

# India

## A Wildlife Safari

### **An unforgettable Expedition!!!**

A journey which will take the traveler to Bandhavgarh National Park with one of the largest concentrations of tigers in all of India and Kanha National Park for its all the astonishing diversity in its wildlife population.

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### *Itinerary*

#### **Day 01: ARRIVE DELHI**

On arrival you will be met by our representative and transferred to hotel, where we will be holding the rooms on ready occupancy basis.

DELHI, the capital of kingdoms and empires is now a sprawling metropolis with a fascinating blend of the past and the present. It is a perfect introduction to the composite culture of an ancient land.

Overnight will be at hotel (Meals aloft)

#### **Day 02: DELHI-JABALPUR-KANHA**

Morning transfer from hotel to airport for flight to Jabalpur

**IT 4375 Delhi/Jabalpur 0720/0900 hrs**

Upon arrival Jabalpur airport you will be met with our chauffeur driven car and will be transferred to Kanha (200 km/4½ hrs)

**Kanha National Park**-Set on The Chhota Nagpur Plateau in Madhya Pradesh, Kanha provides breath taking vistas of grassy plains and strands of mixed sal/teak forests. This 366 sq mile preserve was set to save two endangered species i.e. Tiger and The Barasingha. You would also have an opportunity to see Swamp Deer, Black Buck, Cheetal, Indian Bison, Barking Deer, Sambhar, Leopard and Tiger.

Overnight at **Kanha Jungle Lodge / & Beyond Banjaar Tola (B, L, D)**



**Banjaar Tola-** Taj Safaris' Banjaar Tola lodge is situated along the banks of the Banjaar River, directly overlooking the heart of Kanha National Park. The luxurious, yet lightweight, ensuite tents have been designed in a contemporary style, with pressed bamboo wall panels, gorgeous bamboo floors and locally crafted furniture hewn from the timber of exotic Indian trees. The textiles have been designed in tones of delicate saffron and acid-washed green, with rich block-printed Madhya Pradesh cottons and silks. The atmosphere is light, ethereal and organic. The lodge boasts two elegant camps of nine suites, each with its own intimate tented sitting area. Banjaar Tola has its own unique identity, celebrating the Bastar and Dogra art that hails from nearby Chattisgarh.

**Kanha Jungle Lodge-** The Lodge is in midst of rich Sal forest and thus deigned as a Jungle lodge, well camouflaged in the forest It is tastefully developed with low impact on the land and the environment with its 18 well appointed rooms and 2 new cottages to give a physical and emotional jungle experience. The Lodge is planned to provide a friendly, informal relaxed environment with lots to observe, understand and learn, to make good friends and support conservation. Since it is located close to Kanha National



Park and is the closest to the Hukki entrance gate, it has been sensitive to the environment. Guests can listen to Jungle sounds during day or night which makes it a exciting and chilling experience for some, listening to alarm calls of the deer or a occasional roar of the Tiger. Its sal forest and open meadow has become a favorite place for Deer to stay fearlessly in the compound. It is set on strong principles of being environmentally

*friendly and every aspect of its development and operation is sensitively synthesized towards nature conservation. We have not cut any trees to construct the Lodge. We hope you will enjoy and make your stay a learning experience!!*

### **Day 03 & 04 KANHA NATIONAL PARK**

Early morning wake-up call with a knock on your room door and Tea/Coffee. You will wake up to misty mornings and sounds of birds calling, which will make an exciting start to your day. As soon as dawn breaks, leave for your Jungle Safari, accompanied by a resident naturalist and forest park guides in 4x4 Jeeps.

Early morning is the best time for tracking the tiger and other wildlife. "Sher Darshan" or a "Tiger Show" offers you the chance to see a Royal Bengal tiger up close from elephant back (subject to availability), if you are lucky!

**Elephant Ride:** The Forest Department has devised an ingenious system of tracking the tiger at this Park. Every day, early in the morning, elephants and their "Mahouts" (drivers) are sent out into the jungle, in search of the Tiger. Once it has been sighted, a radio message is flashed to the Forest Ranger, who in turn informs the visitors in their jeeps, who are then taken on elephant-back, into the bush, to see the elusive Tiger.



A picnic breakfast in the middle of the Jungle with a cup of hot Tea or Coffee.

Rest of the morning at leisure or go for nature walk, visit to nearby village/school or engage yourself in cooking demonstration.

Lunch and afternoon safari by 4x4 open jeep.

Return to lodge for evening tea and rest of time free for star gazing.

Dinner and overnight at Kanha Jungle Lodge.

Overnight at **Kanha Jungle Lodge / & Beyond Banjaar Tola (B, L, D)**

### **Day 05 KANHA / BANDHAVGRAH**

After breakfast drive to Bandhavgarh National Park (300 km/7 hrs).

**Bandhavgarh National Park:** Set amongst The Vindhya Hills in Madhya Pradesh, Bandhavgarh consists of 168 sq miles of Sal & a mixed forest with large stretches of Bamboo and Grassland to The North. One is generally lucky to view The Tiger, Chital, Chansingha ( Four horned antelope). This Park houses some 150 species of birds including the Blue Bearded bee eaters, White Browed Fantails, and The Malabar Hornbill. The Bandhavgarh Fort , besides offering breath taking views, houses a 35 ft reclining statue of Lord Vishnu and 10th Century Rock Images of the incarnation of the Lord.

## Overnight at **Bandhavgarh Jungle Lodge /& Beyond Mahua Kothi (B, L, D).**

**Mahua Kothi-** *The name Mahua Kothi draws its inspiration from one of India's most beautiful trees, the Madhuca Indica, or as it is commonly known, the Mahua or butter tree. Pronounced*

*'ma-hoo-a', this tree with its fleshy off-white flowers plays a central role in festivals and rituals. The Lodge sprawls over the 40 acre grounds, just 20 minutes from the park entrance. The original kothi (homestead) comprises the guest areas and has been beautifully renovated, and the guest accommodation is all brand new.*



*Each of the twelve charming guest suites – or kutiyas (jungle village huts) – are built in the vernacular style of Central India, affectionately known as 'MP Chic' (MP being the state of Madhya Pradesh). Each is accessed through private courtyards with shaded seating and traditional mud floors. Interiors include wooden shutters, tapered mud coloured walls in lime and earth washes (finished by hand), open rafters with roughly hewn wooden beams, and handmade pottery roof tiles. Floors are dressed in katni stone strips set in lime mortar. Each ensuite bathroom features twin hand basins, indoor shower, bath and separate w.c. Richly coloured local textiles, used throughout, are in shades of rust and burnt orange. Each kutiya features roll-down*

*mats to keep out the early morning sun, as well as overhead fans and air conditioning.*

**Bandhavgarh Jungle Lodge-***The Lodge is based on a unique theme of an Indian Village.*



*It is tastefully developed with low impact on the land and the environment. With 12 cottages and eight rooms, a temple, a well, and an organic garden it makes a unique setting in Indian landscape and specially the Rural and wild India. The Lodge is planned to provide a friendly, informal relaxed environment with lots to observe, understand and learn, to make some good friends and to support conservation. Since it is located close to*

*Bandhavgarh National Park and to the entrance gate, it has been sensitive to the environment to enable all guest to listen to Jungle sounds during day or night which makes it a exciting and chilling experience for some, listening to alarm calls of the deer or a occasional roar of the Tiger. It is set on*

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### **Day 06 & 07**

### **BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK**

Early morning wake-up call with a knock on your room door and Tea/Coffee. You will wake up to misty mornings and sounds of birds calling, which will make an exciting start to your day. As soon as dawn breaks, leave for your Jungle Safari, accompanied by a resident naturalist and forest park guides in 4x4 Jeeps.

In the winter months morning safaris require warm clothes and woolen caps and gloves to keep you warm from the wind chill factor in your open jeep. We provide blankets and sometimes even a hot water bottle to keep you comfortable.



During your stay at Bandhavgarh: Optional 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. The view from here is equally fascinating.

Lunch and afternoon safari by 4x4 jeep accompanied by resident naturalist and forest guide. return to lodge for evening tea and rest of time free to relax.

Overnight at **Bandhavgarh Jungle Lodge /& Beyond Mahua Kothi (B, L, D).**

### **Day 08**

### **BANDHAVGARH / KHAJURAHO**

After breakfast and check out drive to Khajuraho.

**Khajuraho** - Situated in the northernmost part of Madhya Pradesh, Khajuraho is famous for its enchanting temples and its legendary Khajuraho dance festival. The name Khajuraho is derived from the Khajur tree (the date palm tree), which is grown abundantly in the region.

On arrival at Khajuraho, check into hotel.

Overnight at hotel (B, packed lunch)



## Day 09

## KHAJURAHO-VARANASI

Morning tour of the celebrated 10th century Chandela temples, are known for their erotic sculptures.

Afternoon you will be transferred to the domestic flights terminal to board flight for Varanasi.

9W 723

Khajuraho-Varanasi

1325/1410 hrs



Those who wish to experience Hindu culture; there is no better place to visit than Varanasi. Situated on the banks of the river Ganges, it is one of India's holiest places and is thronged with devotees coming for ritual bathing or to throw the ashes of their loved ones into the holy waters. The crowds, the water, the smells, the colours, the temples - it is an assault on the senses which

you will never forget.

Varanasi is also one of the world's oldest living cities, being contemporary with the ancient cities of Nineveh and Thebes. There are few places on earth where you can sense thousands of years of history so acutely.

On your arrival at Varanasi airport you will be transferred to the hotel.

In the evening enjoy a rickshaw ride before witnessing the ceremonial Aarti on the banks of the Ganges.

Overnight at hotel.

## Day 10

## VARANASI



Drive to Dasaswamedh Ghat early in the morning and take a boat ride on the sacred river Ganges to see the cremation Ghats and witness the living traditions of one of the world's oldest and most important religions. (start at 0500 hrs. for the best lifetime experience) For you to appreciate this remarkable city, we'll transfer you to the banks of the River Ganges before the sun rises. Board a boat with

your guide and proceed to the middle of the river, where at sunrise the sight unfolds before you. Thousands of faithful come daily to the banks to bathe and pray while in the background, temples and palaces rise in tiers from the water's edge. Return for a walk through the cobblestone streets along the banks of "Ganga". As shops are opening, the place now becomes a beehive of activity as the faithful are coming and going.

In the afternoon excursion to Sarnath, once of the most sacred places for Buddhist, where Lord Buddha gave first sermon after attaining enlightenment. Visit famous Dhamaekha Stupa, Moolgandha Kuti Vihar and famous Sarnath museum having rich collection of antiques from Ancient India.

Overnight at hotel.

**Day 11** **VARANASI-DELHI**

Morning at leisure at hotel for independent activities.

**9W 723** **Varanasi / Delhi** **1440/1600 hrs**

On arrival transfer to the hotel for wash and change.

After farewell dinner, transfer to the Indira Gandhi International Airport for your flight back home.

**Day 12** **DELHI – ONWARD JOURNEY**

On time transfer to International airport to connect onward flight.

**Nett Land Quote for 2 pax traveling together: (In Great Britain Pound £ on Per Person Twin sharing basis):**

	<b>COST ON SET A HOTEL</b>	<b>COST ON SET B HOTEL</b>
<b>On Twin sharing:</b>	<b>GBP 1385/- Per Person</b>	<b>GBP 2565/- Per Person</b>
Single Supplement:	GBP 755/- per single	GBP 399/- per single

Airfare supplement: **GBP 257/- Per Person**  
 (For sectors Delhi-Jabalpur, Khajuraho-Varanasi-Delhi under best available average airfare for the winters).

**SERVICE TAX EXTRA @ 2.58% of total bill.**

Our cost is based on following set of hotels in their standard room unless/otherwise specified:

<b>CITY/No. of nights</b>	<b>SET A HOTELS</b>	<b>SET B HOTELS</b>
Delhi (01)	The Radisson	The Trident
Kanha (03)	Kanha Jungle Lodge	& Beyond Banjaar Tola
Bandhavgarh (02)	Bandhavgarh Jungle Lodge	& Beyond Mahua Kothi
Khajuraho (01)	Jass Radisson	Lalit Temple View (Temple View)

Varanasi (02)  
Delhi (½)\*

Nadesar Palace  
The Radisson

Nadesar Palace  
The Trident

\*(for wash & change only)

**Our above quote includes:**

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis at hotels mentioned above or in similar category in their standard rooms unless otherwise specified.
- All city hotels namely Delhi, Khajuraho, Varanasi on bed & breakfast basis and jungle lodges at Kanha & Bandhavgarh are on full board (all meals) on Jungle plan basis (B, L, D stands for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner respectively).
- **& Beyond properties** offer all inclusive package on jungle plan basis, which also includes in house wines, local brand spirits and beer along with free laundry services.
- Also included in farewell dinner at Delhi on the last day.
- Services of Air Conditioned Toyota Innova for all transfers, drives and sightseeing
- Jeep Safaris in national parks by 4x4 jeep /elephant ride/safari as mentioned in itinerary inclusive of entry fee to park, resident naturalist services. (Elephant ride/Safari subject to availability).
- Services of English Speaking local guide at the places of visit and resident naturalists in national parks.
- Entrance fee to places of visit including all monuments listed above and the national parks.
- Rickshaw ride in Varanasi
- Boat ride on Ganges in Varanasi
- Mineral Water during all sightseeing, drives and also during the entire stay at lodges in Bandhavgarh & Kanha.
- Assistance at airports stations and at the hotels in all major cities at the time of check in/out in.

**Cost does not Include:**

- Any Airfare
- Any insurance
- Anything not mentioned in inclusion above
- Any expenditure of personal nature like TIPPING, tabled drinks (mineral water other than what mentioned in inclusion above), laundry, telephone calls, ala carte meals, Video/Still Camera fee if any etc.
- Services of accompanying escort.
- Any expenses incurred due to any unforeseen situation or any other reason beyond our control like natural calamity/acts of god, change in government tax policy etc.

- **2.58% Service Tax on Total Bill (This has been imposed by the central government, wherein we need to collect 2.58% Service Tax on total bill raised to client and is shown separately in the invoice).**

**NOTE:**

- Currently there is no camera fee at Bandhavgarh & Kanha for amateur photography.
- **AIRFARE / AIR TIMING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

**COST IS VALID UNTIL APRIL 15, 2010. Ask for even better rates from Apr 16-May 30.**