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Travel Itinerary



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Tigers of Sunderbans and Kanha

Day 01

Arrive Delhi. Overnight hotel on B&B basis

Day 02

Take a direct flight to Jabalpur, later transfer to Kanha (3hrs drive) check in at The Krishna jungle resort. Evening game drive. World renowned for its population of tigers, Kanha National Park provides excellent opportunities for observing these magnificent animals in the wild on jeep drives and elephant back, while this lushly forested country is immediately familiar to readers of Rudyard Kipling, it has also recently been the site of extensive research on the ecology of tiger, deer, langur, Barasingha deer, guar and wild dogs. (Over night at the Resort)

Day 03, 04, 05 Kanha Morning & evening game drive

Morning and evening game drive in Kanha game reserve. Spend the day viewing game and spotting TIGERS inside the Jungle, located in the Mandla district of Madhya Pradesh, the Kanha National Park is a Tiger Reserve that extends over 1945 sq. km. of undulating country. Elevations range from 450 to 900 meters. A horseshoe shaped valley bounded by the spurs of the Mekal ridge gives Kanha an interesting topography. The Surpan River

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meanders through Kanha's central maidans – grasslands. It was here at Kanha that the eminent zoologist George Schaller undertook the first ever-scientific study of the tiger. The animals at Kanha are best observed from elephant back and the open country makes the chance of sightings reasonably good. Deer are seen along the maidans and gaur at Bamhindadr or in the Bishanpura Sondhar - Ghorella area of the Mukki range. This area is also ideal for spotting the dhole or wild dog. Langurs, wild boar, water fowl and birds are also commonly seen. (Over night at the resort)

Day 06

Drive to Nagpur. Connect direct flight to Kolkatta (16.25) reach Kolkatta at 17:25 transfer by a comfortable vehicle to the jetty at Sonakhali. The 2½ hour drive takes through the lush-green rural Bengal landscape, dotted with its picturesque villages and quaint markets. Our personal boat, awaits you here. You cruise down the rivers Hogol, Gomor, Durgaduani, Bidya and the Gumdi. As you sip tea or coffee, our resident naturalist explains the many mysteries of the Sunderbans. On this stretch alone you can see six different types of Kingfishers! A couple of pleasant hours later you arrive at the Sunderbans Jungle Camp on the Island of Bali. Here a sumptuous lunch awaits you and after a short rest in the well-appointed cottages we take you down to Sajnekhali, to see the Mangrove Interpretation Center and return via the Sudhyanakhali watchtower. You can either dine aboard the boat or at the resort. Meals: dinner and tea service

Day 07: Sunderbans National Park

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner and tea service

This day we take you on a full day cruise. We leave just after breakfast and head towards the canopied walk at Dobanki. We then proceed to the furthest point-Netidhopani, where you can see age-old excavations and view game from the watchtower. If you are lucky you can spot the famous swimming tigers of Sunderbans. We keep a sharp watch for basking Estuarine Crocodiles and the elusive Irrawady Dolphins. Lunch is on board and we return late in the evening after watching the spectacular sunset. In the evening the local village troupe enacts the opera based on the popular myth of the Goddess Bonobibi.

Day 08: Sunderbans National Park-Calcutta

Meals: breakfast, lunch and tea service

We take you on a tour of the island village of Bali, where you can watch local residents conducting their everyday chores- fishing, weaving and boat-making. A short cruise in country boats along the narrow canals completes the Sunderbans experience. After lunch we transfer you back to Kolkata to connect adirect flight to New Delhi. Overnight hotel.

Day 09 Transfer to Airport for your onward flight.

What the tour includes:

- Accommodation in Delhi Park Royal a Deluxe 5 star on B&B
- All internal flights as mentioned
- Kanha & Sunderbans on full board
- All road transfers by private air conditioned cars
- All internal taxes
- Airport pick up & drop

Weather

Cool - from middle of October to end of February.

Hot - from middle of March to middle of June.

Wet - from middle of June to middle of October.

The temperature ranges from a maximum of 42 ° C in May and June, to around 4° C in winter

Clothing

Neutral khakis, greys and green clothes are recommended.

Ensure you have plenty of warm clothing for the early morning and late evening game drives.

Accessories: Camera, binoculars, sunglasses, and hats.

Excluded in price: Camera and Video camera fees. Present charges (Nov 2003) per day are RS. 200 For a Video Camera and RS.25 for a still Camera.

Kanha Tiger Reserve

Welcome to Kipling Country, the setting for the famous Jungle Book. The Kanha National Park in the Mandla District of Madhya Pradesh, spreads over 1,945 sq. km of dense sal forests, interspersed with extensive meadows and trees and clumps of wild bamboo. This is where you can spot the tiger in all his magnificence or feast your eyes on the rare Barasingha Deer amidst extensive grasslands.

The park forms the core of the Kanha Tiger Reserve created in 1974, under Project Tiger. It is one of the most well-maintained National Parks in Asia, and a major attraction for avid wildlife buffs all over the world. Two major rivers, Halon and Banjar, flow through the park.

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- **Area : 1,945 sq. kms.**
- **Altitude : 450-872 metres.**
- **Temperature (deg C): Summer- Max 40.6, Min 23.9. Winter- Max 23.9, Min 1.1.**
- **Rainfall : 152 cms.**
- **Best Season : April to June and November to January**

Using your senses to find a Tiger

The key to successful tiger spotting lies in the jungle's reactions to the animal's movement. When the king of the forest is on the move, his kingdom is as responsive as the court of any of the great Mughal Emperors. Peacocks blare, Sambar bell, Spotted Deer call, Langurs explode in cough-like alarm, Jungle Fowl screech, Bison whistle shrilly and barking deer emit the impossibly raucous bark for which they are named. The continuous repetition of such calls as well as their combination from two or more species in the same small area of the forest is a very good sign that a Tiger is moving nearby.

Using your ears to listen to what other animals are saying is a good method of locating a Tiger.

Responsible Tourism

There seems to be a lot of hype and commotion in regards with features of wildlife tourism & conservation. Words such as tribal welfare, local upliftment usage of recycle products eco friendly dresses colours etc. all flashed by glamour struck organisations especially in recent times.

We started with a small team of Nature lovers who are dedicated, who were not necessarily qualified but were definitely born conservationist at heart and a born nature lover. These were the people instrumental in educating for the first time in the history of Kanha National park the locals in the field of catering, house keeping stewardship, the guides etc all of whom were fifth standard drop outs or not been to school at all. We taught the people cane weaving, earthen products such as ash trays & potteries all of which we used annually in our lodge. Thus increasing the uplifting the local economy.

The health scenario was deplorable at that time when there were no proper medical facilities, we gave talks, and we supplied medicines & told them about diseases such as malaria & so on. At this point of time the ousted tribal villages from within the core area nurtured great animosity against the Kanha Tiger reserve officials, they would not see eye to eye because the locals felt that more importance was being given to the wild animals than to them, so we intervened and created a healthy buffer based on which things improved to such an extent that the Park authorities held an unprecedented meeting with the lodge owners/managers and local villages regarding solving all problems amicably which to this day continues.

This feature or this event is a unique example & achievement for Kanha National Park as this has never happened in any other game reserve in India resulting in perhaps being the least poached national Park in India. We are highly concerned in educating every guest regarding the code of conduct at the lodge and as well as within the park.

One of the greatest & unique features of our buildings in our lodge is that we have not used any modern chemicals based colours for the exterior or interior white washing. The material used for exterior painting is made from the local yellow mud mixed with lime stone, which gives an ethnic look of the old India.

Again the only lodge where the entire open floor area is being smeared with cow dung paste mixed with husk which works as a binding material.

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