

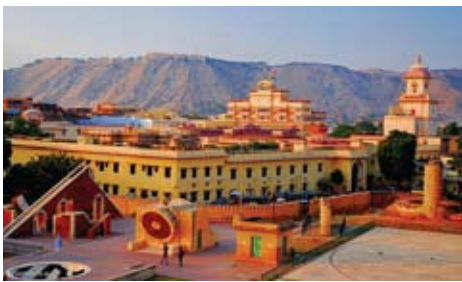


TIGER TRAILS OF INDIA

Tour Route: Mumbai (2) – Nagpur / Kanha (2) – Bandavgarh (2) – Khajuraho (1) – Agra (1) – Bharatpur (1) – Ranthambore (2) – Jaipur (2) - Delhi (1)

Tour Duration: 14 nights / 15 days Domestic Flight: Mumbai - Nagpur Train Journey: Jhansi – Agra

With its incredibly diverse climate, terrain and vegetation, India is home to a variety of flora and fauna. This tour takes you through the tiger trails of India from Mumbai to Delhi. Covering the popular wildlife parks of Kanha, Bandhavgarh and Ranthambore, you will also visit the famous bird sanctuary at Bharatpur. For a complete experience, we also provide you a peek to the wonder of the world, The Taj Mahal and Jaipur, the palatial capital city of Rajasthan.



Day 1: Mumbai (D)

Arrival to Mumbai, the most cosmopolitan city of India. Known as the country's commercial and celluloid capital, Mumbai is also famous as the 'city that never sleeps'. After clearing airport formalities, meet your local guide and transfer to your hotel for 2 nights stay.

Day 2: Day in Mumbai (B / L / D)

After breakfast, take a short ferry ride from Mumbai harbour to Elephanta Island, home to 7th century rock-cut temples. Spend the morning visiting the ancient Elephanta caves, which also feature delicately carved panels depicting the life of Lord Shiva. The highlight is the main central cave that houses the 'Maheshmurti' - a three-headed sculpture of Lord Shiva resplendent in all his 3 forms i.e. creator, preserver and destroyer of life.

This afternoon, enjoy a city tour of Mumbai visiting the Prince of Wales Museum, Gateway of India, Gandhi museum and the bustling Dhobi Ghats.

Day 3: Fly Mumbai to Nagpur; Drive Nagpur to Kanha (B / L / D)

Early this morning, catch your flight to Nagpur. Upon arrival at Nagpur airport, drive to Kanha National Park, set in 2000sqkm of jungles inhabiting tigers, leopards, wild boars, blackbucks, deer, jackals and a large variety of birds. Upon arrival, enjoy an evening at leisure.

Day 4: Day in Kanha (B / L / D)

Experience the wild jungles of Kanha with an early morning and afternoon jungle safari into the wildlife park. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 5: Kanha to Bandhavgarh (B / L / D)

After a leisurely breakfast, drive to the wilderness of Bandhavgarh. Drive through the heart of India, passing through rural towns and villages and observing local life amidst varied terrains. On arrival in Bandhavgarh, enjoy an evening at leisure.

Day 6: Day in Bandhavgarh (B / L / D)

Experience the wild jungles of Bandhavgarh with an early morning and afternoon jungle safari into the wildlife park. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 7: Bandhavgarh to Khajuraho (B / L / D)

After breakfast, drive to Khajuraho - the temple city of central India, famous for its exquisitely carved temples in stone.

This afternoon, visit the western group of temples, the most popular temples at Khajuraho. Khajuraho Temples were built by the Chandela kings between 950 AD and 1050 AD. Later, enjoy the famous cultural dance show of Khajuraho.

Day 8: Drive Khajuraho to Jhansi via Orchha; Train Jhansi to Agra (B / L / D)

This morning, drive to Orchha, a medieval town popular for its palaces and temples. Orchha's famous landmarks are Jahangir Mahal and Laxmi Narayan Temple. Enjoy an afternoon tour of Orchha. Later, drive to Jhansi to board your express train to Agra, land of the Taj Mahal. Upon arrival in Agra, transfer to your hotel for overnight stay.

Day 9: Agra to Bharatpur (B / L / D)

This morning, visit the white marble beauty and symbol of eternal love, the Taj Mahal. Taj Mahal displays the saga of love between Emperor Shah Jahan and his queen Mumtaz Mahal. Later, visit Agra fort, built in red sandstone with magnificent palaces and halls of public and private audience.

Agra is known for its splendid marble inlay work (like the Pietra Dura work on the Taj Mahal), leather goods and jewelry. This afternoon, visit marble inlay workshops to appreciate the art of bygone era. Later drive to the nearby town and the famous bird sanctuary of Bharatpur.

**Day 10: Bharatpur to Ranthambore (B / L / D)**

This morning, take a rikshaw ride into the Bharatpur bird sanctuary spotting a variety of native and migratory birds. Later, drive to Ranthambore, the famous wildlife sanctuary in the land of erstwhile Rajputana's. On arrival in Ranthambore, enjoy an evening at leisure.

Day 11: Day in Ranthambore (B / L / D)

Experience the wild jungles of Ranthambore with an early morning and afternoon jungle safari into the wildlife park. Wildlife in Ranthambore includes wild jackals, deer, monkeys and langurs, tigers and leopards and a large variety of birds. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 12: Ranthambore to Jaipur (B / L / D)

After breakfast, drive to Jaipur, one of the most well planned cities of India. This capital city of Rajasthan, popularly known as the 'Pink City', was founded by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, in 1727 A.D.

This afternoon, visit the City Palace and Jantar Mantar, the largest astronomical observatory built in stone. Also drive past Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds), a remarkable five storied building along the main street of the old city with semi-octagonal and delicate honey combed sandstone windows.

Day 13: Day in Jaipur (B / L / D)

After breakfast, visit Amber fort, a fine amalgamation of Hindu and Muslim architecture and ornamentation, built in the 16th century. To ascend up the fort, you may choose to walk, drive or take an elephant ride.

This afternoon, visit gem and carpet weaving factories, and shop for souvenirs. Jaipur is famous for its precious and semi-precious stoned jewels, enamelled ornaments, beautiful carpets and other artefacts and crafts.

Day 14: Jaipur to Delhi (B / L / D)

After breakfast, drive to New Delhi, the capital city of India. This afternoon, enjoy a tour of New Delhi visiting the famous Qutab Minar, the tallest brick tower in India, built in the 12th century. Drive past President's House and Parliament House and take a photo stop at the famous India Gate. Also visit Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, a white marble and gold sikh shrine still in active worship.

Day 15: Delhi to Australia (B / L / D)

Today take a morning sightseeing tour of Old Delhi. Walk through the bustling bazaars of Chandni Chowk (silver street) to arrive at Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India. Drive through the old walled city past the famous Red Fort. Then visit Raj Ghat, cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi.

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Delhi. This evening you will be transferred to the airport to catch your flight back home.

PRICE INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis at 4*/ heritage hotels or best available hotel in the region.
- All meals included (i.e. breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- All monument entrance fees included.
- Meeting and assistance on arrival and departures.
- Local English Speaking Guide for sightseeing tours. English speaking escort to accompany the group for minimum group size of 8 passengers.
- Chauffeured air-conditioned vehicles for all transfers, excursions and sightseeing tours.
- All currently applicable taxes.
- Train fare for sector Jhansi - Agra.
- Ferry ride to Elephanta caves in Mumbai.
- 02 Jungle Safari's in Kanha National Park.
- 02 Jungle Safari's in Bandhavgarh National Park.
- 02 Jungle Safari's in Ranthambore National Park.
- Elephant ride at Amber fort, Jaipur, subject to availability; else, jeep ride will be provided.
- Cultural Dance show at Khajuraho.
- Indian domestic airfares.

PRICE EXCLUSIONS

- Expenses of personal nature like laundry, telephone, fax, internet, beverages, camera / video camera fee at monuments, medical expenses, airport departure tax etc.
- Local payments in domestic currency, such as tips and gratuities.
- International air fare, fuel surcharges and airport departure tax.
- Indian Visa Fees and departure tax.
- Any other services not mentioned in Price Inclusions above.

DEPARTURES**Tiger Trails of India**

The special interest tour is quoted on minimum of 4 passengers or above (Land only).		
Traveling period	Twin share price	Singleroom supplement
01 Oct 2009 - 15 Apr 2010	A\$ 3,500	A\$ 1,680
16 Apr 2010 - 15 Sep 2010	A\$ 3,280	A\$ 1,430
01 Nov 2010 - 30 Apr 2011	A\$ 3,850	A\$ 1,840

Closure days of main monuments:

Red Fort, Delhi - Monday; Taj Mahal, Agra - Friday; Khajuraho Dance Show - 01May - 31July
Ranthambore National Park 01 July - 30 Sept.; Bandhavgarh National Park - 01 July - 30 Sept.
Kanha National Park - 01 July - 30 Sept.; Prince of Wales Museum, Mumbai Monday
Gandhi Museum, Mumbai - Monday

* The first arrival day to Mumbai should avoid Sunday, Monday and Thursday due to some closure days