

Palace on Wheels: The Train- BTCSGV

07 Nights / 08 Days

**Places Covered: New Delhi - Jaipur - Sawai Madhopur - Chittorgarh - Udaipur - Jaisalmer -
Jodhpur - Bharatpur - Agra - Delhi**

We welcome you aboard to "Re-live" the Royal Experience of the Maharajas of Rajasthan and if you are really looking for a holiday of a lifetime, the Palace On Wheels is for you.

The passenger coaches which were originally meant to be the personal railway coaches of the erstwhile rulers of princely states of Rajputana, Gujarat, the Nizam of Hyderabad and the Viceroy of British India. These coaches were not being used by the Indian Railways after independence in normal passenger trains on account of very rich and traditional interiors.

The name "Palace on Wheels" was derived from its royal back-ground of the coaches. A new meter gauge air conditioned Palace-on-Wheels was introduced in 1984 & had 13 Saloons, 2 Restaurant cum Kitchen car, one Bar cum Lounge and 4 Service Cars. In order to further increase the amenities on the train and due to over all gauge conversion in the state, a new broad gauge Palace-on-Wheels has been constructed & has been running since 1996. It's 14 Saloons are inter-connected, the interiors of the saloons reflect the aesthetics of the former Royal states of Rajasthan. The exquisite and exclusive Palace on Wheels has luxurious Cabins, wall to wall carpeting, a well stocked bar, two dining cars

(The Maharaja and Maharani) and a very personalized service... in fact, almost everything that could comprise of heaven on earth for seven days!

In the past 20 years of operations, the Palace on Wheels has been rated as one of the best ten luxurious rail journeys in the world

Palace on Wheels: Facilities

Palace on Wheels and the facilities on board the train are marked by affluence and exuberance. The train is self-sufficient with all the modern amenities.

However, the décor speaks of the culturally rich past of Rajasthan. The paintings, carved furniture and elegant handicrafts represent Rajasthan's fascinating heritage of art and craftsmanship. Period furniture and the elaborate costumes of the attendants make up the royal ambience.

Dining "Palace on Wheels"

The Maharaja and Maharani restaurants offer seating arranged in groups of twos and fours near the windows. Chefs in the attached pantry prepare Continental and Indian specialties, with an emphasis on the cuisine of Rajasthan.

Bar "Palace on Wheels"

The bar-lounge is embellished in period furniture, created especially for this coach. The bar has ample space and choice of soft and alcoholic beverages on offer.

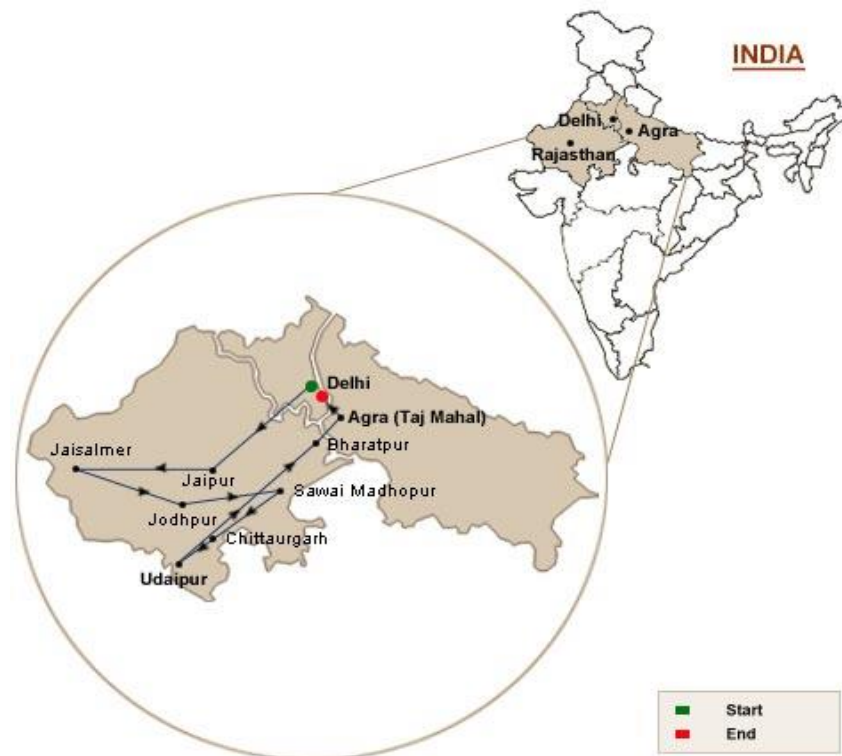
Bed Room "Palace on Wheels"

The 14 Saloons are made up of 104 passenger berths in Twin Bedded Cabins. A third bed, for an additional person, or an accompanying child, is in the form of a fold-away bed on a higher tier. Each compartment has an attached bath with running hot/cold water and showers, built-in wardrobes, overhead and night lights, piped music, reading lights etc.

Lounge "Palace on Wheels"

At the end of each coach is a separate lounge where passengers can relax when they wish to move out of their bedrooms. Here they can unwind with a book or magazine, engage in conversation, or simply watch the panoramic vista of the great Indian country side.

Palace on Wheels: Tour map



Palace on Wheels: Highlights

Jaisalmer, the "desert fort"

Jaisalmer has been an important trade centre since the 11th century. Desert buildings, like the fort, the temples or the havelis are still well-conserved in their original beauty.

Udaipur, the "City of Palaces"

Rajasthan's most romantic city, the "Eastern Venice", looks magical with its fairy-tale palaces, lakes, temples, gardens and narrow streets. Everything is telling tales of the heroic past.

The Taj Mahal, the seventh wonder of the world

The famous symbol of love was built by Shah Jahan for his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. It took 22 years to complete this mausoleum, which is entirely built from white marble. This building is an unforgettable sight, not exclusively for lovers.

Palace on Wheels: Tour Schedule

Months of operation:

The Palace on Wheels tour starts on every Wednesday of the week from New Delhi, from September until April of the following year.

During summer and monsoon months, the train undergoes annual maintenance.

Reporting time is 16:30 hrs at Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station where a royal reception awaits you.

This prestigious train departs from Safdarjung Railway Station at 18:30 hrs.

Please note that owing to global popularity of the Palace on Wheels, it is always advisable to book your space well in advance to avoid any availability problem ahead.

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Day 01 - Wednesday - New Delhi

The journey of a lifetime begins at the Delhi Safdarjung Railway 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.

Reporting Time 16.00 hrs. Dep. 18.30 hrs.

Day 02 - Thursday - 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 on one 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 where elephant ride is available to climb up the hill. Lunch at a Five Star Hotel followed by visit to City Palace Museum and Observatory.

Arrival 03.00 hrs. Departure 23.30 hrs.



Day 03 - Friday - Sawai Madhopur

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, leopard, 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 Chittorgarh, when one gets an opportunity to watch the colourful countryside passing by in the daylight.

Arrival 05.30 hrs. Departure 10.30 hrs.

Day 03 - Friday - Chittorgarh

After lunch on board you are in Chittorgarh. Images of love and valour; scars of battles lost and won...thrice-besieged, Chittorgarh Fort is all this and more. Moving legends of honor and pride will echo in your mind as you proceed to Udaipur.

Arrival 16.00 hrs. Departure 02.00 hrs (next day i.e. on Saturday)

Day 4 - Saturday - Udaipur

Udaipur, the Lake City, 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 a Five Star Hotel, a visit to the City Palace.

Arrival 08:00 hrs. Departure 15.30 hrs.

Day 5 - Sunday - Jaisalmer

In the heart of the Thar desert lies Jaisalmer, founded by Rawal Jaisal, in 1156 A.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 for fine pattu shawls, mirror work and 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 programme at a Five Star hotel.

Arrival 09.15 hrs. Departure 23.45 hrs.



Day 6 - Monday - 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

Palace hotel, return to the Palace-on-Wheels. While in Jodhpur shop for exquisite handicraft articles including the famous breeches, embroidered shoes, metal curios, silverware, paintings and tie and dye fabrics.

Arrival 07.00 hrs. Departure 15.30 hrs.

Day 7 - Tuesday - Bharatpur / Agra

Bharatpur

In the morning, the Palace on Wheels 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 for thousands of Egrets, Siberian Cranes, migratory Water Fowl and other species of birds.

Arrival 05.00 hrs. Departure 08:45

Agra

Upon arrival visit the Agra Fort and after lunch 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 jewellery.

Arrival 10:30 hrs Departure 23.00 hrs.

Day 8 - Wednesday - Delhi

Arrive at Delhi Safdarjung Railway station. Breakfast on board and let the pleasant memories of the past week linger on your mind for a long, long time.

Arrival 04.00 hrs.

END OF TOUR

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Sep 2017 to Dec 2017

	September*, 2017	6 , 13 , 20 , 27
October, 2017		4 , 11 , 18, 25
November, 2017		1, 8, 15 , 22 , 29
December, 2017		6, 13, 20, 27

Jan 2018 to Apr 2018

January, 2018	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
February, 2018	7, 14 , 21, 28
March, 2018	7, 14 , 21, 28
April*, 2018	4, 11, 18, 25

Palace on Wheels –Tariff:

Occupancy	Sep. 2017 & Apr. 2018 Per Person / Night	Sep. 2017 & Apr. 2018 Total 07 Nights Per Person	Oct 2017 to Mar 2018 Per Person / Night	Oct 2017 to Mar 2018 Total 07 Nights Per Person
Single	US\$ 677	US\$ 4736	US\$ 906	US\$ 6342
Double	US\$ 506	US\$ 3542	US\$ 677	US\$ 4736
Triple	US\$ 459	US\$ 3212	US\$ 612	US\$ 4283

- 20% extra surcharge during Christmas and New Year departures.
- US\$ 25 Per Pax Commercial tax as applicable.
- 50% of the prevailing tariff will be charged for the children between 05-12 years of age
- 10% of the prevailing tariff will be charged for the children below 05 years.
- The tariff is inclusive of cost of travel, accommodation, all meals, sightseeing tours, entrance fee (excluding video camera fee) for monuments & palaces and entertainment.
- Tariff does not include liquor, laundry and other items of personal nature.

Booking / Cancellation - Terms & Conditions

Booking Policy:

- 30% of ticket value at the time of confirming the booking.
- Remaining 70% of ticket value 70 days prior to departure along with the naming list.

Cancellation Policy:

- 15% of ticket value 70 days or more prior to departure.
- 30% of ticket value between 69 to 26 days prior to departure.
- 100% of ticket value 25 days prior to departure.

No show/ En route termination of tour/amendment:

- No Show - In case of No Show / Non-arrival of the guest, no refund or adjustment in future travel will be possible. The whole amount shall be treated as forfeited.
- En route termination of tour - In case of termination of tour by the guest, for any reasons, no refund or adjustment for future travel will be possible. The amount for unused portion of the tour shall be treated as forfeited.
- Amendment - Is only possible under the circumstances like Natural Disaster / Natural Calamity or Serious Health Problem's (this needs to be supported by doctor's certificate) and is subject to availability. No refunds are possible and every case will be decided on merits on a case-to-case basis. No amendment will be permissible in case of booking of groups or complete train.

