

## FIRST BATCH OF GOLDEN CHARIOT TOURISTS ARRIVE IN CITY



Mysore, Mar. 12 (BRS)- Travelling in its maiden run that began from Yashwantpur Railway Station in Bangalore on Monday, tourists, joined by guests and invitees, arrived in Mysore at midnight by the newly launched luxury train 'Golden Chariot.'

One of the tourists, hailing from Australia, after being taken round Mysore Palace remarked: "It is absolutely fabulous and beyond expectation. I will come again to Mysore to see this awesome place."

The tourists and other passengers on the 88-seat capacity train, after their overnight stay in the luxurious cabins, visited the monuments at Srirangapatna before arriving in Mysore.

"Rajasthan's Palace-on-Wheels was one of the options before me. But I chose to travel by the Golden Chariot for many good reasons. It is new and offers an exciting circuit including heritage, Palaces, monuments and wildlife," the tourist from Australia told media.

Another foreign couple travelling by the luxury train said: "The Mysore Palace is amazing. The tourists get to dine in Palaces in Vienna. The authorities operating the Golden Chariot should also think of making the Mysore Palace more lively and enjoyable for the tourists."

A journalist from Germany travelling by the Golden Chariot and invited to write about the facility in order to promote Karnataka tourism in Europe said: "It is a wonder. I will write about it." Most of the tourists were seen taking photographs at many points in the Palace. They also suggested attention to be given to food and information to make the facility more successful.

Officials of KSTDC said that information brochures and CD with photographs on the tourist destinations would be ready before the next trip.

According to present plans, the Golden Chariot, with a capacity to carry 88 tourists in each trip, starts from Bangalore and covers Mysore, Kabini, Hassan, Belur, Shravanabelagola, Hampi, Aihole, Pattadakal, Badami and also Goa, before returning to the starting point.