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PRESS RELEASE

GOLDEN CHARIOT LUXURY TRAIN – MANY WORLDS, ONE VOYAGE

- The Golden Chariot is a luxury tourist train that connects the important tourist spots in the Indian states of Karnataka, Goa, Kerala & Tamil Nadu as well as Pondicherry.
- Destinations on the Golden Chariot route have been chosen to showcase the architecture, culture and history of this region.
- Guest Carriages on the Golden Chariot train are named after the dynasties which ruled south India over several centuries.
- Covers popular Tourist destinations of Mysore, Hampi, Goa, Mahabalipuram and also Bandipur, Halebidu, Chikamangalur, Aihole, & Pattadakal.
- Partial booking covering short distance is also allowed.



New Delhi 08 March, 2021: Having already carved a niche for itself in luxury train tourism, IRCTC, the travel, tourism and hospitality arm of Ministry of Railways has added another luxury train 'Golden Chariot' to its fleet. Owned by Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC), the Golden Chariot train, which commenced in 2008, was taken over by IRCTC in January 2020 for operations, marketing and maintenance. The Golden Chariot is again going to hit the tracks in a new look and feel on an exciting week long itinerary.

The Golden Chariot luxury train, an attempt to connect important dots which have shaped the history of South India through several centuries is finally commencing on its first journey of the season on 14th March 2021 on a 6 Nights/7 Days itinerary, Pride of Karnataka starting and ending in Bengaluru covering Bandipur, Mysore, Halebidu, Chikamangalur, Hampi, Aihole and Pattadakal and Goa. Another 3 Nights/4 Days trip is planned on 21st March 2021, which will also start and end in Bengaluru covering Mysore, Hampi and Mahabalipuram.



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The renewed train has a host of features including complimentary Wi-Fi and OTT streaming onboard, complimentary house pours and wines, choice of international and Indian cuisines, services of an experienced Tour Director onboard, all monument entry tickets, off board evenings with meals and cultural performances etc. to make the train a completely memorable experience.

Partial Booking covering part of itinerary for short journey in this premium luxury train has also been allowed so as to enable tourists, experience the unmatched journey of a lifetime. The unique position of the southern peninsula, surrounded by Arabian Sea in West, the Indian Ocean in South and Bay of Bengal in the East saw several dynasties having trade and political linkages with both the West and East. Destinations on the Golden Chariot route have been chosen to showcase the architecture, culture and history of this region.

The train owned by Karnataka Tourism was taken over by IRCTC in January 2020 for operations, marketing and maintenance. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the scheduled trips could not be operated.

The Guest carriages of the Golden Chariot train are named after the dynasties which ruled south India over several centuries. Each guest carriage has four cabins with a mix of twins and doubles. The guest cabins are a mix of 13 Double Bed Cabins, 30 Twin Bed Cabins and 1 Cabin for specially abled. The two restaurants, *Ruchi* and *Nalapaka*, serve delectable meals from across the world with an array of Indian options. *Madira*, the bar serves choicest of wines, beers and spirits. *Arogya* the Spa cum Fitness Center combines traditional Ayurvedic Spa therapies with modern workout machines.

To know more about the train, please visit the official website www.goldenchariot.org