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**Indian Railways to operate Bharat Gaurav train tour to North Eastern States on November 16 from Delhi.**

**IRCTC's special tour offering to India's North East covering Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Tripura and Meghalaya.**

**The much sought-after train tour "North East Discovery" is ready to depart on November 16, 2023 from Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station on a 14 nights/15 days itinerary.**

**State of the art Deluxe AC Tourist Train with AC I, AC II & AC III classes will accommodate 204 tourists.**



The places covered are Guwahati, Sivasagar, Jorhat & Kaziranga in Assam, Unakoti, Agartala & Udaipur in Tripura, Dimapur & Kohima in Nagaland and Shillong & Cherrapunji in Meghalaya.

Tourists can also board/deboard at Ghaziabad, Aligarh, Tundla, Kanpur and Lucknow Railway Station on this tourist train.

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Ministry of Railways, in a collaborative initiative with IRCTC Ltd, is about to operate “North East Discovery” tour to promote the relatively untraversed North Eastern states of India. The specially curated tour on Bharat Gaurav Deluxe AC Tourist train will be commencing its journey from Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station on November 16, 2023. The tour will cover Guwahati, Sivasagar, Jorhat & Kaziranga in Assam, Unakoti, Agartala & Udaipur in Tripura, Dimapur & Kohima in Nagaland and Shillong & Cherrapunji in Meghalaya over the 15 days tour.

The Bharat Gaurav Deluxe AC Tourist Train has a host of modern features including two dining cars/restaurants, a contemporary kitchen (flameless), shower cubicles in AC I and AC II coaches, sensor-based washroom functions, foot massager and a mini library. The fully air-conditioned train provides three types of accommodation viz. AC I, AC II and AC III. The train also has enhanced security features like CCTV cameras, electronic safes and dedicated security guards appointed for each coach.

Spanning over 14 nights and 15 days, the first stop of this train is Guwahati where tourists will visit Kamakhya Temple, followed by Umananda Temple and a sunset cruise on the Brahmaputra River. This train will further depart on overnight journey for Naharlagun Railway Station which is 30 kms from the next destination Itanagar, the capital of Arunachal Pradesh. The next city to follow is Sivasagar - the old capital of the Ahom Kingdom in Eastern part of Assam. The famous Shiva temple Sivadol is a part of the itinerary besides other heritage sites like Talatal Ghar and Rang Ghar (Colosseum of the East). Further the tea gardens at Jorhat and an overnight stay at Kaziranga along with an early morning jungle safari at Kaziranga National Park will be experienced by the tourists. Later, the train departs for the state of Tripura where the guests cover the sightseeing of famous heritage site of Unakoti in the densely covered Jampui Hills. Later they proceed for the capital city of Agartala, the tour of which includes the famous Ujjayanta Palace, the Neermahal and the Tripura Sundari Mandir at Udaipur.

Post Tripura, the train departs for Dimapur to cover the state of Nagaland. The scenic train journey between Badarpur station to Lumding Jn can be witnessed by the guests in the early hours of the morning from their seats. From Dimapur station, tourists shall be taken to Kohima by buses for visiting the local sites including a tour of the Khonoma village to experience the Naga way of life. The next halt for the tourist train will be Guwahati from where the sightseers will be taken to Shillong, the capital city of Meghalaya, by road with a pit stop at the majestic Umiam Lake enroute. The next day starts with a excursion to Cherrapunji nestled in the Khasi Hills. Shillong Peak,

Elephant Falls, Nawkhalikai falls and Mawsmmai caves are a part of the day’s sightseeing. From Cherrapunji the tourists travel back to Guwahati Station to board the train for the return train journey back to Delhi. Around 5800 kms will be covered in the course of the entire train tour.

It is pertinent to mention that the Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train launch is in line with the Government of India initiatives “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat” and “Dekho Apna Desh” to encourage domestic tourism. The IRCTC tourist train will be a 15 days all-inclusive tour package with train journey in respective class, night stay at AC hotels, all meals (vegetarian only), all transfer & sight-seeing in buses, travel insurance, services of tour escort etc. All necessary health precautionary measures will be taken care of and IRCTC will make efforts to provide a safe and memorable experience to the guests.

For more details you can visit <https://www.irctctourism.com/bharatgaurav> where booking is available online, on first come first serve basis.

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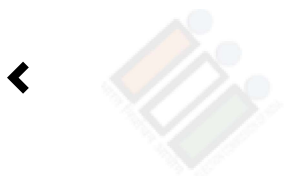
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