

Travelrite International invites you to join us on the 2026

UNFORGETTABLE NORTH INDIA

BY RAIL

29 January – 12 February 2026



Visiting Delhi, Heritage Fort Stay in Rajasthan,
Jaipur, Ranthambhore National Park, Agra,
Chandigarh, Shimla, Himalayan Queen, Amritsar



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Chaotic and colourful, vibrant and enchanting, but never, ever boring – welcome to North India! Step aboard India's scenic heritage-listed railways for a memorable 15-day rail tour that explores lavish palaces and fortresses, cultural icons and rural villages of this memorizing land. Start by riding a rickshaw and visiting a Sikh temple in the spice bazaars of Old Delhi before taking a train ride through rural India on the oldest working steam locomotive in the world, the Fairy Queen, before touring the Rail Sheds and finishing by staying in a luxury rural heritage fort in Rajasthan. Explore the Pink City of Jaipur, spot tigers on a 4WD game drive at Ranthambhore and see the majestic Taj Mahal in Agra. Continue by rail and travel west to Chandigarh where you'll take the Himalayan Queen aka the Toy Train to the former British summer capital of Shimla. Pause at the Golden Sikh Temple in Amritsar and see the India–Pakistan border ceremony before returning to Delhi. With expert local guides and support vehicles so you can ride the rails just with carry-on luggage, this trip of a lifetime offers the perfect mix of adventure and discovery.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- See the Palace of the Winds and a Bollywood movie in Jaipur
- Witness the unique flag ceremony at the Wagah border crossing
- Discover the colonial Viceroy's Palace in Shimla
- Spot tigers on a 4WD safari at the Ranthambore National Park
- Get to know the locals while riding the rails of the Indian Railways
- Stay in a 10th-century Fort Palace Heritage Hotel in rural Rajasthan
- Explore Delhi's British Raj era National Rail Museum

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 Thursday 29 January 2026

Delhi

We depart Australia today on our flight to Delhi. Upon arrival we are transferred to our hotel.

Overnight: The Claridges, Delhi (B)

DAY 2 Friday 30 January 2026

Delhi

After your welcome tour briefing over breakfast, you'll drive past the Red Fort and wander the lively streets of Old Delhi. Start with a visit to the grand Jama Masjid Mosque and explore the bustling and colourful back alleys, where you'll wind through its lanes and markets and stop for a chai masala and a samosa. Visit the Sheeshganj

Grurdwara Sikh temple, enjoy the thrill of a rickshaw ride and meander through the Chandni Chowk spice markets. Enjoy lunch at a local dhaba restaurant and take the Delhi Metro to the modern Connaught Place before a welcome dinner in the evening. *Overnight:* The Claridges, Delhi (B,L,D)

DAY 3 Saturday 31 January 2026

Fairy Queen steam locomotive – Heritage Fort Stay

This morning, you'll travel on the legendary Fairy Queen steam loco, listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the world's oldest steam locomotive in regular service. Travel in restored heritage carriages, British built in Leeds in 1855 and enjoy lunch and refreshments on board while you travel past rural villages and the scenic countryside.

Arriving in Rewari, tour the Steam Locomotive Shed and Rail Museum and travel on the Shalimar Malani train to Alwar. Upon arrival, transfer to the 10th-century Fort Dadhikar, a luxury rural heritage fort that offers a fascinating glimpse into real Rajasthan. Check in and savour delicious local flavours during tonight's dinner. *Overnight:* Fort Dadhikar, Alwar (B,L,D)

DAY 4 Sunday 1 February 2026

Jaipur

After your spectacular breakfast in the grounds of your fort hotel, embark on a walking tour of the village to meet the locals, visit a Hindu temple and wander through the markets. Drive to Alwar for your local train to the Pink City of Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan. Check into your palace hotel and enjoy lunch. Start your city tour by visiting one of the country's most photographed landmarks, the Hawa Mahal otherwise known as 'The Palace of the Winds', see the extravagant City Palace and enjoy dinner at the British Raj train themed Steam Restaurant to relive the golden era of the Indian Railways. *Overnight:* Hotel Narain Niwas Palace, Jaipur (B,L,D)

DAY 5 Monday 2 February 2026

Jaipur

After breakfast, you'll visit Amber Fort which is set on a hilltop overlooking Maota Lake near Jaipur. The palace complex is a fine example of Rajput architecture and is built from pink and yellow sandstone and white marble. Return to Jaipur to enjoy lunch before following the sounds of hawkers to the lively Johri Bazaar. Travel to a royal



haveli where you'll meet the owner who will take you on a tour of his mansion townhouse. Return to your hotel where your day is free. Tonight, why not catch a Bollywood blockbuster at the spectacular Art Deco-meringue shaped Raj Mandir Cinema.

Overnight: Hotel Narain Niwas Palace, Jaipur (B,L)

DAY 6 Tuesday 3 February 2026

Ranthambore National Park

This morning, travel by local train to Sawai Madhopur, your gateway to the Ranthambore National Park, one of the best places in the world to spot tigers. Check into your jungle camp wildlife resort and enjoy lunch and free time in the resort's oasis of beautiful landscaped gardens. Venture out for a late afternoon safari through the park – a chance to spot some of this region's resident Bengal tiger population. Due to conservation efforts and educational awareness, there are around 4,000 wild tigers in India, which is 80% of the world's wild tiger population. Return to your royal heritage resort for dinner. *Overnight:* The Sher Garh Resort, Ranthambore National Park (B,L,D)



DAY 7 Wednesday 4 February 2026

Agra

This morning, you'll enjoy another game drive to search for that elusive tiger as well gazelle, hyenas, sloth bears, crocodiles, leopard and jackals. Board your train in Sawai Madhopur and travel to Agra, home to one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the majestic Taj Mahal. Check into your hotel and visit the Taj. This ivory-white marble mausoleum was built in 1653 by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as a testament to his love for his wife Mumtaz Mahal who died in 1631 aged 37 during the birth of her 14th child. Tonight, you'll enjoy a street food walking tour, which also doubles as dinner. *Overnight:* Grand Mercure Hotel, Agra (B,L,D)



DAY 8 Thursday 5 February 2026

Agra

Early this morning, there's the option to return to the Taj Mahal for a sunrise visit, the best time to go. Return to your hotel for breakfast and explore Agra Fort which served as the main residence of the rulers of the Mughal dynasty until 1638, when the capital was shifted from Agra to Delhi. It was also where Emperor Shah Jahan was imprisoned after being overthrown by his third son Aurangzeb. Moving on, you will visit a local family for a home-cooked Mughali meal at lunch and wander Mehtab Bagh Gardens to view the Taj from across the Yamuna River. Return to your hotel for a free evening. *Overnight:* Grand Mercure Hotel, Agra (B,L)



DAY 9 Friday 6 February 2026

Delhi – Chandigarh

Rise early for breakfast before travelling on the Rajdhani Express to Delhi before transferring to the Vande Bharat Express to Chandigarh. Enjoy lunch on board the train and arrive in the mid-afternoon. Designed by Swiss-French architect Le Corbusier in the 1950s, Chandigarh is like no other Indian city with its grid-like city map and perfectly planned and identical sectors. After arriving, you'll visit the Capitol Complex, the Tower of Shadows building, the Haryana High Court and Legislative Assembly building and the Open Hand Monument. Visit Nek Chand Rock Garden and check into your luxury hotel, where you'll enjoy dinner. *Overnight:* Taj Chandigarh, Chandigarh (B,L,D)



DAY 10 Saturday 7 February 2026

Kalka – Shimla Toy Train – Shimla

After breakfast, continue touring Le Corbusier's architectural gems before transferring to the Kalka station for the iconic train journey on the Himalayan Queen aka the Toy Train in our own private carriages. This scenic journey will stop in at charming Victorian-style railway stations along the way during its steady climb through pine forests and up the mountains to Shimla. Arrive and transfer to our heritage hotel for check in and dinner at a local restaurant. To escape the blistering heat of the plains, Shimla was the British summer capital during colonial times between 1864 and 1939. *Overnight:* Hotel Willow Banks, Shimla (B,L,D)

DAY 11 Sunday 8 February 2026

Shimla

This morning after breakfast, embark on a walking tour and visit the former official British India summer residence of the British viceroys, the Gaiety Theatre, a splendidly restored Victorian theatre and walk along The Ridge, the hub of cultural activities of Shimla. Stop at the quirky and colourful Cafe Simla Times, which is where you'll have lunch. Later, wander along the main shopping street, the Mall Road, the bustling Lakkar Bazaar and the Jakhu Temple to see the 108-foot statue of the Monkey-God Lord Hanuman. Return to your hotel for a free evening. *Overnight:* Hotel Willow Banks, Shimla (B,L)

DAY 12 Monday 9 February 2026

Amritsar

This morning, board your coach and travel through picturesque valleys and past soaring mountains and board the Mumbai CSMT Amritsar Express, arriving in Amritsar in the late afternoon. Founded in 1577, the unofficial 'Sikh capital of the world' is home to the spectacular Golden Temple, Sikhism's holiest shrine and one of India's most serene and humbling sights. After checking into your heritage hotel, enjoy dinner together and visit the magnificent Golden Temple at night to listen to the soothing sounds of the devout chanting verses from the Sikh holy book – the Guru Granth Sahib at dusk. *Overnight:* The Earth Heritage Hotel, Amritsar (B,L,D)

DAY 13 Tuesday 10 February 2026

Amritsar

After breakfast, return to the Golden Temple for a morning mystics tour to see the sights and wander through the rambling streets and bazaars of the Old City by foot. You will also visit Jallianwala Bagh – a park that commemorates the 1,500 Indians killed or wounded when a British officer ordered his soldiers to shoot unarmed protesters in 1919. Enjoy some free time at lunch, before heading out to the India–Pakistan Attari/Wagah border crossing to witness an epic and intricate dance-off at the daily flag ceremony. Return to your hotel in the early evening. *Overnight:* The Earth Heritage Hotel, Amritsar (B,D)



DAY 14 Wednesday 11 February 2026

Delhi

After an early breakfast, travel to the Amritsar train station for the Vande Bharat Express train, arriving in Delhi in the early afternoon. Upon arrival, visit India Gate, an imposing triumphal arch commemorating the Indian soldiers killed in the First World War and visit the National Rail Museum to learn about the rich heritage of the Indian Railways and see a variety of steam, diesel and electric locomotives along with a fascinating collection of royal saloons, wagons, carriages, armoured trains and rail cars. Travel to your hotel and check in before enjoying your farewell dinner together at the opulent Imperial Hotel restaurant. *Overnight:* The Claridges, Delhi (B,L,D)

DAY 15 Thursday 12 February 2026

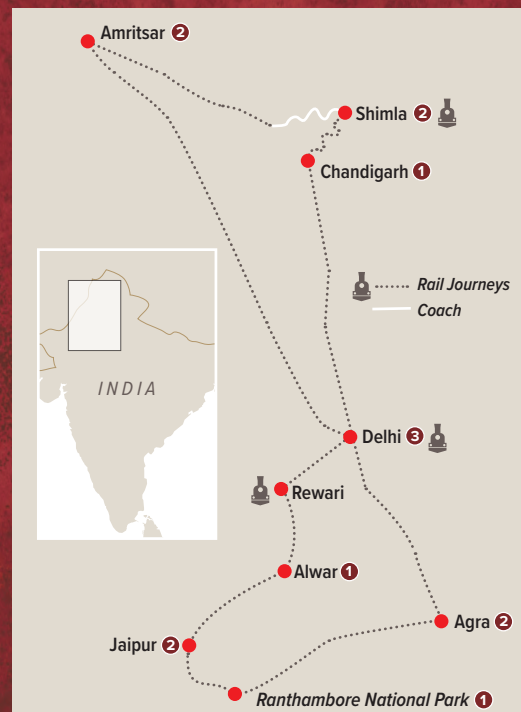
Delhi – Depart

After breakfast and hotel check-out, transfer to the Delhi airport for your flight back to Australia. (B)

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Tour Price

Per person twin-share	\$ 9,985
Single supplement	\$ 2,675

Included in the tour price:

- 14 nights' accommodation in well-located first-class and moderate first-class hotels with private facilities, on a twin-share basis. Hotel taxes and service charges.
- Meals: Breakfasts daily; 12 lunches, and 10 dinners.
- Return international flights.
- Arrival and departure transfers.
- Four heritage train journeys and experiences.
- First-class air conditional local train journeys.
- A support vehicle to carry large luggage while on train.
- Entry to all sightseeing attractions.



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Not included in the price:

- Insurance. Travel insurance is strongly recommended.
- All items of personal nature, such as drinks, room service, laundry and phone calls.
- Meals and drinks, unless specified in itinerary. Breakfasts, lunches, dinners, that are 'included' are marked B, L, D in the itinerary.

General information and booking conditions

Touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd. A.C.N. 005 817 0781 (Travelrite International) is the tour operator.

TOUR COSTS: The tour costs are based on transport, accommodation costs and entrance costs at 16 January 2025. Travelrite reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to costings will be made within 60 days of departure.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A non-refundable deposit of \$900 per passenger is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 60 days before departure. A 1.5% administration charge will be added to payment by Visa, Mastercard and America Express.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations within 60 days prior to departure will result in the loss of all monies paid. Cancellations outside of 60 days prior to departure will result in the loss of the deposit paid per person. Travel insurance is recommended to cover the costs of cancellation fees due to illness, death in family, etc.

CHANGES TO THE TOUR ITINERARY: Travelrite International reserves the right to make changes to the tour itinerary to it in with operational requirements. Any changes to the itinerary will be replaced with similar arrangements with an equal or greater value.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The tour has been costed on the basis of a minimum number of passengers having booked 60 days prior to departure. Travelrite reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of all monies paid or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified cost if the minimum number is not achieved.

REFUNDS: The tour is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

BAGGAGE: All passengers qualify for 1 piece free baggage allowance.

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HOW TO BOOK: Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a deposit of \$900 per person to:

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