

Eye to Eye with the Indian Tiger

Visiting Bandhavgarh and Ranthambore National Parks



Day 1: Arrive Delhi

Arriving at Delhi Airport, you will be met by our representative and transferred by private vehicle to the Hans Plaza, or similar, for one night.

Hans Plaza Hotel

Hans Plaza is conveniently located in New Delhi's central business district. A tranquil retreat, with pretty terrace gardens set against the city backdrop, Hans Plaza offers 74 generously-furnished rooms, all of them air-conditioned and en-suite.

The rest of the day is at leisure. Depending on your flight arrival time, an afternoon tour of the city can be arranged,

Day 2: Bandhavgarh

Breakfast at the hotel, then an early departure to transfer to the airport by private vehicle for your flight to Khajuraho on 9W2423 (1010/1255).

On arrival in Khajuraho you will be met and transferred by private vehicle to Bandhavgarh (280km; approx. 6 hours). Check in to Kings Lodge for 3 nights (FB).

Kings Lodge

Kings lodge is nestled in the densely-wooded hills of Bandhavgarh National Park, where it forms part of the 8 hectare Ranza estate. The lodge is surrounded by wild jungle – prime tiger country! – and only ten minutes' drive from the Tala gate of the National Park. Guests benefit from the incredible location and the generous hospitality and knowledge of the naturalist team. The lodge has 10 cottage rooms and 8 stilt cottage rooms, carefully spaced out among the trees making for a very private atmosphere.

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After lunch at your hotel there is an afternoon game safari (by private jeep) in the premium Tala zone of Bandhavgarh National Park. Return for dinner at your hotel.

Days 3 & 4: Bandhavgarh

Morning game safari in the Magdi zone of Bandhavgarh National Park by private jeep, followed by breakfast and lunch at the hotel. In the afternoon, a game safari in the premium Tala zone of Bandhavgarh National Park by private jeep. Dinner at your hotel.

Bandhavgarh National Park

Bandhavgarh was established in 1968 as a National Park (and in 1993 as a tiger reserve), and encompasses an area of over 1,000 sq. kms. It is a land of dense jungle hills, of Sal, Sali and Dhobin forest, and of vast grassland plains. Though smaller than many of India's other wildlife parks, it has one of the highest densities of tiger.

Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve is famed for its jungle safaris, which take place mornings and afternoons and typically last 3-4 hours. The safaris are carried out in open 4x4 jeeps, not buses as in a number of parks, and accommodate only a limited number of guests.



4x4 jeep safaris are not your only option for exploring the park. To reduce the pressure from vehicles, Bandhavgarh lodge also offers guided cycling and walking tours. This is possible only in the periphery of the park and always accompanied by trained guides, so wildlife opportunities are more limited. But it's a great chance to further explore the landscape.



Tigers are not the only attraction at Bandhavgarh. The forests of Bandhavgarh feature heavily in Hindu legend, and there several historical monuments hidden within them. Day walks can be organized to the Bandhavgarh Fort in the heart of the park, one of the oldest standing forts in the Rajasthan region. As well as being of historic interest, the fort and the accompanying walk offers great birding opportunities and fantastic views (the forest surrounding the fort is also prime habitat for tiger). It is reached by a short jeep ride inside the park followed by a 1 hour walk to the top of the fort.

Village visits, bird walks and picnics can also be arranged. Guests on longer stay might like to visit Sanjay National Park from Bandhavgarh, home to a large population of sloth bear – just let us know if you'd like to include this as an extension.



Day 5: Bandhavgarh – Delhi

After breakfast at your hotel transfer by road to Khajuraho for the flight to Delhi (1325/1620). On arrival you will be met and transferred by private vehicle to The Hans Plaza Hotel for one night in an Executive Room (B).

Day 6: Delhi – Ranthambore

An early breakfast before being transferred to the Railway Station to catch the Golden Temple Express train to Sawai Madhopur (I AC; 07:40/13:00), where you will be met on arrival and transferred to Ranthambore by private vehicle.

Check into a luxury cottage at the Pug Mark Hotel for three nights (FB).

Hotel Pugmark

Nestled at the edge of Ranthambore National Park in Rajasthan and set over an area of 10 acres, the Pugmark Hotel is a beautiful blend of modern architecture and inventive landscaping. It is a small hotel, comprised of just 33 well-appointed cottage rooms, all with the expected modern amenities and services.

After lunch, enjoy a game drive in Ranthambore National park in a shared jeep, returning to the lodge for dinner.



Days 7 & 8: Ranthambore

An early morning game drive in Ranthambore, followed by breakfast and lunch at the hotel.

Afternoon game drive in the Ranthambore National Park by shared Jeep then dinner at your hotel.

Ranthambore National Park

Occupying a large swathe of territory in southern Rajasthan, Ranthambore National Park is one of India's most famous tiger parks. Formerly the royal hunting grounds of the Jaipur Maharajas, today Ranthambore NP is a prominent wildlife park and conservation zone that is home to a huge diversity of species, including sambal deer, jackal, fox, sloth bear, civet, mongoose and an array of birdlife.

Of course, the park is most famous for its tigers. Indeed, it is one of the best locations in India to see these beautiful predators in their natural habitat. Though sightings are not guaranteed, the tigers can usually be spotted during the day, busy at their daily routine of hunting and taking care of their young ones.



Day 9: Delhi

Breakfast at your hotel then transfer to the Railway Station to take the Golden Temple Express train to Delhi (07:00/12:30) (1AC). On arrival you will be met and transferred by private vehicle

to the Holiday Inn (B).

Day 10: Homeward

Transfer to the airport for your flight home, with check-in approx. 3 hours prior to departure.

Price Guide:

*The cost of this itinerary is from **£1,195 per person**, based on twin share and subject to availability at the time of booking. For more information, or if you would like to enquire about a tailor-made holiday combining part or all of the above itinerary, please [contact us](#).*

Includes:

- Internal transfers, flights and rail travel
- Accommodation on twin/double basis
- Meals where specified
- Activities as outlined in itinerary
- 4 game drives at Bandhavgarh National Park (private jeep)
- 4 game drives at Ranthambore National Park (shared jeep)
- All currently applicable taxes

Excludes:

- International airfare to/from India
- Meals on board trains
- Camera fee wherever levied
- Tips and gratuities
- Travel Insurance – ask us for a quote

Seasons:

- Ranthambore National Park is open from 01 Oct to 30 June every year
- Bandhavgarh National Park is open from 16 Oct to 30 June every year. It closes every Wednesday.



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