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## Press Release

### IRCTC To Operate Series Departure of Shri Ramayana Yatra Trains For Pilgrims

**New Delhi, 04.10.2021:** IRCTC, the premier travel and tourism company under Ministry of Railways is also one of the largest operators of mass tourism in the country. The company has been operating a number of tourist trains on the various theme based tourist circuits identified by Ministry of Tourism under '*Swadesh Darshan*' scheme to promote the growth and development of domestic tourism in the country.

With the aim to promote religious tourism in the country, IRCTC has planned a series of departures of '*Shri Ramayana Yatra Train Tours*' with the festive season approaching shortly and gradual resumption of domestic tourism in the post pandemic era. IRCTC will be starting the series departures of the religious tours from the different directions of the country to all important places connected with the life of Lord Shri Ram. IRCTC has planned the train tour packages utilizing its Pilgrim Special Tourist Trains and Deluxe Tourist Trains duly understanding the requirement of the budget and premium segment tourists.

The first departure on the Ramayana Circuit will commence on 7<sup>th</sup> November ex-New Delhi followed by four other departures in the subsequent months.

#### **12 Nights / 13 Days Shri Ramayana Yatra ex – Madurai, departure 16.11.2021.**

To meet the requirement of pilgrim tourist market of South India, IRCTC will be operating *Shri Ramayana Yatra ex-Madurai* with its budget-segment train comprising of Sleeper Class coaches. The train will start from Madurai with boarding points at Dindigul, Tiruchchirappalli, Karur, Erode, Salem, Jolarpettai, Katpadi, Chennai Central, Renigunta, and Cuddapah will cover Hampi, Nasik, Chitrakoot, Prayagraj, Varanasi and will return to Madurai.

#### **16 Nights / 17 Days Shri Ramayana Yatra ex – Sri Ganganagar, departure 25.11.2021.**

For budget segment tourists of North India, IRCTC will be operating *Shri Ramayana Yatra ex- Sri Ganganagar* with its **Pilgrim Special** tourist trains. The train will start from Sri Ganganagar with boarding and de-boarding points at Abohar- Malout, Bhatinda, Barnala, Patiala, Rajpura, Ambala Cantt., Kurukshetra, Karnal, Panipat, Delhi Cantt., Gurgaon, Rewari, Alwar, Jaipur, Agra Fort, Itawah and Kanpur will cover Ayodhya, Sitamarhi, Janakpur, Varanasi, Prayagraj and Chitrakoot, Nasik, Hampi and Rameswaram, Kanchipuram and will return to Sri Ganganagar.

#### **7 Nights / 8 Days Shri Ram Path Yatra ex – Pune, departure 27.11.2021.**

To meet the demands of the religious tourist market of Western and Central India, IRCTC will be operating *Shri Ram Path Yatra ex-Pune* with its **Pilgrim Special** tourist train comprising of Sleeper Class and AC 3 Tier coaches offering an all inclusive tour package. The train will start from Pune with boarding and de-boarding points at Lonavala, Panvel, Kalyan, Nashik, Manmad, Chalisgaon. Jalgaon and Bhusawal and will cover Ayodhya, Janakpur, Varanasi, Sitamarhi, Prayagraj, Chitrakoot and finally return back to Pune.

#### **7 Nights / 8 Days Shri Ram Path Yatra ex – Sabarmati, departure 25.12.2021.**



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IRCTC will be operating Shri Ram Path Yatra originating from Sabarmati with its Pilgrim Special tourist train offering an all inclusive tour package. The train will start from Sabarmati with boarding and de-boarding points at Nadiad, Anand, Vadodra, Godhara, Dahod, Ratlam,

Nagda, Ujjain and will cover Ayodhya, Janakpur, Varanasi, Sitamarhi, Prayagraj, Chitrakoot and finally return back to Sabarmati.

IRCTC is offering standard and comfort category facilities in the packages. While the standard category package on Sleeper Class is priced at Rs. 900/- plus taxes per person per day, the comfort category package on AC 3-Tier is priced at Rs. 1500/- plus taxes per passenger per day only.

In addition to the above trains, IRCTC is already operating **Shri Ramayana Yatra ex- New Delhi** all inclusive package with its new fully air-conditioned deluxe tourist train for the premium segment tourists. The tour will commence from **7<sup>th</sup> November and end on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2021**. The tour package has been received very well by the market and the train is already fully booked. IRCTC will be soon launching more Shri Ramayana Yatra packages with deluxe train soon.

The company has planned the train tour packages adhering to all health protocols for ensuring the safety of the passengers amidst the ongoing pandemic.

With increasing demand of Ramayana Circuit train tour package, IRCTC will operate more such Shri Ramayana Yatra trains in the near future. While all booking related information of all the upcoming train tour package of Shri Ramayana Yatra is readily available on the tourism portal [www.irctctourism.com](http://www.irctctourism.com), the customers can also approach the zonal and regional offices of IRCTC as Tourism Facilitation Centres set up by the company at major railway stations for booking of the packages.