

# Land of the Tiger



Days: 13  
Price: 1790 EUR  
International flight not included  
Comfort: ★★★★★  
Difficult: ★★★☆☆  
🐾 Wildlife

This itinerary is specially designed to maximize chances of thrilling experiences with this majestic predator, the Indian Tiger. Many forays into the wild jungles to spend extended hours in prime tiger reserves and national parks, looking for this elusive animal are a way to treat the wildlife enthusiast to the best possible extent. Sighting these animals in their natural habitat is a joy for all who love to be as close to them as possible.

Starting out from Delhi, where we enjoy a half day's sightseeing programme, we journey first to Ranthambore National Park. One of the most famous reserves in India, Ranthambore is renowned for its tigers and is one of the best places to see these majestic predators in the wild. Tigers can be easily spotted even during the daytime. En route to Agra we stop by at Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary for its thousands of exotic birds including some highly endangered species, such as the Siberian crane. We see the glorious old Mughal city of Fatehpur Sikri and visit the Taj Mahal in the early morning – the best time to see this stunning landmark. The overnight train ride south to Jabalpur is an enjoyable and authentic Indian experience. We then travel by road to Kanha National Park, often considered the most beautiful and most pristine wildlife reserve in the country. Its deciduous forests are remnants of the vast jungles which once covered central India, and still harbour a significant population of tigers, leopards, sloth bears, barasinghas (species of deer with twelve antlers) and dhole (the Indian wild dog). This is followed by a trip to Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, another home of the tigers, also home to a large breeding population of leopards. The final leg of the tour covers the remarkable jungle temples of Khajuraho. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, these 10th-century structures were lost in the jungle until re-discovered in the 19th century. The exquisitely carved, erotic stone sculptures are unique to this place and therefore visited by call connoisseurs of art and culture

## Day 1. Traditional welcome on Arrival

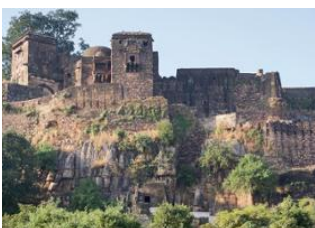


Delhi 📍

- Arrive at the **international airport** of Delhi. After the traditional welcome, transfer to hotel for overnight stay.

🏠 Accommodation | Hotel

## Day 2. -



Delhi 📍

🚗 350km - ⌚ 5h  
Ranthambhore 📍

- After delicious breakfast, we visit the walled city of **Old Delhi**; crowded, full of activity and still influenced by the great Mughals who once ruled from the ramparts of the majestic Red Fort Delhi. Here we visit the Jama Masjid Delhi - the largest 17th century Mosque in India; Chandni Chowk - the typical Indian market always abuzz with activities; and Rajghat - the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi (also called the 'Father of the Nation').
- Later, we will be transferred to the Railway station to board the train to **Sawai Madhopur**, a small town in Rajasthan that has gain popularity only for its Ranthambore National Park. Overnight on board.

🍳 Breakfast | Hotel

## Day 3. Ranthambore: Morning & Evening Game Drives



Ranthambhore 📍

- Today we have two game drives to the park to wander through the jungles to find the elusive tiger. We wake up early morning and leave for our first safari in the Ranthambore National Park. We track the tigers and other wildlife through the morning and return to the hotel for breakfast. After relaxing for the rest of the pre-lunch session we leave for another foray into the jungle after lunch to catch glimpses of some more animal and bird species. At the end of this adventurous day we return to the hotel and relax.

🍽️ Breakfast

Om Rudrapriya Holiday Resort

🏠 Accommodation

Om Rudrapriya Holiday Resort

## Day 4. Way to bird sanctuary of Keoladeo



Ranthambhore 📍

🚗 183km - ⌚ 3h

Bharatpur 📍

- In the morning, we transfer to the Sawai Madhopur to catch morning train to Bharatpur. Upon arrival, check in at the hotel.
- Thereafter, we leave for the visit of the Keoladeo Ghana National Park, a World-heritage listed Bird Sanctuary and a Ramsey sight. It is home to egrets, ducks, coots, storks, kingfishers, owls, eagles and harriers. The Maharaja of Bharatpur diverted water from a nearby irrigation canal into this lowland and later used to organize the hunting parties for his guests. It was converted into a Bird Sanctuary in 1956. There are now over 360 species of birds. In the afternoon, we do a guided visit to the Park on Cycle rickshaws to experience the vast nature and its offerings. Overnight at the hotel.

🍽️ Breakfast

Om Rudrapriya Holiday Resort

🏠 Accommodation

Hotel Surya Vilas Palace

## Day 5. Drive to Agra enroute visiting Fatehpur Sikri



Bharatpur 📍

🚗 60km - ⌚ 1h 30m

Agra 📍

- In the afternoon, we drive towards Agra via Fatehpur Sikri, a majestic monument built with red sandstone. This impressive and well-preserved citadel became **Emperor Akbar's capital** in 1571 but was deserted after 14 years due to scarcity of water. The buildings are well preserved and in good condition even to this date.
- We finally arrive in beautiful Agra city, on the banks of the river Yamuna. Agra is the home to the iconic **Taj Mahal**, a mausoleum built for the Mughal ruler Shah Jahan's wife, **Mumtaz Mahal**, who died in childbirth in 1631.

We will also witness the architectural wonder of the golden age of the Mughals..

🍽️ Breakfast

Hotel Surya Vilas Palace

🏠 Accommodation

Hotel

## Day 6. Sight-seeing of Agra & overnight train to Jabalpur



Agra   
 844km - 14h 20m   
 Jabalpur

- Today is the day to strike off the Taj from our bucket list. We rise early to visit this astonishing wonder in white marble. Taj Mahal, a symbol of eternal love, stands on the southern bank of River Yamuna. It was built by the 5th **Mughal Emperor, Shah Jahan**, in memory of his beloved wife, Mumtaz Mahal, who died in the 16th century CE. The charisma of the amazing Taj Mahal never fails to leave a first time visitor spellbound.
- visit the Agra Red Fort, a historical fort in the city of Agra and its walls are richly adorned with red sandstone. Till 1638, this fort was main residence of the emperors of the Mughal Dynasty. Thereafter the capital of Mughal was shifted from Agra to Red Fort in Delhi.
- Afternoon is left free for individual sightseeing or visiting the bazaar or places, where the descendants of the artisans who worked on the Taj Mahal, produce their famous marble inlay work.
- In the evening, we would be transferred to railway station to board the overnight train to Jabalpur.

Breakfast	Hotel
Accommodation	Overnight Train

## Day 7. Arrive Jabalpur & transfer to Kanha



Jabalpur   
 145km - 4h   
 Kanha National Park

- We arrive in Jabalpur early in the morning and will be transferred to a nearby hotel for breakfast. Later, we drive to the Kanha National Park and check into our hotel. Created in 1974 Kanha covers approx. 1945 sq. kms of terrain with grasslands, plateaus and rocky escarpments, providing a home to a number of species of wildlife including the **tiger, leopard, bison, many species of deer, monkeys and a good number of birds**. Kanha is often described as India's best managed wildlife reserve. Afternoon is free to relax or to visit the nearby village.

Dinner	Hotel
Accommodation	Fort Queen

## Day 8. Kanha: Morning & Evening Game Drives



Kanha National Park

- Today, we undertake **Two Jeep safaris** in the Park; one early in the morning and the second in the afternoon. The game drives in Kanha are undertaken by Jeep. There is an option to do an Elephant ride in the morning to see the tigers. There could be a possibility to experience these animals on the elephants who anyway are there patrolling the Jungle.

Breakfast	Fort Queen
Dinner	Hotel
Accommodation	Fort Queen

## Day 9. Way to another paradise of tiger- Bandhavgarh



Kanha National Park   
 260km - 6h   
 Bandhavgarh National Park

- Early morning we drive to the **Bandhavgarh National Park**. Bandhavgarh is home to a wide variety of animals including **tiger, leopard, sloth bear, gaur, sambar, chital, wild pig etc. and a wide variety of birds**. The Park has the highest tiger density in the world. Like in Kanha game drives in Bandhavgarh are also undertaken by Jeep, and there is also an option to go on an elephant.

Breakfast	Fort Queen
Dinner	Aranyak Resort

## Day 10. Bandhavgarh: Morning & Evening Game Drives



Bandhavgarh National Park 📍

- Today, we do our very First **Game drive** in the morning to witness some wonderful wildlife species and return to our hotel and rejuvenate ourselves. In the afternoon, we do **another foray into the Park**. We can also witness the leopards that have a large breeding population in the national park. Many other species of animals and birds are also there to be seen.

🍳 Breakfast | Aranyak Resort

🍴 Dinner | Aranyak Resort

🏠 Accommodation | Aranyak Resort

## Day 11. Bandhavgarh – Khajuraho



Bandhavgarh National Park 📍

🚗 240km - ⌚ 6h  
Khajuraho 📍

- In the morning, we leave for Khajuraho. Khajuraho is a small town located in the Bundelkhand region (Chhatarpur District) of Madhya Pradesh and is famous for groups of unique Hindu and Jain temples. These temples are a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** for their beautiful and erotic rock carvings. Khajuraho has the Vindhya range of mountains as its beautiful backdrop. This makes Khajuraho a more fascinating destination to visit. Upon arrival, we check into the hotel. Rest of the day is free to relax.

🍳 Breakfast | Aranyak Resort

🏠 Accommodation | Hotel Clarks Khajuraho

## Day 12. Khajuraho – Jhansi by surface and train to Delhi



Khajuraho 📍

🚗 175km - ⌚ 4h  
Jhansi 📍

🚆 403km - ⌚ 6h  
Delhi 📍

- In the morning, we visit the **Western and Eastern group of temples**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. There were originally nearly 100 separate temples built between 950 and 1050 CE, each dedicated to a different deity. Now only 20 of these temples still exist and are considered to be the finest in India for their workmanship that still remains unmatched for the minutest details depicted in them.
- After the visit of Khajuraho, we will take the route for one of the most beautiful city "Jhansi", it is one of the most important places of India's first war of independence in 1857 and the erstwhile capital of Rani Lakshmibai's kingdom.
- Here, we board the train to Delhi. On arrival in Delhi, we would be transferred to the hotel.

🍳 Breakfast | Hotel Clarks Khajuraho

🏠 Accommodation | Hotel

## Day 13. Delhi Sightseeing and Late evening transfer to airport



- After the breakfast, we leave for a tour of the capital. In New Delhi, we visit the Humayun's Tomb and the India Gate. The afternoon is free for further individual exploration of India's capital or to relax at the hotel.
- Check-out from the hotel and transfer to the international airport or any point of convenience for onward journey to respective countries.

## Itinerary map

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## Individual price per person

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2-2	3-3	4-5	6-8
2410 EUR	2245 EUR	1960 EUR	1790 EUR

### Included

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- Accommodation for 15 nights on double room sharing basis in the hotels mentioned or equivalent
- Breakfast in all Destination
- All ground transportation included in the program using private air-conditioned vehicle with English speaking driver
- Park and monuments entrance fees as described in the programme
- *04 Game drives\_* in a Private Jeep in 03 National Parks namely: Kanha, Bandhavgarh National Parks, Ranthambore
- 02 Rickshaw rides in Bharatpur
- Train tickets in 1st class AC for the below mentioned sectors:
- Delhi - Ranthambore
- Agra - Jabalpur
- Jhansi - Delhi
- Local English speaking guides as required in the itinerary(till 05 Pax)
- Professional English-speaking tour leader throughout India (from 06 Pax onward)

### Not included

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- International Flight tickets
- Indian Visa
- Lunch and dinners throughout the trip
- Miscellaneous Expenses - Drinks and souvenir etc.
- Tips for driver and other local staff
- Charges for Camera in the monuments and Parks
- The cancellation and baggage insurance, assistance and repatriation
- All services not mentioned in "the price includes"