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Indian Trains by Frank Antire

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Thousands of people commute from train every day. Some trains are small distance for daily travelers. Some are medium distance; some are long distance for people travelling across India. Trains are without a doubt the most preferred means of transport for most of people. Trains connect all major cities to different parts of country and make it smooth for people travelling to those places. Moreover the fare is divided as per class. So you can get world class service by travelling in First AC and paying affordable fare. Or you can travel in normal class and pay cheap fare.

India has many major trains. Rajdhani (meaning capital) connects all the major state capitals and is among one of the fastest premium long distance train. Rajdhani has only a few stops, way less than normal express trains. Duronto is another one of fastest trains and has been launched in recent years. Duronto has only two scheduled stops- source station and destination station. Duronto only makes operational stops if required. For short distance, Shatabdi is well known name and is considered to be fastest train in India. Garib Rath also known as chariot of the poor has been launched for economically weaker people who cannot afford fares of Rajdhani and similar premium trains. Express trains are most common trains and have more stops than Rajdhani, Shatabdi and similar premium trains. There are also some local trains which are used by people who travel on daily basis. One of the examples among many is Mumbai Railways which has one of the highest numbers of people travelling on it every day. Millions of commuters travel on Mumbai Railways each day.

To get reservation and information, the process is very easy and smooth. IRCTC (Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited) is the portal for online bookings of train tickets. You can check train schedules, ticket availability and reservation status and buy tickets online. You can search for trains travelling to your destination. Opt for quotas like ladies, defense if applicable. Choose desired train and check further details like availability, schedule and fares. You can make payment online through credit card, debit card, net banking etc. You can choose among iticket or eticket. The SMS sent by railways serves as ticket and there is no need to carry print out. However you do need to carry some ID proofs as they are asked by train ticket examiner (TTE) when you travel.

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