

Just Tigers!

Kanha and Bandhavgarh National Parks
04 nights & 05 days
Best season: Mid-October to June

Tour Dates: The tour may start on Wednesday and end on a Sunday as the park remains closed on every Wednesday. This tour will operate from Oct 16 to June 30.

ITINERARY

Day 01: Delhi / Mumbai to Kanha National Park
Day 02: Kanha National Park
Day 03: Kanha to Bandhavgarh National Park
Day 04: Bandhavgarh National Park
Day 05: Bandhavgarh National Park to Delhi / Mumbai

Highlights

- One of the most popular Tiger tours
- High success rate with Tiger sightings and other fauna such as Sambhar, Spotted & Swamp Deer, Gaur & Asiatic Jackal, Chousingha, Striped Hyena, Palm Squirrel & Indian Fox, Dhole and Leopard
- Great birding experience
- Unique accommodation with excellent hospitality
- Glimpses of the beautiful landscape, architecture and lifestyle of central India

Description

On this tour we travel through the heartland of wild India, through the state of Madhya Pradesh. This tour is ideal for those who want to spend their time being out in the Indian jungles tracking Tigers and viewing wildlife. It has a combination of Tiger safaris, bird walks and game drives with visits to villages around the Tiger reserve to get a glimpse of the life of people living next door to the Tigers.

The itinerary is linked to our conservation initiative. Guests get a chance to plant a forest tree of their choice as a part of our conservation effort.

An important part of the itinerary is learning interactions with wildlife experts and an interactive visit to the reforestation project to learn about Tiger habitat and issues related to conservation in wildlife areas.

We begin our journey to Kanha by taking a comfortable flight to Jabalpur followed by a scenic drive to Kanha National Park. It is one of the best places in the world in which to search for this majestic big cat. Our base for the three nights stay will be a very nice wildlife lodge.

Tiger Reserve is spread over 1,945 square kilometres and is one of the largest reserves in India. On a plateau in the Maikal range of hills, it has broad undulating grasslands with bamboo and Sal forest. Small pools, and a perennial lake, provide essential drinking holes for the animals. The reserve is famous for its Swamp Deer — for whose protection Kanha National Park was first established in 1955, but since the launch of ‘Project Tiger’s in the early 1970s, Kanha has been one of the Project’s key Tiger Reserves. Besides Tigers, we can also sight Sambar, Spotted and Swamp Deer, Gaur, Wild Boar, Common Langur, Asiatic Jackal, Leopard and Dhole.

Bandhavgarh is our next destination. Getting there will take us 4.5 hrs of driving through the Vindhyan hills, with lovely views of fields and villages of Madhya Pradesh. You get to see a glimpse of typical central Indian flora, vistas, architecture and way of living. It is a perfect start to the adventure ahead.

Our stay will be at Monsoon Forest, a unique eco-lodge with luxury air-conditioned tents and indigenous central Indian mud house styled architecture. With beautiful grasslands, views of the forest and the Bandhavgarh Fort in the distance, serenity will seep into you.

Be prepared to have a fabulous stay as they go out of their way to make your stay most memorable. Special romantic dinners, traditional massages and yoga sessions are also an option at this resort.

Bandhavgarh is uniquely famous as a forest offering nearly 100 percent tiger sightings. The density of the tiger population at Bandhavgarh is one of the highest known in India. Along with the majestic tigers, one can hope to see more than 22 species of mammals and 250 species of birds.

In the park, you can taste the real adventure of a jungle safari. The excitement begins to build up as we take you to the core of the forest and you begin to hear and spot the animal and birds. You can also choose to explore birdlife in the forests, fort or adjoining areas like the Bhadrashilla Lake, Gadhपुरi Dam and Bhambhera Dam which are ideal for birding. A trip to the ancient temple ruins at the 2000-year-old Bandhavgarh fort is also a great option. You can either explore it in a jeep or follow the steep trekking path on foot with our trained local guides. Along with thrilling safaris, for those interested, we can also arrange a village visit or cultural performance of local tribal dance. Also recommended is a visit to the Baghel Museum which houses precious belongings including a stuffed white tiger of the Maharaja of Rewa who maintained Bandhavgarh as his game reserve.

In Bandhavgarh, along with the Tiger, you can see the Leopard, Spotted Deer, Sambhar, Barking Deer, Blue Bull, Indian Gazelle, Hyena, Jackal, Wild boar, Sloth Bear, Common Langurs, Rhesus Monkey etc.

The vegetation along streams and marshes is rich in bird life. The common species of birds seen here are Egrets, The Blue Bearded Bee-Eater, Darter, the Yellow and Red-Wattled Lapwings, Egyptian Vulture, Kingfishers and Indian Rollers.

Reptilian fauna include Cobra, Krait, Viper, Rat Snake, Python, Turtle and a number of Lizard varieties.

After fantastic sightings over the three nights at Bandhavgarh, we take the flight back to Delhi or Mumbai where our tour ends.

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Day 01: Delhi-Kanha National Park

Meals: Lunch & Dinner

You will be picked up from your hotel at 0430 hours for the morning flight to Jabalpur at 0630 hours. Arrive at 0830 hours. Or you may opt for an overnight train journey to Delhi or the next destination. Ask us for details.

Drive to Kanha NP from Jabalpur (4 hours). Afternoon drive in the jungle to enjoy the biodiversity of the park, track tigers and see the unique fauna such as Indian Bison and hard-ground Swamp Deer. Overnight stay in a wildlife lodge.

Day 02: Kanha National Park

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Another exciting day in Kanha to look for tigers. Morning and afternoon drives in the jungle in 4WDs. Overnight stay.

Day 03: Kanha-Bandhavgarh National Park

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch on own, Dinner in Monsoon Forest

Morning drive in the jungle. You will be transferred to Monsoon Forest (4½ hours) in Bandhavgarh. Overnight in Monsoon Forest. www.monsoonforest.in

Day 04: Bandhavgarh National Park

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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Morning and afternoon visits to the park for nature watch and tiger tracking in 4WDs. Overnight in Monsoon Forest.

Day 05: Bandhavgarh National Park-Delhi

Meals: Breakfast

You will be transferred to the airport at 0430 hours for the morning flight at 0930 to Delhi. Arrive by noon.

You may opt for an overnight train journey to Delhi or the next destination. Ask us for details.

Tour ends.

Note:

1. This itinerary may be reversed if any park is closed due to Tiger Census. This will not impact the quality of the tour and experience thereof.
2. Holi – the festival of colours takes place in March, on that very day the national parks remain closed. Since it is based on lunar calendar we will be able to tell you the date only by January.

Note: the price difference between Indian and Foreign nationals is due to the difference in park entry fee as per the government rule.

Services included: -Accommodation on twin sharing basis -Meals as per the itinerary -Jungle visits in the park in 4WDs with park guides as per the itinerary -All surface transfers by a private air-conditioned vehicle

Services not included: -Optional tours/excursions, personal & incidental expenses. -Tips, laundry, phone calls, alcohol, camera fee etc. -International and domestic air fare.

-Rail fare.

-Visa, insurance.

-Elephant rides in the park.

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