



Sambar Deer



National Bird of India



India... In Search of the Elusive Tiger With The Festival of Colors Philadelphia Zoo

In Cooperation With The Toledo Zoo

March 05 – 19, 2014

Optional Post Tour Extension to Nepal

March 18-22, 2014

TOUR PRICE

\$3,695 Per person sharing

Nepal Extension

\$1,550 Per person sharing

Does not include international air

Air fare included

All air within India is included. Worldview Tours is happy to assist you with your international air arrangements. Call them at 1-800-373-0388 for more details.

YOUR TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- Hotel accommodations are using double occupancy, first class and deluxe hotels
- Meals as indicated B = Breakfast daily, L = Lunch, D = Dinner
- Private transfers & sightseeing as mentioned in the itinerary
- English speaking guides with admission to all attractions as stated in the itinerary.
- Game drives into the Parks as per itinerary by park vehicle with an English speaking naturalist.
- Services of an India expert tour manager.
- Assistance upon arrival and departure
- Baggage handling during arrival and departure check in and check out
- Tipping and gratuities.
- First Class train ticket.

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

International airfare, passport and visa fee, insurance, any meals and transportation that is not part of the itinerary, foreign airport taxes, excess baggage charges, gratuities for activities on your own, beverages, laundry, phone calls, faxes, and any other such items of personal nature. Not included are tips/gratuities to your India tour manager.

ITINERARY:

MAR. 05, WED., DEPART FOR NEW DELHI, INDIA.

MAR. 06, THU., ARRIVE DELHI. Delhi is the capital of India and its history dates back 3000 years. Eight successive cities were built by various rulers in and around present day Delhi. Few capitals in the world have as many monuments of which Delhi is justly proud. **METROPOLITAN HOTEL & SPA** (www.hotelmetdelhi.com/spa)

MAR. 07, FRI., DELHI. We tour New Delhi - visiting the Humayun's Tomb, known as the first example of the Mughal imperial architecture. Visit 800 year old Qutab Minar, a 234ft high sandstone tower. Drive past the President's house along the majestic Rajpath and visit the Temple of the Sikhs. Explore Old Delhi this morning starting with the Red Fort, the palace for the Mughal Emperor, Shah Jahan. Enjoy a trishaw ride through Chandni Chowk (the old shopping street) and view Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India. Visit Raj Ghat, a memorial to the great Mahatma Gandhi. **(B, Welcome Dinner)**

MAR. 08, SAT., DELHI-JABALPUR-KANHA.

Jabalpur – Kanha: 106MILES/03 Hrs

Today fly to Jabalpur and drive to Kanha National Park. Kanha is one of India's largest and most remote national parks. Covering 751 sq miles of forest and lightly wooded grasslands and offering an abundance of rivers and streams, the park supports an excellent variety of wildlife including leopards, chital, sambar and, most famously, the tiger. It's possible to make elephant-back excursions into the park in the early morning and evening. Afternoon game drive into the Park by park vehicle. **(B, L, D) TULI TIGER RESORT** (www.tulihotels.com/tuli-tiger-resort-kanha.html)

MAR. 09, SUN., KANHA. Morning and afternoon game drives into the Park by park vehicle. **(B, L, D)**

MAR. 10, MON., KANHA-BANDHAVGARH.

Kanha - Bandhavgarh: 153 MILES/ 04 Hrs

Morning drive to Bandhavgarh National Park. Set among the Vindhya Hills of Madhya Pradesh with an area of 168 square miles, this national park contains a wide variety of habitats and high density of game, including a large number of tigers. In

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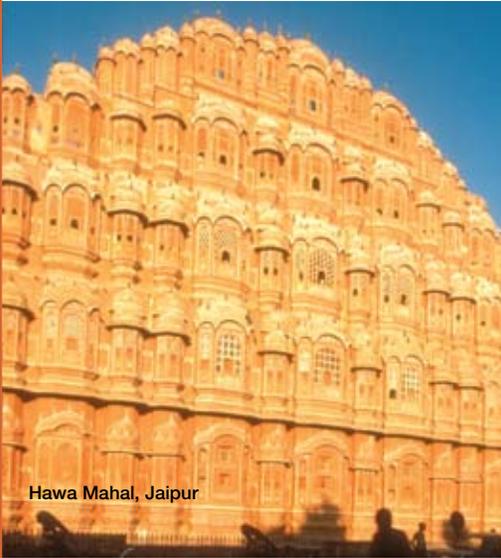
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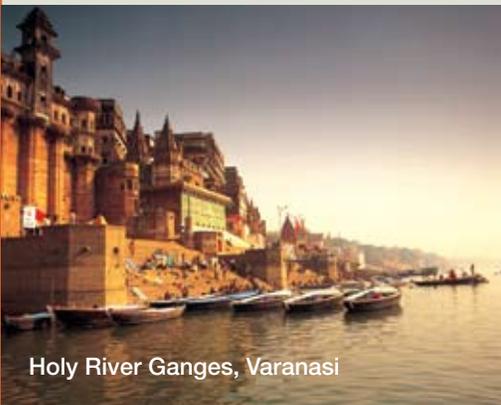
Bandhavgarh National Park



Hawa Mahal, Jaipur



Elephant Ride at Amber Fort, Jaipur



Holy River Ganges, Varanasi



Holi Celebration

addition to tigers, also seen are chousingha (small four horned antelope), chinkara (Indian gazelle), nilgai (blue bull antelope), wild boar, jackal, muntjak (barking deer), sambar deer, chital (spotted deer), jungle cat, striped hyena, porcupine, ratel, rhesus macaque, black-faced langur monkey and more. Afternoon game drive into the Park by park vehicle.

(B, L, D) TIGER'S DEN RESORT
(www.tigerdenbandhavgarh.com)

MAR. 11, TUE., BANDHAVGARH. Morning and afternoon game drives into the Park by park vehicle. **(B, L, D)**

MAR. 12, WED., BANDHAVGARH-REWA-VARANASI.

Bandhavgarh – Varanasi: 210MILES /06 Hrs
This morning we drive to Varanasi (with a stop on the way at Rewa for lunch) – one of the oldest and most fascinating cities in India. With its array of shrines, temples, and palaces rising in several tiers from the water's edge, Varanasi is the holiest city for Hindus. Witness prayer ceremonies on a sunset cruise along the Ganges River. **(B, L, D) RADISSON**

MAR. 13, THU., VARANASI-DELHI-JAIPUR.
Enjoy an early morning boat ride on the Ganges River to see Hindu rituals and take a tour of Varanasi city. Later visit Sarnath, the site where Lord Buddha preached his first sermon. Fly to Delhi this afternoon with connecting flight to Jaipur. **(B, D) ITC RAJPUTANA**
(www.itchotels.in/hotels/itcrajputana.aspx)

MAR. 14, FRI., JAIPUR-Ranthambore.
Jaipur – Ranthambore: 96 MILES/03 Hrs
The rose-pink capital of Rajasthan, Jaipur is surrounded on all sides by rugged hills. This morning, visit the Amber Palace atop an elephant. Tour the City Palace and Jantar Mantar, an 18th century astronomical observatory. Also, see the ornate and elaborate Hawa Mahal, the Palace of Winds. Explore the bazaars in the old walled city. Later drive to Ranthambore National Park in search of the elusive tiger. Ranthambore encompasses nearly 152 square miles of dry deciduous forest in south-eastern Rajasthan and, in the heart of this forest, the Aravali and Vindhya ranges meet. Sighting a tiger can never be guaranteed, but here one comes as close to it as is possible. Afternoon game drive into the Park by park vehicle. This evening enjoy an informal discussion on the 'Royal Bengal Tiger' with an expert naturalist.

(B, L, D) VIVANTA BY TAJ LODGE
(www.vivantabytaj.com/Sawai-Madhopur-Ranthambore/Overview.html)

MAR. 15, SAT., Ranthambore. Morning and afternoon game drives into the Park by park vehicle. **(B, L, D)**

MAR. 16, SUN., Ranthambore-BHARATPUR-AGRA.

Morning transfer to the rail station for your train ride to Bharatpur. On arrival we will visit The Keoladeo Ghana National Park or more popularly known as Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary on a 'Rickshaw' (pedicab). Bharatpur hosts a variety of bird species from across the globe. Some 377 species of birds

have been spotted in the 11 sq mile sanctuary, making it one of the most inviting destinations in the world for ornithologists, amateur birdwatchers, and nature lovers. En route visit Fatehpur Sikri, the once fabled Mughal capital. Later visit the Wildlife SOS Research & Conservation Center. Wildlife SOS was established in 1995 by a small group of individuals inspired to start a movement and make lasting change to protect and conserve India's natural heritage, forests and wildlife wealth. Today, the organization has evolved to actively work towards protecting the Indian wildlife, conserving habitat, studying biodiversity, conducting research and creating alternative and sustainable livelihoods for erstwhile poacher communities. Later we will drive to Agra. The earliest reference to Agra is in the epic 'The Mahabharata'. Ptolemy, Alexander the Great's geographer, also called it Agra. It was, however, in the medieval period that Agra earned prominence as a capital city under the Mughals. **(B, L) RADISSON BLU** (www.radissonblu.com/hotel-agra)

MAR. 17, MON., AGRA.
Today is 'Holi' the Festival of Colors. The whole country goes wild in celebration. People throng the streets, smearing each other with bright colored powder or squirting colored water on all within reach. You are invited to witness the festivities with a local Indian family. This afternoon, experience the wonder and beauty of the iconic Taj Mahal. We also visit Agra Fort and learn about the arts of this region with visit to a marble workshop and visit "private collections" of gems/jewelry and embroidery/tapestries. **(B, D)**

MAR. 18, TUE., AGRA-DELHI-HOMEBOUND.
Agra – Delhi: 125MILES/3.5 Hrs
This morning we drive to Delhi. Upon arrival in Delhi, day rooms will be available. Evening transfer to the International airport for your homebound flight. **(B) THE UPPAL** (<http://www.uppalhotels.com/>)

MAR. 19, WED., HOME. Arrive USA later this afternoon.

POST TOUR EXTENSION TO CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

MAR. 18, TUE., AGRA-DELHI-KATHMANDU. Fly to Kathmandu, Nepal. **(B) RADISSON**

MAR. 19, WED., KATHMANDU-BHARATPUR-CHITWAN. Fly to Bharatpur and drive to The Royal Chitwan National Park. Transfer to your hotel. This afternoon we will be taken for a jungle safari on elephant back. **(B, L, D) Temple Tiger Green Village Resort.**

MAR. 20, THU., CHITWAN. Morning jungle safari on elephant back. Afternoon, drive through the jungles in Land Rovers followed by a boat ride down the Narayani River. **(B, L, D) Temple Tiger Green Village Resort.**

MAR. 21, THU., CHITWAN-KATHMANDU-DELHI-HOMEBOUND. Morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Kathmandu. Upon arrival, remain in transit to connect with your homebound flight via Delhi. **(B)**