

ELLISON ROBERTS TOURS



Luxury train journeys in India – The Indian Maharajah

**Mumbai - Aurangabad - Udaipur - Sawai Madhopur (Ranthambore) - Jaipur -
Agra - Delhi (07 Nights/ 08 Days)**

DAY 1 MUMBAI

Your journey commences at 1600 hrs from Victoria Terminus, also known as Chattrapati Shivaji Terminus. Settle down to dinner as we begin the tour with Aurangabad as the first leg of our journey.

DAY 2 AURANGABAD

Today's sightseeing takes you to two world heritage sites. The Ellora Caves where you will see ancient Buddhist and Hindu monasteries and temples dating back to 600 AD. After lunch we will take you to visit the Ajanta Caves, an architectural marvel for its time. Rock-cut cave monuments with masterfully carved sculptures and paintings of Buddhist and Hindu religious art.

We then catch up with the Indian Maharaja at Jalgaon railway station.

The day ends with dinner as we travel overnight towards our next destination, Udaipur.



DAY 3 UDAIPUR

A lie in and a late brunch would be a great way to begin the day as we'd reach Udaipur by then. Set on the shores of Lake Pichola, Udaipur is surrounded by scenic hills and is known as the City of Lakes. The famous City Palace, a majestic white monument, has been built on the banks of the lake. As you drive past Fateh Sagar Lake, make a visit to *Sahelion-ki-Bari* or the Garden of the Maids-of-Honour that has many fountains and pools embellished with kiosks and elephants. Visit the Jagdish Temple, a splendid 16th-century temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu, the largest of its kind in Udaipur. You may get to cruise Lake Pichola to visit the marvellous Jag Mandir Palace that's spread over four acres and is noted for its marble pavilion and an imposing dome, if the monsoon God has showered enough rains to fill up the lake.



End the day at a gala dinner at the city hotel then return to the train for the overnight journey to Sawai Madhopur.

DAY 4 SAWAI MADHOPUR (Ranthambore)

Wake up to an exciting day as we take you on a jungle safari to Sawai Madhopur, home of the famous Ranthambore National Park and part of India's efforts to conserve the dwindling wild cat species. If it's your lucky day, you could spot a tiger lolling around lazily in the sun, or hunting down Sambhar around the lakes. You will have ample time to try during your morning and afternoon safaris.



DAY 5 JAIPUR

Legendary for the triumphs of its proud Rajputs Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan, is surrounded by rugged hills, each crowned by a formidable fort, and beautiful palaces, mansions and gardens. After a leisurely breakfast we then take you to visit Maharaja Mansingh's 17th century home, Fort Amber. Known for its unique architecture that mixes both Hindu and Muslim elements, this marvellous construction in red sandstone and white marble has a sprawling complex of courtyards and halls. The rooms are adorned with beautiful paintings, precious stones and mirrors. The star turn is the Sheesh Mahal or Hall of Mirrors, where a single lamplight reflects in many mirrors, and lights up the entire room! En route to Amber city is the Palace of Winds or Hawa Mahal, known for its intricate pink sandstone carving and a beautiful view of the city.



In the afternoon, you will visit the city of Jaipur, famous for the City Palace which contains many exquisite buildings, courtyards and decorative art. Walk to the adjacent Jantar Mantar or Astronomical Observatory an astronomical wonder for its time.

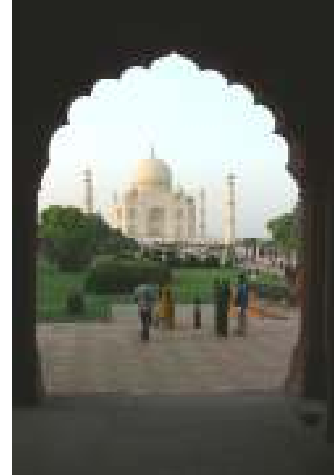
Built by Sawai Jai Singh, the instruments correctly measure the time of the day, position of the moon and planets etc.

We return to the train for dinner and then depart for Bharatpur near Agra.

DAY 6 AGRA

Your day will begin with the sights of the beautiful city of Fatehpur Sikri, and then on to Agra. Fatehpur Sikri, is an untouched, red sandstone city built by the Great Mughal Emperor Akbar as his capital and palace in the late 16th century; a city that is known for its many palaces and mosques and has been deserted for centuries.

When you arrive at Agra, you will realise that the Mughals were not just great rulers but were also great architects of their time. The Taj Mahal, Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan's tribute to his wife, Mumtaz Mahal, is truly the world's most wondrous monument of love. It took 22 years and 20,000 men to build it, and the white marble was transported from 200 miles away by a fleet of 1000 elephants. Agra city is situated on the banks of the river Yamuna that also houses the famous Lal Quila or Agra fort. Built of red sandstone, Agra fort is not only an outstanding example of Mughal architecture, but was also once the seat of Mughal rule. Relax after a busy day as the train journeys overnight towards India's capital, Delhi.



DAY 7 DELHI

After breakfast begin the day with a sightseeing tour of Delhi. India's capital and a major gateway to the country, contemporary Delhi is a bustling metropolis that successfully mixes the ancient with the modern. The city's ancient monuments stand as silent reminders to its history set against the fast-spiralling skyscrapers. The city is spacious and is laced with gardens, trees and a number of beautiful parks. First make a trip to Old Delhi, where you will visit Raj Ghat, a simple memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. You will then drive past the Red Fort, a World Heritage site, and then visit the Jama Masjid – the largest mosque in India that can accommodate up to 25,000 worshippers at a time. The tour to Imperial Delhi will include a visit to the Qutab Minar, the tallest stone tower in India, built by Qutab-ud-din Aibak in 1199. There will also be a photo stop at the imposing India Gate, the Parliament building and the Rashtrapati Bhawan, the President's residence.



DAY 8 Onward departure from DELHI

Service and specification

Onboard service and catering is truly first class and is provided by the renowned Taj Group of Hotels. In addition the following meals are provided during your sightseeing tours.

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| Taj Residency, Aurangabad | Lunch |
| Shiv Niwas Palace, Udaipur | Dinner at Udaipur – a Gala dinner on their terrace garden overlooking Lake Pichola. |
| Taj Sawai Madhopur Lodge, Ranthambore | High Tea at Ranthambore with a talk on wild life and nature. |
| The City Palace, Jaipur | Exclusive lunch at a private venue in the Palace. |
| Taj Gateway, Agra | Lunch |
| Taj Palace / The Imperial, New Delhi | Lunch |
| Cocktail Theme Dinner | On board the train – as a farewell get together. |

The Indian Maharajah is equipped to a very high standard and is made up of 11 Deluxe Suite Coaches having a total of 44 ensuite cabins with a maximum capacity for 88 guests. There are 5 double bedded cabins the rest having twin beds. Each suite coach also has a lounge area with TV as well as its own dedicated staff and pantry facilities. The 2 Presidential Suite Coaches provide 4 superior suites, which in addition to the ensuite cabin have a private lounge with TV.

General facilities include two restaurant cars and a bar coach with a Foreign Exchange facility. There is also a Health/Spa Coach where you can enjoy a Massage, Steam Bath, Gymnasium and Beauty Parlour. There are also additional coaches for luggage, power generators and staff accommodation.



Deluxe cabin – twin bed



Deluxe cabin – cut away view

Departures for 2009 - 2010 Season

| Dates for Mumbai – Delhi | Dates for Delhi – Mumbai |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 18.11.2009 to 25.11.2009 | 25.11.2009 to 02.12.2009 |
| 09.12.2009 to 16.12.2009 | 16.12.2009 to 23.12.2009 |
| 23.12.2009 to 30.12.2009 | 30.12.2009 to 06.01.2010 |
| 20.01.2010 to 27.01.2010 | 27.01.2010 to 03.02.2010 |
| 10.02.2010 to 17.02.2010 | 17.02.2010 to 24.02.2010 |
| 24.02.2010 to 03.03.2010 | 03.03.2010 to 10.03.2010 |
| 10.03.2010 to 17.03.2010 | 17.03.2010 to 24.03.2010 |

Prices: includes all accommodation on board, meals (but not alcoholic beverages), transfers and sightseeing, entrance fees and local taxes at 2.58% but excluding international flights and any accommodation in Delhi or Mumbai before or after your journey.

There are three classes available:

Platinum - applicable for Presidential suite coach passengers; with private vehicle & driver for all transfers; tours and excursions. **\$6480 per person (£4050 @ \$1.6/£)**

Gold - applicable for the deluxe cabins, with private vehicle & driver for all transfers; tours and excursions. **\$4430 per person (£2768 @ \$1.6/£)**

Silver - applicable for the deluxe cabins, with all transfers; tours and excursion provided in air-conditioned Volvo coaches. **\$3580 per person (£2237 @ \$1.6/£)**



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