

DECCAN ODYSSEY : DELHI TO MUMBAI

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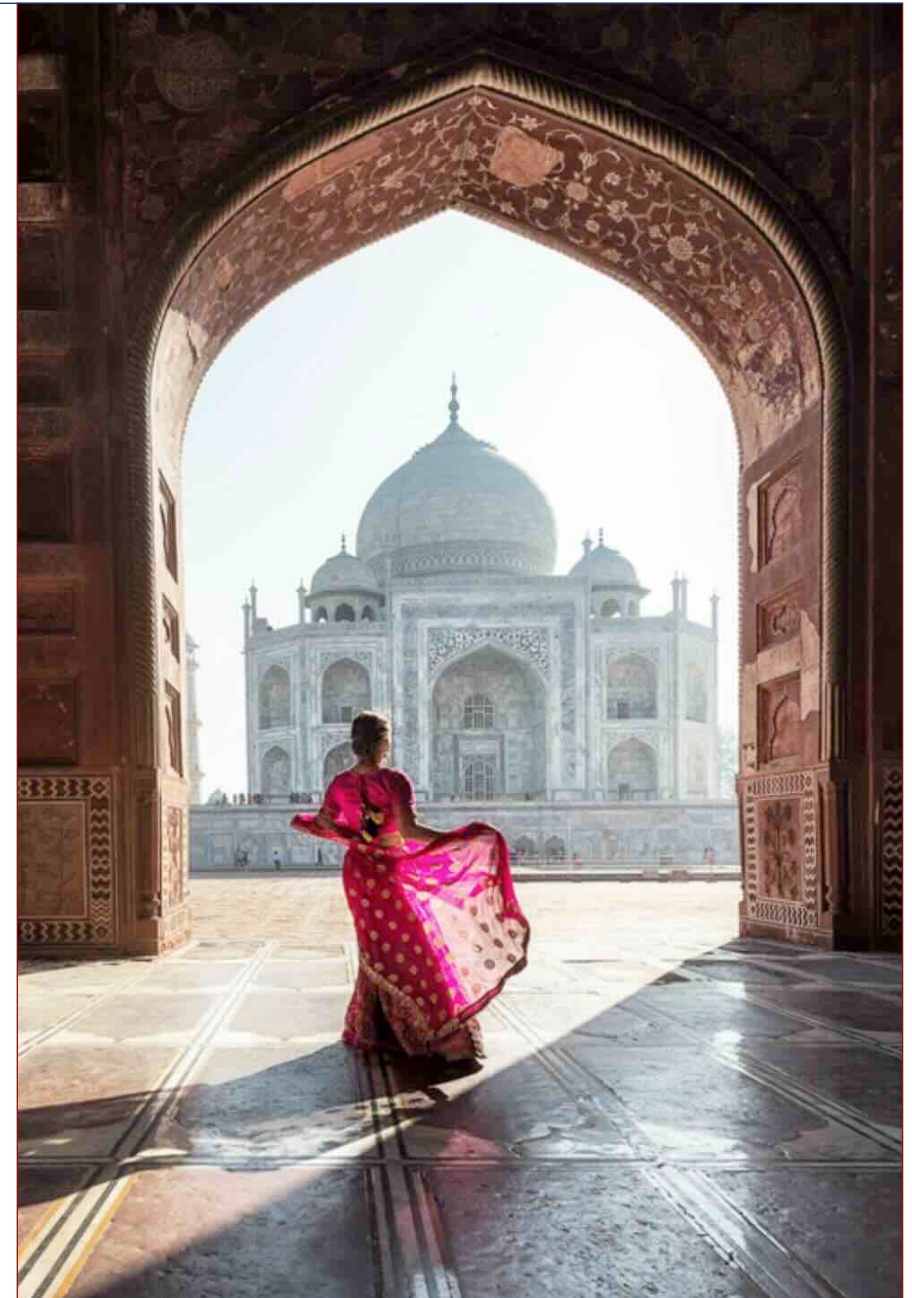
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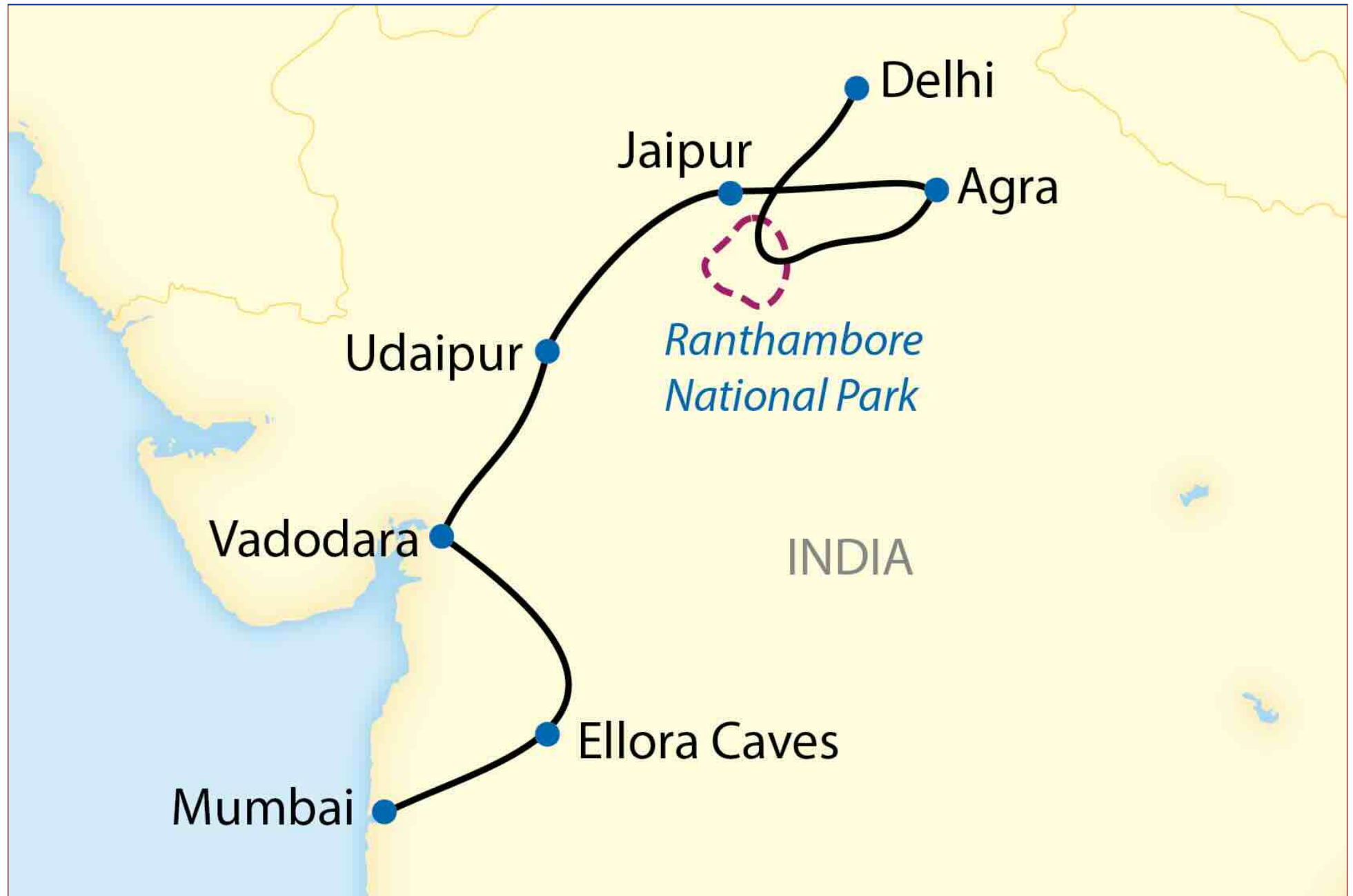
ABOUT OUR COMPANY

Established as one of the leading, independent and family owned luxury train specialists, our focus is on well thought through private and personally selected rail adventures. Our emphasis is very much on the right trip for you and we work closely with you in order to achieve this. We regard the rail journeys we offer as a trip of a lifetime and use our experience and knowledge to make it that for you.

The Luxury Train Travel Company is a trading name of Headseast Ltd, a UK based, independent, family owned travel company. We operate several brands in addition to The Luxury Train Travel Company including [“The Latin America Travel Company”](#) [“The Trans-Siberian Travel Company”](#) and [“The China Travel Company”](#). Our clients come from all over the world.



ITINERARY MAP



DECCAN ODYSSEY LUXURY TRAIN : DELHI TO MUMBAI

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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11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS STARTING IN DELHI

- ✓ Exclusive charter on a special route
- ✓ 7 nights on board the legendary luxury train Deccan Odyssey
- ✓ 7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites in one trip
- ✓ Delhi and Mumbai, two breath-taking metropolises
- ✓ Varanasi, India's holiest city on the Ganges
- ✓ Rajasthan's Pearls: Jaipur and Udaipur
- ✓ Fairytale: The Taj Mahal, one of the seven wonders of the world
- ✓ On safari in Ranthambore National Park

DELHI •
AGRA •
JAIPUR •
JAISALMER •
UDAIPUR •
VADODARA •
AURANGABAD •
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DETAILED ITINERARY

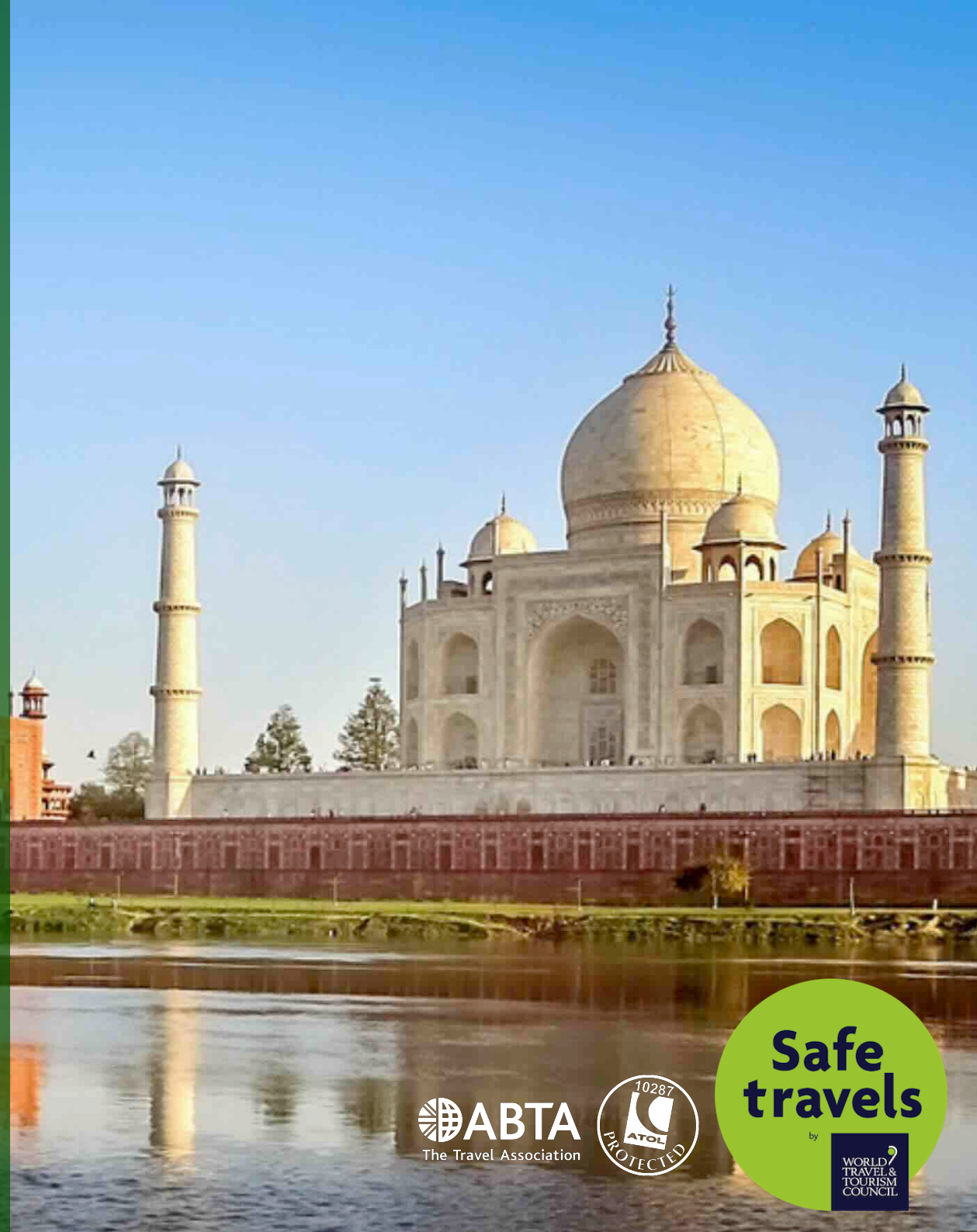
The following pages detail your itinerary day by day. All our trips are tried and tested and, between us, we have visited most destinations and accommodation. We like to offer our clients the greatest flexibility possible with their trip so if there are any pre or post tour experiences you'd like to 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



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1

DELHI

Arrival in Delhi and rest up after your flight.

Upon arrival you will be greeted by your tour guide at the airport. Your elegant deluxe hotel is located right in the heart of the city.

 **Meals Included:** None Today.

OVERNIGHT

THE LEELA AMBIENCE



Elegant rooms, attentive service, sophisticated dining and excellent facilities, providing a tranquil, comfortable base for exploring Delhi's attractions.



*Hotel shown for guidance only with exact hotels not finalised until 6 weeks before the trip start date.

YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 2

DELHI

Explore Delhi - The Soul of India.

After a leisurely morning, you set out to explore India's fascinating capital. By rickshaw, you travel through the colourful bustle of Old Delhi, passing silversmiths and sweet makers on your way to the vast Jama Masjid Mosque and the Red Fort – the first of no fewer than nine UNESCO World Heritage Sites you will visit on this journey.

At Raj Ghat, you pause to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, the great soul of India. In New Delhi, the Parliament House, the Presidential Palace (Rashtrapati Bhavan), and India Gate showcase the grandeur of the Victorian era.

You end the day in a truly atmospheric setting at Humayun's Tomb, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a peaceful oasis surrounded by beautifully landscaped gardens.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner.

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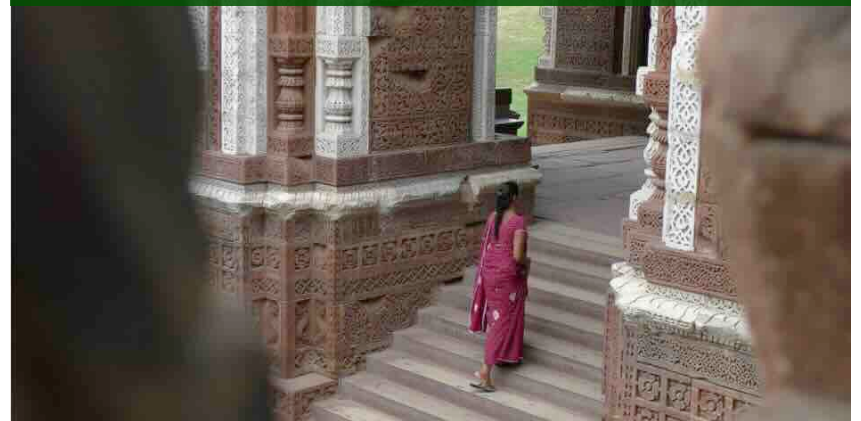
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YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

TAJ MAHAL



DELHI



DELHI



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 3

AGRA

Domes & Minarets of Delhi before joining the Deccan Odyssey to Agra.

Rising majestically before your eyes is one of the tallest towers in the Islamic world: the Qutub Minar. Adorned with intricate Quranic inscriptions, this magnificent minaret is not only one of Delhi's most iconic landmarks but also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A colourful and lively atmosphere awaits at the Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, one of the city's most important Sikh temples.

In the afternoon, you proceed to Delhi Cantt Railway Station, where the blue dream train, the Deccan Odyssey, awaits. A warm welcome from the crew greets you as you board your rolling home for the next seven nights.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT



DAY 4

AGRA & RANTHAMBORE

The Taj Mahal & a Wildlife Safari with the chance of seeing a tiger.

At sunrise, your train arrives in Agra, allowing you to experience one of the world's most breathtaking monuments before the crowds arrive. Passing through its imposing gateways, you catch your first glimpse of the Taj Mahal, whose gleaming white marble and exquisite inlays of semi-precious stones are reflected in tranquil blue pools – a sight you will never forget.

Commissioned by Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal, this UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the Seven Wonders of the World stands as the ultimate symbol of love.

Filled with inspiration, you return to the comfort of your train as the blue Deccan Odyssey leaves the lush plains of the Ganges behind and heads towards the hills of Rajasthan. From Sawai Madhopur Railway Station, it is only a short drive to the renowned Ranthambore National Park. Its forested landscapes are home to antelopes, deer, pheasants, monkeys, and sloth bears. With a little luck, you may even spot one of the park's magnificent Bengal tigers during your safari.

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

OVERNIGHT



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

JAIPUR



UDAIPUR



TIGERS



DAY 5

JAIPUR

The Palace of Winds and a highlight of Rajasthan.

Welcome to Rajasthan, the Land of the Maharajas! In the morning, your train arrives in the Pink City of Jaipur. From here, you first travel into the surrounding countryside to visit the magnificent Amber Fort, a sprawling palace fortress that rises picturesquely above Maota Lake and forms part of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Hill Forts of Rajasthan.

Returning to Jaipur, you soon find yourself standing before the city's most iconic landmark: the pink-hued façade of the Hawa Mahal, the famous Palace of Winds. From its delicately latticed balconies, the noble ladies of the court once observed the colorful bustle of the city markets while remaining unseen.

Your sightseeing program also includes the opulent City Palace, still home to Jaipur's royal family, and the remarkable Jantar Mantar, an 18th-century astronomical observatory and UNESCO World Heritage Site, renowned for its impressive collection of monumental instruments.

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

OVERNIGHT



DAY 6

JAISALMER

Desert Skies & the fairytale city of Jaisalmer.

As you wake up, you can hardly believe your eyes. Shimmering on the horizon outside your train window rises a vast honey-coloured sandstone fortress – another UNESCO World Heritage Site. The oasis city of Jaisalmer seems straight out of a fairy tale.

Wandering through its labyrinth of narrow lanes lined with ornate havelis and merchants' mansions, you are transported back to the era of the great trading caravans, surrounded by a thousand sights, sounds, and scents. After visiting the magnificent Jaisalmer Fort, a unique experience awaits to round off the day: an excursion into the Thar Desert.

Perched atop the rolling sand dunes, you enjoy a refreshing sundowner while admiring the ever-changing colours of the desert landscape as the sun sets over the horizon.

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

OVERNIGHT



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

UDAIPUR



JAIPUR



RAJASTAN



DAY 7

UDAIPUR

The lake side city of Udaipur & its palaces.

Set against the backdrop of the Aravalli Mountains, the palaces, temples, and man-made lakes of Udaipur create one of Rajasthan's most enchanting landscapes. Your tour begins with a visit to the vast City Palace complex on the shores of Lake Pichola. Its remarkable crystal collection is both unique and fascinating.

A boat cruise on Lake Pichola, passing the legendary Lake Palace Hotel, offers the best views of this dreamlike setting, with magnificent palaces and historic buildings reflected in the tranquil waters.

In the afternoon, there is time to stroll through the charming Old Town, soak up its atmosphere, and explore its lively streets and bustling bazaars at your own pace.

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

OVERNIGHT



DAY 8

VADODARA

High Tea with a Maharaja at the Jambughoda Palace.

From the railway station of the university city of Vadodara, you travel to the ruins of Champaner, the former capital of the region and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, centuries-old mosques, palaces, and fortifications bear witness to the grandeur of a bygone era.

At lunchtime, a truly special experience awaits at the idyllic Jambughoda Palace, where you are welcomed by a genuine Maharaja and Maharani. Enjoy a delicious lunch in the elegant surroundings of this heritage residence before joining your hosts for traditional afternoon tea in the palace's colonial-style salon.

During this unique encounter, you gain fascinating first-hand insights into how India's former royal families balance their rich traditions with the realities of modern Indian life.

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

OVERNIGHT



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

MUMBAI



BOLLYWOOD



VADODARA



DAY 9

ELLORA CAVES

A Symphony of Gods in Black Basalt.

From Aurangabad, you set out to visit the spectacular Ellora Caves, home to an extraordinary complex of 34 rock-cut temples and monasteries. Carved into the hillside between the 5th and 11th centuries, these masterpieces represent the artistic achievements of successive generations of highly skilled stonemasons.

Hewn from solid black basalt, the caves are adorned with intricately carved sculptures, shrines, and reliefs depicting scenes of timeless beauty from the Hindu, Buddhist, and Jain traditions. The sheer scale and craftsmanship of this UNESCO World Heritage Site are truly overwhelming and offer a fascinating insight into India's rich spiritual and cultural heritage.

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

OVERNIGHT



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 10

MUMBAI

Arrival in India's Mega-City and final centre.

At the magnificent Victoria Station, dating back to 1888, it is time to bid farewell to the Deccan Odyssey. You then explore Mumbai, India's vibrant metropolis, visiting Mani Bhawan, the Prince of Wales Museum, and the iconic Gateway of India. A harbour cruise provides further insights into this fascinating city.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT

ITC GRAND CENTRAL



Combines stately architecture, refined rooms, acclaimed dining and warm hospitality in a convenient setting for exploring the city.



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YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 11

MUMBAI

It's Showtime: Bollywood before goodbye to India.

A special highlight of the day is a visit to the world-famous Bollywood film studios. Alternatively, you explore Mumbai's historic city centre, stop for photographs at the famous Dhobi Ghat open-air laundry, and stroll along Colaba Causeway, one of the city's most vibrant shopping streets.

In the evening, you bring your journey to a delightful close over a dinner featuring Indian specialties. Stay on in Mumbai or transfer to the airport for a late flight out of India.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner.



2028

DELHI TO MUMBAI DATES & PRICES PER PERSON IN GBP

*** All Dates Subject To Availability - Many Trips Sell Out Long In Advance ***

Starts in Delhi 10th February 2028 & finishes in Mumbai 20th February 2028

Starts in Delhi 2nd November 2028 & finishes in Mumbai 12th November 2028

CABIN	SUPERIOR	DELUXE	SUITE
TWIN	£ 7,850	£ 8,550	£ 13,100
SINGLE	£ 12,230	£ 13,280	£ POA

* The published prices for this tour are as listed above in GB Pounds. However, we can quote and accept payment in Euros, Singaporean Dollars, Australian Dollars, Canadian Dollars and more. [Contact us](#) for a confirmed quote in your preferred currency.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The tour may be cancelled if the minimum number of participants required for a trip is not met. It is rare this happens and if it does you will be offered a date / trip change or refund of the deposit (any decision is taken outside 60 days before the trip start date). Note there may be no refund for additional services such as flights or other travel arrangements you have made separately.
- We require all clients to take out travel / trip cancellation and to have valid medical insurance for all our trips.
- Due to the intricate logistics of this tour, itinerary changes are sometimes unavoidable.
- On booking a non-refundable deposit of 15% 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:
15% of total price

Between 91 and 42 days prior to departure:
45% of total price

Between 41 and 11 days prior to departure:
80% of total price

10 and less days prior to departure/no-show:
90% of total price
Any part of the program that is missed because of late arrival is non-refundable.

DECCAN ODYSSEY TRAIN INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

TOUR DESCRIPTION

Discover India's extraordinary contrasts on an elegant journey from Delhi to Mumbai, combining luxury hotels with seven nights aboard the Deccan Odyssey. Explore Old and New Delhi, marvel at the Taj Mahal, and seek Bengal tigers in Ranthambore. Experience Jaipur's palaces, Jaisalmer's desert sunset and Udaipur's romantic lakes before meeting royalty at Jambughoda Palace.

Discover the ancient ruins of Champaner and Ellora's remarkable rock-cut temples, then conclude amid Mumbai's energy, heritage and Bollywood glamour. Across nine UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the tour reveals India's magnificent architecture, spirituality, wildlife and enduring royal traditions in exceptional comfort and with expert guidance throughout.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 7 nights aboard the luxury train Deccan Odyssey
- ✓ 2 nights in a deluxe hotel in Delhi
- ✓ 1 night in a deluxe hotel in Mumbai, including late check-out until transfer to the airport
- ✓ Meals as specified in the itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- ✓ Full board and soft drinks aboard the Deccan Odyssey
- ✓ Services of an English-speaking tour manager throughout the journey from Delhi to Mumbai
- ✓ Additional local English-speaking guides (maximum group size: 25 guests)
- ✓ Rickshaw ride through Old Delhi
- ✓ Boat cruise on Lake Pichola in Udaipur
- ✓ Harbour cruise in Mumbai
- ✓ Wildlife safari in Ranthambore National Park
- ✓ Lunch with a Maharaja at the idyllic Jambughoda Palace
- ✓ Dance performance, music and a special dinner at the Laxmi Vilas Palace in Vadodara
- ✓ Sundowner experience on the sand dunes of the Thar Desert
- ✓ Transfers and excursions in modern air-conditioned coaches
- ✓ Entrance fees for all sightseeing visits as listed in the itinerary

NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR

- ✗ International Airfare to / from the start / finish of the trip.
- ✗ Visas - we can advise and partner with [CIBT Visas](#).
- ✗ Travel insurance to cover any medical treatment.
- ✗ Discretionary gratuities to drivers and guides.

WHY BOOK THROUGH US ?

EXPERIENCE ✓

We have been arranging luxury train tours since 2008 and have long relationships with key providers.

PRICE PROMISE ✓

In most cases we will offer to match any bona fide, like for like quote for your trip from another agent or operator.

INDEPENDENT ADVICE ✓

We give open and impartial advice and it is important to us that you book the right rail trip for you.

PEACE OF MIND ✓

We are members of ABTA and most trips are protected by our IPP cover and ATOL bonding.



"I just wanted to say thank you for organising our wonderful holiday. All went smoothly and we were well taken care of. Thank you for the seamless organisation."

Kristopher Forbes



"The trip was great. Everything was smooth. This was very important to me as a solo female traveller. I felt safe and secure at all times. It was a well-balanced and organised trip. I really appreciated the effort that went into the trip."

Sarah Orozco



"You are amazing! Thank you so much for the fast response to my initial email, and the rapid answer to any questions I had, no matter how stupid they were! Your organisation was a great choice for me... I would highly recommend it."

Rachael Klein



"The booking process was very efficient. We appreciate you answered all our questions and presented a good plan. The trip itself was a wonderful old world Africa experience on the train – loved it."

Paige & Hugh Christensen



"It was the best trip we've ever taken! It was amazing! I cannot say enough about it. The ease of train travel, and guides were all pleasant surprises."

Lawrence & Conner Dudley



"We appreciated how easy it was to talk with you on the phone, person-to-person. This was very helpful. It's nice to meet people with similar interests and goals. We thank you and your company for everything you did to create a memorable train experience."

Bethany Leblanc



"You made booking flights and everything else very simple. You always provided excellent service, and responded to our inquiries promptly. Thanks for your attention to detail towards your customers."

Tania & Arthur Lindsey



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

Gail & Cathy

ABOUT THE DECCAN ODYSSEY TRAIN

To travel aboard the Deccan Odyssey is to experience the finest traditions of rail travel in a train specifically built to cater for the demands of today's most discerning traveller.



ABOUT THE DECCAN ODYSSEY TRAIN

ACCOMMODATION

Fully air-conditioned, the Deccan Odyssey offers a choice of Deluxe Class en-suite cabins with either twin or double beds – or Presidential Suites, in which each cabin has a separate sitting room and two bathrooms. All the accommodation is spacious, thanks to the generous proportions of the country's broad gauge railway.

FOOD & DRINK

Our train includes two splendid Restaurant Cars, offering a wonderful variety of international cuisine. Prepared and served with the highest attention to detail, the Indian and international food offered here is to the highest culinary standards. Traditionally decorated, these beautifully designed cars offer a superb and relaxed setting in which to enjoy your meals and watch India's remarkable scenery unfold.

Another highlight is the splendidly appointed Lounge Car, which includes a well-stocked bar offering the perfect surroundings for a quiet drink with your fellow passengers.

RELAX ON BOARD

There is a dedicated Spa Car where passengers can enjoy a traditional Ayurvedic massage, enjoy the heat of the sauna, visit the on board hairdressing salon, or for those with a more energetic disposition work out in the gym while the train is underway.

Alternatively, you can relax in the Reception Car which has a library and reading area, a fully-equipped business centre and a large plasma screen.



PRESIDENTIAL SUITES



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PRESIDENTIAL SUITES

Presidential Suite guests will also benefit from a private guide and chauffeured car service in many of the destinations we visit, plus the inclusion of drinks from the Bar Lounge Car, a laundry service and room upgrades at hotels featured in the itinerary.

- **Cabin Area:** 205 sqft / 19 sq m
 - **Cabin Length:** 16ft 6in
 - **Cabin Width:** 7ft 7in
 - **Bed Length (Double):** 6ft 8in
 - **Bed Width (Double):** 5ft
 - **Bed Length (Sofa):** 6ft 8in
 - **Bed Width (Sofa):** 2ft 6in
 - **Cabins per car:** 2
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- Sleeps 2-3
 - Double bedroom
 - Separate lounge / seating area with writing desk
 - Additional sofa bed available in lounge
 - 2 en-suite bathrooms with separate shower
 - Air-conditioned throughout
 - DVD player and television screen
 - Hairdryer
 - Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water in cabin



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DELUXE CLASS

- **Cabin Area:** 95sqft / 9 sq m
 - **Cabin Length:** 9ft 4in
 - **Cabin Width:** 7ft 7in
 - **Each Bed Length:** 205cm
 - **Each Bed Width:** 85cm
 - **Cabins per car:** 4
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- Sleeps 2
 - Twin bed (2 singles)
 - En-suite bathroom with separate shower
 - Air-conditioned throughout
 - Hairdryer
 - Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water in cabin



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SUPERIOR CLASS

- **Cabin Area:** 95sqft / 9 sq m
- **Cabin Length:** 9ft 4in
- **Cabin Width:** 7ft 7in
- **Bed Length:** 6ft 8in (205 cm)
- **Bed Width:** 5ft (150 cm)
- **Cabins per car:** 4
- Sleeps 2
- Double bedroom
- En-suite bathroom with separate shower
- Air-conditioned throughout
- Hairdryer
- Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water in cabin



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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.

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 Visas](#) 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 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.

EXPERIENCED TOUR MANAGERS

Our experienced tour managers and their assistants are selected for their travel knowledge and their linguistic and organisational abilities allowing you to relax and enjoy your rail cruise.

HOTEL & TRAIN ACCOMMODATION

Although you will spend much of your time sightseeing or relaxing in the train's public areas, you will find your hotel room or cabin a welcome retreat at the end of a rewarding day.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

All departures feature one or two uniquely designed restaurant cars where you can enjoy the excellent waiter-served food. Several times during the tour we will also sample authentic local cuisine off-the train.

ONBOARD SERVICE

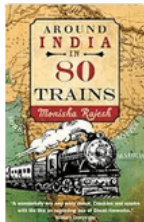
You can expect service which is attentive, friendly and unintrusive. Your car attendants provide 24-hour housekeeping and bedding turndown services, with one attendant always on duty to assist you and to ensure you are comfortable in your cabin. Complimentary tea, coffee and bottle drinking water are available in your cabin 24 hours a day.

GUIDE DURING EXCURSIONS

The history and culture of the places we visit on our rail cruises will come alive through our expert local guides. All our tours include a wide-ranging sightseeing schedule to make the most of the time you have off the train and bring you closer to the culture, people and history of your destinations.

PORTERAGE

Your luggage and belongings will stay with you on the train throughout the journey but, wherever necessary, porterage is included between the hotel and stations.



AROUND INDIA IN 80 TRAINS

MONISHA RAJESH

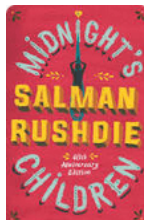
Monisha is a British journalist with Indian heritage who doesn't gloss over some of the more gnarly aspects of her journey across India on 80 trains. The people she meets along the way are the stars of this story.



SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE

VIKAS SWARUP

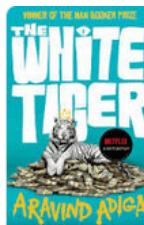
The book that inspired Danny Boyle's blockbuster movie is imaginatively written with cracking pace and superb structure. Fans of 'Slumdog' will be pleasantly surprised by some differences in the book but may be sadly disappointed by others. Read it and see for yourself!



MIDNIGHT'S CHILDREN

SALMON RUSHDIE

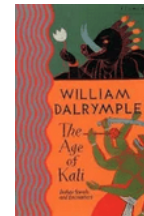
Midnight's Children chronicles the birth of modern India through the life of Saleem Sinai, born on the day of her independence. Unusual gifts connect all of 'Midnight's children' to telepathic Saleem, and the ups and downs of these special children's lives are reflected in the political turmoil of India.



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

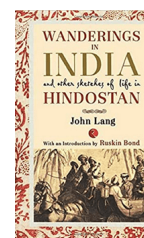
The title of this book alludes to one of the stages the world goes through as part of a cycle in Hinduism. The author also met writer Shobhaa De in Mumbai and spoke to her about her depiction of socialites in the maximum city.



BUTTER CHICKEN IN LUDHIANA

PANKAJ MISHRA

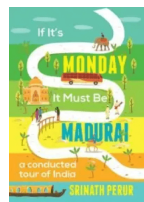
Just like the name of the book, its entire narrative is full of quirky characters which the author encounters during his extensive travel through small towns in India. Mishra had several experiences of awe and intrigue while exploring places such as Mandi, Pushkar, Kottayam, and Murshidabad.



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.