

TIGER & RHINO LAND TRIP

DAY 1: LHR/ Kolkata

We board a connecting flight Lufthansa from Stockholm 6.35 and from Gothenburg 7:00 to Frankfurt Kolkata 1:00.

DAY 2: Kolkata/Guwahati/Kaziranga

Arrive Kolkata by LH at 01:00 hrs. Welcome & assistance by Tiger Expeditions Representative, transfer to Hotel. After breakfast depart for airport with packed lunch in time for flight to Guwahati by 9W 201 dep. 10:10 hrs/arr. 11:20 hrs. Arrive and straight 4 hrs drive to Kaziranga, where it becomes apparent that the people of Assam have a more pronounced Asian influence than those of any place visited. Assam is the biological crossroads for the flora and fauna of the Malay Peninsula, China, Himalayas and the Indian subcontinent. Here, the forests are primarily tropical evergreen rather than the deciduous type found in dryer areas. Arrive late afternoon at the Bon Habi Resort. Overnight at Resort. (B, L, D)

DAY: 3/5 Kaziranga Tiger Reserve

Three full days at Kaziranga, exploring the park by open 4X4 WD Jeep and on elephant back. Accommodation at Bon Habi Resort. (B, L, D Daily)

Kaziranga Tiger Reserve UNESCO world heritage site

Kaziranga's forests are known for their great bio-diversity, comprising mixed savannah grassland together with evergreen, moist deciduous and swamp forest. Kaziranga's sprawling valley of 430 sq. kms is one of the last strong holds of the Great Indian One-Horned Rhinoceros. It was an alarming depletion in their numbers, due to hunting and poaching that led to the conservation of this area in 1926.



Mammals: Rhinoceros unicornis (rhino) make their largest home anywhere in the world, about 1000 massive wild buffalo - ferocious bovine can weight up to 915 kilograms, Indian Bison, herd of elephants, wild boar, Barasinghas (swamp deer) and hog deer, hoolock gibbons, capped langur, Sloth Bears, leopards, Jungle Cats, Otters, Hog Badgers, Jackal and the Tigers.

Birds Life: is also an ornithologist's delight the grasslands are raptor country with crested serpent eagle, the Pallas fishing eagle and grey headed fishing eagle can be seen circling over the marshes. The water-bird species include swamp partridge, bar-headed goose, whistling teal, the Bengal florican, storks, herons and even pelicans. The numerous water bodies are rich Reservoirs of food (including fish) and thousands of migratory birds, representing over 100 species, visit the park seasonally from as far as Siberia. Major migratory birds are the grey pelican, black-necked stork, lesser adjutant stork, Pallas's fish eagle, grey-headed fish eagle, about 25-30 Bengal floricans, swamp partridge, grey peacock-pheasant, great pied hornbill, green imperial pigeon, and silver-breasted broadbill.

Reptiles: rock python, monitor lizards,

Mode of Safaris:

- 1) We will observe the wildlife from 4X4 wheel driven Open Suzuki Jeeps.
- 2) Elephant back- Seeing these rare and majestic large cats in their natural habitat is truly an unforgettable wildlife experience and boarding elephant is easy, and the cushioned platforms are very comfortable. In addition to elephant rides, several watch towers have been set up for elevated viewing of the wildlife park.

DAY 6: Kaziranga/Guwahati/Kolkatta/Nagpur

After early breakfast depart for Guwahati airport in time for flight to Kolkata by 9W 207 dep. 12:00 hrs/arr. 13:10 hrs. Connecting flight to Nagpur by 6E 404 dep. 17:40 Hrs/arr.19:25 hrs. Transfer to hotel The Pride. Overnight - Hotel the Pride. (B, L, D)



DAY 7/09: Nagpur / Kanha Tiger Reserve

After breakfast we'll drive to Kanha Tiger Reserve, arriving in the noon. 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 three nights our home will be Royal Tiger Resort (B, L, D)

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 edged by large groves of willow 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.

Birds: There are nearly 260 bird species such as storks, teals, pintails, egrets, peafowl, partridges, doves, pigeons, cuckoos, eagles, kites, etc.

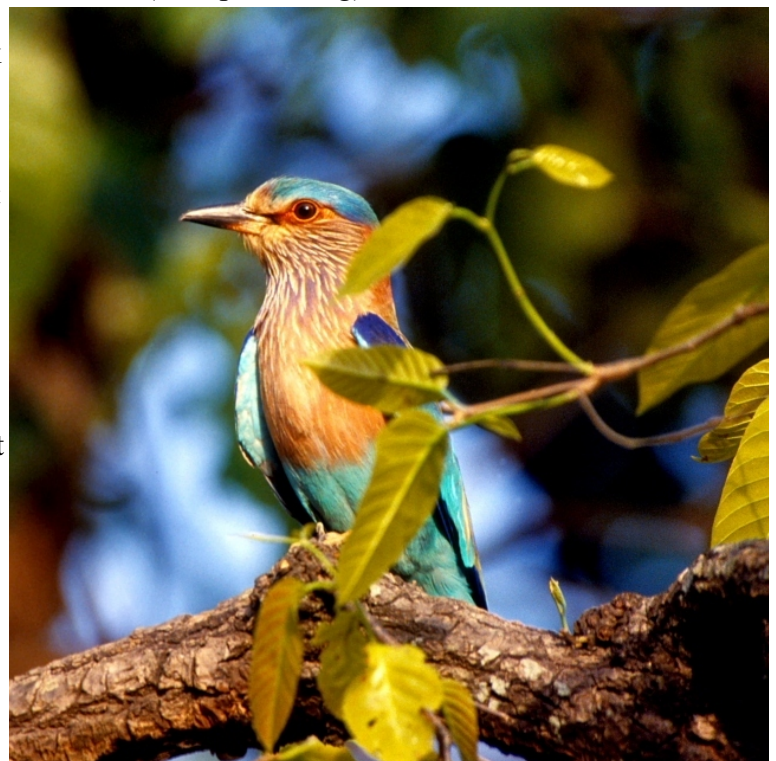
Mode of Safaris:

- 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.

DAY 10: 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 (market) 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 at Bandhavgarh Jungle Lodge.

DAY 11/13: 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 A.N.F. Camp Bandhavgarh. (B, L, D Daily)



Bandhavgarh National Park

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.

Mammals : 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 Bear leopard, Tiger, 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.

Birds: 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-foot 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 WD in open Suzuki Jeeps and
- 2) Elephant back for tiger watching in the morning.
- 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.

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 14: Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve /Katni /Delhi

On this day we have full morning game drive and then after lunch have enough time to pack camera gears etc, before check out Jungle Lodge at 16:30 hrs for Katni Railway station to board in Train # 2189 Mahakaushal Express leave for Delhi at 19:25 hrs. Dinner and over night in the train. (B, L, D)

DAY 15: New Delhi

Arrive at Nizamuddin (New Delhi) railway station at 11:30 hrs and transferred to Central Plaza New Delhi. Optional afternoon sightseeing. Overnight at hotel. (B, L, D).

DAY 16: Delhi / Back Home

On time transfer from hotel to Indira Gandhi International airport for flight back home 9:55 by Lufthansa

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