

Wildlife and Tiger Safari Tour in Central India

This year, 2022, is the Year of the Tiger according to Asian astrology. What better way to celebrate than take a tour to India, home to 70% of the world's wild tigers.

The Wildlife and Tiger Safari Tour in Central India from India for Beginners is for adventurous travellers who love nature and wildlife tourism and want to experience India's jungles. The tour will take you to the heart of India, Madhya Pradesh, also known as land of the tiger. Here, you will get to know India's leading tiger reserves – Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Pench, and Satpura – and have the opportunity to see tigers in the wild. Plus, you will see an abundance of India's rich flora and fauna in pristine, natural settings.

This small group tour (maximum size 14 travellers) is for travellers who have an adventurous spirit, who enjoy going off the beaten path, and want to immerse in the culture of India. There will be some walking, and it will be hot, so a moderate level of fitness and a healthy level of enthusiasm is required!

India for Beginners tours are designed around relationships -- the relationships founders Mariellen and Anjani have nurtured with people they have met on their extensive travels across India over many years. The local experiences we recommend both support the community and offer you memorable experiences of incredible India.

Dates:

Wildlife and Tiger Safari: 13 - 27 November, 2022 Khajuraho and Orchha extension: 26 November - 01 December, 2022

Cost:

NOTE: Costs below are for 2022. The trip is costed in INR (Indian rupees) and then converted to USD, and can change due to currency conversion rates.

Double occupancy, per person: xx INR / US \$ xx (single occupancy)

Single room supplement: xx INR / US \$ xx per person

Bookings need to be confirmed about three months in advance as the tiger reserves book up completely well ahead of time. For more details about booking, deposits, etc., see contact info below.



Day 01: 13 Nov (Sun): Arrive Delhi

Arrive Delhi and we will meet you at the airport. We will also help ensure you get a local SIM card and set you up with our WhatsApp numbers so that we can be in contact 24/7.

There will be a private chauffeur driven car to take you to the hotel or guest house. Rest of the day is free to get over jet lag (depending on when you arrive).

Accommodation options in Delhi include staying with a local family in a safe, clean bed-and-breakfast or a boutique hotel.

Day 02: 14 Nov (Mon): Delhi

Let's get to know Delhi, one of the oldest and most historic cities on earth -- which is also one of the greenest capital cities in the world.

We will start with a tour of Old Delhi that will take you into the heart of this fascinating and chaotic crowded area. We will see temples, mosques, and gurudwaras and explore the alleys of Chandni Chowk via bicycle rickshaw.

Later drive through Lutyen's Delhi -- India Gate, Parliament, Rashtrapati Bhavan -- and visit Humayun's Tomb. If time permits, we can either stroll in Lodhi Garden or drive to Qutab Minar.

Day 03: 15 Nov (Tue): Delhi – Denwa Backwater Escape

Transfer to airport for flight to Bhopal. Drive to Bhimbetka (47 kms / 1 hr) for sightseeing. Later drive to Tawa Dam (84 kms / 2 hrs) for a boat cruise to the lodge.

Day 04: 16 Nov (Wed): – Denwa Backwater Escape

Morning and afternoon jungle activities (selection from Jeep safari / boat ride / walking safari / canoe ride subject to availability)

Day 05: 17 Nov (Thur): - Mobile Camp

Morning drive 3 hours to reach the starting point of mobile safari. About 4 hours' trek through lovely sal forest inside Satpura National Park to reach Denwa view point for lunch. After lunch, trek a further 2 hours to reach mobile camp. Retire at camp for overnight stay. This is an incredible opportunity to go on a walking safari in a tiger reserve!

Day 06: 18 Nov (Fri): - Pench Tree Lodge

After breakfast, one-hour walk, and drive 4 hours to reach Pench Tree Lodge. Stay in a tree house!

Day 07: 19 Nov (Sat): - Pench Tree Lodge

Morning game drive in Pench national park. Afternoon visit to organic garden followed by cooking class by an expert chef.

Day 08: 20 Nov (Sun): - Kanha Earth Lodge

Cycle the Pench-Kanha Forest Corridor with lunch break in the jungle. Later drive to Kanha Earth Lodge (215 kms/ 5 hrs), one of the most prestigious and award-winning lodges in India.

Day 09: 21 Nov (Mon): - Kanha Earth Lodge

Morning and afternoon game drives in Kanha national park.

Day 10: 22 Nov (Tue): – Kanha Earth Lodge

Morning and afternoon game drives in Kanha national park.

Day 11: 23 Nov (Wed): - Kings' Lodge Bandhavgarh

Drive to Bandhavgarh national park (245 kms/ 5-6 hrs)

Day 12: 24 Nov (Thur): - Kings' Lodge Bandhavgarh

Morning and afternoon game drives in Bandhavgarh national park.

Day 13: 25 Nov (Fri): - Kings' Lodge Bandhavgarh

Morning and afternoon game drives in Bandhavgarh national park.

Day 14: 26 Nov (Sat): - Kings' Lodge Bandhavgarh

Drive to Jabalpur airport (165 kms/ 3-4 hrs), fly to Delhi.

Or Drive to Khajuraho for an extension (230 kms/ 5 hrs). Arrive Khajuraho and check in at the hotel

Day 15: 27 Nov (Sun): Overnight in Delhi

Transfer to airport for onward flight.

Khajuraho and Orchha Extension

Day 14: 26 Nov (Sat) - Khajuraho

Arrive Khajuraho and check in at the hotel.

Day 15: 27 Nov (Sun): – Khajuraho

Visit Khajuraho temples.

Khajuraho is famous for its enchanting temples and the legendary Khajuraho Dance Festival. The name Khajuraho is derived from the Khajur tree (the date palm tree) which is grown abundantly in the region. The Khajuraho Temples are dedicated to a celebration of life, designed and carved to lead the eyes from ground level upward until you seem to be looking at heaven.

On the way up, many facets of life are depicted including the famous erotic carvings and many beautiful images of women. Women are seen writing letters, applying eye makeup, combing hair, dancing, and playing with children, all in exquisitely sculpted details.



Day 16: 28 Nov (Mon): Khajuraho – Orchha

Drive to Orchha (175 kms/ 3 hrs) and check in at the hotel.

Day 17: 29 Nov (Tue): - Orchha

Spend the day exploring Orchha.

Day 18: 30 Nov (Wed): Orchha – Delhi

Morning is free to relax. Later drive to Jhansi (15 kms/ 30 mins) to take a train to Delhi (Gatimaan Express; 15:05 - 19:30 hrs). Arrive Delhi and check in at the hotel.

Day 19: 01 Dec (Thu): Depart from Delhi

You will be transferred to the airport as per your flight timing to connect with your departure flight.

Wildlife and Tiger Tour Inclusions

Cost is based on exclusive safaris in all the parks with a maximum of four guests per jeep. Safari permit booking opens 4 months in advance. Safaris are pre booked online and get sold very quickly so we suggest you to book early. We need passport details for all guests to book safari permits

- Accommodation on double/twin share for 14 nights at hotels/lodges mentioned above (not including extension)
- Interpark travel is by multiple private chauffeur driven Toyota Air Conditioned car (with up to 3 guests per Innova)
- Accommodation at Satpura, Pench, Kanha and Bandhavgarh on full board except in Delhi which will be on bed & breakfast
- Rickshaw ride in Delhi
- Guided sightseeing of Bhimbetka
- Boat cruise on Tawa Dam
- Morning and afternoon jungle activities (selection from Jeep safari / boat ride / walking safari / canoe ride subject to availability) in Satpura
- Day trek with overnight stay at Mobile Camp in Satpura
- One game drive in Pench
- Organic garden visit followed by cooking demo in Pench
- Cycling on Pench-Kanha Forest Corridor with lunch break
- Four game drives in Kanha
- Village visit in Kanha
- Four game drives in Bandhavgarh
- School visit in Bandhavgarh
- Airfares for both Jabalpur Delhi and Delhi Bhopal sectors.

- Arrival and departure transfers in Delhi
- All currently applicable taxes

Terms and Conditions

- Booking Deadline to come
- 50% advance payment 135 days in advance and balance before 60 days prior to arrival date.
- No adjustments or refunds in case of not availing any facility from the package.
- In keeping with our heightened security procedures, we request all guests to carry a photo-identity to present at check-in. Foreign nationals are required to present their Passport and valid visa. This should be the same as submitted at the time of safari bookings.
- Our standard check-in time is 13:30 hrs and check out time is 1100 hrs local time.

Cancellation policy:

- 7 days and less 100% cancellation fee
- 8 days to 21 days 60% cancellation fee
- 21 days to 45 days 40% cancellation fee
- 45 days and above 20% cancellation fee
- 20% cancellation fee will be charged on all bookings.
- Cancellation amount is calculated as per total booking amount and not as per advance deposited.

Thank you!

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