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**NEW DELHI**



**JAIPUR**



**RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK**



**FATEHPUR SIKRI**

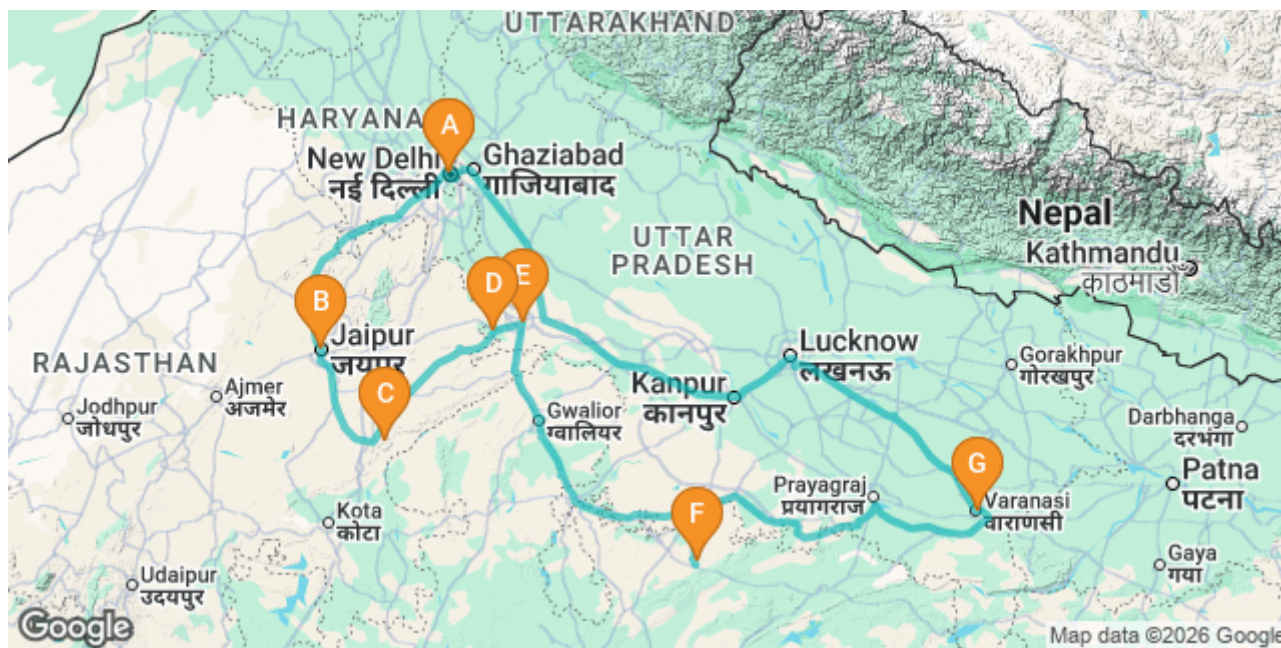


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*New Delhi - Jaipur - Ranthambore National Park - Fatehpur Sikri - Agra - Khajuraho - Varanasi*  
7 Days / 6 Nights

0 Persons

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## Introduction

Embark on an epic rail journey across North India. Explore India's most iconic landmarks as you discover a rich tapestry of history, culture, art, architecture and spirituality. The Maharaja's Express is a luxurious train, designed for comfort, equipped with all the amenities you might need, and enhanced by fantastic service and warm staff members.

Accommodation	Type	Destination	Basis	Duration
Maharajas' Express			B&B	<b>6 Nights</b>
→ New Delhi	stop	New Delhi		
→ Jaipur	overnight	Jaipur		1 Night
→ Ranthambore National Park	overnight	Ranthambore National Park		1 Night
→ Fatehpur Sikri	stop	Fatehpur Sikri		
→ Agra	stop	Agra		
→ Khajuraho	stop	Khajuraho		
→ Varanasi	stop	Varanasi		
→ New Delhi	stop	New Delhi		

### Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

## Day 1 Maharajas' Express, New Delhi, Jaipur

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### Jaipur

Fringed by the rugged Aravali Hills, Jaipur, nicknamed the 'Pink City' for its salmon-hued terracotta buildings, is the capital and largest city in the Rajasthan State. This metropolis combines tradition and modernity with its vibrant bazaars, lavish palaces, and ancient temples. Don't miss the fairy-tale splendour of the Amber Fort, set against the backdrop of the arid landscape and hosting enthralling sound and light shows; the UNESCO-listed Jantar Mantar, a collection of 300-year-old astronomical tools which look like contemporary art; and the opulent City Palace, with its palatial structures, sprawling gardens, and atmospheric courtyards. Jaipur falls within the Golden Triangle, a popular tourist circuit, which includes Delhi, Jaipur, and Agra, and it also serves as a gateway to the neighbouring desert cities of Jaisalmer and Jodhpur.

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### Day Itinerary

An Orange DMC representative greets you at the airport, for your transfer to Safdarjung Railway Terminus, where a grand adventure awaits as you step aboard the luxurious Maharajas Express.

Indulge in a sumptuous breakfast and lunch on board as the train begins its journey to Jaipur.

Upon arrival in the pink city, dive into the rich history and royal allure of the City Palace galleries, a window into the past.

As evening descends, savour a delectable dinner at the elegant Rambagh Palace, before returning to the Maharajas Express for a restful night.

### Stops

New Delhi

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### *New Delhi*

India's capital, New Delhi, lies on the Indo-Gangetic Plain, within the National Capital Territory of Delhi. Made up of the ancient walled city of Old Delhi and the more modern sector, New Delhi, the city encompasses a staggering array of beautiful buildings, including three UNESCO World Heritage Sites – the grand, sandstone Red Fort, striking Qutab Minar, and fascinating Humayun's Tomb. Architecture enthusiasts will delight in the iconic Lotus Temple. Hear 'qawwalis' (devotional music) at the dargah (tomb) of the Sufi saint Nizam-ud-din Auliya; or wander through the 17th century Chandni Chowk marketplace – still one of the city's most popular retail centres today, famous for its traditional jewellery and saris. The gorgeous Sunder Nursery and Lodi Garden provide calm, flower-filled oases for picnicking.

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### Overnight: Maharajas' Express

Travellers can explore India by rail on one of five fascinating journeys offered by the luxurious Maharajas Express. The train's décor recreates the elegance and pageantry of erstwhile Maharajas and guests can enjoy state-of-the-art facilities in the spacious, well-appointed cabins and suites. There are two dining cars where guests can feast on gourmet dishes served on gold-edged plates and drink wine from hand-cut Swarovski crystal glasses. Cocktails and snacks can be enjoyed in the Safari Bar while the lounge car also offers a well-stocked bar, library, souvenir shop, and board and card games. Other onboard facilities include live television and CCTV cameras in all public areas, free Wi-Fi, a 24-hour paramedic on board, and an air ambulance in case of emergencies. Activities offered include guided tours to historical and World Heritage sites and cultural experiences such as folk dances.




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### **Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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## **Day 2 Maharajas' Express, Ranthambore National Park**

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### **Ranthambore National Park**

Located in the Sawai Madhopur district, the Ranthambore National Park, in the western state of Rajasthan, is one of the most visited wildlife parks in India. Spanning over an impressive 1300-square-kilometer stretch of wilderness, the park's outstanding natural beauty is characterized by its dense jungle, golden savanna, dramatic cliffs and lotus-filled lakes. Considered the best spot to catch a glimpse of tigers in the wild, the park offers visitors a spellbinding combination of mystical temples, wild beauty and crumbling ruins. While the main attraction is undoubtedly the elusive Bengal tiger, the park provides a sanctuary for other wildlife including, among others: sambar, gazelle, caracal, black buck, crocodile, chital, wild boars and a wide array of birds. Don't miss the ancient Ranthambore Fort, perched high on the cliffs overlooking the vast expanse of this spectacular park.

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### **Day Itinerary**

Start the morning with a lavish onboard breakfast before venturing to the majestic Amber Fort. Feel inspired by the fort's grandeur, particularly the breathtaking Diwan-e-Aam and the ethereal Sheesh Mahal, a testament to Rajasthani architecture.

Return to the Maharajas Express for a delectable lunch. The afternoon presents a canvas of possibilities, from a soothing spa experience to exploring the City Palace and Observatory (Jantar Mantar) or embarking on a local city tour.

As the day winds down, relish an onboard dinner as the train proceeds to Sawai Madhopur, your gateway to Ranthambore.

### **Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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## **Day 3 Maharajas' Express, Fatehpur Sikri**

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### **Day Itinerary**

Head out early this morning on a thrilling game drive into Ranthambore National Park.

Unravel the mysteries of this famed wilderness, the former hunting grounds of the royal

house of Jaipur.

This park is famous for its Royal Bengal Tigers and abundant biodiversity. Return to your train to enjoy breakfast onboard as the train journeys towards Fatehpur Sikri, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Immerse yourself in the architectural marvel of this 'City of Victory' during a guided tour.

As the evening unfolds, delight in a splendid dinner aboard the Maharajas Express.

### **Stops**

Fatehpur Sikri

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#### ***Fatehpur Sikri***

A highlight in the province of Uttar Pradesh, Fatehpur Sikri served briefly as the capital of the Mughal Empire from 1571 to 1585. This world heritage site is rated as one of the best preserved collections of Mughal architecture in India. Surrounded by a six kilometre wall, with the fourth being a lake at the time, a day can be spent exploring the elaborate structures within. Marvel at the impressive Jama Masjid mosque, the detailed palaces built for Emperor Akbar's wives, the public and private discussion halls and vast ornamental pool; all of which took over 15 years to conceptualise and build.

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### **Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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## **Day 4 Maharajas' Express, Agra**

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### **Day Itinerary**

Awaken in Agra, where the majestic Taj Mahal beckons. Built as a testament of love, this wonder of the world is a sight to behold.

Visit the Taj Mahal and indulge in a decadent champagne breakfast at the Taj Khema, followed by a return to the train for lunch. The afternoon opens doors to optional experiences - a spa retreat, a visit to the tomb of Itmad-ud-Daula (which is believed to be a precursor to The Taj Mahal) or visit the red sandstone ramparts of Agra Fort. You can also opt to go on a local city tour, or enjoy a captivating performance, Mohabbat - the Taj Show. As night descends, a sumptuous dinner awaits aboard the Maharajas Express.

### **Stops**

Agra

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#### ***Agra***

Set on the banks of the Yamuna River in Uttar Pradesh, Agra is a beautiful city famous for its incredible Taj Mahal building, one of the seven wonders of the world. Commissioned by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in the 15th century as a memorial to his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal, this is an architectural masterpiece of exquisite craftsmanship and perfect proportions. The city boasts numerous other superb attractions, including the red-hued sandstone Agra Fort, built in the 16th century; the Shahi Jama Masjid mosque, a 17th-century congregational mosque located in the historic core of Agra, and Itmad-ud-Daulah's tomb, with its white marble facade embellished with intricate inlaid designs, also called the 'Baby Taj'.

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**Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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**Day 5 Maharajas' Express, Khajuraho****Day Itinerary**

Begin your day with breakfast onboard the Maharaja's Express before disembarking at Jhansi, from where you will travel by road to Orchha.

This historical gem unfolds its treasures, from the Orchha Fort to unique tuktuk rides through the village landscape.

Return to the lap of luxury on the Maharajas Express and proceed to Khajuraho. The Khajuraho Group of Monuments, a UNESCO world heritage site, unveils its architectural splendour, with temples that whisper tales from the Chandela dynasty's heyday.

The evening choose between a luxurious spa pampering, a Light and Sound Show or the captivating Dances of India Show.

The journey continues with an onboard dinner as the train makes its way towards Varanasi.

**Stops**

Khajuraho

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***Khajuraho***

Located southwest of Kanpur, Khajuraho is considered one of India's seven wonders and is listed as a UNESCO world heritage site. The city encompasses the nation's largest array of medieval Hindu and Jain temples, decorated with intricately detailed erotic sculptures and reliefs. The site incorporates close to 100 sacred structures, some of them exquisitely preserved, and each evening, a light and sound show is staged here, covering the history, philosophy and craftsmanship encapsulated in this archaeological goldmine. Other highlights include the vibrant Annual Dance Festival of Khajuraho; the Panna National Park, home to leopards; the Arhanta Yoga Ashram, where visitors can take classical Hatha yoga classes. The city also boasts a wide variety of wonderful shops, markets and restaurants.

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**Day 6 Maharajas' Express, Varanasi****Day Itinerary**

A morning breakfast onboard the Maharaja's Express heralds your arrival in Varanasi, where the Taj Ganges Hotel welcomes you for lunch.

Visit the ruins at Sarnath, an archaeological marvel steeped in history. Witness the artistry of local handicrafts at a local Benaras silk weaving center, followed by a serene boat ride on the Ganges to observe the spiritual Aarti ritual that takes place each evening on the Ghats.

An exclusive vegetarian dinner accompanied by live Kathak dance awaits at Brij Rama Palace at the Ghats.

Return to the Maharajas Express for an overnight journey to Delhi.

**Stops**

Varanasi

***Varanasi***

An ancient and deeply sacred city, Varanasi rests along the banks of the holy River Ganges and encompasses a wealth of beautiful riverside temples, stately old forts and vibrant markets. It's considered the spiritual capital of Hinduism, and it's widely believed that dying here will bring salvation. As a result, the city is home to a multitude of ghats – stone steps leading to the river –some of which are used for bathing rituals and others as cremation sites. An early morning boat ride along the Ganges offers an excellent way to take in the ghats and the bustling activity centred on them.

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**Basis**

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## Day 7 End of Itinerary

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### Day Itinerary

As the train makes its way towards Delhi, enjoy a sumptuous breakfast and lunch on board. Arrive in Delhi during the afternoon, where you bid farewell to this extraordinary voyage, your heart brimming with memories of regal splendour and captivating landscapes.

### Basis

Bed and Breakfast

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## Transport

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### Journey Information

Date	Train	Agency	Departure Platform	Time	Arrival Platform	Time	Class	Ref
	Train		Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station		Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station			

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## Travel Information