

Welcome on board a fascinating journey through the many worlds of Karnataka. Take a luxurious journey of discovery through the "Cradle of Stone" architecture.



### Travel through time...

Journey past timeless historical heritage sites, resplendent palaces, wildlife and beaches on this seven night trip aboard the Golden Chariot. This train, Pride of the South, is named after the famous Stone Chariot in Hampi, a world heritage site, in Southern India.

### Departing every Monday

This 7 night / 8 day colourful journey departs from Bangalore and traverses through Mysore, visiting Srirangapatna, Mysore Palace, the Nagarhole National Park (Kabini) and continues to the historical sites of Shrivaniabelagola, Belur, Halebid, Hampi and the triangular heritage site of Badami, Pattadakal, Aihole, and finally the golden beaches of Goa before arriving back in Bangalore.

### The Golden Chariot features:

- 44 fully air-conditioned cabins with Wi-Fi, LCD TV, DVD with 6 satellite channels, wardrobe, writing desk and private bathroom with luxurious amenities.
- 2 restaurants serving vegetarian and non-vegetarian culinary delights
- 1 lounge bar with the finest collection of wines and spirits
- Gym coach includes 2 massage rooms (these services not included in tour price)

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## Itinerary

### **Day 1 Bangalore - Mysore**

Check in at the Leela Palace Hotel by 12pm. Enjoy lunch at Jamawar or Citrus before departing on your afternoon tour of Tippu's Palace, Bull Temple and Lalbagh. This evening your train journey begins on the Golden Chariot. Enjoy dinner on board. [L,D]

### **Day 2 Mysore - Kabini/Bandipur**

Visit Rajiv Gandhi National Park, the hunting retreat of the Mysore Maharajas and the perfect place for wildlife lovers in South India. This afternoon arrive at your jungle lodge and enjoy a jungle/boat safari. Overnight jungle lodge. [B,L,D]

### **Day 3 Mysore**

Return to the train for lunch before an afternoon tour of Mysore Palace and Srirangapatnam. This evening's entertainment is a cultural show followed by dinner at Lalitha Mahal Palace before returning to the train. [B,L,D]

### **Day 4 Hassan**

Morning tour to Shravanabelagola, one of the most important Jain pilgrim centres. This afternoon continue to Belur to visit the famous Hoysala Temple Complex and to Halebid, once the capital of the Hoysalas featuring one of the finest Hoysala temples. [B,L,D]

### **Day 5 Hospet**

Visit Hampi, a world heritage site and one of the major tourist attractions in India. Although in ruins today, this capital city once boasted riches known far beyond the shores of India. [B,L,D]

### **Day 6 Badami**

Tour the world heritage site of Badami, located at the mouth of a ravine between two rocky hills. Visit the Badami Caves and Pattadakal with its beautiful chiselled temples. This afternoon depart for the beaches of Goa. [B,L,D]

### **Day 7 Goa**

Morning tour of Goa, known as the "Pearl of the Orient." Enjoy a city tour before arriving at Majorda Beach Resort for lunch. Return to the train in time for dinner. [B,L,D]

### **Day 8 Bangalore**

Arrival at Yeswanthpur railway station in Bangalore. Disembark after breakfast. [B]

Please Note: The Golden Chariot departs every alternate Monday from Bangalore between September 2010 - March 2011

## Inclusions

- 6 nights accommodation in twin berth fully air-conditioned cabins with private ensuite facilities
- 1 night at a luxury jungle lodge at Kabini or Bandipur
- Jungle/boat safari at jungle lodge
- Cultural show at Lalitha Mahal Palace
- All meals as indicated
- All sightseeing and entry fees as per itinerary with English speaking guides
- Sightseeing in deluxe coach
- Includes 2.58% service tax (approximately A\$72 per person)

Please note: Seasonal surcharges apply

## Dates & Prices

No dates available for this tour at present. Please [send us an enquiry here](#) to keep in touch with any upcoming dates.

Please note: The train always departs Bangalore on a Monday, however the dates of departure are not fixed and are subject to change. Please contact our office for further details.

Prices are per person twin share & are based on a minimum of 2 people.

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## **Accommodation**

### **The Golden Chariot "Pride of the South"**

Within your cabin, admire the intricate carvings on the ceiling, the wall panels and furniture inspired by Mysore and Hoysala architecture. Each is fully equipped with air conditioning, vanity/writing desk, Wi-Fi, TV/DVD, wardrobe and your very own private bathroom. Each Coach of the "The Golden Chariot - Pride of The South" has been named after the dynasties that ruled Karnataka - Kadamba, Hoysala, Rastrakota, Ganga, Chalukya, Bhahamani, Adhilshahi, Sangama, Shathavashna, Yudukula and Vijayanagar. The train has two restaurants, Nala and Ruchi, both of which serve a spread of vegetarian and non-vegetarian culinary delights. For the evening there is the Madira lounge, a place where you can sit back, relax and enjoy the company of your fellow travellers over a drink. If you feel you need a little pampering, head to the trains Ayurveda Centre where you can enjoy a massage, the spa or even the gym.



## **Disclaimer**

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