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**Itinerary prepared on behalf of Civic Travel for
Luxury Train Itinerary
Departing April 2016**

DAY 1**SYDNEY – SINGAPORE – DELHI****[meals in-flight]**

Check in for the following flight 3 hours before departure:

DEPART	SYDNEY	0855	SQ212
ARRIVE	SINGAPORE	1415	SINGAPORE AIRLINES
DEPART	SINGAPORE	1710	SQ406
ARRIVE	DELHI	2005	SINGAPORE AIRLINES

Upon arrival you will clear customs and immigration before being met and transferred to your hotel. Check in for 1 night including breakfast.

Overnight: Hotel Shangri-La Eros

Shangri-La Eros

Situated in the heart of Delhi, Shangri-La's - Eros Hotel, New Delhi features an outdoor swimming pool, a health club and an all day dining restaurant and bar. The Spa at Shangri-La's - Eros Hotel, New Delhi offers refreshing traditional Asian healing philosophies.

Shangri-La's - Eros Hotel, New Delhi is within 3 km from the popular attractions like the bustling markets of Connaught Place and the Central Government Ministries including Rashtrapati Bhavan, North Block and South Block. It is a 30-minute drive from Indira Gandhi International Airport.

All air-conditioned rooms are well-appointed with free WiFi, Press Reader Service (Digital Newspaper and Magazine) and a flat-screen cable TV are provided. Tea and coffee making facilities are also included in rooms. Rooms on higher floors boasts of panoramic view of the city.

Guests can head for the sauna, steam room or the Salon. A pampering massage can be enjoyed at The Spa. Babysitting services are available for guests with children. A well-equipped business centre and meeting space is available.

Located on Level 1 at the hotel, the all day dining restaurant - Tamra offers a range of local and international cuisines with 5 live cooking stations. A pastry shop, UNO2GO offers freshly baked confectioneries. The Lobby Lounge serves a selection of tea, coffee and appetizers.

Connaught Place is a great choice for travellers interested in museums, culture and shopping.

**DAY 2****DELHI / JAIPUR****[B-D]**

After breakfast you will enjoy a morning half day sightseeing tour of New Delhi which includes visits to the Birla Mandir – a large Hindu temple; a drive past India Gate – a 42 metre high, free standing arch built as a war memorial; a stop outside Rashtrapati Bhawan, which is the official residence of the President of India; Humayun's Tomb – set in wonderful gardens built in the Mughal Emperors memory by his wife; Qutub Minar – a 72 metre high tower built in 1199 A.D; and finally, a photo stop at the Bahai Temple shaped like a lotus flower, a recent architectural marvel of the capital.

Later transfer to the Safdarjung Railway station in time to board Palace on Wheels.

The Palace on Wheels departs from the Safdarjung Railway Station in Delhi at 1745 hours every Wednesday. Check in at 1600 hours and after settling into your luxury Cabin, join your fellow passengers for a drink in its well stocked bar just as your Royal Journey begins and the train rolls out.

(Reporting Time 16.00 hrs. Dep. 18.30 hrs)

Overnight: Onboard Palace on Wheels (Deluxe Cabin)

DAY 3 **JAIPUR** **[BLD]**

Your 1st stop today is Jaipur, one of the most well planned cities of the world, in its time. This capital city of Rajasthan, popularly known as the Pink City, was founded by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, in 1727 A.D.

To explore the city, an air-conditioned coach takes you to Hawa Mahal or the Palace of Winds, which is a remarkable five storied building along the main street of the old city in pink, the building offers splendor with semi-octagonal and delicate honey combed sandstone windows. This is followed by a visit to Amber Fort where an elephant ride is available to climb up the hill. Lunch at a Five Star Hotel followed by a visit to City Palace Museum and Observatory. Return to your train with time to freshen up before dinner.

(Arrival 03.00 hrs. Departure 23.30 hrs)

Overnight: As above

DAY 4 **RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK / CHITTAURGARH/UDAIPUR** **[BLD]**

One can almost sense the life of the wilderness, as the Palace-on-Wheels arrives in Sawai Madhopur, a city named after its founder Maharaja Sawai Madho Singh I. After breakfast a visit is arranged to the Ranthambore National Park, wherein are located the ruins of a 10th century fort. This wildlife sanctuary is considered to be the country's best for observing and photographing the activities of the tiger. The park, covering an area of 392 sq. kms, is home to more than 300 species of birds. The tiger, hyena, jackal and fox are among those constituting the carnivorous population here. Sawai Madhopur is known for its exclusive toys, ethnic ornaments and costumes. Upon return to the Palace-on-Wheels, you leave for Chittaurgarh, where one gets an opportunity to watch the colourful countryside passing by in the daylight.

(Arrival 05.30 hrs. Departure 10.30 hrs)

Enjoy lunch on board before you arrive in Chittaurgarh. Images of love and valour; scars of battles lost and won... thrice-besieged, Chittaurgarh Fort is all this and more. Moving legends of honor and pride will echo in your mind as you proceed to Udaipur.

(Arrival 16.00 hrs. Departure 02.00 hrs - next day i.e. on Saturday)

Overnight : As above

DAY 5 **UDAIPUR** **[BLD]**

Udaipur, the Lake City, was founded by Maharana Udai Singh of Mewar, after the Sisodia dynasty was driven away by the Mughals in 1559A.D. Perhaps the two most beautiful sites of Udaipur are the dream-like marble palaces- the Jag Niwas (Lake Palace) and the Jag Mandir, which appear to rise from the blue waters of Lake Pichhola. After lunch at a Five Star Hotel, enjoy a visit to the City Palace.

(Arrival 08:00 hrs. Departure 15.30 hr)

Overnight: As above

DAY 6 **UDAIPUR / JAISALMER** **[BLD]**

In the heart of the Thar desert lies Jaisalmer, founded by Rawal Jaisal in 1156 A.D. Here the yellow sandstone fort is an imposing sight, towering magnificently over the city. Discover the painstakingly latticed havelis or mansions with their grand facades. The Nathmalji-ki-haveli, Patwon-ki-haveli and Salim Singh-ki-haveli are fine examples of the stone carver's skill. Shop for fine pattu shawls, mirror work and embroidered articles, wooden boxes, trinkets, silver jewelry and curios.

After lunch on board, go for an exciting camel ride on the sand dunes of Sam, before sipping a refreshing cup of tea.

Enjoy the dinner and the cultural program at a Five Star hotel before returning to your luxury train.

(Arrival 09.15 hrs. Departure 23.45 hrs)

Overnight: As above

DAY 7 **JODHPUR** **[BLD]**

Today you will arrive in Jodhpur, a city ringed by a high stone wall with seven gates and several bastions. This second largest city of Rajasthan, founded by Rao Jodha in 1459 A.D. is known for its rock-solid Mehrangarh Fort. The grand palaces within - Moti Mahal, Sheesh Mahal, Phool Mahal, Sileh Khana and Daulat Khana are impressive examples of architectural excellence. Near the fort complex lies Jaswant Thada, and a group of royal cenotaphs made of white marble. After lunch at a Palace hotel, return to the Palace-on-Wheels. While in Jodhpur shop for exquisite handicraft articles including the famous breeches, embroidered shoes, metal curios, silverware, paintings and tie and dye fabrics.

(Arrival 07.00 hrs. Departure 15.30 hrs)

Overnight: As above

DAY 8 **JODHPUR / AGRA** **[BLD]**

Today you will wake in Bharatpur, the capital of Maharaja Suraj Mal. After breakfast you will pay a visit to the world famous bird sanctuary, Keoladeo Ghana National Park, the nesting place for thousands of Egrets, Siberian Cranes, migratory Water Fowl and other species of birds.

(Arrival 05.00 hrs. Departure 08:45)

Your next stop will be the Agra Fort and after lunch arrive at the Taj Mahal, one of the seven wonders of the world. A pristine monument of undying love. It was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved queen Mumtaz Mahal. Agra is known for its splendid marble inlay work like the Pietra Dura work on the Taj as well as leather goods and jewelry.

(Arrival 10:30 hrs Departure 23.00 hrs)

Overnight: As above

DAY 9 **DELHI** **[B--]**

Today you will disembark Palace on Wheels in Delhi at 0700 hours. You will be met on arrival at Safdarjung railway station and transfer to Hotel Shangri-La's Eros (standard check in time at the hotel is 1200 hrs noon).

Later you will enjoy a half day sightseeing tour of Old Delhi which includes visits to the Red Fort; the Jama Masjid, which is the country's largest mosque and also known as Friday Mosque; a rickshaw ride through the colourful bazaars and narrow lanes of Chandni Chowk (Silver Street); Raj Ghat – the cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi. Evening at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Shangri-La Eros

DAY 10 **DELHI - SINGAPORE** **[B--]**

Transfer to Delhi International airport in time to connect flight for onward destination (Standard check out time at the hotel is 1200 hrs noon).

DEPART	DELHI	0910	SQ401
ARRIVE	SINGAPORE	1725	SINGAPORE AIRLINES
DEPART	SINGAPORE	2015	SQ221

DAY 10 **ARRIVE SYDNEY** **[Meals in flight]**

ARRIVE	SYDNEY	0555	SINGAPORE AIRLINES
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Inclusions:-

International Flights with Singapore Airlines incl Airline Tax

Accommodation on Twin sharing bed and breakfast basis in Delhi and on Full Board Basis onboard Palace on Wheels as follows:-

01-02 Day Delhi Shangri-La's Eros (Superior room)

02-09 Day ONBOARD PALACE ON WHEELS (Deluxe Cabin)

09-10 Day Delhi Shangri-La's Eros (Superior room)

Arrival-departure transfers in Delhi using an aircon Tempo-Traveller.

Sightseeing tours along with a local English Speaking Guide and including entrance fee to monuments as follows:-

Delhi : Half day sightseeing tour of New Delhi + Half day sightseeing tour of Old Delhi

7 Nights/8 Days Palace on Wheels train trip with all meals, sightseeing tours etc.

Not Included:-

Visa

Health Requirements

Meals not stated

Drinks

Tips / Gratuities

Laundry

Items of personal nature

Insurance