



## 9. Palace on Wheels Class 4 English

It stands on its tracks; a gleaming sealed carriage. Every bit as royal as the original, and perhaps more. The air-conditioning works silently, creating a space where only the excitement of the history of the Rajput kingdoms permeates through. In all, there are fourteen saloons named after former Rajput states. Each of them is equipped with two twin-bedded and two double-bedded chambers, with attached baths that have running hot and cold water and





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showers. The modern conveniences have been thoughtfully provided, sofas to sink into, strategically placed lights to read by, wonderfully appointed beds with comfortable furnishings, inbuilt wardrobes for the storage of one's clothes and bags, and huge plate glass windows to watch the countryside roll past. The furniture with its inlaid motifs has been specially created for the Palace on Wheels.





Outside the bedrooms, each coach also has a seating lounge where passengers can get together, just sit and watch the cities as they glide past outside the windows, or enjoy a quiet cup of tea. An attached pantry with each saloon helps provide beverages and refreshments to the accompaniment of soothing piped music.



Should you seek company, there is a comfortable lounge where you can relax, burrow in a book or converse with fellow passengers. Attached to it are two restaurant cars, Maharaja and Maharani respectively, with opulently draped curtains, exquisitely crafted lights and table settings that would do a modern city restaurant proud. Here accompanying chefs serve up a delicious choice of Indian, especially Rajasthani, Continental and even Chinese cuisine that are a feast for the palate.



The train chugs out of Delhi Cantonment on a week-long run through Rajasthan every Wednesday night, with a trip also inbuilt to Agra and the Taj Mahal. Turban-wearing attendants take over from the moment you arrive at the platform, assigning you your coupes and detailing all the facilities that are on board. The train moves by night and arrives each morning at a new destination where new experiences await you.





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