## Can I book my tickets on a Credit Card?

Yes. For your convenience, Indian Railways have exclusive counters where you can reserve your ticket through credit cards. This facility is presently available only at important Computerised Reservation Centres. An additional service charge of Rs. 30/- is levied when you reserve your tickets on a credit card.

### Can I book my tickets through Mobile Phone?

Yes. You can book reserved tickets through mobile phones. The procedure for booking is similar to that of booking tickets through Internet. For details, please visit www.irctc.co.i

### Can I book my tickets through Travel Agents?

Yes, you can approach authorised Agents, who will book your tickets on payment of prescribed charges. No separate reservation quotas have been assigned to these agents.

### Can I book meals through E-catering?

Yes, E-catering service has been started by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) at all 408 A1 & A Category Stations and trains without pantry where passengers can book preferred meal of reputed brands through e-catering website as well as through phone and SMS. The website address is www.ecatering.irctc.co.in and phone numbers are 1800-1034-139 (Toll-free), 0120-4383892-99 (Toll) and SMS MEAL to 139 Further, a four digit all Indian Toll free no.1323 is operationale along with a Mobile APP launched for this service. The list of the trains in which e-catering facility is available are shown in the above website.

# Are there any special facilities provided by Indian Railways for foreign tourists?

Yes. Foreign tourists who wish to experience Indian by train, can enjoy the special facilities earmarked for them. These are explained below in greater detail:

**Special Quota:** Several important trains have a special quota for foreign tourists. This can be availed on payment of US Dollars or Pound Sterling. Tourists without foreign currency, will be allotted the special quota on production of the exchange certificates issued by an nationalised bank. At the time of reservation, the passport number and the country of origin should be mentioned.

**Assistance Cells:** Major Reservation Centres have special Cells to help foreign tourists plan their itinerary, reserve their tickets and render any assistance required.

The International Tourist Bureau situated on the first floor of New Delhi Railway Station provides personalised service and assistance to foreign tourists and NRIs regarding reservations, itinerary planning and other enquiries. This Bureau is manned by trained staff and tourist guides, fluent in foreign languages. For any assistance, please contact: The Manager, International Tourist Bureau, I Floor, New Delhi Railway Station, New

Delhi-110 001. Tel: 011-23405156, 23346804. Fax: 011-23343050.

Indrail Pass: This travel-as-you-please ticket has been created especially for foreign tourists and Indian nationals residing abroad. This ticket is available for a specified time period from 1/2 day to 90 days. Indrail Passes should be used within one year of issue. Validity period starts from the date of the first train journey and ends on the midnight of the last journey.

During the period of validity, foreign tourists can travel from anywhere to anywhere on the Indian Railways network without route or train restrictions and without payment of any additional charges.

#### What is the cost of the Indrail Pass?

The cost of the Indrail Pass varies with the class of travel and the validity period. For your convenience, the details are given as follows:

# Period of Validity & Fare Structure (Fares in U.S. Dollars)

| Period of Validity | A.C. First<br>Class |       | First Class/<br>AC-2 Tire/<br>AC-3 Tier/AC<br>Chair Car |       | Sleeper Class<br>Second Class<br>(Non-AC) |       |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------|---|-------|---|-------|
|                    | Adult               | Child | Adult   | Child | Adult                                     | Child |
| 1/2 day*           | 57                  | 29    | 26  | 13    | 11  | 6     |
| 1 day*             | 95                  | 47    | 43  | 22    | 19  | 10    |
| 2 days*            | 160                 | 80    | 70  | 35    | 30  | 15    |
| 4 days*            | 220                 | 110   | 110   | 55    | 50  | 25    |
| 7 days             | 270                 | 135   | 135   | 68    | 80  | 40    |
| 15 days            | 370                 | 185   | 185   | 95    | 90  | 45    |
| 21 days            | 396                 | 198   | 198   | 99    | 100                                       | 50    |
| 30 days            | 495                 | 248   | 248   | 126   | 125                                       | 65    |
| 60 days            | 800                 | 400   | 400   | 200   | 185                                       | 95    |
| 90 days            | 1060                | 530   | 530   | 265   | 235                                       | 120   |

<sup>\*</sup> For sale only by General Sales Agents. Please note: Fares are subject to revision.

Indrail Passes are also sold through General Sales Agents in Bahrain, Bangladesh, Finland, Germany, Kuwait, Malaysia, Nepal, Oman, South Africa, Srilanka, Thailand, the DAE and the UK.

### Where are Indrail Passes available?

In India, Indrail Passes are available for sale in Railway Reservation Offices at: Ahmedabad, Aurangabad, Bangalore, Howrah, Chennai, Gorakhpur, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Mumbai, New Delhi, Pune, Secunderabad, Thiruvananthapuram Central, Vadodara, Varanasi and Vasco-da-Game. Certain recognised Travel Agents are also authorised to sell these Passes in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai.