

THE ROAR OF THE TIGER

Delhi ~ Agra ~ Ranthambore ~ Bandhavgarh ~ Kanha ~ Delhi
10 nights & 11 days



Day 01 : Arrive Delhi

On arrival in Delhi, you will be met and assisted by our representative and transferred to the hotel for check in.

Delhi - *the capital of India, is a fascinating city with complexities and contradictions, beauty and dynamism, where the past co-exists with the present. Many dynasties ruled from here and the city is rich in the architecture of its monuments. Delhi is not only the present metropolis of India but also a Necropolis. Because of its location, being on the banks of the river Yamuna, many cities have risen and fallen over the last five millenniums.*

Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 02 : Delhi ~ Agra (205 Kms/ 4 Hrs)

After breakfast, drive to Agra by surface On arrival, check in at the hotel.

AGRA: *To the lover of art and to the traveler seeking the wonders of India, Agra is the goal of a pilgrimage, its shrines being the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort.*

Later, guided tour of the **Agra Fort**, built by three Mughal Emperors starting from Akbar the Great in 1565 AD, which is a masterpiece of design and construction. Within the fort are a number of exquisite buildings including the Moti Masjid, Jahangir's Palace, Khaas Mahal and the Sheesh Mahal, Diwane-i-Am, Diwane-i-Khas and Musamman Burj where Emperor Shah Jahan, the fifth Mughal Emperor died a prisoner



Day 03 : Agra ~ Ranthambore (250kms/06hrs)

Early morning, visit **Taj Mahal** at sunrise, when it's sublime beauty enchants you at the first sight. The visit allows the best photography of the building as during the early hours it's not very crowded.

Taj Mahal - the inimitable poem in white marble. Built over a period of 22 years, by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in 16th century, for his Queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains, it is one of the seven wonders of the World. **Note: Taj Mahal is closed on Friday.**

Return to the hotel for breakfast.



Check out from the hotel and proceed to **Ranthambore**. En-route visit **Fatehpur sikri** – The deserted city of Emperor Akbar.

Fatehpur Sikri ~ is an exquisite city built by Akbar the Great in 1569, in red sandstone; with its forts, palaces and mosques abandoned 14 years after its creation due to political reasons. The **Diwan-i-am** - a vast courtyard in which the emperor gave daily public audience; **Diwan-i-khas** - a large quadrangle which contained all the major functions of the Palace, **Pachisi court**, the Emperors private living quarter, **Jodha Bhai's Palace**, **Mariam's Palace**, **Birbal's Palace**, **Hawa Mahal** and **Panch Mahal** are some of the important buildings of this residential complex.



Continue the drive to **Ranthambore**.

On arrival, check in at the Jungle Lodge.

Ranthambore National Park is one of the finest tiger reserves in the country, and many visitors have been fortunate to spot these magnificent creatures in the wild. The Park, which takes its name from the 10th century fortress, which lies within its boundaries, hosts many other species of wildlife including sambar, chital, gaur and leopard apart from a host of bird life.



Dinner and Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 04: In Ranthambore (Overnight on train)

Early morning, proceed for a Wildlife Safari in the National Park. Return to the lodge for breakfast.

In the evening, proceed for another wildlife safari.



Later transfer to Railway station to board the train from Sawai Madhopur for Katni.

Day 05: In Bandhavgarh

On arrival in Katni, you will be met by our representative and transfer to Bandhavgarh.

Check-in at the Forest Lodge.

BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK

Area: 450 sq. km (Core area: 105 sq. km)

Altitude: 800 m above sea level

Temperature range: 42°C to 2°C

Best time to visit: February-June



Bandhavgarh National Park is one of the wild life sanctuaries in the Indian state Madhya Pradesh. The national park is situated at 197 km away northeast of Jabalpur. This wild life park derived its very name from an ancient fort in the area. Bandhawgarh National Park belongs to the Vindhyan mountain ranges of central India and it boasts to have the highest density of tiger population in the country. Now there are about 46 to 52 tigers one can spot here.

Once a hunting reserve of the royal family of Rewa in more recent times, Bandhavgarh was declared a park in 1968. This is also the site where the famous white Tigers of Rewa were discovered. Wandering through the Bandhavgarh national park on an Elephant Back, the chances of seeing a tiger are quite good. Among the other wild attractions include, Nilgai, Chausingha, Chital, Chinkara, Wild Boar and sometimes a Fox or Jackal.

One can enjoy viewing the wildlife by two ways in Bandhavgarh - Jeep Safari and Elephant Safari.. Jeep safaris are undertaken during the early morning hours till evening. A forest department guide is always their with the visitors on these jeep trips taken inside the park. Elephant safari trips are organized for tiger tracking early in the morning.

Lunch at the Lodge. Thereafter, visit the sanctuary by Jeep with an English speaking Naturalist.

Dinner and overnight at the Jungle Lodge.

Day 06 : In Bandhavgarh

Early morning, begin the morning safari into the National Park a top an Elephant or by jeep accompanied by a naturalist.

Return to the lodge for breakfast.



After breakfast, morning at leisure or bird watching. Enjoy a scrumptious Lunch at the resort.

Evening safaris into the National Park by jeep accompanied by a naturalist.

Overnight at the lodge.

Optional : An excursion to see the imposing fort that is located inside the sanctuary. This Fort, or “Garh”, from which the park gets its name, is fascinating and involves a relatively easy climb to the temple located on its summit, dedicated to Lord Rama.

Day 07 : Bandhavgarh ~ Kanha

Early morning, begin the morning safari into the National Park by jeep or atop an elephant accompanied by a naturalist.

Return to the lodge for breakfast.

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and drive to Kanha. On arrival, check in at Jungle resort.

Overnight stay at the resort.

The lush sal and bamboo forests, grassy meadows and ravines of Kanha provided inspiration to Rudyard Kipling for his famous novel "Jungle Book". The Kanha National Park in Madhya Pradesh came into being in 1955 and forms the core of the Kanha Tiger Reserve, created in 1974 under Project Tiger. The Park's landmark achievement is the preservation of the rare hardground Swamp Deer Barasingha, saving it from near extinction. Stringent conservation programs for the overall protection of the Park's fauna and flora, makes Kanha one of the most well maintained National Parks in Asia.



Day 08 : In Kanha

Early morning proceed for safari into the National Park by Jeep. Return to the resort for breakfast.

Morning at leisure or for bird watching.

Lunch at the resort

Evening safari into the National Park by jeep accompanied by a naturalist.

Overnight at the Jungle Resort.



Day 09 : In Kanha (Overnight on train)

Early morning proceed for safari into the National Park by Jeep. Return to the resort for breakfast.

Rest of the day at leisure.

Later transfer to railway station to board the train for Jabalpur

DAY 10: Delhi

On arrival in Jabalpur, you will be met by our representative and transfer to Delhi. On arrival, check in at the hotel.

Afternoon, proceed for a half day sightseeing tour of **Old and New Delhi**.

Old Delhi: Visit *Jama Masjid* - The largest mosque in India. Past drive to the magnificent *Red Fort* - a marvel in red sandstone, built on the banks of River Yamuna by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan. Visit *Raj Ghat* ~ memorial to Mahatma Gandhi.



New Delhi: Visit the 12th century *Qutab Minar* ~ gracefully hand-carved for its entire height of 234ft, and the iron pillar, which has withstood the ravages of time and not rusted even after 1500 years. Visit the mausoleum of emperor *Humayun* ~ a forerunner of the Mughal style of architecture and the imposing modern Lakshminarayan temple. Drive past the *India Gate* ~ war memorial dedicated to the lives of laid down by the Indian soldiers, the president's residence - formerly the Viceroy's Palace, parliament House and the Secretariat buildings, - an interesting blend of the Victorian and 20th century architecture.



DAY 11: Delhi Departure

Breakfast at the hotel.

Rest of the day at leisure.

In time, you will be transferred to the airport to board the flight for your onwards journey.

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