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Big Cat Safari 13 days – 12 nights Delhi, Sawai Madhopur, Ranthambore, Barli, Jawai, Mumbai, Gir Nature, Luxury, Relaxation, Photography, Culture

This program may be operated for individual or for small groups
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize

India is the second largest biodiversity reserve in the world: national parks and reserves cover nearly 38,600 sq. miles of land, all. Over the country. Hundreds of species of birds, reptiles and mammals are protected there. But the most famous (and most threatened) boarder remains the king of the jungle, made famous by a Rudyard Kipling novel: The Tiger.

### Day 1: Delhi

Upon arrival in Delhi you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel. Dinner and overnight at your hotel. [D]

# Day 2: Delhi, Sawai Madhopur, Ranthambore National Park

Travel by train from Delhi to Sawai Madhopur (the nearest railway station to the Ranthambore National Park). Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives in search of the Royal Bengal Tiger over your stay at . . Once in Rathambore visit the National Park, once the hunting ground of the Maharaja of Jaipur. In 1955, it was declared a game sanctuary and in 1980 it became a national park. Then continue to your hotel for check-in. The rest of the day is free to rest and relax. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/D]

# Days 3 & 4: Ranthambore National Park

At dawn and then in the afternoon you'll enjoy game viewing in the park, one of the best parks in India, populated by the majestic tigers, leopard, nilgai antelope, wild boar, sambar deer, hyena, sloth bear and chital or spotted deer. While exploring Ranthambore National Park also visit the 10th century Ranthambore Fort (requires a stroll of around 1 mile) which lies within the park with its ancient temples, mosques, pavilions, crocodile-infested lakes and crumbling moss-covered burial tombs Lunch, dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

### Day 5: Ranthambore, Barli

After breakfast, take another game drive returning to hotel for lunch. Later, in the afternoon, start our drive to Barli arriving and check-in at the 18<sup>th</sup> century hotel called Barli Fort. Spend your time taking a tour of the fort, exploring the village or simply relaxing by the pool. Dinner and overnight at hotel. [B/L/D]

## Day 6: Barli, Jawai

Drive to the ancient hills of Jawai where locals and Leopards have co-existed in harmony for centuries, stopping for lunch on the way. No one here has been attacked by a leopard for over 150 years now. Head out on an afternoon jeep safari in search of the big cats that live in such a jarring proximity to humans. [B/L/D]

#### Days 7 & 8: Jawai

Enjoy 2 days of game safaris to spot the leopards. Also visit the 15th century Kumbhalgarh Fort, which has the second largest wall in the world after the Great Wall of China, and the intricately carved 15th century Jain temples at Ranakpur. [B/L/D]

#### Day 9: Jawai, Udaipur, Mumbai

Drive to Udaipur to catch a flight to Mumbai. Walk around the Gateway of India & Colaba area and enjoy the sunset at the harbor. Dinner at the hotel. [B/D]

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### Day 10: Mumbai, Diu, Gir National Park

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Wake up at the crack of dawn to experience the rarely seen early morning bustle of Mumbai, a huge metropolis and its industrious people rising up to meet another busy day. Take the afternoon flight from Mumbai to Diu, the closest airport to the Gir National Park, the only home of the Asiatic Lion that once prowled from the Middle East to India, but now survives only in Gir. [B/D]

# Days 11 & 12: Gir National Park

During these 2 days, enjoy morning and afternoon game drives in search of the Asiatic Lion. Gir is another amazing story of the peaceful co-existence of humans and the big cats with minimal conflict. All meals are included. [B/L/D]

Sasan Gir National Park was established in 1980 to protect the last lions living in India. Since the creation of the reserve and until the last census, the lion population has increased from 200 to 359. Very similar to their African cousins, the Asian lions are distinguished in particular by a virtual absence of mane in males. Since the same characteristic is found in lions living in hot,



desert regions of Africa, one might think that the climate is the cause of a sparse mane. You will also be able to see in Sasan Gir many deer, gazelles, antelopes, deer, monkeys, but above all many birds such as parrots and peacocks. Leopards are very present and often seen, on the other hand bears and hyenas also live in the park, but they are shy and rarely show themselves.

# Day 13: Gir National Park, Diu, Mumbai, USA

At the appointed time, drive to Diu to catch a flight to Mumbai. Upon arrival, transfer to the international terminal for the onward flight home. [B]

 $[B] = Breakfast \mid [D] = Dinner \mid [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch \mid [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner$ 

### Your Tour includes:

- All arrival and departure transfers
- Railroad transfers
- Assistance at airports and railroad stations
- 12 nights' accommodation:
  - o Delhi 1 night
  - o Ranthambore 3 nights
  - o Barli 1 night
  - o Jawai 3 nights
  - o Mumbai 1 night
  - o Gir National Park 3 nights
- Meals:
  - o Breakfast Daily
  - o 7 lunches
  - o 12 dinners
- Game drives in Ranthambore National Park
- Visit the 10th century Ranthambore Fort

- Look for leopards in Jawai
- Visit the 15th century Kumbhalgarh Fort
- See the intricately carved 15th century Jain temples at Ranakpur
- Experience the early morning bustle of Mumbai
- Search for the Asiatic Lion in Gir National Park
- English speaking local guides during the
- Sightseeing/Excursion by A/C vehicle
- Two jungle safari rides at Ranthambore in shared Jeep or Canter
- 1 Bottle of Mineral water daily per person.
- All local tax and service tax, as applicable at present

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#### Price does not include:

- International or Domestic airfares
- Any taxes and surcharges relating to airfares
- Travel insurance
- Wi-Fi at hotels
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks

- Other meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Camera fees at the monuments (if applicable)
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Expenses of personal nature

## Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Delhi	Hyatt Regency	4
Ranthambore	Vivanta by Taj	4.5
Barli	Barli Fort Hotel	4.5
Jawai	Rawla Bisalpur	5
Mumbai	The Taj Mahal Palace	4.5
Gir National Park	Gir Lions Paw Resort	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

#### **Tour Prices:**

These programs can be customized for individuals and groups. Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

#### Airfare

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

## Program

You may add or remove;

- o Trip days
- o Cities and sites
- o Meals

#### Other options

- o The program was designed with private services; however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- o If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

#### Quotation

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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#### **Options:**

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area

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## **Group Quotations**

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the lad journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.

We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.

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