



Indian Railways Week: 2023







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**INDIA – APRIL 2023**

Rekindle the Romance of a bygone era!

## INDIAN RAILWAYS WEEK

### INDIA – RAILWAY HERITAGE OF THE WORLD

INDIAN RAILWAY – THE OLDEST IN ASIA-PACIFIC AND INDIA'S LIFELINE  
OLDEST WORKING STEAM – UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE HILL RAILWAYS

**04 APR & 05 APR**

**Heritage Railway Experience\***

Fairy Queen, Steam Locos,  
Transport Museum



**06 APR**

**Taj Mahal by train\***





<p><b>07 APR – 09 APR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Kalka Shimla Railway *</b> UNESCO World Heritage</li> <li> <b>Spiritual Journey to Benaras*</b></li> </ul>		
<p><b>Flexi Dates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Matheran Light Railway</b></li> <li> <b>Kangra Valley Railway</b></li> <li> <b>Bazaars of Jaipur</b></li> </ul> <p>On request</p>		

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## EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST

### Epic Journeys on World Heritage Railways

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Heritage rails and their scenic memorable routes are not just mere tourist attractions, they are an integral part of the history of the land. A myriad of opportunities are available today to experience the many Heritage Rail Journeys in India and rekindle the memories of the golden age of rail travel when the journey and not the destination was of more essence.

India is home to the UNESCO World Heritage Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus in Mumbai, as well as three fully operational mountain railways designated as UNESCO World Heritage sites. These are the *Darjeeling Himalayan Railway* in West Bengal, the *Nilgiri Mountain Railway* in Tamil Nadu, and the *Kalka– Shimla Railway* in Himachal Pradesh.

Come - experience India's Railway Heritage.



## Visit the National Rail Museum, New Delhi



The **National Rail Museum** has a collection of over 160 years of Rail history in the Indian sub-continent. The museum has over 80 real-life sized outdoor exhibits comprising of locomotives, saloons, carriages, cranes, and special coaches of various gauges. A curated journey with an expert of the railways as it evolved in the subcontinent over the centuries.







F-734, first locomotive built in India - 1895







E 207 – built 1878







B-777 Darjeeling Himalayan Railway





## Day Trip to the Rewari Loco Shed



The Rewari Loco Shed houses some of India's last surviving steam locomotives. A highlight of the loco shed is the 1855 built Fairy Queen, one of world's oldest operational steam locomotive. There are also many other steam beauties that have been restored at the loco shed.



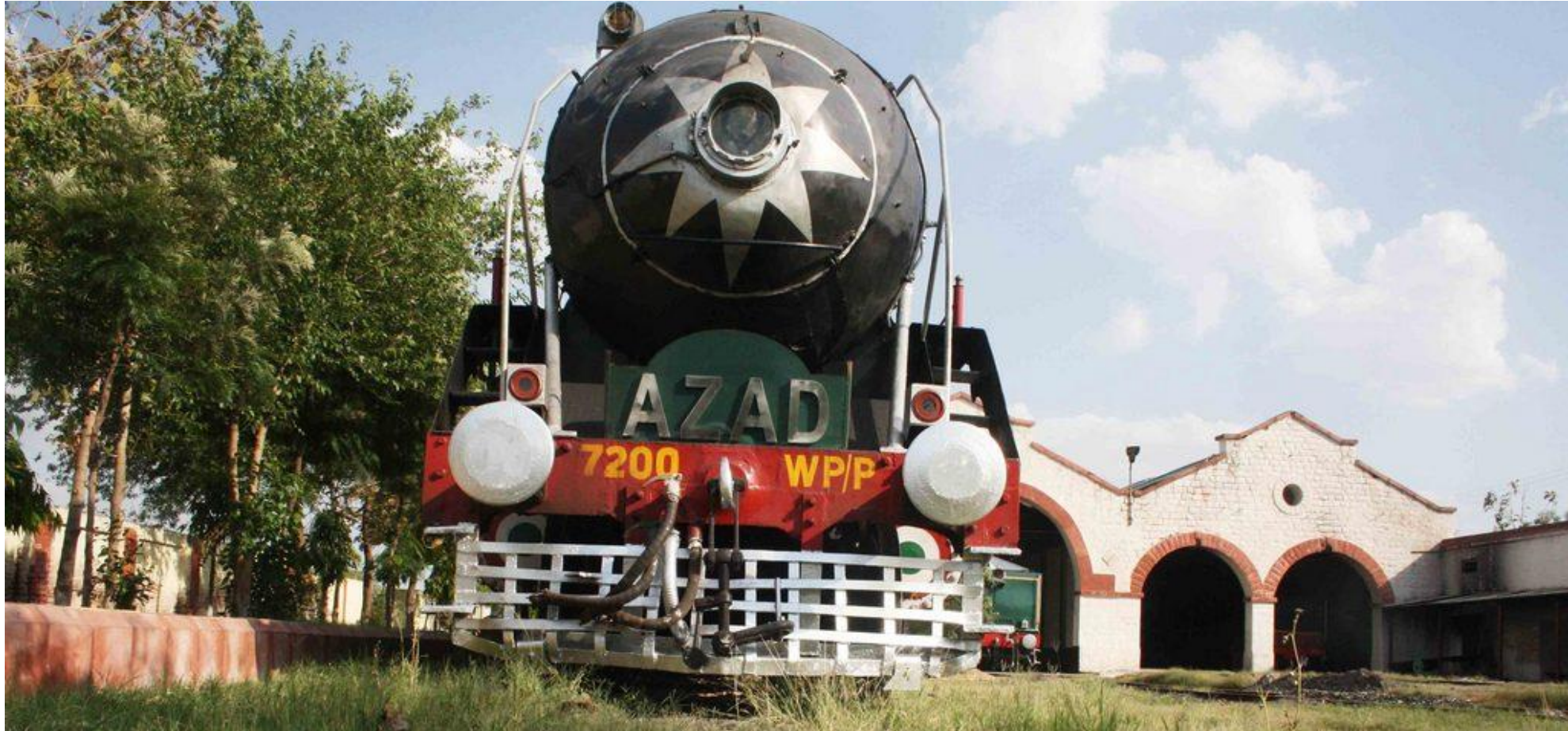




EIR 22 – Fairy Queen - One of the world's oldest operational steam locomotives







Azad WP 7200 Steam Locomotive







Akbar - WP 7161 at the Rewari Junction





# Visit The Heritage Transport Museum



The museum showcases the evolution of transportation in India and sets a benchmark in interpretation, exhibition and in communication.

As the first private museum of its scale in India, it is conceived as a didactic space that engages visitor participation in learning while remaining a family experience.

The Heritage Transport Museum is situated on a three acre plot, off National Highway 8 at Tauru-Gurgaon.







The Jodhpur Saloon – 1930







1940's Wood-bodied Tram from Kolkata







Bagnall







Kerr Stuart & Jung Steam Locomotives - 1953







1950's Rail Bus







The Taj Mahal at Agra







Kalka-Shimla railway

The UNESCO World Heritage narrow gauge Kalka-Shimla railway runs between Kalka at 656m to Shimla at 2075m, a difference in elevation 1419m. Passing through Dharampur - Solan - Kandaghat – Taradevi - Barog – Salogra - Totu (Jutogh) - Summerhill, finally culminating at Shimla.





# Kalka - Shimla Railway



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<b>Train Gauge</b>	Narrow (762mm) – 2ft 6 inches	
<b>Track Length</b>	Over 96 km 95.68 km, extended to 96.60 km	Total journey 5-7 hrs
<b>Project Launched 1898</b>	Project completed 1903	Service commenced 09 Nov 1903
<b>Bridges</b>	864	Longest bridge 70m near Dharampur
<b>Tunnels 103 (1 not in service)</b>	103 (1 not in service)	Longest Tunnel – Barog (1.1 Km)
<b>Stations</b>	19 stations between Kalka – Shimla	
<b>Gradient Curves</b>	Curves 900 (70% track in curves)	3% slope. Gradient 1 in 33
<b>Height</b>	Starting at Kalka 656m	Maximum 2000m
<b>UNESCO World Heritage</b>	10 July 2008	











Matheran Hill Railway

This narrow gauge train runs in Maharashtra, between Neral (39m) and Matheran (800m) meandering up the Western Ghats, treating the passengers to breathtaking views along its 21 km/2 hour journey with stops at Waterpoint and Amam Lodge. This 2-foot narrow gauge hill railway was opened to traffic in 1907.







<b>Train Gauge</b>	610 mm (2 ft)	
<b>Track Length</b>	21	Total journey 2 hrs 20 min
<b>Project Launched</b>	1904-1907	Open from 1907
<b>Bridges</b>	57	
<b>Tunnels</b>	1	
<b>Stations</b>	4	
<b>Height</b>	Neeral 39m	Matheran 800m
<b>UNESCO World Heritage</b>	Tentative list of UNESCO	







Kangra Valley Railway

Kangra Valley Railway is a 164 km narrow gauge railway connecting Pathankot at 384m to Jogindernagar at 1185m via the picturesque Kangra valley crossing a maximum height of 1290m at Ahju. The last of the narrow gauge railways in India, it started operations in April 1929. It is presently the longest Narrow Gauge line in India and also the longest 762 mm Gauge Railway in the World.







Kangra Valley Railway

<b>Train Gauge</b>	Narrow (762mm) – 2ft 6 inches	
<b>Track Length</b>	164 km	9 hrs
<b>Project Launched 2 May 1926</b>	Opened in April 1929	
<b>Bridges</b>	993	
<b>Tunnels</b>	2	
<b>Stations</b>	33	
<b>Gradient Curves</b>	484	
<b>Height</b>	Start Pathankot 384m	Highest Ahju 1290m, terminus Jogindernagar (1185m)
<b>UNESCO World Heritage</b>	Not listed yet	











Thank You!

