



Mahatma Gandhi – (1869 – 1948)

One of the pivotal figures, if not the main figure who shaped India's history up to independence in 1947

“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.”

WILDLIFE INDIA TOUR

13 Nights – 14 Days

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Explore wild jungles and forests and feel **Excitement** of seeing a majestic tiger on the prowl.

Awesome elephants and rhinos trample through tall grass.

Amazing animals, wild creatures with nature tracts inhabited by rare birds.

Face to face with a sloth bear or a wild hyena.

Feel the thrill of photographing a wild on an Indian safari, in the land of natural beauty, wonder and unforgettable adventure.

Itinerary:

Day 01 : MUMBAI

Garlands welcome you on arrival. Transfer to hotel. Mumbai, technological commercial hub with an imposing skyline.

Day 02 : MUMBAI

A morning visit to Elephanta Island with its famous caves, takes you on a spiritual journey of cave temples. Afternoon sightseeing monuments and sites:

- Gateway of India: overlooking the harbour, built to commemorate visit of King George V and Queen Mary to India in 1911.
- Prince of Wales Museum: King George V, who, Prince of Wales laid the foundation stone in 1905.
- Hanging Gardens: Laid out in 1881 on top of a reservoir on Malabar Hill.
- Victoria Terminus Building: Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus is an outstanding example of Victorian gothic revival architecture.

Day 03 : MUMBAI - NAGPUR

Transfer to airport for flight to Nagpur. Drive to Kanha. Check in to hotel.

Day 04: KANHA

Jeep Safari - Kanha, is featured in Rudyard Kipling' s"The Jungle Book". Located in Mandla district, Kanha National Park, tiger reserve that extends over an area of over 940 square km.

Horseshoe shaped valley with steep rocky escarpments along the edges, offers breathtaking views of the valley. Government started "Project Tiger" at Kanha and in 1974 declared a Tiger reserve. Park is also habitat of high ground Barasingha..



Day 05 : KANHA – BANDHAVGARH

Morning Jeep Safari. Afternoon drive to Bandhagarh with check-in on arrival. Bandhavgarh remained private property of the Maharaja of Rewa until he gave it to the state for the formation of the national Park in 1968. After the Park was created poaching was brought under control and the number of animals rose dramatically

Day 06 : BANDHAVGARH

Jeep Safari. Bandavgarh, center of human activity and settlement for over 2000 years, with references to it in the ancient books, the Narad-Panch Ratra and the Shiva Purana. Legend has it that Lord Rama, hero of the Hindu epic, the Ramayana, stopped at Bandavgarh on his way back to his homeland after defeating the demon King Ravana of Lanka. Two monkey architects, who had engineered a bridge between the isle of

Lanka and the mainland, are said to have built Bandavgarh's Fort. Later Rama handed it over to his brother Lakshmana who became known as Bandavdhish "The Lord of the Fort". Lakshmana is the particular God of the fort and is regularly worshipped in a temple there.

Day 07 : BANDHAVGARH – UMARIA

Morning Jeep Safari. Afternoon drive to Umaria. Transfer to Railway Station and connect with Utkal Express to Agra. Overnight on Train.



Day 08 : UMARIA - AGRA

Arrival at Agra Railway Station and transfer to hotel. Afternoon tour to Taj Mahal Visiting Monuments and Places:

- **Taj Mahal** - [built by Shah Jehan for his queen Mumtaz Mahal], perhaps most perfect architectural monument in the World. Construction of Taj Mahal believed to have taken 22 Years to complete with over 20,000 craftsmen working round the clock. Enjoy TONGA RIDE and from Taj Mahal Gate to Taj Car Parking.
- Agra Fort - ramble around somewhat unkempt high walls. wide moat, up and down staircases and through palace rooms. From fine Musamman Burj (octagonal Tower) there is a wonderful view. Also visit a Marble Factory to see the intricate work of Gems, precious stones in Marble.

Day 09 : AGRA – BHARATPUR – SAWAIMADHOPUR

Morning drive to Bharatpur. Visit Bird Sanctuary. Bharatpur, capital of Maharaja Suraj Mal. After breakfast visit world famous bird sanctuary, Keoladeo Ghana National Park, the nestling place for thousands of Egrets, Siberian Cranes, migratory Water Fowl, and other species of birds.

Afternoon transfer to Railway Station to connect train 2060 Kotajanshbditi Express. Transfer to hotel.

Day 10 : RANTHAMBORE

Jeep Safari at Ranthambore National park. SAWAI MADHOPUR, known as "Gateway to the Tigers' Den". The Ranthambore national park [393 sq. kms] comprises of dry deciduous forests sprawling over an undulating terrain of the aravali and vindhyan ranges. The park is one of the finest tiger reserves in the country under the project tiger.

Day 11 : RANTHAMBORE - JAIPUR

Morning Jeep Safari at Ranthambore National park. Drive to Jaipur with check-in on arrival in Jaipur. City blushing pink is the picturesque capital of Rajasthan, more famous as the 'Pink City'. It was colour washed pink when Prince Albert, the consort of Queen Victoria of England visited India in 1883 A.D. Founded in 1727 A.D. by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, Jaipur is the first planned city designed in accordance with 'Shilpa Shashtra' – the epochal treatise of Hindu architecture Rest of the day free at leisure.

Day 12 : JAIPUR

Morning tour Amber Fort, marvellous example of Rajput architecture with terraces and ramparts reflected in Maota Lake below. Afternoon sightseeing PINK CITY to visit monuments and sites:

- City Palace Museum : imposing blend of traditional Rajasthan and Mughal art. An accurate Observatory - built in 1726 AD, This is largest and best preserved of the five observatories built by Jai Singh II in different parts of the country.
- Hawa Mahal : five storied wonder with spectacular pyramid façade, overhanging windows with latticed screen, domes and spires.



Day 13 : JAIPUR – DELHI

Afternoon drive to Agra with check-in on arrival. New Delhi, India's capital and major gateway to the country, a bustling metropolis which successfully combines ancient and the modern. Afternoon tour New Delhi visits monuments and sites.

- Qutab Minar : Tower of victory, started in 1193. Nearly 73 mtr high, tapers from a 15 meter diameter base to just 2.5 mtr at the top,
- India Gate : 42 mtr high stone arch of triumph stands at eastern end of Rajpath and bears names of 85,000 Indian Army soldiers who died in campaigns of WWI and Afghan fiasco in 1919.

Day 14 : DELHI – Home

Transfer to INDIRA GANDHI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT to connect flight for next destination



Price includes:

- Accommodation 13 nights (sharing) on HB except in Kanha, Bandhavgarh and Ranthambhore (FB).
- All transfers and sightseeings as per the programme by above mentioned transport.
- Entrances at the monuments in each city as per the programme.
- Services of English speaking local guide for sightseeing tours.
- Overnight train journey Ummaria (Bandhavgarh) to Agra by Utkal Express.
- Train fare Bharatpur to Sawai Madhopur (Ranthambhore) by Kota Jan Shatabdi Express.
- Entrances in park and services of Naturalists in Kanha, Bandhavgarh and Ranthambhore.
- Jungle safaris in jeep or canter in Kanha, Bandhavgarh and Ranthambhore.
- Tonga ride from parking to entrance of Taj Mahal, Agra.
- Entrance and rickshaw ride in Bharatpur bird sanctuary.
- Elephant ride (subject to operation) failing jeet ride at amber fort – jaipur.
- Assistance arrival/departure at airport and hotels.
- Government service tax.

Price excludes:

- Any tips to driver and guide.
- Any insurance coverage.
- Personal expenses, laundry, table drinks.
- Anything not included in the above cost.
- International Airfares

Price from USD \$1900 per person sharing •
Single supplement: US\$ 870

Airfare: Mumbai - Nagpur - USD\$ 250 per person, subject to change and availability.