



Press Release

“Sri Ramayan Yatra” to depart from Delhi on Feb 22.

- *IRCTC’s special tour offering based on the Ramayana Circuit under the Swadesh Darshan covers prominent places associated with life of Lord Rama.*
- *The much sought-after train tour “Shri Ramayan Yatra” is ready to depart this February 22 from Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station on a 19 nights/20 days itinerary.*
- *State of the art Deluxe AC Tourist Train with AC I & AC II class will accommodate total 156 tourists.*

Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corp Ltd (IRCTC), a public sector undertaking under the **Ministry of Railways** has decided to operate the popular “**Shri Ramayana Yatra**” by Deluxe AC Tourist train to promote spiritual tourism with singular emphasis on the life of Shri Rama. The train tour will start from **Delhi Safdarjung** railway station on **February 22, 2022** and will cover the major places associated with life of **Lord Rama**. The upcoming trip will be having 3 additional destinations viz **Buxar, Kanchipuram** and **Bhadrachalam**.

Spanning over **19 nights/20 days**, the first stop is **Ayodhya** where tourists will visit **Shri Ram Janmabhoomi temple** and **Hanuman temple**. Additionally there would be **Bharat Mandir** at Nandigram. After Ayodhya, next destination will be **Sitamarhi** in Bihar where Sita is believed to be born and **Ram-Janaki Temple** in Janakpur (Nepal) will be covered by road. Post **Sitamarhi**, the guests shall be taken to **Buxar** for a tour of the **Ramrekha ghat** and the local temples followed by **Varanasi**, where they will visit temples at Varanasi, Prayag, Shringverpur and Chitrakoot by road. Night stay will be arranged at Varanasi, Prayag and Chitrakoot respectively.

The next destination that the train travels to is **Nasik** wherein visit of **Trayambakeshwar temple** and **Panchvati** will be covered. Next destination after Nasik is **Hampi** which according to folklore is around the ancient monkey kingdom of **Kishkindha**. Here, the temple believed to be the sacred birth place of **Shri Hanuman** and other heritage and religious sites will be covered. Then the train chugs into one the holy Char Dham sites of **Rameshwaram**. Excursions include a visit of the eponymous **Ramanathaswamy** temple & **Dhanuskodi**. The next destination is **Kanchipuram** which takes the guests through the **Vishnu Kanchi, Shiva Kanchi** and the **Kanchi Kamakshi Amman** temple. **Bhadrachalam** will be the last destination of this train tour after which train returns to Delhi on its 20th day of its journey. Guests will be travelling roughly **7500 Kms** in this entire tour.

The modern Deluxe AC Tourist Train has a host of amazing features including **two fine dining restaurants**, a **contemporary kitchen**, **shower cubicles** in coaches, sensor based washroom functions, foot massager and a mini library. The fully air-conditioned train provides **two types of accommodation** viz. **AC I** and **AC II**. The train has enhanced security features like **CCTV cameras**, **electronic safes** and **dedicated security guards** appointed for each coach.

IRCTC has launched this special tourist train in line with the Government of India initiative “**Dekho Apna Desh**” to promote domestic tourism, at a price of **Rs. 99,475/-** per person for 2AC and **Rs. 1, 21,735/-** per person on 1AC class. Package price covers **train journey** in AC coaches, **accommodation** in AC Hotels, **all meals (VEG ONLY)**, all **transfer & sight-seeing** in AC Vehicles, **travel insurance** and services of **IRCTC Tour Managers** etc. All necessary health precautionary measures will be taken care of, by providing safe and healthy travel during the tour. **Government/PSU employees** can avail **LTC facility** on this tour as per eligibility based on the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India.

To ensure safety measures in the present COVID 19 scenario, **full vaccination** (double doses) for guests of **age group 18 or above is mandatory**. Besides, IRCTC will also provide a **safety kit** to all tourists, which would include a face mask, hand gloves and sanitizer. Regular temperature checking of all tourists and staff, frequent train sanitization at halt stations etc and other precautions has also been adopted. Staff shall be screened thoroughly and kitchen & restaurants shall be sanitized after every meal service.

For more details one can visit IRCTC website: <https://www.irctctourism.com> and book directly. All bookings are on first come first serve basis. For more information, contact us on **Mobile no. 8287930202, 8287930299, and 8287930157.**
