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## EXTANSIVE WILD LIFE

### **Day 01 Arrival Delhi**

Assistance & Traditional welcome on arrival in the capital of India & followed by transfer to Hotel for Overnight.

From the spacious and planned streets of New Delhi, the imperial capital of India, Delhi is perhaps one of the best examples in the world where the 'old' meets the 'new'. Strolling through the streets of Delhi the contrasts continue. You will experience the ringing bells of bicycle rickshaws, see Mercedes Benz cars driving around Eating out also offers a variety of options from a rich Mughlai curry to a wood fired pizza. On this sightseeing tour of Old and New Delhi your senses will come alive as you encounter the many sights and sounds this amazing city has to offer.

### **Day 02 Delhi**

After breakfast meet with our executive who give briefing about your tour & hand over all your travel documents. Later start the full day tour.

Tours starts with visit of Old Delhi, the 17th century walled city of Shah Jahanabad, Visiting the great Jama Masjid, the principal mosque of Old Delhi. Built in the year 1656 AD by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan, it is the largest & best known mosque in India. Later we walk down or take a rickshaw ride through Chandi Chowk, the old marketplace of Shah Jahanabad now a picturesque bazaar to reach Red Fort, built in the year 1648 by Shah Jehan.

Later you will visit New Delhi. In New Delhi you will visit sights such as the impressive Qutub Minar, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. built by Qutub-ud-Din Aibek in 1199 from sandstone and marble, Humayun's Tomb, memorial of Mughal Emperor Humayun, built in the year 1562. The complex is a World Heritage Site & the first example of this type of Mughal architecture in India., India Gate (War Memorial Arch) and Lakshminarayan Temple, a modern Hindu Temple. You will drive past the President's House, Parliament House, Government Secretariat Buildings and Connaught Place shopping centre.

### **Day 03 : Delhi / Corbett National Park**

Breakfast will be at hotel. Drive to CORBETT National Park. **JIM CORBETT National Park** - One of the greatest National Parks of Asia. Corbett is five hundred and twenty acres of forests, hills and grasslands, fed by a frisky river - A bio-diversity that is rich, rare and precious. This Park is the perfect habitat for the tiger, elephant, hog deer, birds and other wildlife species that is fast vanishing from the earth. JIM CORBETT t made his

mark in his early life as a soldier and a hunter but subsequently, dedicated him to the preservation of life - human and wild. Whenever a man-eater threatened a village, 'Carpet Sahib' was summoned. Moving on foot for days and weeks, often on steep winding trails, Corbett became the savior of the simple hill folk of Kumaon and Garhwal.

Jim Corbett could read the jungle signs like an open book. He could decipher a ripple in the dust of a dry streambed. A blade of grass caught in the act of springing back from a crushed position. When stalking, he could use the wind like predators do, to either conceal or reveal his presence. He could freeze stock-still in mid stride for any amount of time, just like an animal. He could easily read the sounds of the animals and could imitate them to perfection. Even the call of a tiger! With no assistance apart from his vocal chords, he could lure the animal to a face to face meeting. Two man-eaters shot by him were cornered using this awesome ability. Jim Corbett, the eighth child of a postmaster, gave up on academics early, proved his prowess at the gun at the age of 8. He worked as storekeeper, labor contractor, Captain in World War I, member of municipal board, and trained soldiers in jungle warfare for World War II, was awarded the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He shot with his camera and chronicled his experiences in 8 gripping books.

Check in at the resort and relax. Proceed for an afternoon jungle safari for game viewing.

Relax in the evening at the resort restaurant. Overnight will be at resort.

#### **Day 04 : Corbett National Park**

Enjoy a full day game viewing inside the jungle. (Two safaris). Overnight will be at the resort.

#### **Day 05 : Corbett / Delhi**

Breakfast will be at hotel. Proceed for a morning game-drive into the forest. Drive to Delhi in the afternoon. Reach and relax.

#### **Day 06 : Delhi / Ranthambore ( By Train )**

Transfer to the station for train to SAWAI MADHOPUR after breakfast. Reach and transfer to the resort. Evening free at the resort and you can relax or watch some slides on the tiger.

Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve, at the junction of the Aravalis and the Vindhya, is a unique example of natural and historical richness, standing out conspicuously in the vast, arid and denuded tract of eastern Rajasthan, barely 14 kilometers from Sawai Madhopur. Get in tune with nature for a luxury holiday in the heart of the jungle. Ranthambhore perhaps the best place in the world to sight a tiger in the wild. The Ranthambhore National Park has had more Tiger sightings than any other National Park in the country.

It has come to be known as "The land of the Tiger", where most of the documented footage of this majestic beast has been recorded.

It spreads over a highly undulating topography varying from gentle to steep slopes; from flat topped hills of the Vindhya to the conical hillocks and sharp ridges of the Aravalis, from wide and flat valleys to narrow rocky gorges. An important geological feature the 'Great Boundary Fault' where the Vindhya plateaus meet the Aravali hill ranges, meanders through the Reserve. The National Park is bound by the rivers Chambal in the south and Banas in the north.

Ranthambhore forest is of tropical dry deciduous type, further classified as Dhok climax forest because of the predominance of Dhok (*Anogeissus pendula*) found nearly everywhere. Dhok is an extremely hardy tree, capable of withstanding prolonged droughts. The leaves of this tree are good fodder and they are browsed by herbivores, and form a significant part of their diet. Even the dry, fallen leaves, eaten by them, are rich source of nutrition.

Palas or Cheela or the Flame of the Forest (*Butea monosperma*) blooms magnificently around mid-April. During the period, Kachida and Anatpura provide an amazing view, like a forest on fire. Around Kamaldhar massive Gum trees (*Sterculia urens*) with smooth white trunk stand out conspicuously. Similarly, Gurjan (*Lannea coromandelica*) with greyish trunks at the banks of the lakes and soft wood Salar (*Boswellia serrata*) dotted atop hills are noticeable.

The lakes abound with aquatic vegetation including duck weeds, lilies and lotus. A haven for a multitude of wild animals, the Park boasts of playing host to tigers, leopards, the elusive caracals, hyenas, sloth bears, wild boars, crocodiles and so on. Besides, there are over 300 species of birds, from the majestic Crested Serpent Eagle to the exotic Golden Oriole.

Tiger, at the apex of the food chain, lord over the kingdom in a subtle way. Solitary by nature, it operates in stealth. Therefore tiger sightings, frequent as they are, are always a matter of chance. However, even evidences of tiger's activities are very exciting.

The other kinds of cats found in Ranthambhore are Leopard (*Panthera pardus*), Caracal (*Felis caracal*), Leopard Cat (*Felis bengalensis*), Fishing Cat (*Felis viverrina*) and the Jungle Cat (*Felis chaus*). Besides the big cats, the other large predators found in Ranthambhore include Sloth Bear, Striped Hyena, Wolf, Wild dog (or Dhole), Jackal, Indian Fox, Palm Civet, Small Indian Civet, Common Indian Mongoose, Small Indian Mongoose, Ratel (or Honey Badger), Marsh Crocodile and the Indian Python.

Overnight will be at resort.

## **Day 07 : Ranthambore**

Enjoy a full day game viewing inside the jungle. (Two safaris) Overnight will be at the resort.

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### **Day 09: Ranthambore / Fatehpur Sikri / Agra**

Breakfast will be at the hotel. Drive to Agra. Reach Fatehpur Sikri after a light lunch break. The deserted, red Sandstone City, Emperor Akbar built that as his capital and palace in the late 16th century is an exhilarating experience. It a veritable fairytale city and its "ruins" are in pristine condition ... it's not hard to imagine what the court life must have been like in the days of its grandeur. Also visit the Bulund Darwaza, the largest gateway in the world.

Continue towards Agra and reach by evening. Check in at hotel.

**AGRA:** Two great Mughal monarchs, Akbar and Shah Jahan, transformed the little village of Agra into a befitting second capital of the Mughal Empire - giving it the name Dar-ul-Khilafat {seat of the Emperor}. Today a visitor to Agra is caught up in a world of contrasting edifices, of red sandstone and white marble, narrow galleys and quaint buggies, and that irresistible charm that this favorite city of the Mughals still retains. It is not surprising, that modern Agra still reflects its Mughal heritage most conspicuously. A walk down the narrow bustling streets of the city will introduce the visitor to the wafting aroma of Mughlai cuisine.

Overnight stay will be at Agra.

### **Day 10 : Agra / Delhi**

Proceed to visit Taj after breakfast. Enjoy battery van ride to the Taj. **TAJ MAHAL:** Little needs to be said about this architectural wonder which is always the soul raison-de-etre for every tourist's visit to Agra. Built by Shah Jahan, the Taj is a white marble memorial to his beautiful wife Mumtaz Mahal. This monument took 22 years to be completed and was designed, and planned by Persian architect Ustad Isa. Apart from its stunning design balance and perfect symmetry, the Taj is also noted particularly for its elegant domes, intricately carved screens and some of the best inlay work ever seen.

Proceed for sightseeing to the **AGRA FORT** - Built by the famed Mughal emperor Akbar in 1565 AD, the fort is predominantly of red sandstone. Ensclosed within is the picture perfect Pearl Mosque, which is a major tourist attraction. Visit **Itmadullah's Tomb** built by Empress NOOR JEHAN in memory of her father (The

interiors of which are considered better than the Taj). Later in the drive to Delhi for Overnight stay.

### **Day 11 : Delhi / Guwahati / Kaziranga**

After breakfast provide in time transfer to airport to connect the flight for Guwahati. I Guwahati assistance on arrival & followed by transfer to Kaziranga.

Kaziranga National Park Located on the banks of the mighty Brahmaputra River in the far North East of India, Assam, Kaziranga National Park covers an area of approximately 430-sq-kms with its swamps and tall thickets of elephant grass making it the ideal habitat for the Indian One-Horned Rhino. Due to limitless poaching of this prehistoric survivor, the Kaziranga National Park was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1940.

Beside of course the great one horned Indian Rhino, the other major wild attractions include a large population of Indian Elephants, Indian Bison, Swamp Deer or Barasingha, Hog Deer, Sloth Bears, Tigers, Leopard Cats, Jungle Cats, Otters, Hog Badgers, Capped Langurs, Hoolock Gibbons, Wild Boar, Jackal, Wild Buffalo, Pythons, Monitor Lizards, etc.

Kaziranga National Park is a birding paradise; the grasslands are a raptor country that can be seen on safari makes a remarkable experience. These include the Oriental Honey Buzzard, Black-Shouldered Kite, Black Kite, Brahminy Kite, Pallas's Fishing Eagle, White Tailed Eagle, Grey-Headed Fishing Eagle, Himalayan Griffon, etc. Huge numbers of migratory birds descend on the parks lakes and marshy areas during winters, including Greylag Geese, Bar-Headed Geese, Ruddy Shelduck, Gadwall, Falcated Duck, Red-Crested Pochard and Northern Shoveller

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### **Day 14 : Kaziranga / Guwahati / Delhi Departure**

After breakfast transfer to Guwahati domestic airport to catch the flight to Delhi. Upon arrival in Delhi Transfer to Airport for onward Destination.