

**Exotic India Wildlife
9 days - 8 nights
Delhi, Raipur, Kanha National Park, Bandhavgarh National Park
Ecotourism, Safari, Discovery, Culture, History**

This program may be operated for individuals or for groups

New Delhi, the capital of India is a modern buzzing metropolitan city with remnants of the past strewn amongst the modern buildings. Much of New Delhi was planned by Sir Edwin Lutyen's, who laid out a grandiose central administrative area as a testament to British imperial pretensions. Delhi was established between 900 B.C and 1300. Delhi's famous "seven cities" range from the 12th century Quila Rai Pithora, built by Prithviraj Chauhan, to the imperial Shahjahanabad, constructed by the Mughals in the 17th century. Of the many attractions in Delhi, the major sites are the Rashtrapati Bhawan designed by Sir Edwin Lutyen's as the British Viceroy's Palace, Shahjahanabad (Old Delhi) where the Red Fort is, or Jama Masjid in the famed Chandni Chowk in the heart of Old Delhi. Kanha National Park has ideal habitat for tigers and their prey species. Prime tiger wilderness, was one of the first areas to be protected under Project Tiger and is one of the largest conservation areas today. Lush Sal and bamboo forests are interspersed with vast grassy meadows while the Banjar river forms the south-western border of the park and provides a steady water source for the abundant wildlife.

Day 1: Delhi

Upon arrival at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport you'll be met at the aerobridge and assisted through Immigration, baggage collection and transfer to arrival hall. In the arrival hall you'll meet our host who will drive you to the hotel in New Delhi. Remainder of the day provides an opportunity to unpack settle in and relax.

Day 2: Delhi

Morning is at leisure to overcome the jetlag or optional city tour of New Delhi.

Option: New Delhi city Tour

First, visit the Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, the temple of the Sikhs. Sikhism developed as an antithesis to the caste ridden and ritualistic forms of Hinduism and where social responsibility takes center stage. As such, every Sikh temple has the famous community kitchen, where it is considered a privilege to assist cooking the food and serving a simple meal to pilgrims and visitors. If you wish it is possible to participate in the community service. Through the tour you will have the chance to drive past the India Gate which is a memorial to the 90,000 Indian army servicemen who died in World War I. Also, you will see Rajpath, or the Kings Way, and Rashtrapati Bhawan, the official residence of the President of India. Prior to independence this was the viceroy's residence. The India Gate, a 138-foot high stone arch of triumph stands at the eastern end of the Rajpath. It bears the names of 85,000 Indian Army soldiers who died in WWI's campaigns, the North West frontier operations of the same time, and the 1919 Afghan fiasco. Rajpath is the central artery of Lutyens' New Delhi and is immensely broad and flanked on either side by ornamental ponds and goes from the official residence of the India Gate on one end to the India's President Palace on the other. Completed in 1929, the palace is an interesting blend of Mughal and western architectural styles, the most obvious Indian feature being the huge copper dome. End your tour with a visit to Humayun's Tomb, a complex of buildings commissioned by Humayun's wife Hamida Banu Begum in 1562. The Tomb is unique as the first garden-tomb on the Indian subcontinent and also the first structure to use red sandstone at such a scale. In 1993 it was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

In the afternoon, you'll have the opportunity to plunge deep into the beating heart of Delhi as you take a guided sightseeing tour of the Chandni Chowk. Immerse yourself in the colorful stalls and crowded alleyways of this historical market on a rickshaw ride and visit the Jama Masjid, the largest and most splendid mosque in India. Chandni Chowk, once the grandest of markets in India appears choked with a constant congestion that defines its historical character. The Jama Masjid is the principal mosque of Old Delhi, commissioned by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan, builder of the Taj

Mahal, and completed in the year 1656 CE, is one of the largest and best-known mosques in India. Continue to the Spice Market located in Khari Baoli, a street in Old Delhi known for being Asia's largest wholesale spice market selling all kinds of spices, nuts, herbs and food products like rice and tea. The market has been operating since the 17th century. Follow this visit with a street food tour to savor the flavors of this incredible and renowned food with your guide picking the city's best street stalls, navigating between samosa stands, flatbread stalls and sweet treat stops. Don't forget to leave some room for more, though, as the tour ends with High Tea in the Dharampura Haveli, a property which exudes history and is the perfect end to this day. [B]

Day 3: Delhi, Raipur, Kanha National Park

This morning, you'll be driven to Delhi's airport for your flight to Raipur. Upon arrival you'll be met and driven to Kanha National Park, a drive that will take around 4 ½ hours. Rest of afternoon is at leisure at your lodge located close to one of the park gates, ensuring proximity to the Kanha Tiger Reserve offering a pristine wilderness experience. The dramatic setting of the lodge creates a theater of jungle discovery and adventure with constant reminders of the wildlife haven outside amid a forest backdrop. [B/L/D]

Note: *Kanha National Park is closed for park drives on Wednesday afternoons.*

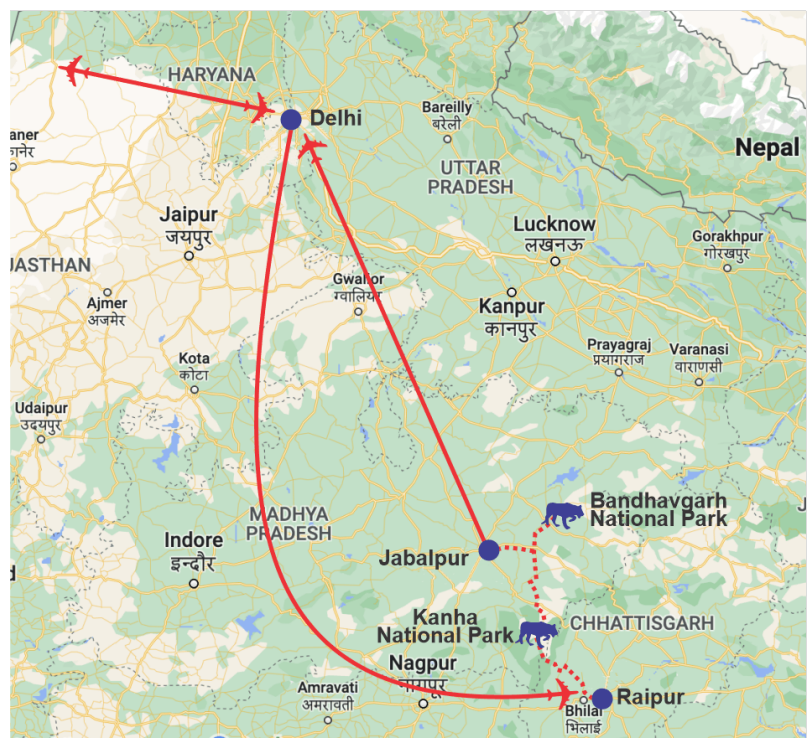
Days 4-5: Kanha National Park

Two days to explore the dense jungles of Kanha National Park on early morning and afternoon safaris in open 4x4 safari vehicles. A specially trained naturalist will accompany you throughout, pointing out and explaining details about the jungle. One of the joys of exploring this park is the range of habitats, each with their own characteristics. There are long stretches of tall sal (*Shorea Robusta*) trees with breaks of bamboo and large expanses of mixed deciduous forest. Riverine patches are dissected by streams of gin-clear water which make for perfect cooling spots for the animals in the heat. Kanha is famous for its vast meadows or 'maidans', many of which were previously 'forest villages' before their relocation. These fields are excellent habitat for large herds of spotted deer and swamp deer that are preyed on by packs of wild dogs or 'Dhole'. All of these are interconnected by an excellent network of forest tracks and dirt roads. [B/L/D]

Day 6: Kanha NP, Bandhavgarh National Park

Embark on a scheduled early morning safari in a shared vehicle. After breakfast, you will be chauffeured to Kings Lodge in Bandhavgarh National Park (Approximately. 5 ½ or 6 hrs drive) Bandhavgarh National Park. Bandhavgarh is an exceptional national park and boasts of one of India's highest concentration of tigers. An essential stop on any serious tiger safari. A relatively small park with a thriving tiger population, it offers guests a good chance of encountering the king of the jungle as well as a selection of other interesting central Indian flora and fauna. Cradled between the picturesque Vindhya and Satpura ranges Bandhavgarh has a breathtaking mixture of dense green valleys and rocky hills. [B/L/D]

Note: *Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve is closed for park drives on Wednesday afternoons.*



Days 7-8: Bandhavgarh National Park

Embark on a scheduled early morning and afternoon safaris in a shared vehicle. Explore the dense jungles of Bandhavgarh National Park on early morning and afternoon safaris in an open 4x4 safari vehicle. A specially trained naturalist will accompany you throughout, pointing out and explaining details about the jungle. This park is largely composed of Sal forests in the valleys and on the lower slopes, gradually combining with mixed deciduous forests on the hills and in the drier areas of the park. The wide valleys along the streams carry long linear grasslands flanked by Sal forests. Pockets of dense bamboo thickets are a favorite spot for the striped beauty. In addition to the wonderful mammal and bird wildlife, Bandhavgarh has some extraordinary history. The Bandhavgarh Fort encompassing a 560-acre plateau with cliffs of up to 787 ft. dominates the park. The fort has large tanks (waterbodies) carved out of the volcanic rock, and ruined 11th to 12th century temples. At the base of the fort are a series of manmade caves, once the retreat of ascetics and now the home to bats and other wildlife. [B/L/D]

Day 9: Bandhavgarh, Jabalpur, Delhi, USA

Enjoy your early morning safari as you say goodbye to the park. You will be chauffeured to the Jabalpur airport for your flight to Delhi. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to Delhi International airport to board your flight back home. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip airfare New York/Delhi
- VIP Meet & Greet on arrival at Delhi International Airport
- Domestic airfare Delhi/Amritsar/Jaipur
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 8 nights' accommodation:
 - Delhi 2 nights
 - Kanha 3 nights
 - Bandhavgarh 3 nights
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 6 lunches
 - 6 dinners
- Sightseeing tour of Old Delhi
- 5 safari game drives in Kanha National Park
- 5 safaris game drives in Bandhavgarh National Park
- English-speaking tour guide throughout the itinerary

- English-speaking Local guide in Delhi – Amritsar – Jaipur – Agra
- Entrance fee as applicable (single entry) except for Taj Mahal (double entry)
- Transportation by A/C vehicle
- Mineral water during sightseeing and overland trip
- All local taxes

Price does not include:

- International airfare taxes and surcharges
- Travel insurance
- Wi-Fi at hotels
- Camera fees at the monuments (if applicable)
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Expenses of personal nature

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Room Type	Tripadvisor
First Class			
Delhi	Le Meridien	Executive	4.5
Kanha	Kanha Earth Lodge	Deluxe Bungalow	5
Bandhavgarh	Kings Lodge	Deluxe Cottage	5
Deluxe			
Delhi	The Oberoi	Premier Plus	5
Kanha	Banjaar Tola Taj Safari Lodge	Tented Suite	5
Bandhavgarh	Mahua Kothi Taj Safari Lodge	Cottage	5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Domestic Flight Schedules:

Day	Airline	Flight #	From	Airport	Departure	To	Airport	Arrive;
Day 03	Indigo	6E2076	Delhi	DEL	6:50 am	Raipur	RPR	8:40 am
Day 09	Spice Jet	SG2936	Jabalpur	JLR	6:50 pm	Delhi	DEL	8:50 pm

Baggage allowance 15 kilogram - excess luggage can be pre-purchased

Tour Prices:

# in Party	2 Pax		3/5 Pax		6/9 Pax		10/14 Pax	
	Double	Single	Double	Single	Double	Single	Double	Single
First Class								
16 Oct '22 – 20 Dec '22	\$4,889	\$5,895	\$4,499	\$5,505	\$4,369	\$5,375	\$4,285	\$5,289
21 Dec '22 – 10 Jan '23	On request							
11 Jan '23 - 15 Apr '23	\$4,889	\$5,895	\$4,499	\$5,505	\$4,369	\$5,375	\$4,285	\$5,289
16 Apr '23 – 30 Jun '23	\$4,775	\$5,705	\$4,379	\$5,305	\$4,245	\$5,175	\$4,179	\$5,105
1 Jul '23 – 14 Oct '23	Parks closed							
15 Oct '23 – 20 Dec '23	\$4,959	\$6,009	\$4,569	\$5,619	\$4,439	\$5,489	\$4,355	\$5,409
Deluxe								
16 Oct '22 – 20 Dec '22	\$6,649	\$10,085	\$6,595	\$10,025	\$6,569	\$10,005	\$6,485	\$9,919
21 Dec '22 – 10 Jan '23	On request							
11 Jan '23 - 15 Apr '23	\$6,649	\$10,085	\$6,595	\$10,025	\$6,569	\$10,005	\$6,485	\$9,919
16 Apr '23 – 30 Jun '23	\$6,465	\$9,739	\$6,409	\$9,685	\$6,375	\$9,655	\$6,305	\$9,585
1 Jul '23 – 14 Oct '23	Parks closed							
15 Oct '23 – 20 Dec '23	\$6,889	\$10,489	\$6,835	\$10,435	\$6,809	\$10,409	\$6,725	\$10,325

Prices are per person, are valid through December 2023 and may change without notice

These programs can be customized for individuals and for 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.
- Car can be upgraded upon request

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 land 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.

Optional Excursion

Name	Description	2 Pax	3/5 Pax	6/9 Pax	10/14 Pax
Delhi	New Delhi Sightseeing Tour	\$40	\$36	\$33	\$26

Prices are per person and may change without notice. Option requires a minimum of 2 passengers