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# Maharajas' Express

## My favourite Rail Journey

**T**he Maharajas' Express is not just the best train in India. It is the best in the world. If you are looking to travel in style around fascinating India then this is THE way to do it. Impeccable service: Check. Luxury cabins: Check. Delicious food: Check. Exclusive excursions: Check. The Maharajas' Express has it all.

I recently travelled on the Indian Panorama journey around the north of the country. The Indian Panorama is a round trip tour from Delhi, with stops in Jaipur, Agra, Varanasi and Lucknow.

Boarding takes place at an exclusive train station in Delhi and from the moment you arrive you are treated like royalty. The cabins are beautifully decorated and spacious, the butler service exceptional,

the regional cuisine exquisite and the onboard staff incredibly helpful. This is the best way to see India, no question. All cabins feature hotel style beds as well as modern en-suite facilities.

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I would recommend upgrading to a Junior Suite which gives you the benefit of a separate living area and large windows to take in the passing scenery. All meals and a wide range of drinks are included in the journey, as are the daily excursions. The red carpet is rolled out at every station (literally) and you really do feel like a 'somebody' as the local crowds gather to watch you disembark the train.

This is my favourite rail journey and is the best way to see this incredible country. The scenery changes daily and the destinations continue to amaze. I witnessed the wonder of the Taj Mahal, played elephant polo, met a Maharaja of Jaipur, went on a cruise along the Ganges River and saw wild tigers on a safari through Ranthambore National Park. All these unforgettable experiences were included in the itinerary.

I have been lucky enough to travel on a number of scenic and unique train journeys over the years but I can safely say that nothing comes close to the Maharajas' Express. ■

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