

PALACE ON WHEELS LUXURY TRAIN

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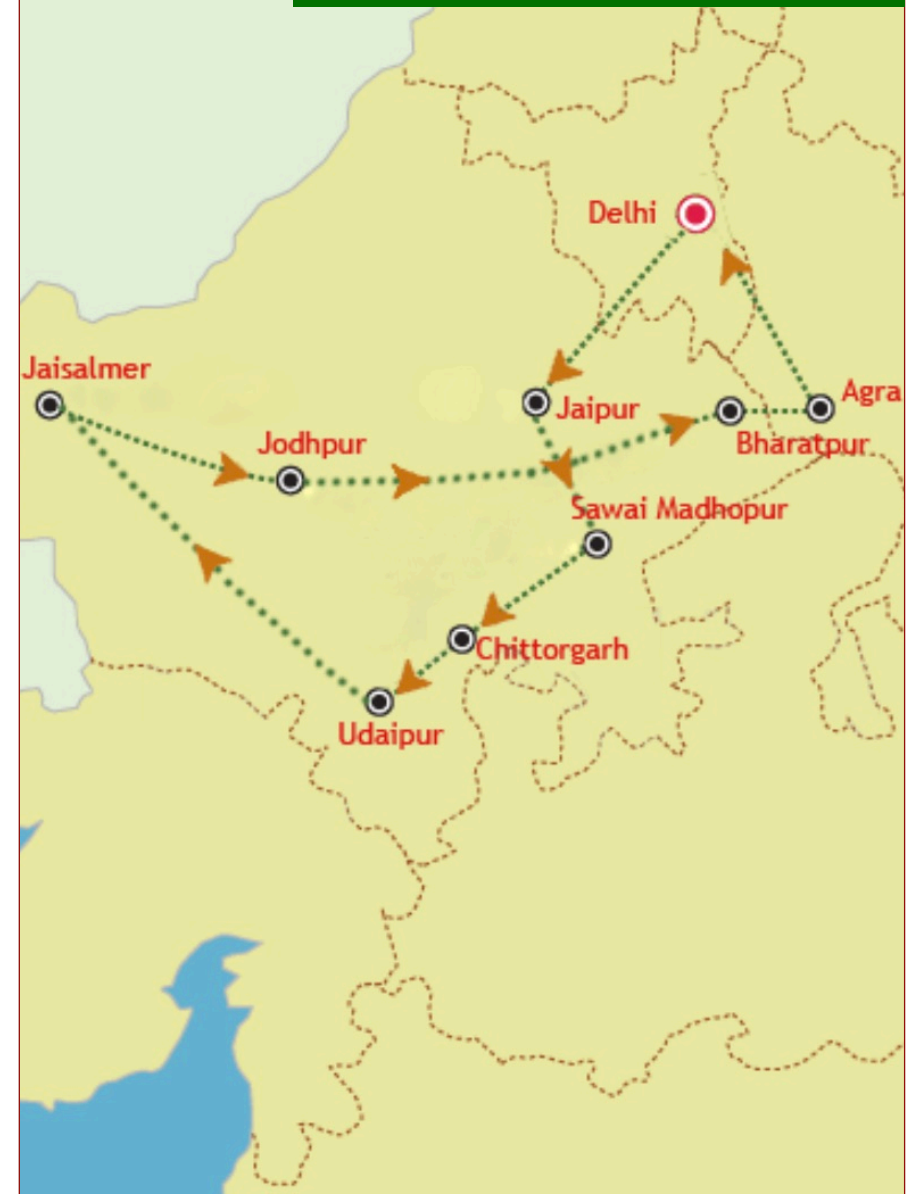
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LUXURY INDIAN TRAIN TRAVEL : THE PALACE ON WHEELS

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find full details of this itinerary in this dossier. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

The Luxury Train Travel Company.

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8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS STARTING IN NEW DELHI

- ✓ Traditional Welcome Ceremony at Safdarjung Railway Station, Delhi.
- ✓ Elephant ride at Amber Fort, Jaipur.
- ✓ Exclusive Jeep safari at Ranthambore National Park.
- ✓ Explore the magnificent Chittorgarh Fort.
- ✓ Enjoy the Boat ride on Lake Pichola, Udaipur.
- ✓ Enjoy Camel safari at Sam sand dunes, Jaisalmer.
- ✓ Visit the Mehrangarh Fort, Umaid Bhawan Palace in Jodhpur.
- ✓ Bird watching in the Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary.
- ✓ Explore UNESCO World Heritage Site, Taj Mahal & Agra Fort.

DELHI •
JAIPUR •
SAWAI MADHOPUR •
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DETAILED ITINERARY

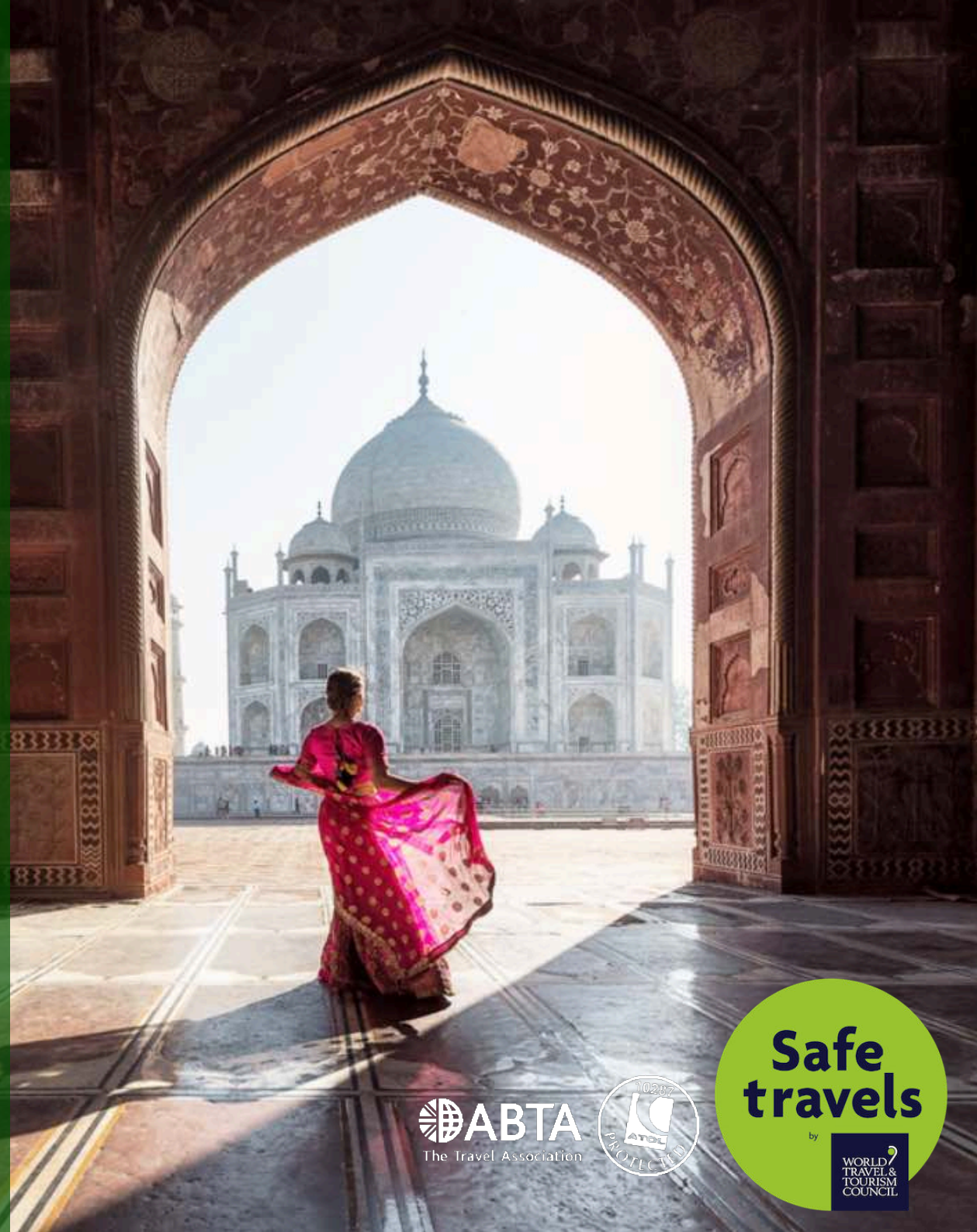
The following pages detail your itinerary day by day. All our trips are tried and tested and, between us, we have visited most destinations and accommodation. We like to offer our clients the greatest flexibility possible with their trip so if there are any pre or post tour experiences you'd like to add please do not hesitate to contact us.

"I can't tell you how much we appreciate all the pre planning you helped us with.

It was a trip of a lifetime experienced by few. Personally I feel privileged to have experienced this part of the world.

Thanks again for all you did for us."

Gail & Cathy Schuneman



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YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY

DATE TBC

 **DELHI**

TRADITIONAL WELCOME AT THE STATION & BOARD THE TRAIN

Report to the Safdarjung Railway Station, Delhi, by 16:00. Check-in begins immediately following a traditional Indian welcome ceremony with Garlanding and Tikka.

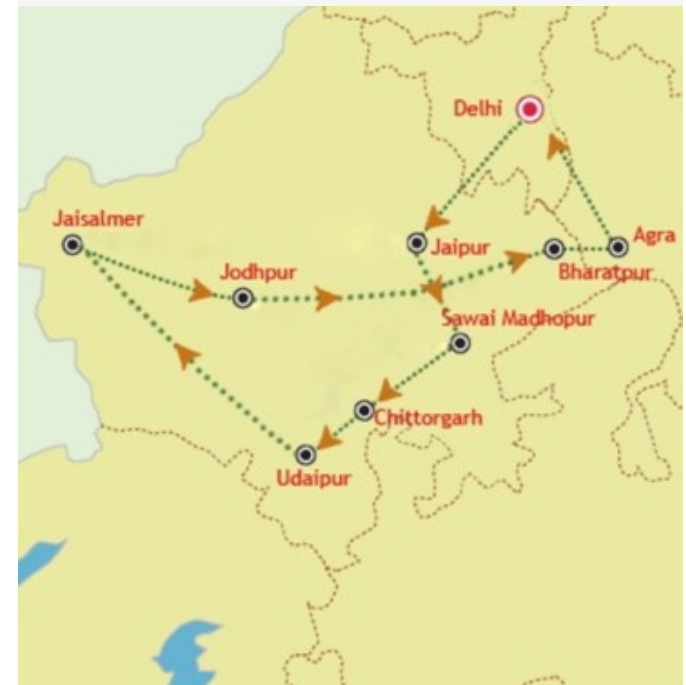
The attendant / crew of the Palace on Wheels Train will guide you to your cabin. The attendant will provide you with a welcome drink, and give a brief description of the amenities and facilities inside the train. The train departs from Delhi towards Jaipur at 18:30. The Maharajah and Maharani restaurants will serve dinner as your journey begins.

 **Meals Included:** Dinner.

BOOKING PRE-TOUR SERVICES

This trip starts on departure from the station but please note we can book hotel nights, flights and transfers prior to this tour. Please just let us know your requirements.

OVERNIGHT ON TRAIN



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 2

DATE TBC

JAIPUR

AMBER FORT INCLUDING AN ELEPHANT RIDE & LOCAL MARKETS

In the morning, the train arrives at Jaipur Railway Station. Breakfast will be served on the train at 7:00 am. The vehicle will be ready by 8:00. You will be welcomed by a traditional Rajasthani royal with garlands and a Kali Ghodi Dance.

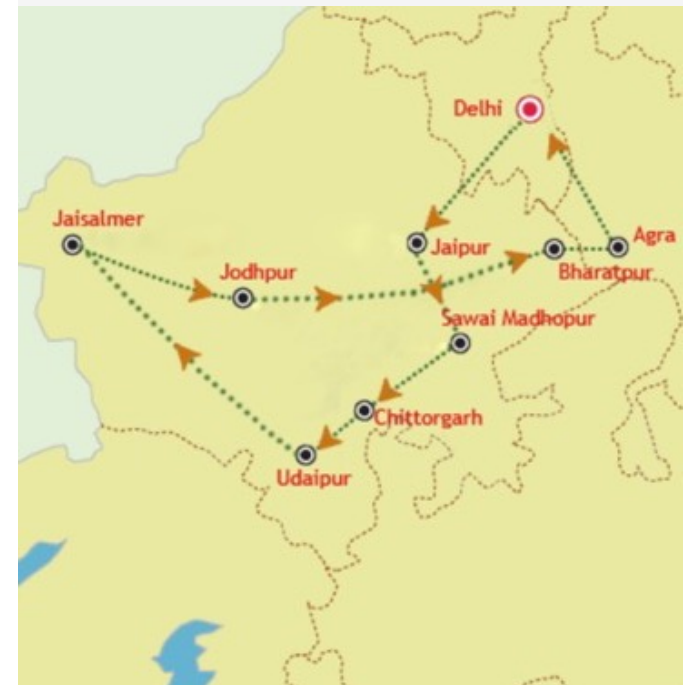
Jaipur is a vibrant city in Rajasthan, India, known for its magnificent palaces, colorful bazaars, and rich culture. Jaipur is also famous for its delicious food, lively festivals, and beautiful handicrafts.

Visit all the major attractions in the area before lunch. These include the Albert Hall Museum and City Palace. Lunch is served at 13:00 in the 1135 AD Restaurant inside Amber Fort.

After lunch continue to explore the fort with an Elephant ride. You will have the opportunity to shop at Jaipur's local markets, which are known for their jewellery, handicrafts, and trinkets. Return to the train before 19:00. Dinner will be served at 19:30. The train will leave Sawai Madhopur at 20:00.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT ON TRAIN



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 3

DATE TBC

SAWAI MADHOPUR & CHITTORGARH

SAFARI TO RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK & VISIT CHITTORGARH FORT

The train arrives at Sawai Madhopur early in the morning. Ranthambore National Park is best enjoyed in the early morning with a Jeep Safari starting at 6:00 am (before breakfast). Ranthambore National Park is known for its population of Bengal tigers as well as other wildlife like leopards, sloth bears, and various bird species. The park is also home to ancient ruins and temples.

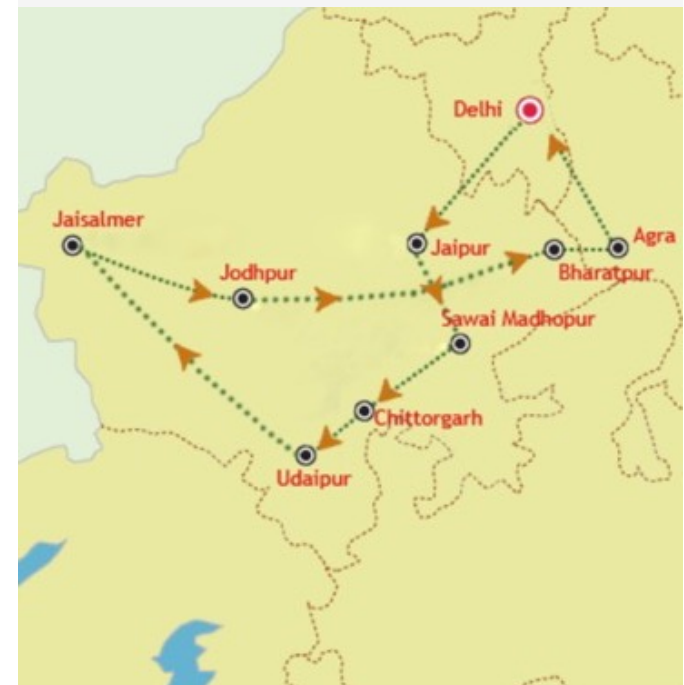
You will be brought back to the train after the safari and served breakfast at 10 am. At 10:20, the train departs for Chittorgarh. Lunch will be served on the train.

After a short rest, sightseeing will begin at 16:00. Visit the magnificent Chittorgarh Fort that still echoes with the stories of Rajputana courage. Chittorgarh Fort is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is one of the largest in India and is known for its impressive architecture, intricate carvings, and rich history.

After visiting the Fort you will be taken to a restaurant within the fort where high tea is served followed by a sound and light entertainment show which will begin at 18:00. Head back to the train by 20:00 for dinner.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT ON TRAIN



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 4

DATE TBC

UDAIPUR

LUNCH AT AN HERITAGE HOTEL & BOAT RIDE ON LAKE PICHOLA

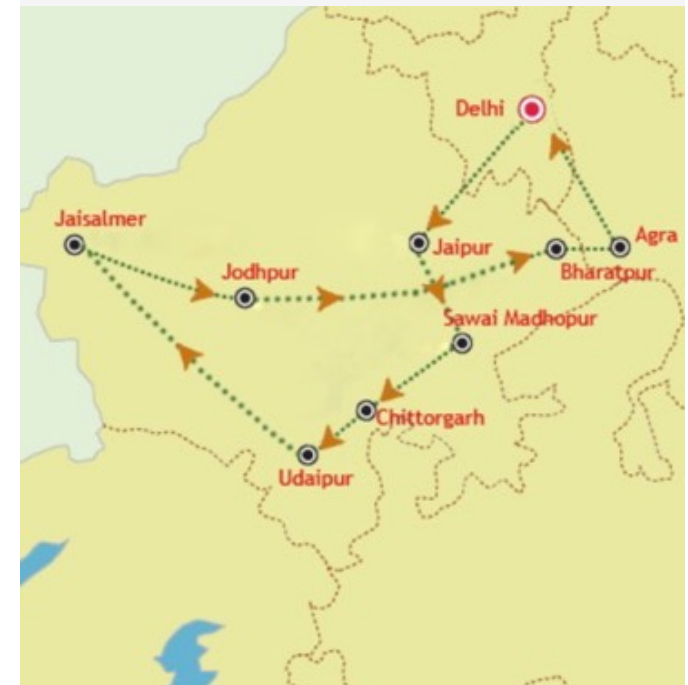
The train will leave Chittorgarh early in the morning, and arrive in Udaipur at 7:00 am. Udaipur is known for its magnificent palaces, sparkling lakes, and rich cultural heritage and is a popular tourist destination often referred to as the "Venice of the East" or the "City of Lakes."

Breakfast is served at 7:30. The sightseeing tour of Udaipur begins at 9 am and you visit the Saheliyon ki Bari and City Palace before lunch at the Fateh Prakash Hotel at 13:00. Arrive at Jag Mandir Palace by 14:00 with a boat ride on Lake Pichola.

High tea will be served back at the train from 15:30. The train leaves Jaisalmer after a short rest at 16:00. Dinner aboard the train.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT ON TRAIN



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 5

DATE TBC

JAISALMER

CAMEL SAFARI AT SAM SAND DUNES & CULTURAL SHOW AT HOTEL GORBANDH PALACE

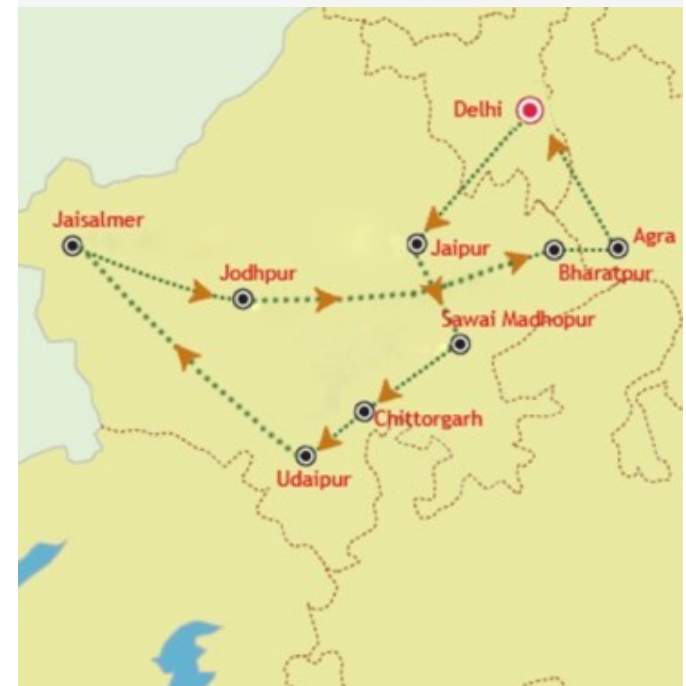
Breakfast is available from 7:30 and the train arrives in Jaisalmer at 9:00 am. Located in the Thar Desert region of Rajasthan and known as the "Golden City," it is famous for its golden sandstone architecture, including the magnificent Jaisalmer Fort, havelis (traditional mansions), and Jain temples.

Today's tour starts at 9:30 and you will visit Gadisar Lake before lunch. After lunch, return to the train. After lunch and time to rest at 16:00 enjoy a camel safari in Sam Sand Dunes.

You will be served tea after the safari before returning to the train. You will be taken by coach to Gorbandh Palace, where you can enjoy a cultural dinner. By midnight get back on the train to spend the night as the train begins its journey to Jodhpur.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT ON TRAIN



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 6

DATE TBC

JODHPUR

SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF JODHPUR & LUNCH AT LUXURIOUS RESORT

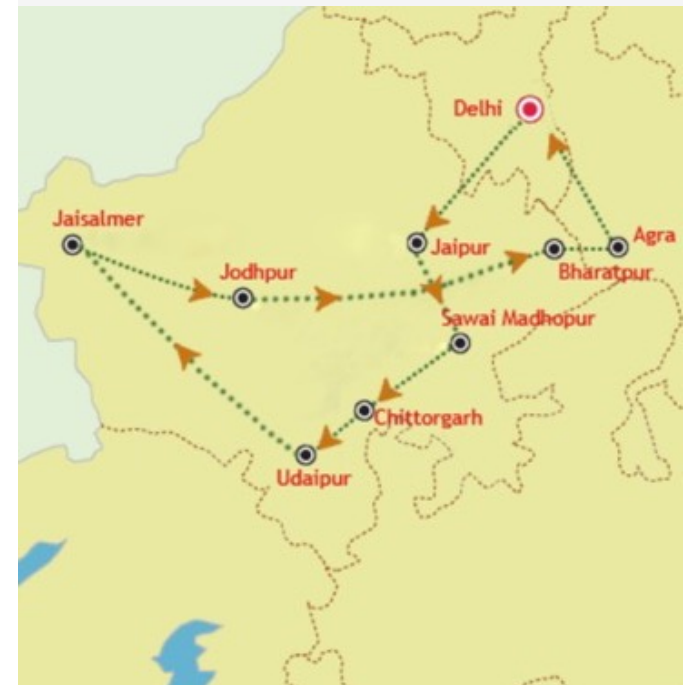
The Train will reach Jodhpur railway station in the morning and breakfast will be served at 7:30. By 9:00, the coaches and cars will be ready for excursion. Before lunch, you will be taken to explore the famous attractions of Jodhpur covering Mehrangarh Fort, Umaid Bhawan Palace, Jaswant Thada and if time permits, shopping at the local shops. The city is often referred to as the "Blue City" due to the many blue-painted houses in its old town area.

At 13:30 lunch will be served at luxurious Ajit Bhawan Palace after which you return to the train at 16:00.

The rest of the day is free for you to enjoy the amenities and facilities inside the train. The train will start its onward journey towards Bharatpur at 16:30. Dinner will be served on board at 19:30.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT ON TRAIN



DAY 7

DATE TBC

BHARATPUR & AGRA

SAFARI TO BHARATPUR NATIONAL PARK & TOUR THE TAJ MAHAL & A LOCAL MARKET

Early in the morning, you will arrive at Bharatpur. At 6:30 am you will be taken to Keoladeo National Park (also known as Bharatpur Bird sanctuary) for an early morning rickshaw safari. Bird watchers will be in their element as there are 380 species of resident and migrating birds in this park.

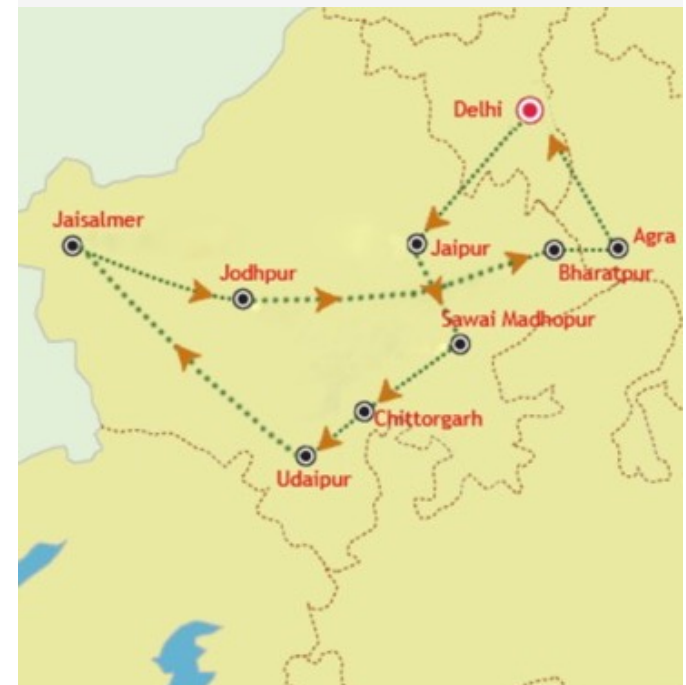
Breakfast will be served soon after the safari. As you eat breakfast, the train departs for Agra, the final destination of the tour. Arrive at Agra Cantt station at 11:00 am to start your tour. Visit Agra Fort before lunch at 13:00.

After lunch visit the Taj Mahal. Built in the 17th century by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife, Mumtaz Mahal, it is regarded as one of the world's most beautiful buildings and a symbol of eternal love. After the tour you will have time to souvenir shop before returning to the train.

The train will stay in Agra until 19:30 to serve dinner. At 20.45, the train begins its final trip towards Delhi.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT ON TRAIN



DAY 8

DATE TBC

END OF TOUR

GOODBYE TO INDIA & ON TO YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE!

The train reaches Delhi Safdarjung railway station at 02:30 am. The breakfast will be served from 06:00 am and checkout formalities start at 07:30 am.

Once the formalities are completed, you de-board the train in your own time.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

BOOKING POST-TOUR SERVICES

This trip finishes on arrival back at the station in Delhi but please note we can book hotel nights, flights and transfers after this tour. Please just let us know your requirements.

OTHER INDIA TRIPS

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2023-24 HIGH SEASON

PALACE ON WHEELS TOUR START DATES FROM DELHI - GBP / USD

October 2023 : 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

November 2023 : 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

January 2024 : 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

February 2024 : 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

March 2024 : 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Price* Per Person GBP £ / USD \$				
CABIN	DELUXE		SUPER DELUXE	
TWIN	£5,080	US\$6,048	£7,030	US\$8,369
SINGLE	£7,809	US\$9,296	£14,060	US\$16,738

* **GBP £ prices** are for guidance only and final price will be based on the exchange rate from the base price in USD at the time of booking. **Prices DO NOT include Indian government taxes of 5% that will be added on at the time of booking as the tax rate is subject to change.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The tour may be cancelled if the minimum number of participants required for a trip is not met.
- We regret that due to the intricate logistics of this tour, itinerary changes are sometimes unavoidable.
- On booking a deposit of 25% plus any international flights we are booking for you. Full payment is required 90 days before the trip start date.
- International flights, beverages not included, visa fees and any services not mentioned are not included in the price.

• Cancellation Terms:

Up to 92 days prior to departure: 10% of total price plus any flights.

92 to 32 days prior to departure: 20% of total price plus any flights.

31 days or less prior to departure: 100% of total price plus any flights.

Any part of the program that is missed because of late arrival is non-refundable.

***SEE FOLLOWING PAGES FOR DESCRIPTIONS OF THE CABIN CLASSES ON THIS TRAIN**

2023-24 DECEMBER SEASON & XMAS & NEW YEAR

PALACE ON WHEELS TOUR START DATES FROM DELHI - GBP / USD

December 2023 : 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Price* Per Person December 2023 (excluding 20th & 27th December)				
CABIN	DELUXE		SUPER DELUXE	
TWIN	£5,298	US\$6,307	£7,336	US\$8,733
SINGLE	£8,150	US\$9,702	£14,671	US\$17,466

Price* Per Person 20th & 27th December 2023				
CABIN	DELUXE		SUPER DELUXE	
TWIN	£5,828	US\$6,938	£8,069	US\$9,606
SINGLE	£8,964	US\$10,672	£16,138	US\$19,212

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2024 LOW SEASON APRIL

PALACE ON WHEELS TOUR START DATES FROM DELHI - GBP / USD

April 2024 : 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

Price* Per Person				
CABIN	DELUXE		SUPER DELUXE	
TWIN	£3,640	US\$4,333	£4,907	US\$5,842
SINGLE	£5,944.68	US\$7,077	£9,815	US\$11,684

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2024 LOW SEASON SEPTEMBER

PALACE ON WHEELS TOUR START DATES FROM DELHI - GBP / USD

September 2024 : 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

Price* Per Person				
CABIN	DELUXE		SUPER DELUXE	
TWIN	£5,080	US\$6,048	£7,030	US\$8,369
SINGLE	£7,809	US\$9,296	£14,060	US\$16,738

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2024 HIGH SEASON & XMAS & NEW YEAR

PALACE ON WHEELS TOUR START DATES FROM DELHI - GBP / USD

October 2024 : 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

November 2024 : 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

December 2024 : 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

Price* Per Person (excluding 18th & 25th December 2024)				
CABIN	DELUXE		SUPER DELUXE	
TWIN	£5,739	US\$6,832	£7,947	US\$9,461
SINGLE	£8,448	US\$10,057	£15,894	US\$18,922

Price* Per Person 18th & 25th December 2024				
CABIN	DELUXE		SUPER DELUXE	
TWIN	£6,313	US\$7,515	£8,742	US\$10,407
SINGLE	£9,292	US\$11,062	£17,484	US\$20,814

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PALACE ON WHEELS TRAIN INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Overnight travel & stay in luxury train with AC Sleeping chambers having private attached bathroom.
- ✓ Pre-paid group excursions & sightseeing tours in AC buses with English speaking Guide & monument entrance fees.
- ✓ Bed Tea/Coffee Service ; Daily 3 meals (viz. breakfast, lunch & dinner)& bottled drinking water.
- ✓ Entrance & Camera fee at Monuments & Wild Life Reserves.
- ✓ Jungle Excursion in Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve by 15 seater open to air Canter.
- ✓ Elephant ride in Jaipur
- ✓ Sound & Light Show at Chittor Fort
- ✓ Boat ride in Udaipur
- ✓ Camel ride at Sam sand dunes
- ✓ Cultural Program with dinner in Jaisalmer
- ✓ Cycle Rickshaw ride in Bharatpur Bird sanctuary
- ✓ Visit to Taj Mahal.
- ✓ Complimentary use of sharing dongle wi-fi connectivity.
- ✓ Complimentary Use of Mini-Gymnasium Facility.

NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR

- ✗ International Airfare to / from the start / finish of the trip.
- ✗ Visas - we can advise and partner with [VisaCentral](#).
- ✗ Travel insurance to cover any medical treatment.
- ✗ Discretionary gratuities to drivers and guides.
- ✗ Consumption of alcoholic & non alcoholic beverages.
- ✗ Video camera fees at monuments & wild-life reserves.
- ✗ Laundry.
- ✗ Use of Spa facilities.
- ✗ Tips & gratuity.
- ✗ Porter fees.
- ✗ All other expenses of personal nature.

ABOUT THE PALACE ON WHEELS

The Palace on Wheels is a luxury tourist train that operates in the north-western region of India, primarily in Rajasthan. The train has 14 coaches, each of which is designed to resemble the royal carriages used by the former Maharajas of Rajasthan.



ABOUT THE PALACE ON WHEELS

RESTAURANTS ON BOARD

The Palace on Wheels train features two dining cars, Maharajah and Maharani. In the Kitchen Saloon attached to each car is a freshly prepared international menu. Maharajah Restaurant and Maharani Restaurant are the names of the two restaurants. Guests will feel like kings or queens while dining. Two dining cars are available on the Palace on Wheels. They have a spacious arrangement for seating so that guests can feel comfortable and they will be served by staff dressed in traditional clothing. Restaurants offer delicious food, whether it is traditional or continental. Guests can also choose from a wide range of traditional meals, including Non-Vegetarian and Vegetarian Meals.

UNIQUE CUISINE

Palace on Wheels is committed to providing its passengers with a five-star hotel experience in all aspects of their journey, which includes dining. Two different restaurants are located at either end of the train. While the decor of each restaurant is different, the rest of the elements remain the same. Fresh food is served at the restaurants. Ingredients for the day can be purchased the day before, or at the destination.

ON BOARD SPA

What could be more relaxing than a spa treatment on the train as you travel to your destination? The Palace on Wheels train provides guests with Ayurvedic massages and other health treatments. The Palace on Wheels Health Spa offers the best practitioners and therapists to rejuvenate you. The interiors have a royal theme, with carpeting on the floor and soothing colours throughout to give you that spa feeling.



DELUXE CABINS

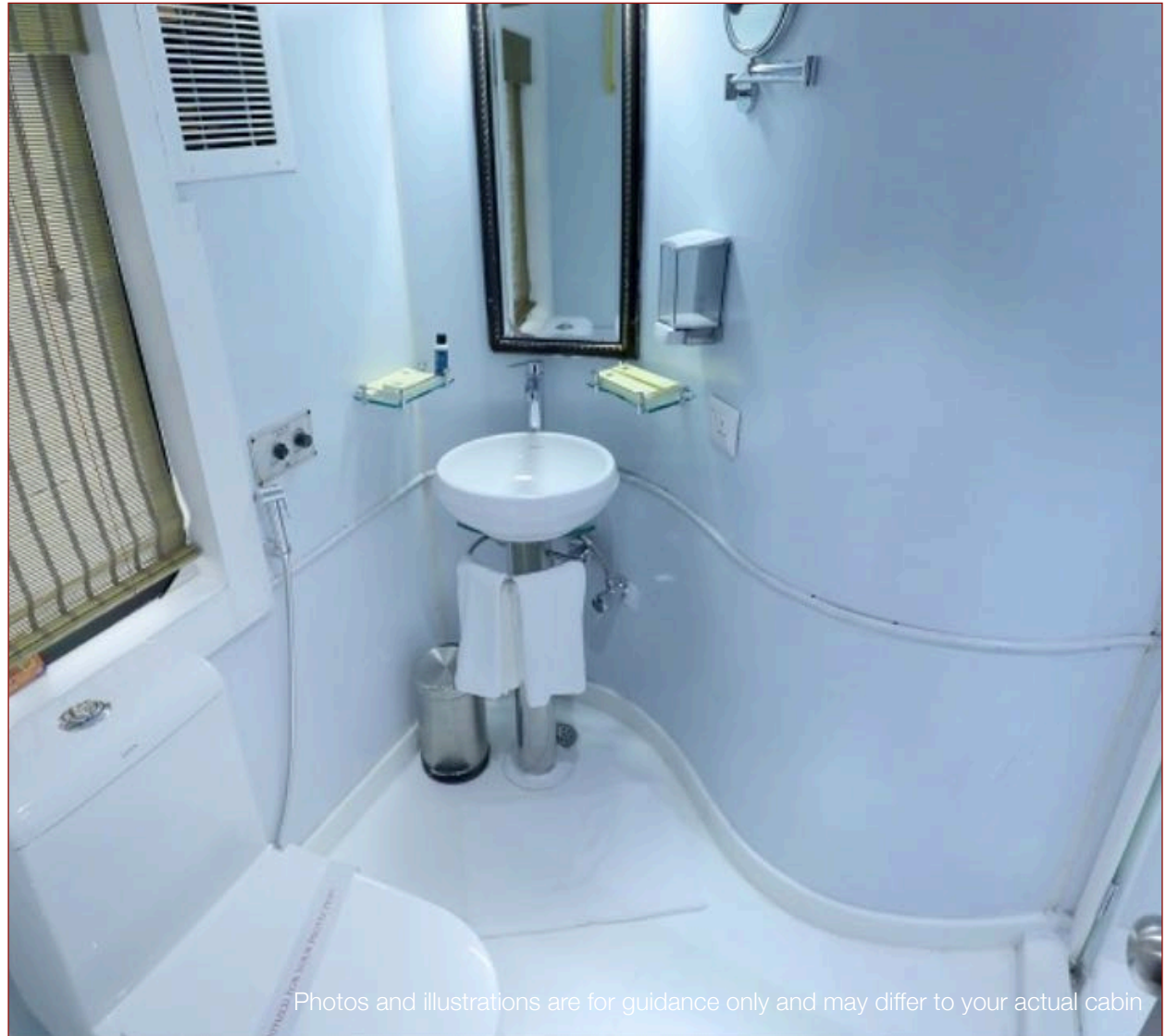


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DELUXE CABINS

Each of the 13 carriages on Palace on Wheels has three deluxe cabins. There are 39 deluxe rooms in total. Each cabin can sleep two people. Each cabin has a name and is decorated according to the colour of the precious stone. The deluxe cabin comes with a large bed and a writing desk. It also has a sitting area, chairs, and access to the butler. On request, the bed can be configured as a double bed or twin beds.

- Internet facilities
- Electronic safe
- In-suite bathroom with towels, shower cubicle, hot water faucet, hair dryer and toiletries
- Complimentary beverage, water and snack
- Indoor games
- Air conditioning system



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SUPER DELUXE CABINS



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SUPER DELUXE CABINS

Super deluxe suite guests are entitled to an exclusive, air-conditioned car for sightseeing trips. The personal attendant will receive the guests, transfer their luggage to the suite, and be on hand throughout the journey. Each suite is equipped with its own air conditioning system, shower and attached toilet. For guests in super-deluxe cabins, the excursions and sightseeing will be done with your own vehicle and an English-speaking guide. Safari in Ranthambhore is provided on a sharing basis.

- Super Deluxe Cabin Area : 18 x 7.7 Feet
- Double Bed Dimensions : 6.6 x 6 feet
- Complimentary beverage, water and snack
- Bathroom Area : 7.7 x 4.6 Feet
- Super Deluxe Lounge : 8.6 x 7.7 Feet
- Air conditioning system
- Butler access
- Complimentary beverage and snacks
- Bathroom with shower cubicle, hairdryer, toiletries, towels
- Internet facilities
- Safe



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USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOUR

HOW FAR IN ADVANCE DO I NEED TO BOOK ?

This train tour is an exclusive trip with very limited departures through the year. Consequently we strongly advise our clients to book as far in advance as possible to avoid disappointment. This particularly applies to the higher level cabins which there is strong demand for.

CAN YOU OBTAIN & ADVISE ON THE VISAS FOR US ?

Visas (if required) can be quite complex so we recommend using a specialist visa agent and have an arrangement with [CIBT Visa Central](#) who offer a reliable service for all the visas you will need for your trip. Of course, we provide all the necessary documentation which must accompany your application.

ARE YOUR TOURS FINANCIALLY PROTECTED ?

Yes! All our trips come with financial protection either through our ATOL if the trip includes a flight or insurances which comply with the UK package travel regulations for any trip that does not include a flight. In addition our ABTA membership means we must adhere to their strict code of conduct.

CAN YOU BOOK INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS FOR US ?

Absolutely! Our ATOL license means that we can book international or indeed internal flights. We get particularly good access to the best deals on British Airways as we are an appointed operator. Just let us know which airports you want to fly from or to and we will be more than happy to give a quote.

CAN YOU BOOK FURTHER TRAVEL FOR US ?

Yes! We can offer extensions to further explore India and South Asia at either end of the trip. Just ask us for details.

WHAT IS THE DRESS CODE ON THE PALACE ON WHEELS?

There is no specific dress code for guests onboard. The guests can wear smart casuals or comfortable clothing onboard.

WHAT CLOTHING SHOULD I BRING FOR OFF TRAIN EXCURSIONS?

Avoid wearing leather clothing during your trip. Sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat will help protect you from the sun in the afternoon. Sneakers and comfortable clothing are ideal for sightseeing. When visiting temples you should wear clothing that covers your shoulders and legs. You should also remove your shoes prior to entering the temple grounds. It is common for women to wear a scarf over their heads when praying. In December and January it is recommended to wear warm clothing.

WHAT STYLES OF FOOD ARE SERVED ON BOARD?

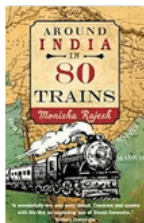
The guest can choose between Chinese, American and Continental cuisines. You should inform the chef or train manager of any food allergies or special dietary requirements at the beginning of your journey.

IS THERE A LAUNDRY SERVICE?

The laundry and dry cleaning services are available to guests aboard the train at an extra charge. The same service would be provided on the next day or destination.

IS THE TRAIN ACCESSIBLE FOR WHEELCHAIRS?

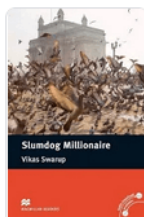
The train cabin can be accessed by a wheel chair. To avoid any inconvenience, it is recommended to notify the us in advance if you require wheel chair services.



AROUND INDIA IN 80 TRAINS

MONISHA RAJESH

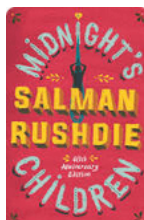
Monisha is a British journalist with Indian heritage who doesn't gloss over some of the more gnarly aspects of her journey across India on 80 trains. The people she meets along the way are the stars of this story.



SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE

VIKAS SWARUP

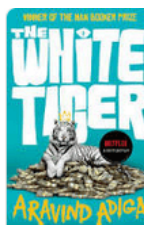
The book that inspired Danny Boyle's blockbuster movie is imaginatively written with cracking pace and superb structure. Fans of 'Slumdog' will be pleasantly surprised by some differences in the book but may be sadly disappointed by others. Read it and see for yourself!



MIDNIGHT'S CHILDREN

SALMON RUSHDIE

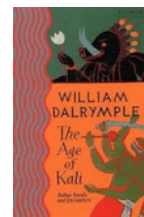
Midnight's Children chronicles the birth of modern India through the life of Saleem Sinai, born on the day of her independence. Unusual gifts connect all of 'Midnight's children' to telepathic Saleem, and the ups and downs of these special children's lives are reflected in the political turmoil of India.



THE WHITE TIGER

ARAVIND ADIGA

This is about Balram Halwai – a servant, philosopher, entrepreneur and murderer. Balram takes career progression to a whole new level. It's sharp and witty look at Indian culture that is laugh out loud funny in places and disturbingly scary in others.



THE AGE OF KALI

WILLIAM DALRYMPLE

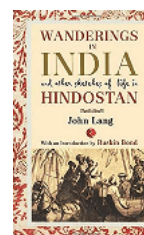
The title of this book alludes to one of the stages the world goes through as part of a cycle in Hinduism. The author also met writer Shobhaa De in Mumbai and spoke to her about her depiction of socialites in the maximum city.



BUTTER CHICKEN IN LUDHIANA

PANKAJ MISHRA

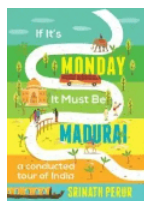
Just like the name of the book, its entire narrative is full of quirky characters which the author encounters during his extensive travel through small towns in India. Mishra had several experiences of awe and intrigue while exploring places such as Mandi, Pushkar, Kottayam, and Murshidabad.



WANDERINGS IN INDIA

JOHN LANG

Lang's travelogue gives a fantastic account of India during the colonial times and the many lifestyle habits of the British. If you are to explore the colonial architecture of India in its various hill stations and cities now, it is best to carry this book which might transport you back to a bygone era with all its eccentricities.



IF IT'S MONDAY IT MUST BE MADURAI

SRINATH PERUR

Author Srinath Perur packages the popular Indian travel experiences by undertaking it with strangers through ten conducted tours. A quirky account of his journeys, the book is vivid and engaging.