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### Press Release

## **Tourism Industry in India is on revival track, IRCTC Report**

Tourism packages of IRCTC are getting overwhelming welcome by public in post COVID period

**New Delhi, 28.01.2021:** Before Covid 19, the growth of Inbound, Outbound and Domestic tour was on peak and Tourism industry was showing the significant growth. Covid 19 virus detected in China's Wuhan City in December 2019. In February 2020, the world witnessed the impact of Covid 19, which was emerged from China and within a short span of time Covid 19 virus spread globally. To stop the spread of virus, most of the countries imposed lockdown in their respective countries. Lockdown was also imposed in India starting from 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 till 7<sup>th</sup> April which was further extended in phase manner where in restrictions were imposed on the public.

Due to lockdown all commercial activities came to on a halt and Tourism industry was also not the exception. Tourism Industry was badly hit due to the Covid impact and is still struggling to revive. In this toughest scenario, IRCTC has taken a lead and launched different domestic tour packages by tourists trains as well as Air mode from its offices across India. All necessary health precautions are being taken care to provide safe and healthy travel during the tour.

IRCTC is getting the tremendous response of the public and peoples are coming in large numbers to book the IRCTC Tour Packages. IRCTC's Air tour packages for Kerala, Goa, Kashmir, Andaman, Rann of Kutch in Gujarat and North East region launched for Feb and March months from different cities are fully booked and hence additional tours are being launched. Bharat Darshan train from Varanasi to Jyotirling yatra started on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan with 600 booked tourists. Another train from Raxaul, Bihar is scheduled on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan for south India and more than 500 seats are booked. Pilgrim spl train from Jalandhar for Jyotirling tour on 27<sup>th</sup> Jan booked by more than 600 pax. Other tours from East, South and Western part, planned by IRCTC are also getting great patronage by public.

In continuation of above packages, IRCTC has decided to run a Deluxe AC Tourists train on two different tours viz **"Padharo Rajasthan"** and **"Jyotirlinga & Statue of Unity"**. This afresh Deluxe Tourist Train has a host of astounding features including two fine dining restaurants, a modern kitchen, shower cubicles in coaches, sensor based washroom functions, foot massager. The fully air-conditioned train provides two types of accommodation viz. First AC and 2nd AC. The train has enhanced security features in the form of CCTV cameras.

The **"Padharo Rajasthan"** tour will start from Delhi Safdarjung on date **12.02.2021** will canvas the prominent and heritage tourist's destinations of the Royal State of Rajasthan. This 04 nights and 5 days tour will cover two important prides of Rajasthan i.e. **Jaisalmer and Jodhpur** and will showcase the Great Thar Deserts, Forts, Jain Temples and Havelies at Jaisalmer and the Rajput legacy and royal residences set up by Rajput rulers at Jodhpur.

Second Tour of **"Jyotirlinga & Statue of Unity"** will also start from Delhi Safdarjung on date **27.02.2021** and will cover two prominent **Jyotirling temples: Mahakaleshwar (Ujjain) & Omkareshwar** along with the tallest statue of world **"Statue of unity"** in State of Gujarat. Since Kevadia Railway Station will be operational in Jan 2021, hence this train will go to Kevadia also. Three boarding halts will be provided at Delhi Safderjung, Agra and Gwalior for tourist.

In line with the Government of India initiative **"Dekho Apna Desh"** to promote domestic tourism, IRCTC has planned these tour packages at a very competitive package cost starting from Rs. 22,830/-per person for **"Padharo Rajasthan"** and Rs. 24,450/-per person for **"Jyotirlinga & Statue of Unity"** Tour. Government/PSU employees can avail LTC facility as per eligibility based on the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance, Govt of India.



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The package cost is inclusive of train journey in respective classes, all onboard & off board meals, hotel stay at destinations as mentioned in itinerary, guided excursions with friendly English-speaking tour escorts in air-conditioned buses and travel insurance for the passengers.

For more details one can visit IRCTC website: <https://www.irctctourism.com> and bookings are available on first come first serve basis and can be booked online on IRCTC Tourism portal. For more information, one can contact on Mobile no.8287930157, 8287930299, 8287930202.

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