

GOLDEN TRIANGLE TOUR

Day 1 Depart from home

We take a connecting flight to Delhi. (Meals Aloft)

Day 2 Delhi

Arrival at Delhi, International airport Welcome by Representative of Tiger Expeditions and transfers to Hotel - The Central Plaza, New Delhi. Overnight at the hotel.(B, L, D)

Day 3 Delhi

Following breakfast explore Delhi, visiting national museums, Lunch at original Mughal kitchen called Karim's. Following lunch drive to Akshardham Temple. It is a Monument to World Peace, and is nicknamed "India's Spiritual Theme Park". Afternoon visit to market Return to hotel. Overnight at in hotel.

Day 4 Delhi - Jaipur

After breakfast, we drive to Jaipur, capital of the state of Rajasthan. It is known as the "Pink City" because of the reddish color applied to the old city walls and palace as a symbol of welcome to a visiting Prince. A labyrinth of fascinating bazaars, opulent palaces and historic sights, tradition and modernity exist side by side. Built by Maharaja Jai Singh, the notable astronomer, this city is 260 years old. We'll spend two nights at the hotel Holiday Inn. (B, L, D)



Day 5 Jaipur

This morning elephant ride take us to Amber Fort, Rajasthan's ancient capital to experience the royal lifestyle of the Maharajas. Visit Jag Mandir (hall of victory) and its famed Sheesh Mahal where the walls and ceiling are embedded with Belgian mirrors. En route to Amber Fort, stop at Hawa Mahal - the Palace of winds. There also are opportunities for shopping. Over night at hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 6 Jaipur -Bharatpur National Park

Drive through rural India for 181 Kilometers/ 4 hrs to great Keoladeo Bird Sanctuary, a UNESCO Heritage Site. More than 400 species of birds have been recorded in the Reserve, including endangered species of cranes. Afternoon excursions to the Bharatpur Sanctuary. Overnight at Hotel Uday Vilas Palace. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Bharatpur National Park - Agra

After breakfast, drive to Agra, stopping en route at Fatehpur Sikri (Victory City), a UNESCO heritage site monument. Visiting the Agra Fort which is UNESCO heritage site monument of red sand stone. Overnight in hotel Utkarsh Vilas. (B, L, D)



Day 8 Agra

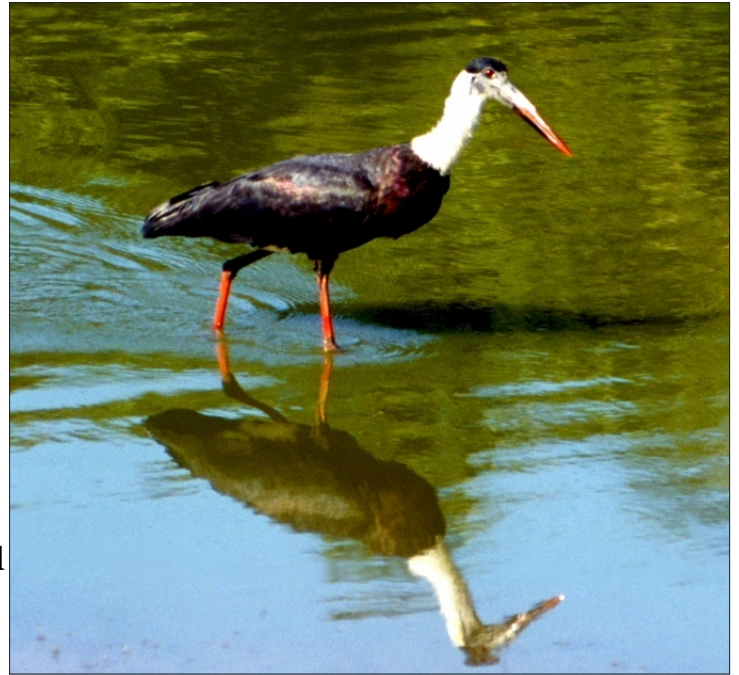
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Awake as we will move to see the famous UNESCO World Heritage Monument Taj Mahal early in the morning to catch the sunrise and also contemplate all the color Changes of Taj Mahal's white marble due to reflection happening during sun rise. We also explore the Tomb of Itmad-ud-Daullah built by Empress Noorjehan in memory of her father. Return to hotel for Lunch followed by late afternoon visit to local market. Over night stay in hotel Utkarh Vilas (B, L, D)

Day 9 Agra - Delhi

Bear Rescue Centre, Keetham, Agra

Early morning drive to the Agra Bear Rescue Sanctuary, 27kms from Agra. The sanctuary is a retirement home for the dancing bears, which Wildlife SOS confiscates from the streets. In 1972, the dancing bears were finally outlawed by Parliament in India. Unfortunately, at that time, there was no where to put the bears, as the zoos would not accept them. It took some 30 years for a sanctuary for these poor bears to be built. The area of the sanctuary is about 12 acres in size, with electric fencing and a walled perimeter to keep the bears in and people out! It does contain a mixture of habitat for the bears to roam about and has several man-made dens as well as a Pool for the bears to swim in so far they have rescued nearly 400 bears. Each rescued bear undergoes a 90-day quarantine period at the sanctuary during which, the bear is given a complete health check up, for



rabies & other diseases. Wildlife S.O.S. has also rescued many bear cubs from poachers and hunters who supply cubs to the local 'Qalandar' tribe (who traditionally use these bears to raise money on the streets). We will enjoy a guided tour of the rescue centre and have excellent opportunities to photograph these wonderful animals.

Return to hotel. After lunch drive to Delhi, stopping en route for drinks at the gardens of Country Inn, Kosi. Arriving Delhi in the late afternoon. Our farewell dinner at a local restaurant. We transfer to the airport for the international flight check-in. (B, L, D)

Day 10 Delhi - Back home

Meet our connecting flights from Delhi to Back home. (Meals Aloft)

Extensions:

Bandhavgarh /Kanha Tiger Reserve

Day 9: Agra - Jabalpur

An early morning snack with tea helps us to get awake as we will move to see the famous UNESCO World Heritage Monument Taj Mahal from back side, return to hotel. After late breakfast opportunities for shopping and lunch in the traditional market. Catch the Gondwana Express at 18:45 hours to Jabalpur . Over night on the train with packed dinner in private air conditioned cabin. (B, L, D)

Day 10/12: Jabalpur - Kanha Tiger Reserve

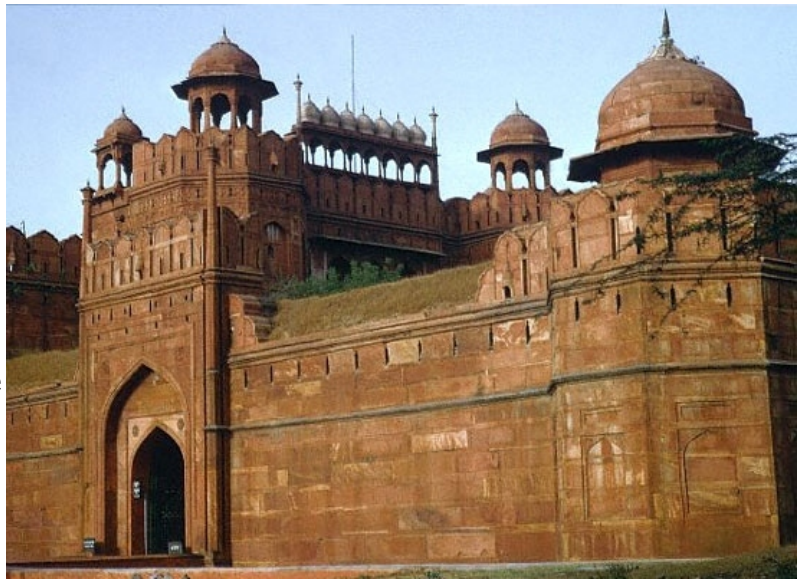
Arrival at Jabalpur: 06:55 hrs. Transfer to Kanha Tiger Reserve. On reaching check into Stripes Lodge kanha, Village Samnapur, Mukki gate. Get refreshed, have your breakfast and get ready to join the afternoon safari. Kanha is one of India's signature wildlife areas. The forests, grasslands and streams here are home to a great deal of wildlife. We explore the park in open 4X4 WD personal jeeps in search of gaur, nilgai, sambar deer, chital and troops of langurs. We keep an eye out for the park's greatest prize: tigers and we'll look for tigers by elephant back. Next two nights our home will be Stripes Lodge kanha, Village Samnapur, Mukki gate (B, L, D Daily)

Day 13: Kanha / 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).

Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve is one of India's most important Tiger Reserves. The park is made up of rocky hills, lush deciduous forests, marshes and stretches of meadows. It is considered the best place in the world to observe wild tiger and is home to 250 species of birds, including India's national bird, the peacock. Other residents include various deer and antelope species, jungle cats and Indian wild dog (dhole). Tonight we enjoy an outdoor barbeque dinner cooked over an open flame. Overnight Environmental Education and Conservation Centre Bandhavgarh.



Day 13/15: 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 Environmental Education and Conservation Centre Bandhavgarh. (B, L, D Daily)

Day 16: Bandhavgarh / Katni / Delhi

Final day, join the morning & afternoon park game drives. At 1700 Hrs - Transfer to Katni railway station to board Train # 2121 MP Sampark Kranti leaving for Nizamuddin at 2010 hrs. Travel in the comfort of 1st AC in a personal coupe. Over night on train. (B, L, D)

Day 17: Delhi

Arrive and transfer to hotel - The Park at 15, Parliament Street, New Delhi, a five star property, Relax prior to your home flight. After a special farewell dinner at the hotel, we proceed to the Delhi airport for our flight home. (B, L, D)

Day 18: Delhi - Our Flight Home.

Meet our connecting flight to home. (Meals Aloft)



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