



THE GOLDEN CHARIOT



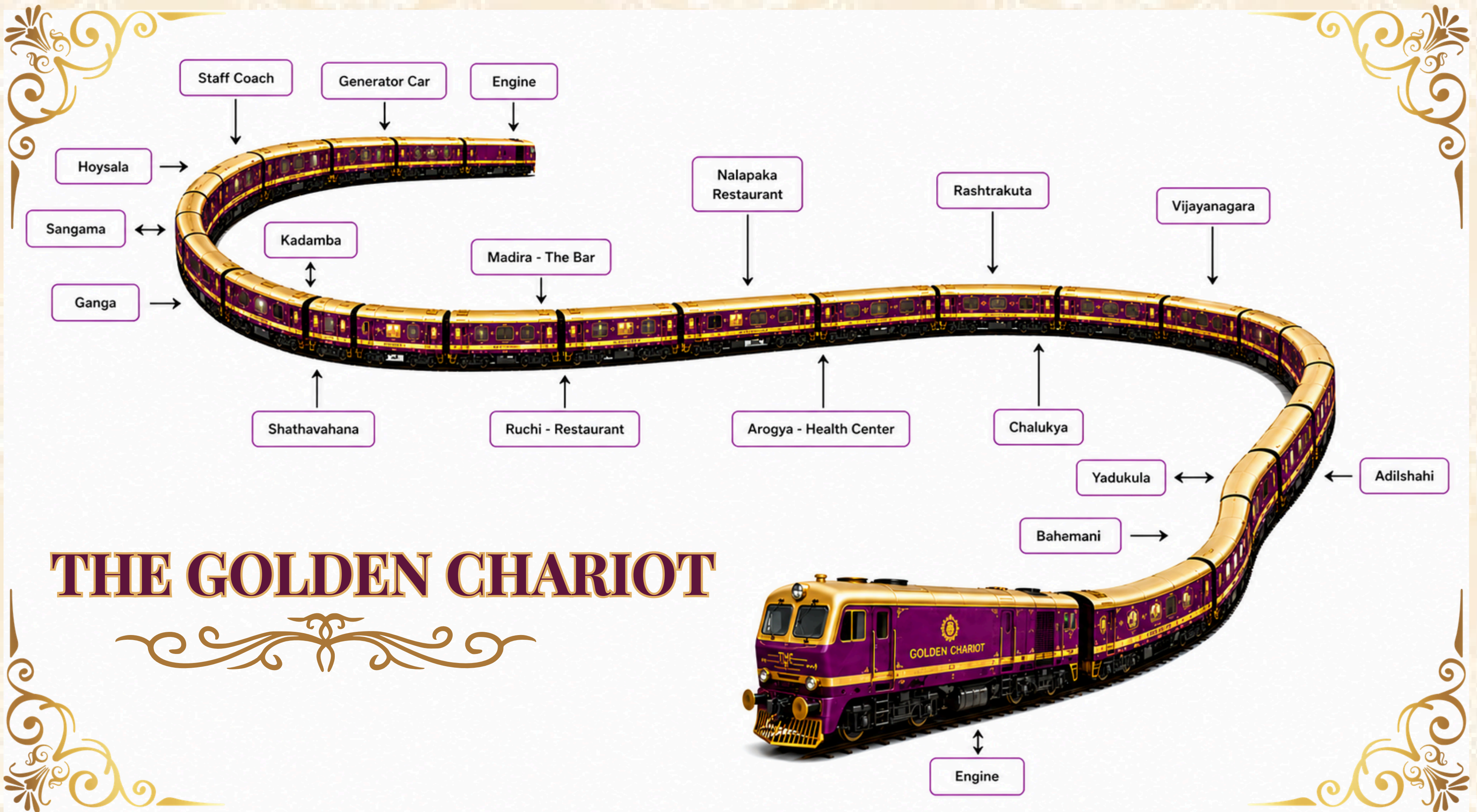
THE GOLDEN CHARIOT – HISTORY

The Golden Chariot did not come into existence overnight — it was born from a desire to give South India the kind of grand rail experience that the north had long enjoyed with the famous Palace on Wheels. Launched in 2008 by Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) in partnership with Indian Railways, the train was conceived as a moving celebration of the Deccan region's extraordinary cultural and architectural legacy. The name itself draws inspiration from the iconic stone chariot that stands proudly inside the Vittala Temple complex in Hampi — a symbol of power, devotion, and timeless craftsmanship that perfectly captures what this journey is meant to represent.

From the very beginning, the vision was clear — to create not just a mode of transport, but a rolling palace that would introduce travellers to a side of India that often gets overshadowed by the more frequented northern circuits. The interiors were modelled on the opulence of the Wodeyar dynasty, the royal family that ruled the Kingdom of Mysore for centuries and left behind a legacy of art, architecture, and refined taste that still defines the region's identity. Every design choice made on the train — from the silk drapery to the hand-carved wooden panels — was a conscious nod to that regal heritage.

Over the years, the Golden Chariot has run two signature routes. The first, *Pride of Karnataka*, focuses deeply on the historical and wildlife treasures of Karnataka. The second, *Splendour of the South*, extends the journey further to take in the cultural richness of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Goa, and Puducherry. These routes were not chosen randomly — they were carefully mapped to trace the footprints of empires, dynasties, and civilisations that shaped the entire southern peninsula over thousands of years.

Though the train faced operational pauses over the years due to various logistical and policy-related reasons, its story has always been one of revival and reinvention. Each time it returned to the tracks, it came back with renewed energy and an even stronger commitment to showcasing the soul of South India to the world. Today, the Golden Chariot stands as one of the most distinguished luxury train experiences in all of Asia — a living tribute to a region whose history is as golden as the name it carries.



THE GOLDEN CHARIOT

GOLDEN CHARIOT - FEATURES

- Heritage-style luxury cabins with modern comfort
- Fully air-conditioned coaches for a smooth journey
- Twin & double bed configurations available
- Ensuite bathrooms with premium fittings
- LCD TV, Wi-Fi & in-cabin entertainment
- Two fine-dining restaurants – Nalapaka & Ruchi
- Multi-cuisine gourmet dining experience
- Exclusive lounge bar with premium beverages
- Arogya Spa for wellness & relaxation
- Personalized butler-style service onboard
- Guided sightseeing & cultural excursions
- Wheelchair-friendly & accessible facilities
- High-end safety systems with CCTV
- Royal interiors inspired by South Indian heritage



THE GOLDEN CHARIOT- CABINS





ROOM FEATURES

- Central air-conditioning
- En-suite bathrooms with WC
- Range of toiletries
- Complimentary Wi-fi
- Television in each room
- Hot and cold water supply in bathrooms
- Each cabin size is 67.5 sq ft (approx. 6 sq mt)



DETAILS OF GOLDEN CHARIOT DELUXE CABINS



Type of Cabins	No. of Cabins	Capacity of Passengers
Double Cabins	13	62
Twin Cabins	30	10
Specially Abled	1	2



The Golden Chariot houses 44 beautifully appointed guest cabins spread across 11 coaches, each named after the great dynasties that once ruled South India — Hoysala, Kadamba, Chalukya, Vijayanagara, and more. These names are not mere labels; they are quiet reminders that every night you sleep here, you rest within the legacy of empires.

The cabin breakdown includes 26 twin-bedded rooms, 17 double-bedded rooms, and one specially designed cabin for differently-abled guests. Inside, the craftsmanship draws deeply from the architectural traditions of Mysore and the Hoysala period — intricate wooden detailing, warm ambient lighting, and furniture proportioned to make even a compact space feel genuinely comfortable. Each cabin comes fully equipped with air conditioning, an LCD television, a DVD player with six satellite channels, a wardrobe, a writing desk, Wi-Fi connectivity, and a private en-suite bathroom stocked with quality toiletries. It is, by every honest measure, a five-star hotel room that travels with you.

THE GOLDEN CHARIOT- RESTAURANTS



The two restaurant cars on the Golden Chariot take their names from a rich cultural tradition. Nala — named after the legendary master chef of the Mahabharata — serves an exquisite range of vegetarian dishes, while Ruchi, meaning taste in Sanskrit, caters to non-vegetarian preferences with equal care and creativity. Both dining cars draw their interior design from the temple architecture of Hampi and Halebidu, creating a dining environment that feels connected to the very heritage rolling past outside the windows.

THE GOLDEN

Madira — drawn from ancient texts as the mythical drink of the gods — is the Golden Chariot's signature lounge bar and the social heart of the train once the evening begins. The name captures the spirit of the space perfectly: this is a place designed for pleasure, unhurried conversation, and the easy warmth that long journeys tend to produce between people who began as strangers.

The bar carries a well-considered selection of premium spirits, wines, beers, and non-alcoholic beverages, alongside signature cocktails crafted from South Indian ingredients — kokum, cardamom, tamarind, and fresh coconut finding their way into drinks that are creative without being contrived. The lounge seating is comfortable and inviting, the lighting warm, and the view through the windows as the train moves through the evening landscape is the kind of backdrop that no rooftop bar or hotel terrace can honestly compete with.



CHARIOT BAR



THE GOLDEN CHARIOT- SPA AND FITNESS CENTER

Of all the facilities on the Golden Chariot, the Nirvana Spa is perhaps the most unexpectedly wonderful. A dedicated wellness coach offering authentic Ayurvedic treatments on a moving luxury train is rare anywhere in the world – and on a train that passes through the very heartland of South India's ancient healing traditions, it feels entirely right.



THE GOLDEN CHARIOT-JOURNEYS



Glimpses Of Karnataka

03 Nights / 04 Days

Destination Covered:

Bengaluru - Nanjangud - Mysore -
Hospet - Bengaluru



Jewels Of South

05 Nights / 06 Days

Destination Covered:

Bengaluru - Mysore - Hampi -
Mahabalipuram - Thanjavur and Chettinad
Kumarakom - Cochin - Bengaluru



Pride Of Karnataka

05 Nights / 06 Days

Destination Covered:

Bengaluru - Nanjangud - Mysore -
Halebidu - Chikamgaluru - Hospet -
Goa - Bengaluru

GLIMPSES OF KARNATAKA

03 Nights / 04 Days

Bengaluru - Nanjangud - Mysore - Hospet - Bengaluru



Day 1: Bengaluru to Nanjangud

Guests arrive for registration and check-in from 08:30 hrs onwards, followed by a warm welcome onboard.

The train departs from YPR at 09:45 hrs, and a delicious lunch is served as the train reaches Nanjangud around 13:30 hrs. In the evening, enjoy an exciting wildlife safari experience from 16:30 hrs to 18:30 hrs. Return to the train by 20:15 hrs and relish dinner onboard as the train proceeds towards Mysore for an overnight stay.



Day 2: Mysore

Start the day with breakfast onboard before proceeding to visit the magnificent Mysore Palace, known for its royal grandeur and intricate architecture. Return to the train for lunch, followed by an optional visit to Srirangapatnam for those interested in exploring more history. In the evening, dinner is served onboard as the train departs at 20:00 hrs towards Hospet for watering and fuelling.



Day 3: Hospet - Hampi

Enjoy breakfast onboard before proceeding to explore the stunning ruins of Hampi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its ancient temples and fascinating landscapes. Return to the train for lunch, while the evening is free for relaxation. Dinner is served onboard as the train continues its journey towards Bengaluru.



Day 4: Bengaluru

Begin your final day with a relaxed breakfast onboard as the train approaches Bengaluru. Upon arrival at Yashwanthpur Railway Station, guests disembark, marking the end of a memorable luxury train journey.



India Palace On Wheels - Club Travels

PRIDE OF KARNATAKA

05 Nights / 06 Days

Bengaluru - Nanjangud - Mysore - Halebidu - Chikamgaluru -
Hospet - Goa - Bengaluru



Day 1: Bengaluru to Nanjangud

Guests arrive at Yashwantpur Railway Station in Bengaluru for registration and check-in from 08:30 hrs onwards, followed by a warm welcome onboard. The train departs at 09:45 hrs, and a delightful lunch is served as the journey progresses towards Nanjangud, arriving around 13:30 hrs. Post arrival, guests proceed for an excursion to Bandipur Wildlife Sanctuary (approx. 1.5 hrs drive), where an exciting evening safari is scheduled from 16:30 hrs to 18:30 hrs. After the safari, return to the train by 20:15 hrs and enjoy dinner onboard as the train continues its journey towards Mysore for an overnight stay.



Day 2: Mysore

Begin the day with breakfast onboard as the train halts in Mysore. Guests then proceed to visit the magnificent Mysore Palace, experiencing the grandeur of royal heritage. After the visit, return to the train for lunch, followed by an optional excursion to Srirangapatnam for those interested in exploring more history. In the evening, dinner is served onboard as the train departs at 20:00 hrs towards Banavar for watering and fueling, with a comfortable overnight journey.



Day 3: Halebidu and Chikmagalur

Enjoy breakfast onboard before proceeding from Banavar Railway Station to visit the historic temples of Halebidu, known for their intricate Hoysala architecture. Return to the train for lunch as it journeys towards Chikmagalur. In the evening, guests visit a scenic coffee plantation, followed by engaging cultural activities and a delightful dinner amidst the serene surroundings. Later, return to the train as it departs for Hospet for the next leg of the journey.



Day 4: Hospet - Hampi

After breakfast onboard, guests proceed to explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hampi, famous for its fascinating ruins and ancient temples. Following the guided tour, return to the train for lunch. The evening is kept free for relaxation onboard. Dinner is served as the train continues its journey towards Goa, offering a comfortable overnight experience.



Day 5: Goa

The train arrives at Karmali in Goa, where guests begin their day with breakfast onboard. Post breakfast, proceed to visit the iconic churches of North Goa, disembarking at 09:00 hrs and returning by 12:00 noon. Lunch is served onboard as the train travels towards Madgaon. In the evening, guests enjoy a special gala dinner at a luxury hotel in South Goa, experiencing the vibrant coastal culture. Later, the train departs for Bengaluru at 22:30 hrs.



Day 6: Bengaluru

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast onboard as the train approaches Bengaluru. Upon arrival at Yashwantpur Railway Station, guests disembark, marking the end of a memorable luxury journey through South India.



JEWELS OF SOUTH

05 Nights / 06 Days

Bengaluru - Mysore - Hampi - Mahabalipuram - Thanjavur
and Chettinad - Cochin - Cherthala / Mararikulam -
Bengaluru



Day 1: Bengaluru to Mysore

Guests arrive at Yashwantpur Railway Station for registration and check-in from 08:30 hrs onwards, followed by a traditional welcome onboard. The train departs from YPR at 09:45 hrs, and a sumptuous lunch is served as the train reaches Mysore at 14:15 hrs. Post arrival, proceed to visit the magnificent Mysore Palace at 15:00 hrs, showcasing royal grandeur and intricate architecture. Later, return to the train as it departs towards Chengalpattu (CGL), with dinner served onboard.



Day 2: Kanchipuram - Mahabalipuram

Enjoy breakfast onboard as the train arrives at Chengalpattu Railway Station. Guests may opt for a forenoon excursion to Kanchipuram, renowned for its ancient temples and silk weaving heritage. Return to the train for lunch, followed by a visit to the UNESCO-listed monuments of Mahabalipuram, including its famous shore temples and rock-cut sculptures. In the evening, relish a special dinner at a beachfront hotel before returning to the train as it proceeds towards Thanjavur.



Day 3: Thanjavur - Karaikudi / Chettinad

After breakfast onboard, guests board at 09:00 hrs to explore Thanjavur, home to the magnificent Brihadeeswara Temple. Return to the train for lunch as it continues towards Chettinad. Later, visit the famous Athangudi tile factory and the grand Chettinad mansions, reflecting the region's rich heritage. Return to the train for dinner onboard as it proceeds towards Cochin.



Day 4: Cochin

Breakfast is served onboard as the train arrives at Cochin Harbour Terminus. Proceed to visit the historic Mattancherry Palace in Fort Kochi, followed by an enchanting Kerala classical dance performance. Return to the train for lunch. Later, guests may opt to explore the iconic Chinese Fishing Nets and St. Francis Church. Dinner is served onboard as the train departs towards Kumarakom.



Day 5: Cherthala / Mararikulam

Begin the day with breakfast onboard before proceeding for a serene houseboat cruise through the backwaters of Kerala, accompanied by a delightful lunch at an exclusive venue. Enjoy the tranquil surroundings and scenic beauty before returning to the train by evening. Dinner is served onboard as you relax and unwind.



Day 6: Bengaluru

Enjoy your final breakfast onboard as the train approaches Bengaluru. Upon arrival at Yashwantpur Railway Station, guests disembark, concluding a memorable luxury journey through South India's cultural and scenic highlights.



THE GOLDEN CHARIOT - DEPARTURE



2026-27	Glimpses of Karnataka(3 Nights/4 Days)	Pride of Karnataka(5 Nights/6 Days)	Jewels of South(5 Nights/6 Days)
Oct. 2026	31	24	-
Nov. 2026	-	14	28
Dec. 2026	19	26	-
Jan. 2027	-	30,2	-
Feb. 2027	6	27	20
Mar. 2027	-	13	27
Oct. 2027	8(FRI)	18	25
Nov. 2027	8	15	29
Dec. 2027	20	27	13

Departure Dates for
Season 2026-27



THE GOLDEN CHARIOT - TARIFF

Undeniably, the Golden Chariot is one of the most expensive trains. However, the fascinating services offered on this train will certainly be worth the whooping ticket prices of this train. The Golden Chariot train price for foreigners and Indian passengers is given below:

In USD

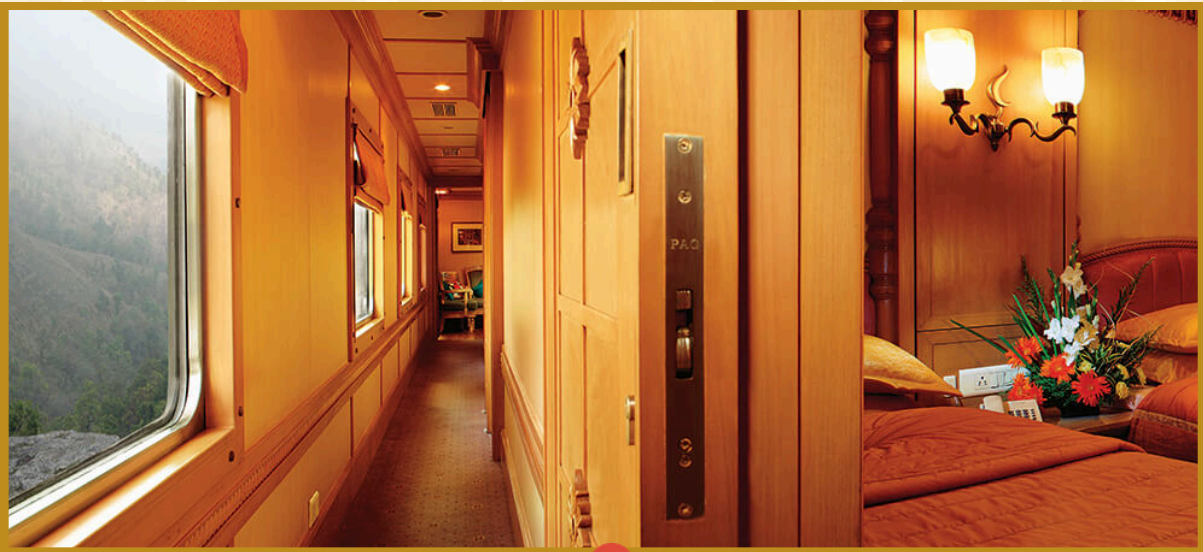
JOURNEYS	DELUXE CABIN	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
Pride of Karnataka (5 nights/6 days)	USD 5,000	USD 3,800
Glimpses of Karnataka (3 nights/ 4 days)	USD 3,400	USD 2,600
Jewels of South (5 nights/6 days)	USD 5,000	USD 3,800

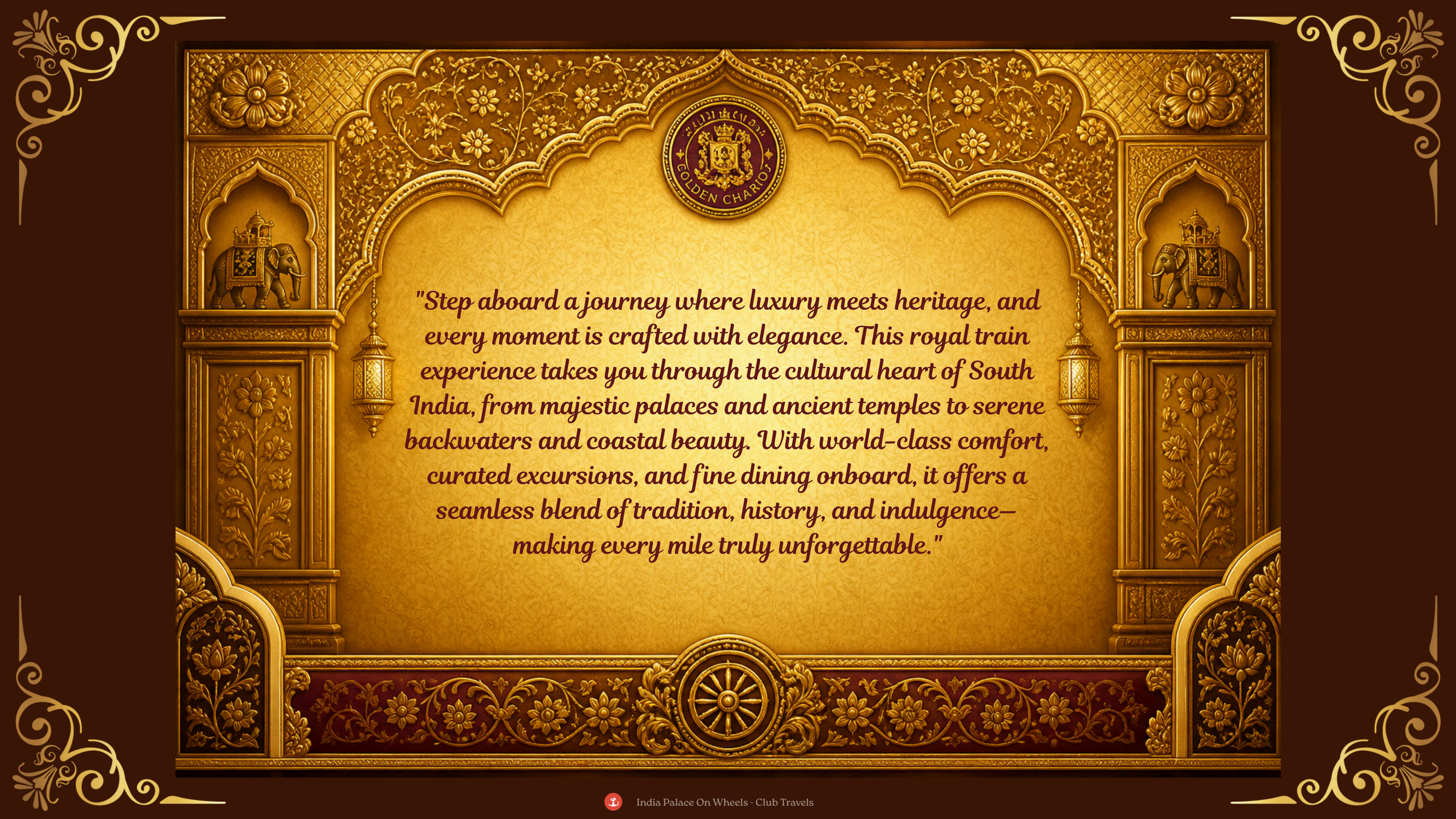
In INR

JOURNEYS	DELUXE CABIN	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
Pride of Karnataka (5 nights/6 days)	Rs. 400530	Rs. 300820
Glimpses of Karnataka (3 nights/ 4 days)	Rs. 267020	Rs. 200265
Jewels of South (5 nights/6 days)	Rs. 400530	Rs. 300820

INR tariff is subject to be revised every 02 months w.e.f. 09th Apr 2026
Note: Detailed itinerary, tariff and dates will be sent through email or on website







"Step aboard a journey where luxury meets heritage, and every moment is crafted with elegance. This royal train experience takes you through the cultural heart of South India, from majestic palaces and ancient temples to serene backwaters and coastal beauty. With world-class comfort, curated excursions, and fine dining onboard, it offers a seamless blend of tradition, history, and indulgence—making every mile truly unforgettable."

