India:
Palace on Wheels Odyssey

Featuring the Pushkar Camel Fair
and five nights aboard Palace on Wheels

November 1–14, 2019
Dear Yale Traveler,

The world-famous Pushkar Camel Fair is a spectacular occasion for our journey to India. Traversing legendary Rajasthan in the comfort of the Palace on Wheels train is the best way to explore some of northern India’s remote but fascinating places that are inaccessible by air. Immersing ourselves in the rich variety of cultural, natural, and historical jewels for which India is famous, we’ll visit Delhi, Jaipur, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Agra, and the Taj Mahal. At Keoladeo Ghana National Park we’ll discover thousands of native birds and at Rathambore National Park, we’ll search for the elusive Bengal Tiger.

Five nights aboard the Palace on Wheels, affords us accommodations appointed in a style worthy of India’s royal maharajas, with spacious cabins, two restaurants, and a spa. Our program features five UNESCO World Heritage sites: Humayun’s Tomb and Qutab Minar in Delhi, Keoladeo Ghana National Park, and Agra Fort and the incomparably beautiful Taj Mahal in Agra. We’ll explore the princely city of Jaipur; enchanting Udaipur, known as the "Venice of the East"; and the "blue city" of Jodhpur, famed for its indigo-washed buildings. The highlight of our trip will be the kaleidoscope of colors and the cacophony of sounds at the world-famous Pushkar Camel Fair.

Our space on the train is limited to 34 participants, so I encourage you to reserve space by visiting yaleedtravel.org. If you have any questions, please contact Yale Educational Travel at edtravel@yale.edu or 203-432-1952 to learn more.

Sincerely,

Lauren Summers
Senior Director of Alumni Lifelong Learning and Travel

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Yale Study Leader

This program, as with all Yale Educational Travel programs, will be accompanied by a Yale lecturer who will travel with the group from start to finish and present lectures to add to your experience.

Upcoming Trips

Amazon & Machu Picchu
March 10–March 21, 2019
Prof. Mary Miller ’81 PhD
History of Art

A Rhine and Moselle Cruise aboard the Royal Crown
May 6–May 19, 2019
Prof. Carlos Eire ’79 PhD
History & Religious Studies

Shores of Iberia: Spain & Portugal aboard Sea Cloud II
May 16–May 29, 2019
Prof. K. David Jackson
Portuguese
Return to Pushkar this morning to witness more revelry, then drive to Jaipur to explore majestic Amber Fort, a 17th-century fortress-palace perched high on a mountain, and one of the Hill Forts of Rajasthan World Heritage sites. The honey-colored palace, reflected in Maota Lake, is a distinguished specimen of Rajput architecture.

Trident Hotel Pushkar (B,L,D)

Jaipur

Wednesday, November 6

Continue your exploration of Jaipur at the City Palace complex, which houses a museum featuring rare manuscripts, paintings, and an armory; and Jantar Mantar, an 18th-century royal observatory with large-scale astronomical instruments built by Maharajah Jai Singh. In the afternoon explore the city’s bazaar and visit a textile and block-printing shop. Trident Hotel (B,L,D)
a garden with beautiful lotus pools, marble pavilions, and elephant-shaped fountains. In the afternoon take a cruise on Pichola Lake, an artificial fresh-water lake created in A.D. 1362 to supply drinking water and irrigation to the surrounding area.

Palace on Wheels (B,L,D)

JAISALMER
Sunday, November 10
Today arrive in magical Jaisalmer, whose imposing turrets and bastions of golden sandstone surround and shelter a lively town. Discover the elaborately decorated facades of the havelis, once the mansions of wealthy merchants, and visit Jaisalmer Fort, also on the Hill Forts of Rajasthan World Heritage list. In the afternoon, venture into the Thar Desert on camels for tea among the sand dunes. Palace on Wheels (B,L,D)

JODHPUR
Monday, November 11
The “blue city” of Jodhpur is famed for its indigo-washed buildings (traditionally homes of the Brahmins) cascading over the hills, its sunny climate, and its beautiful architecture. Explore massive Mehrangarh Fort, built on a hilltop in 1459 and comprised of a variety of royal palaces with collections of priceless jewels and armor. Also visit Jaswant Thada, the mausoleum of the royal family of Marwar, which is constructed of thin, intricately carved sheets of marble that glow in the sunlight. Reboard the train and depart for Bharatpur.

Palace on Wheels (B,L,D)

BHARATPUR / AGRA
Tuesday, November 12
Arrive in Bharatpur for a morning exploration of Keoladeo Ghana National Park, a World Heritage-designated bird sanctuary renowned for massive flocks of egrets, Siberian cranes, migratory water fowl, and many other species of birds. Originally a private hunting reserve of the Maharajas of Bharatpur, the marshes were protected and developed in the late 19th Century to attract waterfowl, and now more than 360 species of birds make this park their home. Continue to Agra and visit Agra Fort, a World Heritage site that dates back to at least A.D. 1080. This spectacular walled city contains a maze of courtyards, mosques, and private chambers built by Emperor Akbar. Then marvel at the unparalleled beauty of the Taj Mahal, the magnificent expression of Emperor Shah Jahan’s love for his wife, Mumtaz. This evening enjoy a festive farewell dinner aboard the train.

Palace on Wheels (B,L,D)

DElHI / HoME
Wednesday–Thursday, November 13–14
Arrive in Delhi and disembark the train. Visit the Qutab Minar, the tallest minaret in India and a World Heritage site, and the Baha’i Lotus Temple, noted for its flowerlike shape. Relax in day rooms at the airport hotel before departing on flights home.

Radisson Blu Hotel (B,L,D Nov. 13)

Included meals indicated each day as B,L,R,D = Breakfast, Lunch, Reception, Dinner

Optional Post-Tour Extension

VARANASI
November 13–17, 2019
Enjoy a four night post-trip extension to explore the sacred sites of Varanasi. Situated on the banks of the Ganges River, cruise on the river and witness the Hindu rituals that are part of everyday life. Visit the ancient Buddhist monuments of Sarnath and learn about Banaras Hindu University. Additional details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.

Reserve Your Trip Today
Book online: yaleedtravel.org/indiarail19
Palace on Wheels

Experience Rajasthan, the land of Mughal kingdoms, varied landscapes, and vibrant colors, in a truly royal fashion aboard the Palace on Wheels. Modeled after the personal railway coaches of the royal maharajas, the train captures the essence of a bygone era, incorporating the contemporary amenities that make this the perfect way to travel the breadth of Northern India. The Palace on Wheels offers brilliant interiors, sumptuous meals, superior wines, and friendly, personalized service. The 14 air-conditioned cabins are named after royal palaces and are appointed with carved wooden furniture, fine bedding and draperies, WiFi/Internet access, satellite TV, spa, and en suite facilities. Guests dine on specialties from India, the Continent, and China in the train’s attractive dining compartments.

WHAT IS INCLUDED
- Educational program lectures and discussions with Yale study leader
- All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary including six hotel nights, five nights aboard Palace on Wheels, and one dayroom
- Airport transfers on group arrival and departure days
- Baggage handling
- Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, and drivers
- Entrance fees
- Welcome and farewell wine receptions
- Bottled water on motor coaches
- Professional tour manager throughout the program
- Emergency medical evacuation services

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED
- U.S. domestic and international airfare
- Passport and visa expenses
- Medical expenses and immunizations
- Airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days
- Travel insurance
- Deviations from the scheduled tour
- Excess-baggage charges
- Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted
- Laundry or dry cleaning
- Room service
- Telephone, fax, Internet, and email charges
- Gratuities for non-group services and other items of a personal nature

ITINERARY CHANGES AND COST ADJUSTMENTS
The itinerary as presented is subject to modification by Yale Educational Travel and Criterion Travel (the tour operator), should unforeseen world events and conditions require such alterations for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant. Program rates are based upon current taxes, tariffs, fuel prices, currency values, and a minimum number of participants, and are subject to change (e.g., should fuel prices increase).

If there are significant changes, participants will be notified in advance of departure.

Program Rates, per person

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Please note: Super deluxe cabins are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS Airtreks is our preferred provider for airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at (800) 350-0646. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. PLEASE NOTE: U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Round-trip economy-class airfare between New York and Delhi, India is approximately $950 per person as of December 2018 and is subject to change without notice.
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To register, return this form with your deposit of $1,000 per person to YET. Final payment is due July 3, 2019.

1) NAME AS ON PASSPORT

DATE OF BIRTH YALE CONNECTION

PASSPORT ORIGIN RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER GUEST

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Contact Information

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

PRIMARY PHONE SECONDARY PHONE

E-MAIL

Payment Options

 字 Pay by check made out to “Criterion Travel.”
 字 Please charge the deposit of $1,000 per person to AMEX Visa MasterCard Discover Card

Accommodations

Bed preference:

 字 Twin beds joined as queen
 字 Twins
 字 I wish to have a single accommodation (limited availability; please call).
 字 I will share accommodations with

 字 I would like to know about roommates.
 I am a smoker non-smoker

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of July 3, 2019, I will pay the single rate.

I/We confirm that I/We have carefully read the Terms and Conditions and Responsibility section of this brochure and agree to their terms.

SIGNATURE DATE

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Terms and Conditions

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, AND FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve a space on this tour, please mail a deposit of $1,000 per person payable to “CRITERION TRAVEL,” along with the completed reservation form, to: Yale Educational Travel, Yale Alumni Association, P.O. Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010 or fax the completed form to (203) 432-0587. Deposits may be charged to a credit card. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. Final payment is due July 3, 2019.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: All cancellations must be in writing to Yale Educational Travel. Refunds, less a cancellation fee of $300 per person, are made if we are notified in writing on or before July 3, 2019. No refunds are made after that date. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations, or other trip features.

WHAT TO EXPECT: This is a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Daily activities can involve one to three miles of walking, often on hilly streets. Participants should be fit and in active good health. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Temperatures in November stay relatively mild, with highs in the 80s F, cooler evenings, and little rain. India is a destination best received with an open mind, a sense of wonderment, and a willingness to embrace the unfamiliar. It is a colorful, crowded, and cacophonous country, meant to be experienced with all of your senses and to reward your intellectual curiosity.

INSURANCE: Yale Educational Travel highly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. If participants purchase trip insurance, and we hope that they do, participants are free to purchase the insurance of their choice. Most travel insurance must be purchased within 7-10 days of paying a deposit in order to include certain provisions including pre-existing conditions.

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Discover the princely city of Jaipur and its regal palace, fascinating museum, astronomical observatory, and imposing Amber Fort.

Accompanied by expert naturalists, enjoy the diverse wildlife (with perhaps a glimpse of the endangered Bengal tiger) and exotic birdlife at two remarkable parks: Ranthambore and Keoladeo Ghana.