

LUXURY, RAILS AND INDIA



The immense charm of India has been luring visitors for decades. The traditions and culture is a very powerful asset of this country's tourist appeal. However, this wonderful state is simply too vast and many travelers claim to have never been able to see as much as they wished for. A great opportunity to see a considerable part of India within an acceptable amount of time is going by train. It is a truly unforgettable experience.

The Indian railways have been for nearly a century the most reliable and typical means transport; such long tradition is a guarantee for a rich network of railways. Thus, tourists are offered a unique opportunity to visit the most remote place all over the country. Traveling by train is also a multicultural experience which presents a precious chance to discover the myriad cultures of India, its natural wonders or social diversity in various geographical environments.

Tourists attracted by the unforgettable train ride have two major choices - either the hill railways or the luxury trains. The hill railways include five main heritage rail projects. All of these exceptional mountain railways have been declared UNESCO world heritage sites. The most famous of these is the Kalka-Shimla Railway. It dates back to 1903 and is strikingly picturesque. Also, the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway is quite an exclusive attraction, as it is situated at a height of 2067 meters.

Those travelers who dote on luxury will appreciate the spectacular Palace on Wheels. It covers the major destinations in Rajasthan and combines historic charm with modernity. One actually feels like royalty, when sitting on the Palace on Wheels. Deccan Odyssey or Fairy Queen, however, do not stay far behind as far as comfort and luxurious service goes. Discovering India from a train thus becomes an overpowering experience - a much appreciated by anyone who can't spare too much time yet longs to see all.

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