

Now, jet-setters can take off to a golden getaway

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Bangalore: With occupancy rates of Karnataka's flagship luxury train, the Golden Chariot, as the target, the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) and Jet Airways announced a tie-up on Monday. Called 'Golden Jet Escapes', the package will offer a flight to Bangalore from several national and international destinations and then move on to an onward journey on the luxury train.

Announcing the tie-up, KSTDC MD Vinay Luthra said the offer will include pick-up from the airport, the week-long Golden Chariot trip and a ticket back to the passenger's destination.

A welcome kit and a personalized boarding pass will also be thrown in. The package will cost Rs 1,20,000 and upwards, depending on the starting point.

The package will be available from New York, New Jersey and several other national and international destina-



tions. All rates are for single person on twin-sharing basis.

OTHER PLANS

Tenders for construction of a convention centre, to be built at a cost of Rs 1,100 crore near Bengaluru International Airport, have already been called. The tourism department has plans of introducing night safari at Bannerghatta.

MAGAZINE LAUNCHED

KSTDC launched Sutradhar, an in-house quarterly magazine for the luxury train.

The magazine will feature nuggets of history and places of interest in Karnataka. Tourism minister G Janardhana Reddy said the public-private partnership model will be pursued aggressively.

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