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[Train travel and its plenteousness](#)

What luxury is truly about is finding stillness, moments where time is impeded by a certain serenity. Sometimes this serenity is interrupted by the faint clickety clackety of wheels but for the most, the train gives off very little grouse or clamour. But thanks to American industrialist George Mortimer Pullman in 1864, the inventor of “hotel cars” train travel revealed its lavishness.

Besides for being able to view the landscape from a human friendly perspective and the supremacy of spaciousness, fine dining and sleeping comfortably the real treat about rail travel is privacy. Private travel that comes with suites that host all modern conveniences yet discreetly carries you around the world, albeit by land only, with yoga classes and a big screen Apple Mac close by. It couldn't be more perfect.

This week a new luxury train, covering three states of gigantic India- Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh – goes live. The “Royal Rajasthan on Wheels” is known, by locals, as India’s most luxurious train and will run every Sunday between October and April from Delhi. The train has a gym, spa, saloons and restaurant/lounges for the 82 passengers at a time and allows for guests to tailor make their experience with customization up to “virtually anything” available.

Train travel according to JC Report and TravelAge (reported continuously over the last 2 years) is picking up again as a big trend for luxury travellers looking for a unique experience. Whether it is channelling Agatha Christie who popularized the Orient Express with her crime novel or the Blue Train that had South Africans leaving their preferred way of travel (the road), and taking the slow route through the old country, train travel has always had its romanced fans. Although it has remained a focus for, in general, older travellers Rovos Rail, in South Africa, has started to appeal to a younger market showing off the modernity of the train in the same way that cruise ships and show cars did: with social media presence.

Train travel allows for a slower exploration of the self through slowing down the landscape and so a pensive time for the self allows for luxury to be re-understood and not be rushed. Perhaps this is the point of travel in the first instance.

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