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PALACE ON WHEELS
5 STAR JOURNEY THROUGH INDIA

9 DAY LUXURY TRAIN JOURNEY: SEPTEMBER 2019

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Explore India in 5 star luxury on board the ‘Palace on Wheels’.

Always wanted to travel to India?

How about exploring this beautiful and diverse land in royal style aboard the ‘Palace on Wheels’, one of the most luxurious trains in the world and listed by Conde Nast magazine as Number 5 in the top 10 train journeys of the world. We have been offered an opportunity to charter the entire train in September 2019 on a 9 day luxury tour of India including 7 nights on board the train. Reflecting the majesty of a bygone era, the ‘Palace on Wheels’ will take you to a host of attractions, including Delhi, Jaipur, the Blue City of Jodhpur, the Golden City of Jaisalmer, Bharatpur, Rajasthan and the world famous Taj Mahal. Once aboard, you’ll enter a world of warmth, hospitality and luxury. Each carriage has been designed with comfort and style in mind, with picturesque interiors, thoughtful amenities and tasteful design and space - all coming together to ensure your journey onboard will be a truly unforgettable one.

What’s included?

• Own luxury cabin on board the Palace on Wheels - chartered exclusively by Two’s a Crowd.
• All meals included (2 on board restaurants) as per itinerary.
• Special ‘off-train’ dining experiences:
  - Several lunches and dinners at 5 star hotels
  - Campfire dinner in the dunes in the Thar Desert near Jaisalmer
  - High tea and Son-et-Lumiere at Chittogarh Fort
• All guided sightseeing
• Private transfers
• Plus so much more!

Will you join us?
Day 1 - Tuesday 10th September 2019
DELHI
Welcome to India! Upon arrival at the airport, you’ll be met by a local guide and transferred to the hotel for an overnight stay. Tonight you will meet your Two’s a Crowd Tour Host, local tour guide and fellow India travellers for a welcome drink.

Accommodation: Your own room at Vivanta Hotel by Taj - Dwarka, New Delhi (5 Star)

Day 2 - Wednesday 11th September 2019
DELHI (B,L,D)
Today we head off on a guided sightseeing tour of India’s pulsating capital, Delhi. We start in Old Delhi with a visit to Jama Masjid - the largest mosque in India built in red sandstone. Next we’ll take a photogenic journey by rickshaw around the shop-lined streets between the mosque and Chandni Chowk. Then it’s time to explore New Delhi, built in a typically British colonial style and designed by Lutyens with tree-lined avenues and colonial bungalows. The drive will include photo opportunities at some fantastic attractions such as the exterior of the Parliament House, the War Memorial Arch (India Gate) and the Vice Regal Palace, now the official residence of the President of India in New Delhi. Our tour ends with a visit to Qutub Minar; built at a height of 72.5m, and one of the most important landmarks of Delhi, with calligraphically decorated interiors and inscriptions of verses of the Holy Quran. Next we transfer to Safdarjung Railway Station, New Delhi to board the ‘Royal Palace on Wheels’. You’ll be treated like Maharaja & Maharani with a ceremonial welcome including garlanding, Tikka and turban with a glass of wine. Once on board you’ll have time to settle in and explore your luxury ‘Palace on Wheels’. Dinner will be served on board in its two restaurants.

Accommodation: Palace on Wheels Luxury Train (your own deluxe cabin)

Day 3 - Thursday 12th September 2019
JAIPUR THE PINK CITY (B,L,D)
Today we head off on a tour of Jaipur, starting at the Hawa Mahal (Palace of Wind) followed by the amazing Jantar Mantar Astronomical Observatory and a visit to the city palace, a museum full of royal splendour. Jaipur is considered the capital of handicrafts, an international centre for cutting and polishing gems and stone, and is known all over the world for hand block printing on textile. So make the most of the shopping opportunities while we’re here! Next we head to Amber Fort, which boasts a classic combination of Hindu and Mughal architecture. We will arrive either by foot, jeep or by elephant- the choice is yours. However, as a responsible-travel focused business, animal welfare is extremely important to us and we want to ensure that we are not promoting any activities where the animals are not properly cared for. Unfortunately at the Amber Fort the elephants owners have been found to be in breach of our animal welfare guidelines and it is, for this reason, we would much prefer that you take the jeep ride up to the Amber Fort entrance. While we recommend that you do not take the elephant ride at the Amber Fort, the decision is ultimately up to you. The Amber Fort is a stunning place to visit, and we only want you to have the most enjoyable experience possible.

Tonight we’ll enjoy a sumptuous dinner in Jaipur before returning to the Palace on Wheels.

Accommodation: Palace on Wheels Luxury Train (your own deluxe cabin)
Day 4 - Friday 13th September 2019
SAWAI MADHOPUR - CHITTORGARH (B,L,D)

Following an early breakfast in a forest lodge, we set off for an exhilarating jungle safari to Ranthambore National Park, where we’ll try our luck at spotting some tigers amidst the sprawling greenery. The Ranthambore tiger reserve at the junction of the Aravalli and the Vindhyas is a unique juxtaposition of natural and historical richness, standing out conspicuously in the vast, arid and denuded tract of eastern Rajasthan, barely 14kms from Sawai Madhopur. As well as tigers, there’s the chance to spot an array of other wildlife, including spotted deer, sambhar, wild boar, Indian gazel, jungle cat, panthers, jackal, hyenas, rarely sloth bears and almost 300 different kinds of birds. Back on board we’ll enjoy a delicious lunch before setting off to our next destination Chittorgarh, where we visit the Chittorgarh Fort. Considered the largest fort in India, built by various Mauryan rulers during the 5th to 8th century and covering an area of 680 acres, most of the structures are in ruins. Before we head back to the train, we’ll enjoy some refreshments accompanied by a beautiful ‘Son-et-Lumiere - Sound and Light Show’.

Accommodation: Palace on Wheels Luxury Train (your own deluxe cabin)

Day 5 - Saturday 14th September 2019
UDAIPUR (B,L,D)

Today we discover one of the most beautiful and romantic cities in India - Udaipur, home to splendid palaces and havelis, wonderful temples, art galleries, museums and lakes. Maharana Udai Singh laid the foundation for a new kingdom - Udaipur at Lake Pichola where the impressive city palace was lavished with works of art. Subsequently, the prince built the seemingly floating Island Palace, the royal summer retreat, offering a spectacular view of the lake and surrounding mountains. We’ll take a trip to the Crystal Gallery, a museum of crystal glass furniture, crockery, and chandeliers.

Accommodation: Palace on Wheels Luxury Train (your own deluxe cabin)

Day 6 - Sunday 15th September 2019
JAISALMER (B,L,D)

Today we take a sightseeing tour of the Golden City - Jaisalmer. Rawal Jaisal a Bhati Rajput ruler founded the city in 1156 AD and it has an ancient history as a trading centre en-route one of the two passages that connected India with Persia, Egypt, Africa and the West. We’ll visit Sonar Quila Fort and the Patwon ki Haveli and Nathmal ji ki Havelies. After lunch at the Moomal Hotel we set off for an unforgettable camel ride in the sand dunes of Jaisalmer. As the sun sets the on the rolling dunes we’ll enjoy a cultural, campfire dinner featuring Rajasthani Food with traditional music.

Accommodation: Palace on Wheels Luxury Train (your own deluxe cabin)
Day 7 - Monday 16th September 2019
JODHPUR (B,L,D)

After breakfast we set off to explore the famous attractions of Jodhpur, former capital of the Marwar and best known for its indigo-hued homes. We start with a visit to the gigantic Mehrangarh Fort, situated 120 meters high and built by Rao Jodha in 1459. The fort stands on strong and wide walls, which are 20 to 120 feet high and 12 to 70 feet thick.

Next we head to Umaid Bhawan Palace, built by well-known Edwardian architect, Henry Vaughan Lanchester. The 347 rooms all boast of its grandness, along with the 110 feet high central dome. We’ll enjoy a sumptuous lunch here before heading back to the train for dinner on board.

- **Accommodation:** Palace on Wheels Luxury Train (your own deluxe cabin)

Day 8 - Tuesday 17th September 2019
BHARATPUR - AGRA (B,L,D)

We start early today with a trip to Bharatpur and a breathtaking safari to the Keoladeo Ghana National Park, also known as the Bharatpur bird sanctuary. A haven for bird watchers, discover over 380 resident and migrant species of birds, including the Common, Demoiselle and the rare Siberian Cranes.

Next we head back to the train for breakfast and our onward journey to Agra for a magical sightseeing tour, before we visit the majestic Taj Mahal. Built in the memory of his beloved Empress by Emperor Shah Jahan this marble mausoleum is the greatest gesture of love known to mankind and is breathtaking and bewitchingly beautiful. The precious stones used in its inlay and the craftsmen who were employed for its twenty-two years of construction came from all over the World.

Note: The Indian Government is undertaking extensive restoration of the Taj Mahal over 2017 and 2018. It is likely that the dome will be scaffolded during our visit.

- **Accommodation:** Palace on Wheels Luxury Train (your own deluxe cabin)

Day 9 - Wednesday 18th September 2019
DELHI (B)

Today we head back to Delhi, for an on board breakfast before saying goodbye to ‘Palace on Wheels’ as our magical expedition comes to an end.

Two’s a Crowd are also offering an extension solos tour to Southern India. You will be guided through a mesmerising part of India- the dense forests and chilled landscapes of Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

The food, architecture, colours, traditions, smells and animals are vastly different to that of Northern India.

This will also be Hosted by an Australian TAC Team Member.

Please ask our Solo Travel Consultants for more information.
Named after the princely states of Rajasthan, the carriages are swathed in luxury and lavishness.

Each has 4 twin bedded cabins offering modern facilities like music channel, ensuite, running hot & cold water, shower, intercom, internet connection, mini pantry and wall to wall carpeting.

Each cabin features miniature paintings, antique furniture, silk fabrics and delicate artwork.

LOUNGE AND SPA

Lounge:
Featuring beautiful flower pots, wall hanging art and ancient-styled furniture the Palace on Wheels Lounge is the ideal place to relax and reflect after a long sightseeing day.

Spa:
Relax your body and mind with a visit to the onboard Spa, where professional therapists await with an array of treatments to rejuvenate your senses.

DINING

Dining Cars:
There are two restaurants on board - Maharaja and Maharani, both offering International Cuisine as well as Traditional Indian Rajasthani & Marwari dishes - featuring chandeliers, rich mahogany panels and delicate glass carvings.

Bar:
Unwind and catch up with fellow passengers in the Royal Bar, where you can sit back and relax with an array of non-alcoholic beverages and fresh snacks.
Pricing: $7,563 for deluxe cabin per person, plus international airfares.
Tour Dates: 10th - 18th September 2019

The Palace on Wheels also features 2 Super Deluxe cabins with private lounge room - fit for the Maharajah! Ask the team about special pricing on these luxury suites.

Why not extend your adventure?

Why not extend your stay in Delhi? Let Two’s a Crowd organise your pre-tour accommodation in Delhi, prior to the tour starting on 10th September, or post-tour in your own room at ‘Vivanta Hotel by Taj- Dwarka, New Delhi’ (5 star) & 1-way arrival/ departure transfer is $ TBA

Tour inclusions:

- Arrival and departure transfers.
- Two’s a Crowd Tour Host from Australia
- 1-night pre-tour accommodation in a 5* Luxury hotel in Delhi in your own room.
- Delhi orientation tour including rickshaw ride
- 7-nights’ accommodation in your own deluxe cabin with private facilities on board
- All meals as per the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner).
- All guided sightseeing tours as per the itinerary
- All entrance fees at the monuments
- Cultural programs
- Boat ride at Udaipur
- Camel Ride at Jaisalmer
- Rikshaw ride at Bharatpur
- Wildlife Safari at Ranthambhore
- Jungle excursion in Ranthambore Tiger Reserve
- Visit to Taj Mahal in Agra
- Transfers and sightseeing tours by private air conditioned coach
- All applicable taxes, tips and gratuities.

Tour exclusions:

- International air tickets and taxes.
- Travel insurance.
- Items of a personal nature - telephone calls, laundry, alcoholic beverages, souvenirs
- Video, film and still camera fees at monuments and wildlife reserves.
- Non alcoholic and alcoholic drinks (drinks package available for purchase)
- Visas (require for all non Indian passport holders - Two’s a Crowd can assist)

NEED MORE INFORMATION? CONTACT THE TEAM:

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Our commitment is to make solo travel more enjoyable and affordable.

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