

Exclusive Tiger Trip At Kanha, Bandhavgarh & Ranthambhore 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 Delhi

After boarding flight arrive Int. Airport Delhi at night Welcome & assistance by Tiger Expeditions Representative . Transfer to hotel. Overnight at **Hotel Shanti Palace**. (B, L, D)

Day 2: Delhi/ Jabalpur

After breakfast we will take in some of the sights of Delhi and break for lunch at the Karims Restaurant Famous mughal Kitchen. Transfer to Nizamuddin railway station to board in train for Jabalpur at 1525 hrs. (Train #2412, Gondwana Super Fast Express in 1st AC private coupe). Dinner and over night in the train. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Jabalpur/ Kanha Tiger Reserve

Arrival at 0715hrs. then drive to Kanha Tiger Reserve. On reaching check into **Mukki Safari Lodge**. Get refreshed, have your breakfast and get ready to join the afternoon safari. Overnight in the Lodge (B, L, D)

Day 4/5: 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. 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.

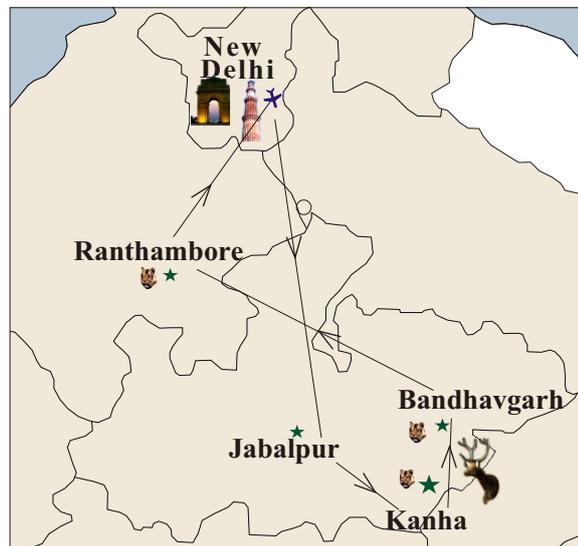
Mammals: more than 37 species: spotted, sambar, barking deer, Nilgai (blue bull) biggest antelope, wild boar, palm squirrel, Jackal, Sloth Bears, leopards, tigers, Jungle Cats etc. Common langurs and rhesus macaque represent the primate group.

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 6: 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 7/10: 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 11: Bandhavgarh/ Katni/ Sawai Madhopur

Morning excursion in the Park. Afternoon rest in Lodge. Transfer to Katni Railway station to board in Train # 2181 Dayodaya Express



Over night travel in the train.

Day 12: Sawai Madhopur / Ranthambore National Park

Upon Arrival Sawai Madhopur at 10:00. Drive to Ranthambore National park. Check in *hotel Ranthambore Regency*. Afternoon excursion in the Park. Overnight in the hotel. (B, L,D)

Day 13/15: Ranthambore National Park

Morning & Afternoon excursion in the park. Overnight in the hotel. (B,L,D daily)**Ranthambore National Park**
The Ranthambore National Park stretches across an area of 1,334 sq km on the eastern edge of the Thar Desert. Once the hunting grounds of the erstwhile ruling family of Jaipur, today it is one of the last sanctuaries of the big cat, the Royal Bengal Tiger. Ranthambore actually consist of not one, but three, wildlife Reserves: the Ranthambore National Park itself, the Sawai Mansingh Sanctuary and the Keladevi Sanctuary. Ranthambore is an oasis of dense dry deciduous forests amidst a vast tract of semi arid scrub and thorny desert vegetation surrounded by the hills of the Vindhyas and the Aravalis

Mammals: There are about 25 tigers and 40 leopards in the Reserve. These are supported by a large population of healthy herbivores. Tigers can be spotted quite often in their natural habitat even during daytime. They have been frequently seen at the edges of three lakes-Padam Talab, Raj Bagh Talab and Milak Talab. Ranthambore also has large numbers of sambar, chital and nilgai. Sounders of boar and an occasional gazelle the chinkara can be seen,

Birds Life: Though this park is famous for its animals, it is rich in birdlife as well. Bonelli's eagle, crested serpent eagle, great Indian horned, owl, gray partridge, painted partridge, sangrouse, quail, spur fowl, common pea fowl, tree pie, paradise flycatcher, pheasant tailed jacana, painted stork black stork, white necked stork and spoonbill and also green pigeon.

Reptiles: Monitor Lizards and the Crocodiles.

Safari: 4x4 Jeep Ride

Day 16: Ranthambore National Park/ Sawai Madhopur/ Delhi

After breakfast Transfer to railway station to board in train # 2903 Golden Temple ML at 1235hrs for New Delhi. Arrive at Nizamuddin railway station at 1835hrs transfer to *hotel Shanti Palace* New Delhi. After special farewell dinner at hotel transfer to INT airport to Back Home.

Day 17: Back Home

Meet our connecting flights to back home.



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