



ULTIMATE WILDLIFE TOUR OF INDIA

DAY ONE: Arrive Mumbai

Today you will arrive at Mumbai's International Airport, where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Mumbai is a young, lively city, and the hub of India's famous Bollywood film industry. Touted as the most multicultural city in India, it is fascinating to explore.

DAY TWO: Mumbai

Enjoy breakfast and a morning at leisure before embarking on a sightseeing tour of Mumbai in the afternoon. Your tour starts at the Gateway of India, and takes in Marine Drive seaside boulevard (the Queen's Necklace) en route to the beautiful Jain Temples. You will then drive via the Tower of Silence – a round stone structure on which Parsis place their dead to be eaten by vultures – to the Hanging Gardens, built over Bombay's reservoir. From here you will visit the Dhobi Ghats, a huge open-air laundry, which makes for interesting viewing.

DAY THREE: Mumbai – Nagpur / Nagpur – Kanha

In the early morning you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Nagpur. On arrival you will be driven to Kanha National Park, arriving in time for a late buffet lunch. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY FOUR & FIVE: Kanha

Your next two days will be spent game viewing in Kanha National Park. Kanha is in the heart of Kipling Country, the setting of The Jungle Book. The park offers a great diversity of wildlife, including Gaur (Indian Bison), Dhoes (Indian Wild Dog), and is the last refuge of the Swamp Deer – only 400 survive in the wild, all of them found in Kanha. It is also probably the best place in the world to see Tigers in the wild.

DAY SIX: Kanha – Bandhavgarh

After breakfast you will be driven to Bandhavgarh in time for a late buffet lunch. In the afternoon you will enjoy your first game drive in Bandhavgarh, known for the highest density of tigers in the world.

DAY SEVEN: Bandhavgarh

Today will be filled with two exhilarating game drives around the park. On these drives, your chances of seeing the Lord of the Indian Jungle, the Tiger, are high. The rich wilderness of Bandhavgarh is also home to Leopard, Gaur, Sloth Bear, Sambar, Spotted Deer, Barking Deer, Chowsingha (Four-horned Antelope) and Wild Pigs among others.

DAY EIGHT: Bandhavgarh – Khajuraho

In the morning, enjoy one last game drive in Bandhavgarh before driving to Khajuraho. Most of the temples of the north were destroyed by invaders, but Khajuraho escaped – and its famous erotic stone carvings depict a society that believed the full enjoyment of life was the pathway to nirvana. In the afternoon you will be taken on a tour of the Chandela Temple Complex to see the intricately fine carvings, said to represent life in heaven.

DAY NINE: Khajuraho – Jhansi / Jhansi – Agra

After a leisurely breakfast, you will be driven to the Jhansi railways station to board your train to Agra, where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Agra is home to some of the most unique and famous architecture in the world, each one a silent witness to a golden era.

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DAY TEN: Agra – Bharatpur

Today you will rise early for a sunrise tour of the majestic Taj Mahal, where Tonga's "horse carriages" will meet you midway, and take you to the temple's gates. Built by Emperor Shah Jahan as an expression of love for his wife, the majestic Taj Mahal took 22 years and 20,000 men to build. After a buffet breakfast, you will be driven from Agra to Bharatpur. Officially known as Keoladeo National Park, it is probably the best-known birding location in India. This afternoon you will enjoy a bird watching tour by cycle rickshaw, with a trained naturalist as your driver, to provide detailed commentary.

DAY ELEVEN: Bharatpur – Ranthambore

This morning you will be transferred to the railway station for your train to Sawai Madhopur (Ranthambore). As a result of stringent conservation efforts in Ranthambore National Park, the tigers are far more active during the day, and are often spotted during daylight. After lunch at your hotel, you will enjoy an afternoon game drive.

DAY TWELVE: Ranthambore

The entire forest of Ranthambore National Park is peppered with the battlements and spillovers of the Ranthambore Fort. Today you will be taken on a tour of the ruins, as well as two exhilarating game drives.

DAY THIRTEEN: Ranthambore – Jaipur

Enjoy one last game drive in Ranthambore National Park before being driven to Jaipur after breakfast. Surrounded by rugged hills, each crowned with a formidable fort, there is a timeless quality to Jaipur's bazaars and its people. This afternoon is free for you to explore the "Pink City" at your leisure.

DAY FOURTEEN: Jaipur

This morning you will see the elaborate façade of the Palace of the Winds, en route to the ancient capital of Amber. Here, an elephant (or jeep) will spare you the climb to the fabulous Amber Fort, where you will explore the sprawling courtyards and famous Hall of Mirrors. In the afternoon you will proceed to the exquisite City Palace and the Jantar Mantar astronomical observatory, with time to wander through the local markets.

DAY FIFTEEN: Jaipur – Delhi

After a buffet breakfast, you will be driven to Delhi, where you will be transferred to your hotel in this bustling, contemporary metropolis.

DAY SIXTEEN: Depart Delhi

After a buffet breakfast, you will embark on a city tour of Delhi. You will glean a past lifestyle in the traditional walled city of Old Delhi, visiting Raj Ghat and Jama Masjid, one of Asia's largest mosques. New Delhi by contrast is a bustling modern city. Other tour highlights include Qutub Minar, the tallest stone tower in India, and the precursor to the Taj Mahal, Humayun's Tomb. You will then return to your hotel, and later in the evening be transferred to the International Airport to board your flight home.

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INCLUSIONS:

- All accommodation on twin share basis
- Daily buffet breakfast, except in Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Bharatpur & Ranthambore which is on full board basis.
- All transfers, excursions and sightseeing, by air-conditioned transportation.
- Entrance fees at all monuments, local taxes.
- A local English-speaking guide
- Air-conditioned train fare for Jhansi – Agra & Bharatpur – Sawai Madhopur

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