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Pravasi Teerth Darshan Yojana

Exciting Announcement for the Indian Diaspora!

Ministry of External Affairs, GoI and IRCTC launches the "Pravasi Bhartiya Express", launching on **January 9, 2025**, from New Delhi!

This specially designed, state-of-the-art tourist train is dedicated to Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs), taking them on a three-week journey across India to explore its rich cultural and historical landmarks.

Key Highlights:

- Departure: Safdarjung Railway Station, New Delhi
- Route: New Delhi → Ayodhya → Patna → Gaya → Varanasi → Mahabalipuram → Rameswaram → Madurai → Kochi → Goa → Ekta Nagar (Kevadia) → Ajmer → Pushkar → Agra
- Capacity: 156 passengers
- Organizers: Ministry of External Affairs, in collaboration with IRCTC under the Pravasi Teerth Darshan Yojana (PTDY)
- Eligibility: PIOs aged 45-65, with priority for those from low-income backgrounds

Benefits:

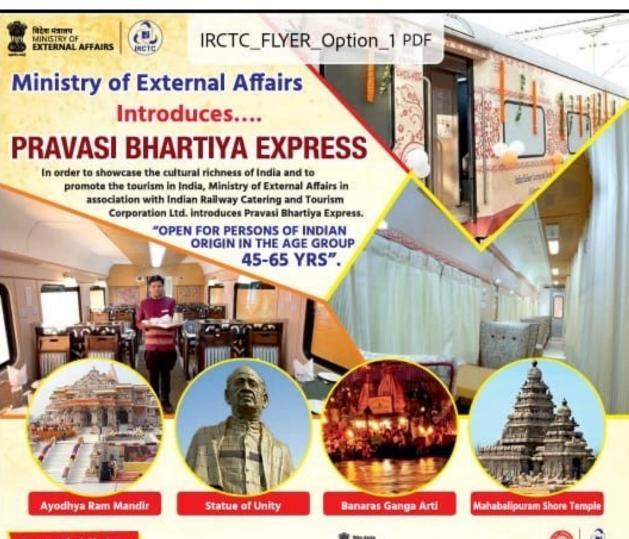
- All tour expenses will be covered by the Ministry
- 90% of the return airfare will also be sponsored, leaving only 10% to be borne by the applicants

How to Apply:

• Interested PIOs are invited to apply by sending their application to inf.valletta@mea.gov.in by December 10, 2024.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reconnect with your roots and experience India like never before! Don't miss out on this unforgettable journey through India's historic and cultural heart.

We look forward to welcoming you soon!



Tour Highlights:

Train Name – Bharat Gaurav "Pravasi Bhartiya Express"

Train Tour Originating Station – Delhi Safdarjung

Train Tour Duration – 14 Nights-15 Days

Total Tour Duration (Including Pre Tour & Post Tour) ~ 16 Nights-17 Days

Departure Time - 1500 Hrs

Destinations & Visits Covered:

Delhi – Parliament House, Rashtrapati Bhawan, India Gate, Bangla Saheb, Gunudwara.

Ayodhya - Ram Mandir, Hanuman Garhi, Kanak Bhawan, Aarti at Saryu River

Patna - Buddha Smriti Park & Patna Saheb Gurudwara

Gaya - Vishnupad Temple, Mahabodhi Temple(UNESCO Site), 80 ft Buddha Statue

Varanasi - Samath, Kashi Viswanath Temple, Evening aarti at River Ganges

Mahabalipuram - Shore Temples (UNESCO Temples)

Rameshwaram – Dhanushkodi & Ramanathaswamy Temple

Madurai – Meenakshi Temple

Cochin - Old Churches in fort Area, Chinese fishing Net and cruise ride on Cochin Harbor.

Goa - North & South Goa Tour, The Basilica of Born Jesus (UNESCO Site)

Ekta Nagar - Statue of Unity (World's tallest Statue of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel)

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Ajmer - Dargah of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti

Pushkar - Bramha Temple & Lake

Agra - Taj Mahal (UNESCO Site)



Services Include:

- · Airport transfers from Delhi Airport.
- Rail journey by "Pravasi Bhartiya Express" Bharat.
 Gaurav (Pride of India) Tourist Train.
- Accommodation in 4 star / Similar Category Hotels as per the tour itinerary.
- Meals All on board and off board meals as per the itinerary
- · Road transport by air conditioned Coaches
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