

THE ASIATIC LION TOUR

Day 1: Depart from home

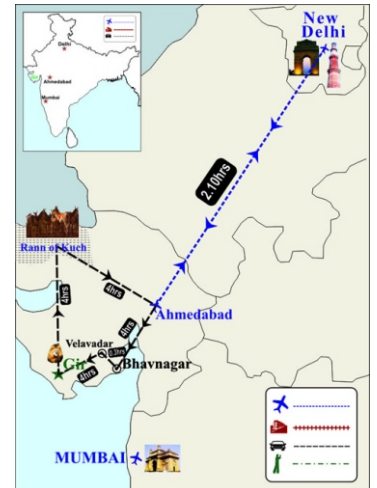
We take a connecting flight to Delhi . (Meals Aloft)

Day 2: Delhi

Arrival at Delhi , International airport Welcome by Representative of Tiger Expeditions and transfers to Hotel - The Shanti place, New Delhi . (B, L, D)

Day 3: Delhi - Ahmedabad - Bhavnagar

Early in the morning transfer to the airport for our flight at 0600 hrs to arrive Ahmedabad at 0725 hrs. Upon arrival, we will have breakfast at the river-facing Cama Park Plaza , After breakfast we will move onwards For our first wildlife destination Bhavnagar. The Journey is approx.



200 K.M. & will take about 4 hrs. We reach Bhavnagar at about 2 P.M. Check in at The Nilambag Palace Hotel a Heritage property & rest for the evening to over come jetlag. Overnight in the hotel (B, L, D)

Day 4: Velavadar National Parks - Gir National Park

After breakfast we will have Morning game drives at Velavadar National Park . Before depart to Gir National Park by Road, which is about 185 K.M from Bhavnagar & will take about 4 Hrs to reach. We will have Lunch at Gondal at the Riverside Palace/Orchard Palace. It's a heritage hotel good for birding with many species coming in to the orchards and on the river-shores. After Lunch we proceed to Gir National Park & Check in at Taj hotel and overnight in the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 5/7: Gir National Park

Morning and evening excursion to Gir National Park . Overnight at hotel Taj (B, L, D) Daily

Sasan Gir: Established in 1965, the total area of 1412 km² is located about 65 km to the south-east of Junagadh district in the kathiawar peninsula of Gujarat state, India. The seven major perennial rivers which are passing via Gir region are Hiran, Saraswati, Datardi, Shingoda, Machhundri, Ghodavari and Raval. The four reservoirs



of the area are at four dams, one each on Hiran, Machhundri, Raval and Shingoda Lunch at a local restaurant before our flight to Delhi . Upon arrival, transfer to the Hotel west end inn. After dinner transfer to international airport to catch your flight to back home Rivers, including the biggest reservoir in the area, the Kamleshwar Dam, dubbed 'the lifeline of Gir'. However, there is acute shortage of water during summer season.

An important part of the Gir Protected Area is known as the Gir Interpretation Zone, about 12 km from Sasan village, the headquarters of the park. Gir stretches over 1,153.4 sq km with 259 sq km forming the core area of the national park. It is famous for being the last natural home of the Asiatic lion, although it has a healthy population of other animals too. However, One of the best routes to be taken for a safari is Sasan-Khokra-Sisvan-Devadungar-Gambliamba-Kamleshwar Dam-Mindholiwada-Sasan.

Flora and Fauna.

Flora :More than 400 plant species were recorded in the survey of Gir forest by 1965. The Botany department of M.S. University of Baroda has revised the count to 507 during their re-survey. It is the largest dry deciduous forest in western India. Teak bearing areas are mainly in the eastern portion of the forest, which constitutes nearly half of the total area.

Fauna: The count of 2,375 distinct fauna species of Gir includes about 38 species of mammals, around 300 species of birds, 37 species of reptiles and more than 2,000 species of insects. The carnivores group mainly



consists of Asiatic lions, Indian Leopards, Jungle cat, Striped Hyenas, Golden Jackals, Mongoose, Civet cats, and Ratels. Desert cats and Rusty-spotted cats also exist but are rarely seen. The main herbivores of Gir are Chital, Nilgai (or Bluebull), Sambar, Four-horned Antelope, Chinkara and Wild boar. Blackbucks from the surrounding area are sometimes seen in the sanctuary.

Day 8: Gir National Park - Zainabad (Rann of Kutch)

After breakfast, proceed to Zainabad visiting Lothal on the way. Overnight stay at hotel in Zainabad. (B, L, D)

Day 9 :Zainabad - Ahmedabad - Delhi

After breakfast drive to Ahmedabad for a city tour.



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