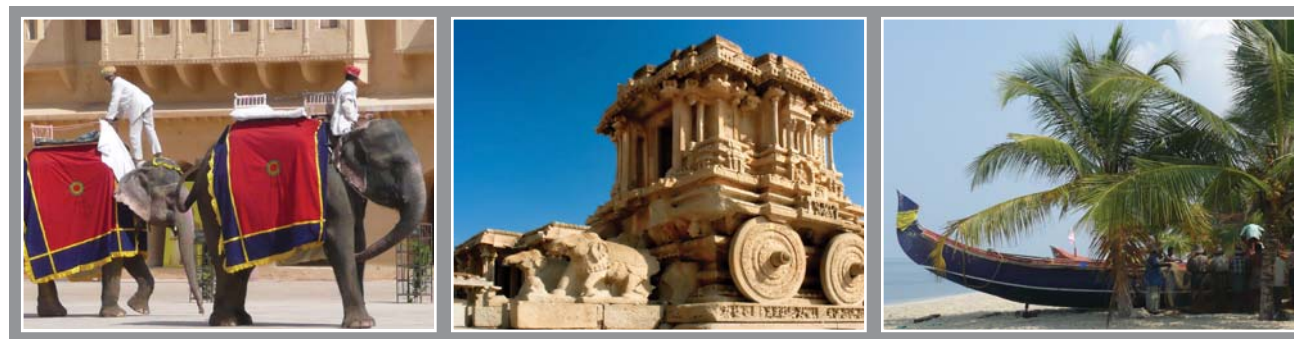


# India by Rail

Established in 1853 India's railway system is vast, carrying over **11 million people** daily. In an immense and physically diverse land it plays a **key role** in transportation. Among the opportunities to experience this ubiquitous network are the famous **"Toy Trains"**, and prestigious **"Travelling Palaces"** whose concept was taken from **Royal Coaches**, the personal railway coaches of the erstwhile rulers of the princely states of northwest India.

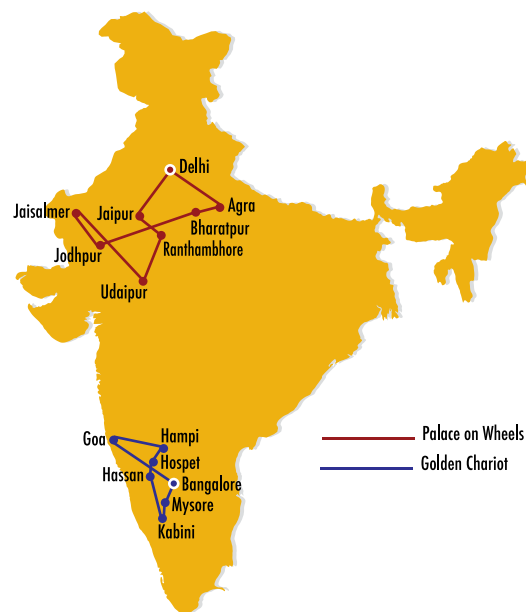


Above from left: Amber Fort Elephants, Stone Chariot at Hampi, Arabian Sea Coast

## Palace on Wheels (9 Days)

India's first luxury train, this evocative journey in regal luxury recalls a bye-gone era. Moving through the often dramatic desert landscape the past unfolds revealing a time of autocratic maharajas, their reigns reflected in the forts, palaces and temples throughout Rajasthan. After a tour of Delhi and then the Taj Mahal at Agra, the tour includes time exploring the exotically interesting towns of Jaipur, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer and Udaipur, plus Ranthambhore National Park for a chance to see its resident tigers.

\* *Departs Delhi every Wednesday between September and April.*



Golden Chariot

## The Golden Chariot (8 Days)

Travel in royal grandeur through Karnataka in southern India on the luxurious Golden Chariot, named after the famous Stone Chariot at Hampi (Vijayanagar). The train combines the aesthetics and interiors of the regal past with contemporary comfort and convenience. This grand journey offers diverse heritage destinations, resplendent palaces, a wildlife sanctuary and serene golden beaches in Bangalore, Mysore, Nargahole National Park, Halbid, Belure, Hampi, Badame, Aihole, Pattadakal and Goa.

\* *Departs Bangalore every Monday year round.*



Maharajas' Express - Presidential Suite

## Maharajas' Express

A genuinely royal experience on an exclusive train journey between either: **Mumbai and Delhi** or **Delhi and Kolkata**. These luxurious excursions explore India's rich diversity, timeless traditions, exotic locales and vibrant cities steeped in history, which is embedded in their spectacular architecture and monuments. This sumptuous train provides relaxed regal ambience, attentive personal service and superb cuisine.

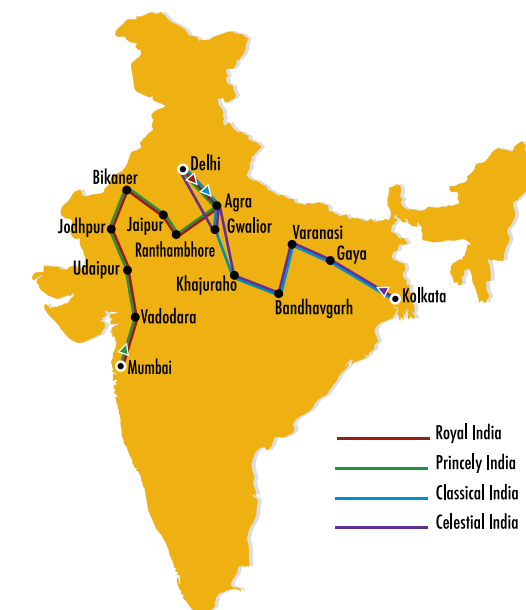
### Royal India (7 Days) and Princely India (8 Days)

These extraordinary voyages through western India, between Delhi and Mumbai, reveal a land inhabited by a hospitable and eclectic cultural populace. Imperial India left behind fascinating heritage and exquisite architecture in the legendary Taj Mahal, in Rajasthan's forts and palaces at Jaipur, Bikaner and Jodhpur, and in the medieval capital of Gujarat, Champaner. Activities include seeking the elusive tigers of Ranthambhore National Park and experiencing an exhibition elephant polo match.

### Classical India (7 Days) and Celestial India (8 Days)

Two quintessential sojourns between Delhi and Kolkata explore India's mystique. Meandering through renowned Hindu and Buddhist centres, visiting fascinating heritage sites and architectural creations unravels beguiling layers of culture and history. Discover the immortal beauty of the Taj Mahal, the gracefully carved erotica at the temples of Khajuraho, the sacred bathing ghats on the River Ganges at Varanasi, the Gaya pilgrimage centre, Gwalior's historic wonders and the magnificent wilderness of Bandhavgarh National Park.

*Note: Some departures are accompanied by notable guest lecturers whose expert knowledge greatly adds to already fascinating journeys. Details and departure dates available on request.*



Toy Train to Darjeeling

## Toy Trains

The charismatic "Toy Trains" that have long served such hill stations as Darjeeling, Ghoom, Shimla and Ooty still evoke romantic images of India's railway system. These narrow gauge trains were introduced during the days of the British Raj to access remote areas where roads were poor or non-existent. They were key to the commercial development of tea, coffee and spice plantations. These trains of character are unique and will make a worthy inclusion in your tour and experience of India, so please ask us for more detailed information about individual trains.

*Notes:*

\* *Full and detailed itineraries are available on request.*  
\* *Day-to-day schedules of all these journeys may be changed at short notice to suit local logistics.*