

TIGER SAFARI IN CENTRAL INDIAN HIGHLANDS

(Delhi / Bandhavgarh / Kanha / Pench / Delhi)

9 nights / 10 days



TOUR OVERVIEW:

Join us in Central India, a land of diverse culture, geography, flora and fauna, and home to some of the world's rarest species of animals and birds. Our tour takes us through three of India's best tiger parks and offers amazing opportunities to view Indian wildlife up-close, in its natural habitat. The tour starts in Delhi, the capital city, before flying to central India to visit the jungles that were the setting of Rudyard Kipling's "Jungle Book".

Our first stop is **Bandhavgarh**, situated in the Vindhya Mountains, with woodlands, rocky hills and grassland valleys. Set around an historic site with carvings, temples and an ancient fort, this park has plenty to see, including the highest concentration of vehicle-friendly tigers in a tourist zone.

We continue on to **Kanha National Park**, most famous for being Rudyard Kipling's inspiration to write 'The Jungle Book'. Its topography includes lush sal and bamboo forests and open grassy meadows. The Park's landmark achievement is the preservation of the rare hard ground Swamp Deer or the Barasingha, and hence saving it from near extinction.

Our last stop is **Pench National Park**, located in the Seoni and Chhindwara districts of Madhya Pradesh. The forests of Pench are the original Kipling Land. The forest of Seoni was the setting of Rudyard Kipling's Jungle

Book. It has been included under the umbrella of Project Tiger as the 19th Project Tiger Reserve. Besides tigers, this park has the highest density of herbivores in India

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit three premier tiger parks in central India – Bandhavgarh, Kanha & Pench.
- Track tiger in its natural habitat by 4WD vehicles
- Game drives by exclusive vehicle with experienced English speaking naturalist drivers
- Long distance transportation in comfortable Vehicles
- Stay in eco-friendly award-winning lodges

QUICK REFERENCE ITINERARY

Days	Date	Sectors
01	18 April'24, Thurs	Arrive Delhi
02	19 April'24, Fri	Delhi / Jabalpur / Bandhavgarh
03	20 April'24, Sat	Bandhavgarh
04	21 April'24, Sun	Bandhavgarh / Kanha
05	22 April'24, Mon	Kanha
06	23 April'24, Tue	Kanha
07	24 April'24, Wed	Kanha / Pench
08	25 April'24, Thurs	Pench
09	26 April'24, Fri	Pench
10	27 April'24, Sat	Pench / Nagpur / Delhi / Departure





DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 – 18 April'23, Thurs

Arrive Delhi

On arrival at the Delhi airport, proceed for immigration clearance after disembarking. Thereafter collect baggage from the baggage carousel and walk to the arrivals lounge after clearing customs. You will be greeted by our company representative, with a placard bearing your name on it.

You will then be transferred to your hotel close to the airport.
(Check in time at the hotel is 1400 hrs / Check out time is 12 noon)

[Novotel Hotel](#) – Standard Room

Day 2 – 19 April'23, Fri

Delhi / Jabalpur / Bandhavgarh

Early morning transfer to the airport to board flight to Jabalpur

Delhi / Jabalpur - Spice Jet - SG 2954 - 7:15 / 09:05 hrs

(Reporting time at the airport for domestic flight is at least 1.5 hours prior to flight departure time)

Meeting and assistance on arrival at Jabalpur airport and drive to Bandhavgarh National Park (190 Kms, 4 – 4.5 hours)

Arrive at Bandhavgarh and check into your lodge.



After lunch leave for afternoon game drive by open top 4WD exclusive vehicle accompanied by English speaking lodge naturalist.

[Tree House Hideaway](#) – Tree House (B, L, D)

Day 3 - 20 April'23, Sat Bandhavgarh

Early morning assemble for tea / coffee and then set off for a game drive by open top 4WD exclusive vehicle accompanied by English speaking lodge naturalist.

After lunch leave for afternoon game drive by open top 4WD exclusive vehicle accompanied by English speaking lodge naturalist who sometimes is also the driver besides the local park guide.

Treehouse Hideaway (B, L, D)

Day 4 - 21 April'23, Sun Bandhavgarh / Kanha (250 kms, 6 hours)

Early morning assemble for tea / coffee and then set off for a game drive by open top 4WD exclusive vehicle accompanied by English speaking lodge naturalist.

After lunch, check out and drive to Kanha National Park.

Arrive at Kanha and check into your lodge.

[Kanha Earth Lodge](#) – Bungalow (B, L, D)

Day 5 – 22 April'24, Mon

Kanha

Early morning assemble for tea / coffee and then set off for a game drive by open top 4WD exclusive vehicle accompanied by English speaking lodge naturalist.

After lunch leave for afternoon game drive by open top 4WD exclusive vehicle accompanied by English speaking lodge naturalist who sometimes is also the driver besides the local park guide.



Kanha Earth Lodge (B, L, D)

Day 6 – 23 April'24, Tue

Kanha

Morning and afternoon game drive by open top 4WD exclusive vehicle accompanied by English speaking lodge naturalist who sometimes is also the driver besides the local park guide.

Kanha Earth Lodge (B, L, D)

Day 7 – 24 April'24, Wed

Kanha / Pench (170 kms, 4 hours)

Early morning assemble for tea / coffee and then set off for a game drive by open top 4WD exclusive vehicle accompanied by English speaking lodge naturalist.

After lunch drive to Pench

We can stop en route at the weekly tribal market, but we will have to start from the lodge around 3:30 pm. The market comes alive only around 4 – 4:30 pm.

Continue your drive to Pench and on arrival check into your lodge.

Pench Tree Lodge – Tree House (B, L, D)

Day 8 – 25 April’24, Thurs Pench

Early morning assemble for tea / coffee and then set off for a game drive by open top 4WD exclusive vehicle accompanied by English speaking lodge naturalist.

After lunch leave for afternoon game drive by open top 4WD exclusive vehicle accompanied by English speaking lodge naturalist who sometimes is also the driver besides the local park guide.

Pench Tree Lodge (B, L, D)

Day 9 – 26 April’24, Fri Pench

Morning and afternoon game drive by open top 4WD exclusive vehicle accompanied by English speaking lodge naturalist who sometimes is also the driver besides the local park guide.

Pench Tree Lodge (B, L, D)

Day 10 - 27 April’24, Sat Pench / Nagpur / Delhi / Departure

Early morning assemble for tea / coffee and then set off for a game drive by open top 4WD exclusive vehicle accompanied by English speaking lodge naturalist.

After an early lunch, afternoon drive to Nagpur airport (140 Kms, 3.5 hours) to board flight for Delhi.

Nagpur / Delhi – Indigo Air – 6E 6602 – 17:10 hrs / 19:00 hrs
(Reporting time for domestic flight is at least 1.5 hours prior to flight departure time)

Arrive at the domestic airport in Delhi and transfer to the international airport terminal in time to connect onward flight. **(B, L)**

(Reporting time for international flight is at least 3 hours prior to flight departure time)

End of trip

(Code: B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner)

Inclusive of:	Non-inclusive of:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Accommodation in single / double / twin room in above mentioned hotels / jungle lodgesBreakfast at the hotel in DelhiAll meals at the lodges in Bandhavgarh, Kanha & PenchArrival & Departure transfers in private air-conditioned chauffeur driven vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Indian Visa (e-visa)International AirfaresLunches or dinner in DelhiTravel & Health insurance (highly recommended)Other meals where not mentioned in the programAny drinks/water at any place.All international /domestic airport taxes

- Game drives in 4WD exclusive vehicles in Bandhavgrah, Kanha & Pench National Parks as mentioned in the itinerary – 3 vehicles for 6 paying pax
- Economy Class domestic airfares for Delhi / Jabalpur and Nagpur / Delhi sectors with 15 kgs check in and 7 kgs hand baggage allowance per person per sector.
- Bottled drinking water in the vehicle during transfers and on road journeys
- All presently applicable taxes All presently applicable taxes

- Overweight luggage
- Personal expenses – mineral water, telephone calls, laundry, etc.
- Tips & gratuities
- Camera Fees (*where applicable*)

FACTS:

Jungle Excursions: By 4 wheel drive vehicles accompanied by local naturalist

Park Timings: Sunrise to 1000 am and 3 Pm to Sunset. Open from November to June. Viewing is good throughout the year. May and June are very hot.

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS TO PRE BOOK GAME DRIVES IN NATIONAL PARK

Limited numbers of visitors are allowed inside the National Parks. Booking is done on first cum first serve basis. Therefore, we would request you to please send us the following information at the earliest in order to enable us to book game drives or a scanned copy of the relevant pages of the passports.

1. Salutation (Mr/Mrs/Miss)
2. Passport Number
3. First Name as per Passport
4. Date of Issue of Passport
5. Last Name as per Passport
6. Date of Expiry of Passport
7. Nationality
8. Place of Issue of Passport
9. Date of Birth

WEATHER

Mostly hot, dry and sunny. Early morning and evening game drives in open-topped vehicles can be cold (Nov to Mar). In mid-March and April temperatures during the day will be in the upper thirties centigrade but Tiger sightings at this time of year are excellent. This is because the vegetation dies away and the Tigers are drawn to the more limited water supply. By May, daytime temperatures can reach 45°C. If we can cope with this the sightings at this time of year are generally excellent and the park has very few tourists.

EQUIPMENT & CLOTHING

Casual clothing is the order of the day. Hard wearing, easy to wash travel clothes are ideal. We may wish to pack one set of slightly smarter clothes to wear at the hotels. Laundry service will be available at all the places we stay. Early morning can be cold (November to March) until the sun is up especially on game drives, in open top vehicles and in the jungle. A light windproof or fleece jacket, warm hat, gloves and scarf are recommended. During the day we will need a wide brimmed sun hat and sunglasses. Lightweight, comfortable walking shoes are advised for throughout the holiday and for sightseeing.

Special note for Wilderness: No bright colors in the field please, including brightly colored clothes, hats, gloves, etc. Although the birds and other wildlife are relatively approachable, muted colors are essential to improve our chances. We should bring a pair of binoculars in good repair. If we are keen birders we may want to bring a spotting scope. We should bring all the camera equipment, spare batteries and film that you will need. For digital camera users bring sufficient memory cards and storage. If we are using rechargeable batteries you will need to bring our charger and a travel adapter (round two pin). Plastic bags, cotton bags or pillowcases are useful to protect our camera equipment from dust and sand. A small daypack/camera bag is essential for carrying excess clothing, camera equipment and a water bottle.

1. **Client Names – Exactly as per Passport.** For security reasons, airlines and the majority of our service providers require your name exactly as it appears in your passport. It is your responsibility to advise these details. If you or your Travel Agent do not advise the correct information and we have to re-issue airline tickets or other documentation, then we will bill you for all costs incurred, such as airline cancellation charges and courier fees, in addition to our own administration fee.

2. **Travel Insurance / Trip cancellation Insurance**

When paying your deposit, we would strongly suggest you take out insurance at the time against unforeseen cancellation, medical evacuation and luggage loss. Equally important is the need to check that your health and life insurance will cover you throughout your tour. The health insurance policy will need to cover you in the unlikely event of you requiring emergency evacuation or repatriation. At present we do not sell travel insurance, so this must be obtained in your country of origin.

3. **Cancellations and Refunds**

If it is necessary to cancel your holiday, you should notify us immediately in writing and this will take effect the day it is received by us. All monies will be forfeited as follows:

Number of days before departure:

More than 60 days – \$500

59 - 30 days - USD 750*

29 - 15 days – USD 1000*

14 days or less - No refund

*In addition to these charges, some principal(s) “Resort hotels, Jungle Lodges, National Park Entry Permits, Airlines, Trains, House boats & cruise operators” apply individual cancellation charges. Any further charges applied by the principal(s) maybe applicable to your booking.

4. **Land Tour Costs**

Tour costs are based on ground costs, airfares and latest exchange rates and the company cannot be held responsible for any changes which may occur. No surcharge will be made in respect of currency fluctuations once full payment has been received by the company. **However, we reserve the right to amend your tour costs up to the date of departure should there be extreme increase in hotel and transport taxes, fuel cost, game entrance park fees, government charges/taxes or other costs.**

5. **Visa Requirements**

Nearly all foreign visitors to India will need a tourist visa. Travelers must apply for a tourist visa online or in person at the Indian Embassy or Consulate in their jurisdiction. If the traveler cannot go in person, in some countries, this can include representatives from third party visa service companies.

Government of India Services of e-Visa involves completely <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/> for which no facilitation is required by any intermediary / agents etc. Typically, it takes about 5-7 business days to process the online visa. E-visa applications should usually be submitted at least 60 days prior to departure to avoid rejection or application data error etc.

6. **Complaints**

Should a problem occur, please advise in question immediately as most problems are resolved most easily on the spot. Should you remain dissatisfied, please write to us setting out the complaint in detail within 28 days of the end of our services under the contract. We cannot accept responsibility for any complaints which are not notified entirely in accordance with this clause.

7. Liability

ISLAND ECOVENTURES. LTD., while undertaking tours, transportation, hotel accommodations and other services only acts as an agent on the clear understanding that it shall not be, in any way responsible or liable for any accident, damage loss, delay or inconvenience caused in connection with travel facilities (Hotels, Resorts, Airlines, Transporters, Railways) arranged by the company, its employees or agents. Rates quoted are subject to change without notice due to change in foreign exchange rate, or transport or hotel tariff. All bookings are accepted and executed with utmost care, yet no responsibility is undertaken for any change or deviation on account of factors beyond our control