Exclusive tiger trip

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: Depart from Home

We board connected flight to Delhi International Airport.

Day 2: Arrive Delhi

Arrive at Delhi International Airport meet Vivek Sharma. Transfer to Shanti palace hotel, Overnight stay in hotel.

Day 3/7 Delhi/ Jabalpur / Kanha tiger Reserve

After lunch check out from hotel transfer to domestic airport to catch flight Kingfisher # IT 4375 at 0710 hrs to arrive Jabalpur at 0900 hrs. After arrival at Jabalpur Airport we'll drive to Kanha Tiger Reserve, arriving in the late afternoon, check in Safari Lodge Kanha. Dinner & Overnight at hotel

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 edgedBy 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 8 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. Temples and ghats line the banks of the river, and it may be possible to observe the Gonds performing their funeral rites. The main bazaar is interesting to explore with its shops selling tribal silver and bell metal (time permitting). Check in ANF Eco lodge Bandhavgarh. Overnight at the lodge.

Day 9/12: Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve

We enjoy morning and afternoon wildlife excursions daily. Wildlife viewing is by open four-wheel drive vehicle and possibly from the back of an elephant. Boarding elephants is easy, and the cushioned platforms are very comfortable. Since most animals, including tigers, have little fear of elephants or the people mounted on them, this is ideal for wildlife viewing. Overnights ANF Camp 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-feet 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 13: Bandhavgarh/ Khajuraho /Delhi

After breakfast drive to Khajuraho to board Indian Airlines flight # IC0452 taking off at 1500hrs for Delhi. Arriving Delhi at 1740hrs to check in at Hotel Sahara, New Delhi for wash & fresh. Our special farewell dinner at hotel Shanti place, after dinner transfer to the airport for the international flight check-in. (B, L, D)

Day 14 Back Home

Meet our connecting flights to back home.



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