

# WildLife Photography Safari

## Itinerary: 13 Days

### Day 1: Depart from Home

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

### Day 2: Arrival on Delhi

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

### Day 3: Delhi/ Khajuraho/ Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve

After breakfast check out from hotel at 0830hrs & transfer to domestic airport to catch our Jet Airways Flight # 9W723 at 1040hrs to arrive Khajuraho at 1300hrs. Then Drive to Bandhavgarh by AC 4 X 4 Vehicle (210km/4 hrs drive). Arrive late in the evening. Check into Eco Lodge. Overnight in the Lodge (B, L, D)

### Day 4/ Day 7: Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve

Morning and afternoon Excursion in the Park, Over night at Eco Lodge 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 of area. 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 wild tigers in the world.

The vegetation of the park is dry deciduous. About half of the park is covered with sal trees. There are mixed forests in the higher reaches of

The hills. Stretches of Bamboo and grasslands extend to the north of the park. Grassy meadow patches occur in the valley and along the nalas The park sustains all those species which are typical to Central India.

**Mammals** more than 37 species: Spotted, Sambar, Barking Deer, Nilgai (blue bull) biggest antelope, Wild Boar, Wild Dog, Indian Civet, Palm Squirrel, Jackal, Sloth Bear, Leopard, Tiger, Jungle Cat etc. Common Langurs and Rhesus Macaque represent the primate group.

**Birds** 250 species of birds, including Blue-bearded Bee-eaters, White-browed fantails, Vultures, Eagles, Rollers, Peafowl and the Malabar hornbill etc.

**Reptiles** include Cobra, Krait, Viper, python, Turtle and a number of lizard species, including Varanus.

### 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.

**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) Visit to Galpuri Lake for bird watching and picnic lunch.
- 2) 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 8: Bandhavgarh / Kanha Tiger Reserve**

After breakfast drive from BTR to KTR through various tribal villages of Central India. 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. Check in Mukki safari Lodge Kanha. (B,L,D)



### **Day 9 / Day 11: At Kanha.**

Attends morning and afternoon Excursion in the Park and between Our wildlife viewing trips into the park we will have an opportunity to visit local schools, take guided nature walks, watch the elephants bathing or if you prefer just relax around the lodge. (B, L, D daily).

**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 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 12: Kanha / Nagpur/ Mumbai**

Following breakfast we'll drive to Nagpur. Arriving in the noon, we will take box lunch and transfer to domestic airport to catch flight for Mumbai. Arrive at Mumbai, get transferred to Hotel. After dinner at hotel transfer to INT airport to catch our flight to Back Home. (B, L, D)

**Day 13: Back Home**

Meet our connecting international flight. (Meals Aloft)



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