

Exclusive Tiger Trip At Pench, Kanha & Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserves

Exclusive Expedition is designed for the discerning educators to experience, study and discover India which has unparalleled wildlife. Geographically, genetically and culturally is perhaps the most diverse country on planet earth. With a special focus on tigers and their habitat conservation program in India's most famous Bandhavgarh and Kanha Tiger Reserve. Vivek Sharma, enthusiastic teacher and tiger expert, will accompany you on this unforgettable journey.

Day 1: connecting flight to Mumbai

We board a connecting flight to Mumbai International Airport.

Day 2/5: Mumbai / Nagpur / Pench Tiger Reserve

We arrive in Mumbai (formerly called Bombay) International Airport personalized greet and meet Vivek Sharma and transfer to domestic airport to catch connected flight Indigo # 6E403 at 1430hrs to arrive Nagpur at 1550hrs (Nearest access for Pench Tiger Reserve). Upon arrival we'll drive to Pench Tiger Reserve, arriving at evening check in **Pench Resort**. Overnight in Pench. Next three nights our home will be resort. (B, L, D)

PENCH TIGER RESERVE: is situated in the Seoni and Chhindwara districts of Madhya Pradesh. This national park derives its name from the Pench River, which meanders its way through the entire stretch of the 757 Square Kilometers National Park. The river runs from north to south, dividing the park into almost equal western and eastern halves the well forested areas of Chhindwara and Seoni districts respectively. Kala Pahar, the park's highest hill, reaches 650 m above sea level. The Park's open habitat not only lends well to wildlife viewing, but it also offers striking views of the area's sheer beauty.

Flora and Fauna: The forested area is a blend of dry deciduous forest and tropical moist deciduous forest, and is rich with beautiful shrubs trees and climbers. Teak, Mahua, Tendu, Bija, Amaltas and Palas all find their home here. While charmingly swaying bamboo grasses line the water courses and dot the valleys.

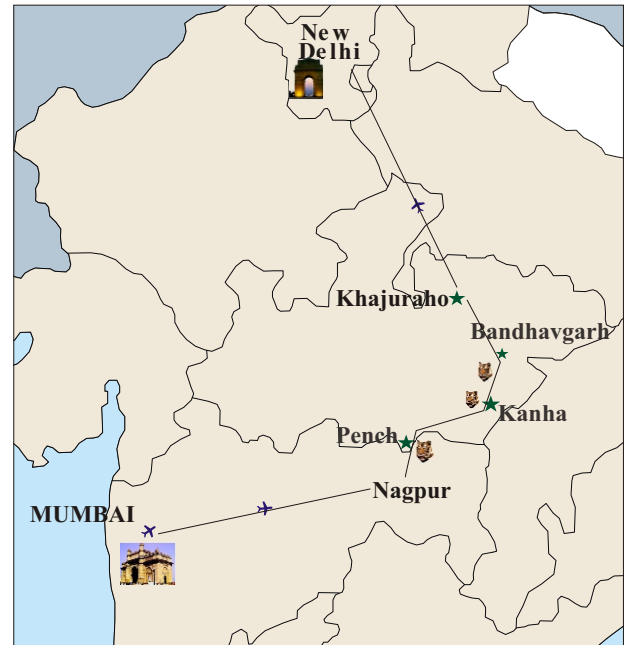
Mammals: Pench's gorgeous landscape is home to a number of endangered species. Twenty-five glorious tigers share the prey animals with the leopard, wolf, jungle cat, dhol (Indian wild dog), hyena and jackal. Chital, sambhar, muntjac, gaur, wild boar, langur and rhesus macaques also roam these forests.

Birds: Birdwatcher's paradise, more than three hundred fascinating and beautiful species fill the skies with their Calls. Parakeets, hornbills, kingfishers, barbets, minivets, orioles, wagtails and a host of majestic raptors, including the crested serpent eagle, crested hawk eagle and white-eyed buzzard etc.

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Mode of Safaris:

- 1) We will observe the wildlife from 4X4 wheel driven open Suzuki Jeeps and
- 2) Elephant back- Seeing these rare and majestic Tigers in their natural habitat is truly an unforgettable wildlife experience and boarding elephant and the cushioned platforms are comfortable. Since most animals, including tigers, have little fear of (but respect for) elephants or the people mounted on them, this mode of transportation is ideal for wildlife viewing.



Elephants: every morning about an hour before dawn the elephants leave their respective camps for tracking the Tigers. Once the tiger is located, the elephants are used as very convenient point for watching & photographing the tigers.

Excursion Timings: Park can be accessed from dawn to dusk except few hours in the after noon when it is quite warm for wildlife to move. For this time each day we cover the following activities:

- 1) Scheduled excursions and sightseeing as specified.
- 2) Nature Walks: For bird watching and studying of flora and fauna.
- 3) Explore the areas around the submergence zone and Chindwara area of the park.

Evening Activities:

- 1) Address to the questions of our participants and talk on the conservation, wildlife and other related queries of our member participants.
- 2) Debate on cluster of villages around the park where you can get a glimpse of the local culture and customs of the Gond tribe.
- 3) Evening excursion from Pench's Turia gate, is the tiny, spotless Pachdhar Village. Outside practically every home, potters sit at their wheels shaping glorious art from lumps of clay. Watch them work their fascinating craft, and take a piece of it home.

Day 6/9: Pench / Kanha Tiger Reserve

After morning excursion in Park check out from lodge and we'll drive to Kanha Tiger Reserve, arriving in the evening check in Resort. Next three nights our home will be **Mukki Safari Lodge**, Mukki gate (B, L, D)

KANHA TIGER RESERVE: is situated in the heart of Sal forest of the Central high lands of India. It has a sparsely wooded grassy plateau, sprawling slopes with lush green trees and many streams, which are edged by large groves of willowy bamboo. The landscape presents a mesmerizing view and is eminently suitable for providing shelter to a variety of mammals and birds.

This vast 1941 Square Kilometers National Park was not only set aside to protect the tiger, but to save the endangered Barasingha (swamp deer) as well. In addition, Kanha is one of the best places in the world to view the secretive Indian Gaur and the rare Dhole, or Asiatic Wild dog.

Mammals: more than 37 species: spotted, sambar, barking deer, Nilgai (blue bull) biggest antelope, wild boar, palm squirrel, Jackal, Sloth Bears, leopards, tigers, Jungle Cats etc. Common langurs and rhesus macaque represent the primate group.

Reptilians include cobra, krait, viper, python, turtle and a number of lizard varieties, including varanus. There are nearly 260 bird species such as storks, teals, pintails, egrets, peafowl, partridges, doves, pigeons, cuckoos, eagles, kites, etc.

Mode of Safaris:

- 1) We will observe the wildlife from 4X4 wheel driven open Suzuki Jeeps and
- 2) Elephant back- Seeing these rare and majestic Tigers in their natural habitat is truly an unforgettable wildlife experience and boarding elephant and the cushioned platforms are comfortable. Since most animals, including tigers, have little fear of (but respect for) elephants or the people mounted on them, this mode of transportation is ideal for wildlife viewing.

Elephants: every morning about an hour before dawn the elephants leave their respective camps for tracking the Tigers. Once the tiger is located, the elephants are used as very convenient point for watching & photographing the tigers.

Excursion Timings: Park can be accessed from dawn to dusk except few hours in the after noon when it is quite warm for wildlife to move. For this time each day we cover the following activities:

- 1) Local Schools Visit.
- 2) Nature Walks: For bird watching and studying of flora and fauna.
- 3) Elephant washing: assist mahouts (elephant riders) to wash tracking elephants in the river.

Evening Activities:

- 1) Address to the questions of our participants and talk on the conservation, wildlife and other related queries of our member participants.
- 2) Astronomy: Study of star constellation and planets with telescope.

3) Nocturnal birds, animals in case of any movement we will try to experience it, especially tiger's movement can be felt with stress calls of deer's & monkeys and sometimes his vocalized growling

Day 10: Kanha Tiger Reserve / Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve

After breakfast we drive to the renowned Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve En-route we'll visit a local home and stop in the sleepy town of Mandla (sacred city for Gond tribals) where the Narmada River, second holiest to the Ganges, is the center of activity. Tonight we enjoy an outdoor barbeque dinner cooked over an open flame. Overnight at **Eco Lodge**.

Day 11/14: Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve

Morning and afternoon Excursion in the Park, Over night at **Eco Lodge Bandhavgarh**. (B,L,D daily)

BANDHAVGARH TIGER RESERVE

Set among the Vindhya Hills in the state of Madhya Pradesh, Bandhavgarh consists of 1161 square kilometers biologically very diverse tiger habitat because of the wide-range of landscape with numerous perennial river streams resulting into varied type of sustainable ecosystems with the result this area Has highest density of tigers in the world. Consisting of Sal trees and mixed forest with large stretches of bamboo, grassland, hills, springs and marshy meadows with eight feet tall elephant grass.

More than 37 species of mammals including spotted, sambar, barking deer, Nilgai (blue bull) biggest antelope, wild boar, wild dog, Indian civet, palm squirrel, Jackal, Sloth Bears, leopards, tigers, Jungle Cats etc. Common langurs and rhesus macaque represent the primate group.

Reptilians include cobra, krait, viper, python, turtle and a number of lizard varieties, including varanus.

There are some 250 species of birds, including blue-bearded bee-eaters and white-browed fantails, and the Malabar hornbill. There is morning and afternoon wildlife excursions and we have the option to visit the fort. A 35-foot statue of the reclining Vishnu, resting beside a rectangular pool of spring water, heads the path to the imposing main gate. In addition to 10th Century rock images of the incarnation of Vishnu, Bandhavgarh Fort, at the parks center, 1,000 feet above the surrounding countryside offers breathtaking views and excellent game viewing.

Mode of Safaris:

- 1) We will observe the wildlife from 4X4 wheel driven open Suzuki Jeeps and
- 2) Elephant back- In addition to tiger watching in the morning one afternoon we will also go for elephant safari into the forest.
- 3) One afternoon we will also visit to elephant camp situated in the core area.

Excursion Timings: Park can be accessed from dawn to dusk except few hours in the after noon when it is quite warm for wildlife to move. For this time each day we cover the following activities:

- 1) Bandhavgarh Fort visit may be stay here till late afternoon.
- 2) Visit to Galpuri Lake for bird watching and picnic lunch.
- 3) School visit

Evening Activities:

- 1) Share the experiences and encounters in the wild with peoples living here.
- 2) Astronomy: Study of star constellation and planets with telescope.
- 3) Nocturnal birds & animals in case of any movement we will try to experience it.

Day 15: Bandhavgarh/ Khajuraho/ Delhi

After breakfast we take a morning drive to Khajuraho (UNESCO World Heritage site) passing through the villages and countryside of Madhya Pradesh. We will have pack lunch at Ken River, Panna. On arrival Khajuraho transfer to domestic airport to board flight at 13:30 Jet airways to Delhi. Arrive at Delhi at 1600 hrs and get transferred to **Hotel Shanti Palace** New Delhi. After special farewell dinner transfer to INT airport to Back Home. (B, L, D)

Day 16: Back Home

Meet our connecting flights to back home.



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