

## Maitree Express

Travel Made Easy !

Maitree Express passenger train runs between Kolkata and Dhaka twice a week. The trains are run in partnership by the Indian Railways and Bangladesh Railways to provide a hassle free, comfortable and affordable option for inter-country passengers.

Some facts to help you plan your travel are listed below:

### 1. Timings of the Train

#### **Every Wednesday & Friday**

**Departure from Dhaka Cantonment at 0810 hrs (BST)**

Arrival at Darsana at 1350 hrs (BST)

Departure from Darsana at 1450 hrs (BST)/1350 hrs (IST)

Arrival at Gede at 1500 hrs (BST)/1430 hrs (IST)

Departure from Gede at 1600 hrs (IST)

**Arrival at Kolkata at 1810 hrs (IST)**

#### **Every Tuesday & Saturday**

**Departure from Kolkata at 0710 hrs (IST)**

Arrival at Gede at 0925 hrs (IST)

Departure from Gede at 1055 hrs (IST)

Arrival at Darsana at 1105 hrs (IST)/1135 hrs (BST)

Departure from Darsana at 1235 hrs (BST)

**Arrival at Dhaka Cantonment at 1805 hrs (BST)**

### 2. Fares

a. AC First/Cabin – USD 20

b. AC Chair Car – USD 12

c. Non-AC Chair Car – USD 8

- All fares are payable in equivalent local currency, as per the prevailing exchange rate.
- 15% Vat is charged by Bangladesh Railway for AC (cabin and chair car) tickets.
- Travel tax of Tk 300 is also charged on the Dhaka-Kolkata ticket.
- Children, accompanied by an adult, upto the age of 5 years are charged at 50% of the fare for the class of travel.
- Tickets for travel are issued only on production of valid travel documents.

3. **Visa requirement**

For Indian Visa :

The online Indian visa application form filled by the applicant, must clearly state the choice for 'train' as mode of travel and 'entry/exit' point as Gede. The application form permits various combinations for modes of travel (train/air/road) and entry/exit points. The correct options must be selected in order to travel by train, whether for going to India or for returning from India.

4. **Ticket Counters – Address**

Tickets can be purchased in advance, subject to valid visa for travel date. Sale of tickets stops one day prior to the departure date. \*\*

Tickets are sold at the following places only –

**Dhaka** : (For Maitree Express from Dhaka to Kolkata)  
Railway Station  
Kamlapur  
Dhaka  
From 09:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs

**Kolkata** : (For Maitree Express from Kolkata to Dhaka)  
Indian Railway Reservation Centre  
Fairlie Place  
Kolkata  
From 08:00 hrs to 20:00 hrs

**A special ticket counter for Maitree Express passengers has been opened at Kolkata terminal w.e.f. 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011. This counter will be open from 18:00 hrs. to 22:00 hrs on the days of arrival of Maitree Express at Kolkata Terminal. Maitree Express passengers reaching Kolkata terminal can book the tickets for their journey from Kolkata to Dhaka upto 10 days in advance from this special counter (the immediate next day's tickets will not be available).**

*\*\*Tickets for Maitree Express from Kolkata to Dhaka can be purchased in Kolkata upto 60 days in advance, subject to valid travel documents.*

5. **Free Allowance for luggage and charges for excess luggage**

Free allowance for luggage is 35 kg per full fare passenger and 20 kg per child ticket passenger, for all classes. The free allowance can be carried in up to two pieces of luggage. The dimensions of the luggage shall not exceed 65cm x 80cm. In excess of 35/20 kg (as the case maybe), excess luggage will be charged as follows:

Full fare ticket:

- More than 35 kg – up to 50 kg – Charge USD 2, per kg or part thereof on each excess kg.
- More than 50 kg – Charge USD 10 per Kg or part thereof on each excess Kg

Child ticket:

- More than 20 kg – up to 35 kg – Charge USD 2, per kg or part thereof on each excess kg.
- More than 35 kg – Charge USD 10 per Kg or part thereof on each excess Kg

6. **Catering Services**

Maitree Express has a Pantry car from where meals, snacks and refreshments can be purchased on board the train

7. **Customs and Immigration**

Customs and immigration checks are conducted at both border stations, i.e. Darsana (Bangladesh) and Gede (India). The same train continues from originating station to the destination, with these stoppages enroute.

*Hope you can enjoy travel by Maitree Express!*