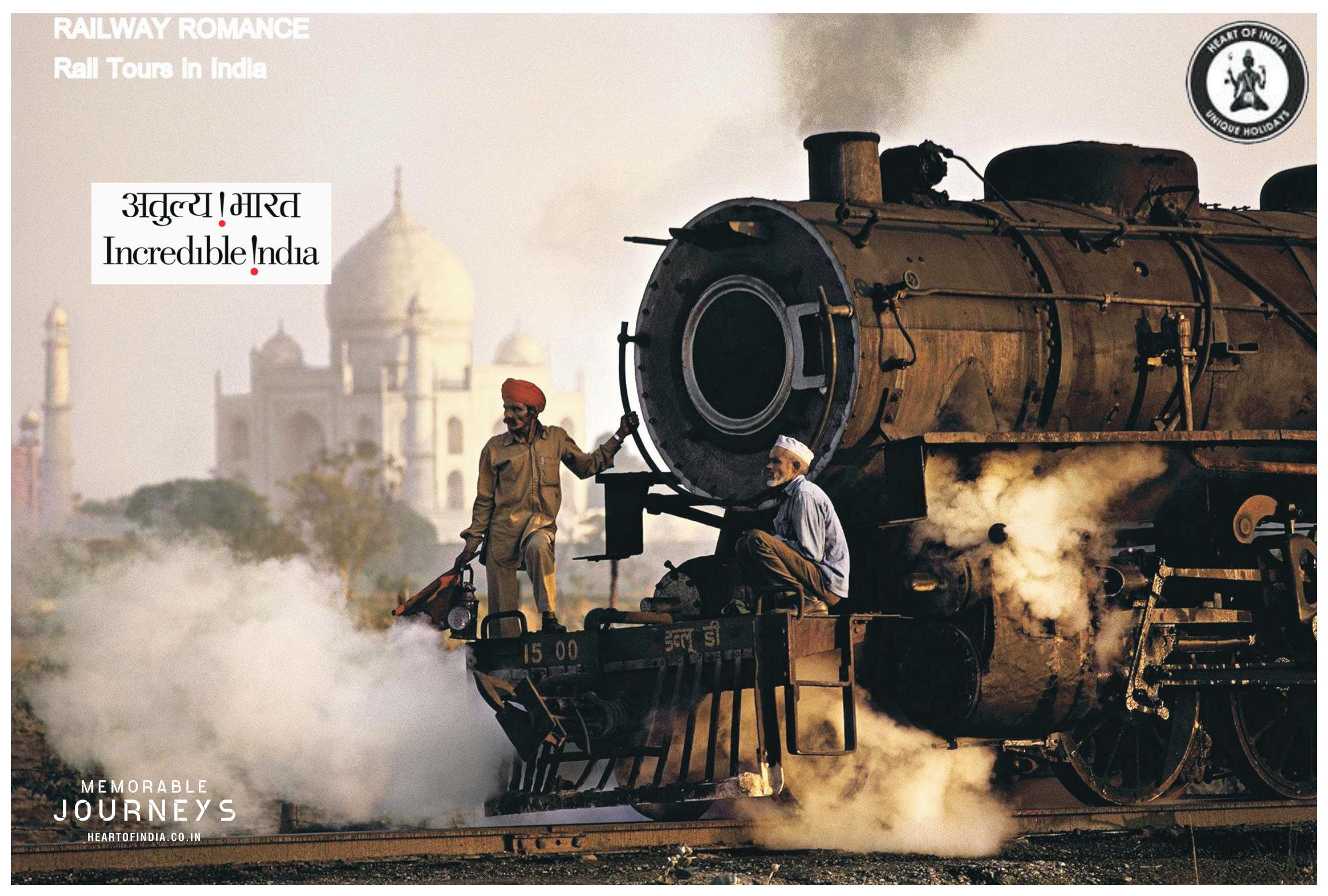


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THE SPLENDOUR OF GWALIOR FORT AND PALACE

Gwalior fort is an exemplary example of Hindu architecture and the palace in complete contrast has influence of European architecture.



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This wonderful monument is a world heritage site now.



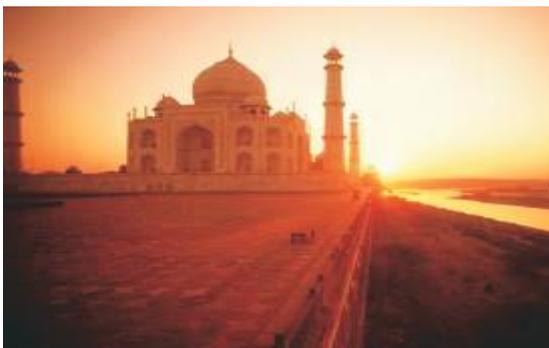
SPLENDID LAKES OF BHOPAL

The city of lakes has its share of natural beauty and the beautiful lakes spread across the city only add to it.



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Watching the sun go down behind the eternal monument of love is just exhilarating.



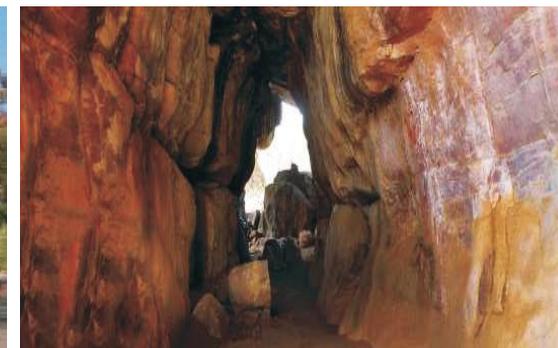
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Day 01: Arrive at New Delhi

Your journey to the land of splendor begins with your arrival at New Delhi, the capital of India. Here you will be received by our hosts and would experience a stay in luxury heritage hotel. If your air journey hasn't taken a toll and if you're in bound flight leaves you with spare time during the day of your arrival then a trip to the old city of Delhi is option. You will have your meals at the popular local restaurants.

Day 02: Departure for Agra

This early morning you take the Shatabdi Express Train to Agra, a premier train of the Indian Railways. You will have breakfast while the train passes through the exotic ravines of India. During the journey you will witness the amazing landscape of India. On your arrival at Agra you will be taken to your hotel. After Breakfast you proceed to visit one of the most famous monuments of the world The Taj Mahal. The visit to the Taj Mahal is followed by a visit to The Agra fort. The fort is built alongside the Yamuna River and stretches almost 2.5 km. It consists of a wall built in red sandstone and several buildings inside. Several of the buildings are made of pure marble with beautiful carvings. To cool off the rooms in the marble pavilions, the walls were hollow and filled with running water. From the balconies in the pavilions, you have a nice view on the Yamuna River and the Taj Mahal.

Day 03: Agra

After morning breakfast, a short drive will take you to visit Fatehpur Sikri, built by Mughal Emperor Akbar in 1570. It was built in honor of Sufi saint Salim Chishti, who lived in a cavern on the ridge at Sikri and foretold the birth of his son, who was named prince Salim after the saint. Fatehabad as it was earlier known and later acquired the name of Fatehpur was the first planned city of the Mughals. It served as the capital of the Mughal Empire from 1571 until 1585. It was abandoned after 14 years because the water supply was inadequate to sustain the growing population and the unrest in North West. Later in the evening, shop in the local bazaars of Agra for beautiful souvenirs.

Day 04: Gwalior

Today you depart by the early morning train to Gwalior. Gwalior is justly famous for at least three things: its imposing fort, the royal palace and the temples in the fort area. After breakfast head to the Gwalior Fort. It spreads out over an area of 3 square km, surrounded by concrete walls of sandstone. The Gwalior fort encloses three temples, six palaces and numerous water tanks. At a point of time Gwalior was regarded as North and central India's most invincible fortress. The fort was built by Raja Man Singh Tomar in the 15th century. The fort of Gwalior has seen many ups and downs of history. In the course of five hundred years, the Gwalior fort went from one ruler to another.

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Later visit the Jai Vilas Palace museum. Though the present Maharaja still lives in the palace, 35 of its rooms house the Scindia Museum, which displays royal memorabilia. The Museum boasts of a remarkable collection of artifacts, culled from all over the world. A crystal staircase winds its way up to the spectacular Durbar Hall. The arched ceiling, with stunning gold leaf work, carries two of the world's largest and most magnificent chandeliers which are covered with 56 kilograms of gold.

Day 05: Bhopal

This early morning you take the Shatabdi Express to Bhopal, a premier train of the Indian Railways. You will have breakfast while the train passes through the exotic ravines of Madhya Pradesh. During the journey you will witness the amazing landscape of Madhya Pradesh including hills and fields. You will have a snack before your train is due to reach Bhopal. On your arrival at Bhopal you will be taken to your hotel, The Jehan Numa Palace. The Jehan Numa is a 19th century palace and is a combination of British, Italian and Greek architecture.

Day 06: Visit to Museum of Man

Today you wake up at leisure and we head towards Museum of Man. Here you will see the integrated story of the evolution of man and culture with special reference to India. You will see the richness and diversity of cultural patterns in India and its underlying unity. After the unique experience, you go to the old city to witness the heritage markets.

Day 07: Bhimbetka

After breakfast visit the rock shelters at Bhimbetka, now a world heritage site. The Bhimbetka shelters exhibit the earliest traces of human life in India. Some of the stone age rock paintings found among the Bhimbetka rock shelters are approximately 30000 years old (Paleolithic age). Later in the evening dine in the wonderful Rail coach restaurant.

Day 08: Sanchi

After breakfast you proceed to Sanchi, to see the Stupas, Monasteries, Temples and Pillars dating back to the 12th century AD. Sanchi is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Packed lunch will be provided at the sight. After lunch you drive back to Bhopal and visit Bharat Bhawan, a centre for performing and visual art. In the evening you could go shopping at the state handloom store.

Day 09: Departure for Delhi

After breakfast visit the Taj ul Masjid. The Taj-ul-masjid is one of the largest mosques in Asia, built by Nawab Shahjehan Begum around a courtyard with a large tank in the centre and with an imposing double storeyed gateway with 4 recessed archways and 9 imposing cusped multi foiled openings in the main prayer hall. The Quibla wall in the prayer hall is carved with 11 recessed arches. The structure is enlivened by the limpid expanse of water in the tank outside the northern wall. Later board the Shatabdi Express for Delhi. Overnight in Delhi.

Day 10: Departure

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