels at 1600 hrs.

The journey of a lifetime begins at the Delhi Cantonment station where the guests are accorded a warm, traditional welcome before the Palace on Wheels pulls out into the night ... for a week-long luxury cruise through fascinating Rajasthan.



Day - 3 Thursday 1930 hrs

Arrival 0200 hrs. Departure

Jaipur

The first stop of 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 storeyed building along the main street of the old city in pink splendor with semi-octagonal and delicate honey combed sandstone windows. This is followed by a visit to Amber Fort, eight kms away, where rides on caparisoned elephants add to the ambiance. Shop for Jaipur's famous jewellery, handicrafts, carpets, blue pottery and textiles. Near Ajmeri Gate is located Rajasthali - the only Rajasthan Govt. Emporium selling genuine handicrafts at fixed prices.



After lunch at a Palace Hotel, you are off to 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. The Luxury coaches will take you back to Palace on Wheels around 6.30 pm. Dinner on Board.

Day - 4 Friday Departure 2300 hrs

Arrival 0815 hrs.

Jaisalmer

In the heart of the Thar Desert lies Jaisalmer, founded by Rawal Jaisal, in 1156A.D. Here the yellow sandstone fort is an imposing sight, towering magnificently over the city. Discover the painstakingly latticed havelis or mansions with their



grand facades. The Nathmalji-ki-haveli, Patwon-ki-haveli and Salim Singh-ki-haveli are fine examples of the stone carver's skill.

Shop at Rajasthali-the only Rajasthan Govt. emporium, for fine pattu shawls, mirror work & embroidered articles, wooden boxes, trinkets, silver jewellery and curios. After lunch on board, go for an exciting camel ride on the sand dunes of Sam, before sipping a refreshing cup of tea. Enjoy the dinner and the cultural programmes at a hotel in Jaisalmer. The train leaves for Jodhpur at night.

Day - 5 Saturday

Arrival 0700 hrs. Departure 1530 hrs

Jodhpur

Next morning the Palace on wheels is in Jodhpur, a city ringed by a high stone wall with seven gates and several bastions. This second largest city of Rajasthan, founded by Rao Jodha in 1459 A.D. is known for its rock-solid Mehrangarh Fort. The grand palaces within- Moti Mahal, Sheesh Mahal, Phool Mahal, Sileh Khana and Daulat Khana are impressive examples of architectural excellence. Near the fort complex lies Jaswant Thada, and a group of royal cenotaphs made of white marble. After lunch at a royal Palace hotel, return to the Palace on Wheels. While in Jodhpur shop for the exquisite handcrafted articles including the famous breeches, embroidered shoes, metal curios, silverware, paintings and tie and dye fabrics.



Day - 6 Sunday

Arrival 0400 hrs. Departure 1030 hrs

SawaiMadhopur



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. After breakfast a visit is arranged to the Ranthambhor 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 392 sq.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. Upon return to the Palace on Wheels, you leave for Chittaurgarh, when one gets an opportunity to watch the colourful countryside passing by in the daylight.

Day - 6 Sunday

Arrival 1600 hrs.

Chittaurgarh

After lunch on board you are in Chittaurgarh. Images of love and valour; scars of battles lost and won... thrice-beseiged, Chittaurgarh Fort is all this and more.



Day 7 – Monday

Departure 0530 hrs from Chittaurgarh for Udaipur

Udaipur

Arrive in Udaipur, the Lake City at 7:30 AM. It was founded by Maharana Udai Singh of Mewar, after the Sisodia dynasty was driven away by the Mughals, in 1559 A.D. Perhaps the two most beautiful sites of Udaipur are the dream-like marble Palaces-the Jag Niwas (Lake Palace) and the Jag Mandir, which appear to rise from the blue waters of Lake Pichhola. After lunch at Lake Palace Hotel a visit to City Palace is exhilarating.



In the evening visit the crystal gallery. Later proceed to Bharatpur on board Palace on Wheels

Day 8 - Tuesday

Arrival 0630 hrs. Departure 1145 hrs

Bharatpur



Early next morning, the Palace arrives in Bharatpur, the capital of Maharaja Suraj Mal. After breakfast pay a visit to the world famous bird sanctuary, Keoladeo Ghana National Park, the nesting place of thousands of Egrets, Siberian Cranes, migratory Water Fowl and other species of birds.

Day 8 – Tuesday

Agra

Arrive at Fatehpur Sikri -the red sandstone Mughal palatial complex. Within the enclosure is a mosque built by the Mughal Emperor Akbar and dedicated to the Sheikh Salim Chisti, a muslim Sufi Saint who blessed him with a son. After lunch move on from the Red Fort and arrive at the Taj Mahal, one of the seven wonders of the world. A pristine monument of undying love. It was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved queen Mumtaz Mahal.



Agra is known for its splendid marble inlay work like the Pietra Dura work on the Taj, leather goods and jewelry.

After dinner on board and a good night's sleep, arrive at Delhi Cantt at 0600 hrs the next morning and let the pleasant memories of the past week linger on your mind for a long, long time

Day 9 – Wednesday

Arrive Delhi Cantt Station, meet assist and get transferred to hotel. After breakfast proceed for a sight seeing tour of old Delhi. Afternoon free for shopping and later in the evening transfer to the airport to take your onward destination flight.

END OF THE TOUR

PACKAGE COST PER PERSON - USD 3260.00

Tour Cost Includes

- 7nights/8 days Palace on Wheels Package
- Accommodation in Delhi at The Park hotel or similar on Day 1 and Day 10.
- Transportation by Air Conditioned Toyota Qualis car in Delhi
- Guide service during sightseeing in Delhi on Day 1 and Day 10
- Toll, parking etc.
- All Govt. taxes & Handling Charges

Tour cost does not include

- Hotel Extras, Portage, Tips, etc.
- Entrances, Camera fee at monuments
- All expenses of personal nature not specified above
- Airfare

Palace on Wheels Package includes

- Cost of travel
- Full catering (morning tea, breakfast, lunch, evening tea and dinner)
- Conducted sight seeing tours in Deluxe coaches, entrance fee for monuments, palaces cultural entertainments at Jaipur and Jaisalmer.
- Boat ride to and fro Lake Palace hotel at Udaipur
- Elephant ride at Jaipur
- Camel ride at Jaisalmer
- Rikshaw ride at Bharatpur

Palace on Wheels Package does not include

- Liquor
- Laundry and other items of personal nature
- Video Camera charges for entry into parks and monuments

**Airfare supplement HYD-DEL-HYD USD 540 per person on Jet airways Economy class
(Airfare subject to change)**

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