



## India Wildlife and Medieval Tour for Mr. Aladdin

Mumbai – Rajkot - Sasan Gir – *Alang* - Ahmedabad – Delhi – Corbett – Delhi - *Neemrana* – Jaipur - Ranthambhore – *Fatehpur Sikri* – Agra – Delhi - Bandhavgarh – Kanha – Pench – Nagpur – Mumbai – Hometown

32 Nights – 33 Days

#### 01 Day: Arrival Mumbai



Meeting and assistance on arrival at *Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport*, Mumbai with pla card of your name escort you by a private car and transfer to the to the hotel, our representative/driver will hand over all the documents, final tour plan, hotel vouchers, invoice and will assist you for any query about the tour plan, and will report to next day morning as per your advice to pick you up for next day morning tour. Overnight at the hotel.

**Mumbai** is a cluster of Seven Islands and derives its name from Mumbadevi, the patron goddess of the koli fisher folk, its oldest inhabitants. Mumbai pulsates with activity. It is a city that is disciplined by no time frame neither day nor night. It is also the country's financial powerhouse, the nation's industrial heartland, and its economic nerve center. Dazzling shopping arcades, exciting sport activity, nightclubs & discotheques, theatre & music, gourmet restaurants and interesting sightseeing. It offers visitors a heady mix of all this and more.

## 02 Day:: Mumbai – Rajkot (By Air)- Sasan Gir (175 kms: 4 hrs)

Today morning after breakfast day is free for individual acitvites, later check out the hotel and drive to the airport to board schedule flight for *Rajkot*, assistance on arrival and drive to *Sasan Gir*, on arrival transfer to the Jungle resort for overnight stay.

**Sasan Gir** Lion Sanctuary, which lies on the southwestern fringes of the Saurashtra Peninsula (west-central India), is



the last home of some 300 Asiatic lions. It was created in 1913 to protect the largest surviving groups of the Asiatic lions. It was given a sanctuary status in 1965. The vegetation in the area consists of teak with a mixture of deciduous trees, including sal (Shorea), dhak (Buteafrondosa), and thorn forests. A few springs also exist, but their flow is rather eccentric depending upon the season.

## 03 Day: Sasan Gir



After breakfast, visit at the park, which is the entrance to the 1412 sq. km *Gir National Park* and *the Wild Life Sanctuary*, the last stronghold of the Lion population outside Africa. Gir Forest is today the only place in the world outside Africa, where the lion can be seen in his natural habitat It also plays home to a large number of *Panthers, Hyenas, Deer*, the world's only 4-horned Antelope, Blue Bull, Wild Boar and the dangerous Marsh Crocodile. Take a jungle safari and return back to the resort for dinner and overnight stay.

**Note**: The Gir National Park is open from Mid - October onwards till mid June.

#### 04 Day: Sasan Gir

After breakfast, visit at the park, Since Gir Forest is a wildlife sanctuary outdoor activities in the Gir Forest are limited to wildlife and *bird watching* which can be best enjoyed by jeep safari gir. *Jeep Safari Gir* trips are designed to offer you the best of wild experience. One can also opt for shorter visits at the Gir Interpretation Zone where you will be watching Asaitic lions. The *Kamleshwar Dam* is situated nearby the Sasan-Gir National Park, is build over one of the seven rivers that drain in the area of Gir Sanctuary. Others are *The Uperkot Fort Nalsarovar*, *Junagadh Zoo* etc are also the important and



beautiful places to visit in Gir. Take a jungle safari and return back to the resort for dinner and overnight stay.

## 05 Day: Sasan Gir - Ahmedabad- (330 kms: 7 - 8 hrs) - Delhi (By Air)



After breakfast check out the hotel and drive to *Ahmedabad*, Enroute visit *Alang*, A modern wonder of Gujarat, the shipbreaking yard at Alang is a fantastic spectacle in itself. It is located on the coast between Bhavnagar and Talaja. Large ships from America, Europe, and Asia are brought here to be scrapped. The reason behind the selection of this site was the nature of its tide, suitable for such maritime activities and the proximity of industrial zones that could utilize its metal and

other scrap. Labnter continue drive to Ahmedabad airport to board the schedule flight for *Delhi,* on arrival transfer to the hotel for overnight stay.

## 06 Day: 6<sup>th</sup> March: Delhi – Corbett (280 kms: 7 hrs)

After breakfast, check out the hotel and drive to *Corbett*. On arrival, transfer to the jungle resort. Rest of the evening is free for leisure, if time permits; you can take jungle safari or walk through the forest. Dinner and overnight at the jungle resort.

**Corbett National Park**: Located in the foothills of the Himalayas is the majestic Corbett National Park. Home to a variety of flora and fauna, it is famous for its wild population of Leopards. Corbett national park was established in 1936, as the Hailey



National Park. India's first national park and the first sanctuary to come under Project Tiger, Corbett

supports a variety of vegetation making it the ideal habitat for the Tiger and its prey. Once a popular hunting ground of the British, this 201 square mile park was named in honor of the late Jim Corbett, the legendary hunter-naturalist turned author and photographer who most of his years in this area and contributed in setting up the this park. With the help of the World Wildlife Fund, was launched in Corbett National Park in 1973 and this park was one of the first such tiger reserves in the country.

### 07 Day: Corbett



Early morning you go for *Elephant / Jeep Safari* inside the park. Later return to the hotel for breakfast. After rest and relaxation in the afternoon opt for jeep safari to the Bijrani area of Corbett to find the Elusive Tiger - now the cynosure of the questing eye. While your jeep passes through the deep jungle there is a strong probability to spot the Royal Bengal Tiger roaming around. Keep your cameras at the ready and capture the rare images of tigers and various

other wildlife species while they are resting in their habitats. The *Corbett Park* with its varied topography, diverse Flora & Fauna, the beauty of the rivulets, the natural splendor of its landscapes. Then return to the hotel. Evening is free for leisure and relaxation. Dinner and overnight at the jungle resort.

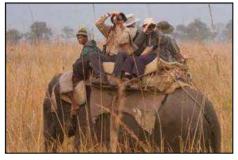
#### 08 Day: Corbett

After breakfast enjoy *River rafting* trips run through some of the most beautiful terrains that the Himalayas have to offer - from sandy white beaches, boulder-studded rapids, confluences of rivers, deep gorges and some of the most revered Indian temple towns. Whitewater rafting is a sport almost everyone, of any age, can enjoy. With expert guides and up-to-date equipment, it's quick and easy to learn the few rules that keep you safe, river-smart and ready for a "wild ride" of your own. *The Angling* Experience is not about



someone sitting by your shoulder telling you what to do. It is ALL to do with a very enjoyable weekend of fishing, shared with new and old friends on Ramganga River.

## 09 Day: Corbett



Early morning after breakfast, visit *Tumeria Dam*, 45 minutes drive from corbett wilds lies the remount training School near hempur and a short distance through the RTS, lies the Tumeria Dam. The structure in itself is a fun place to visit and educational for all, be it children or serious bird watchers. It is a rich attraction for migratory as well as domestic feathers. The *Sitabani Ashram* in the virgin forest area, *Dhangarhi museum* and *Garjia Devi Temple*. Later in the evening, move towards Kosi River and spend few

pleasant hours at the bank of the river. Later day is free for individual activities, Dinner and overnight at the jungle resort.

## 10 Day: Corbett - Delhi (280 kms: 7 hrs) - Neemrana - Jaipur (260 kms: 4 hrs)

After an early breakfast check out from the resort and drive to Delhi. Later drive to *Jaipur*, en route visit to the one of the magnificent fort of Rajasthan: *Neemrana; now* converted into the luxury heritage hotel, The Zip tour is an



amusement ride wherein the person hangs his weight through a harness which is suspended via pulley from a cable. Later continue to drive to Jaipur, on arrival transfer to the hotel, for overnight stay.

Jaipur widely known as the 'Pink City' of India. The entire walls houses and buildings of the city were washed with pink colour for a grand and royal welcome of Prince Albert and Queen Victoria from Britain, who visited Jaipur in 1853 A.D. This splendid city as was founded in 1727 A.D by one of the greatest ruler Jai Singh II. Jaipur is surrounded by hills on three sides. Jaipur is the only city in the world, which is designed accordance of Hindu architecture science called Shilpa Shastra, the town is had been designed in rectangular shape of 9 blocks, depicting the 9 partition of universe. This fascinating city houses majestic forts, grand palaces, lavish gardens, havelis and museums, while visiting these places you will have a true vision of Royal golden past of Rajasthan.

## 11 Day: Jaipur



Today morning breakfast take full day sightseeing tour of *Pink City* with an excursion to splendid *Amber Fort* is listed in *UNESCO World Heritage Site*, situated just outside the city, was built by Rajpoot Kind Man Sigh I, Amber Fort is known for its artistic style of Hindu elements,. Afternoon sightseeing tour of *City Palace* locatedin the heart of the city, this royal palace is known for its blend of Rajasthani and Mughal architecture, visit to Central *Museum* and *Jantar Mantar*: the largest of the five observatories built by Sawai Jai Singh,

afterwards visit *Hawa Mahal* or the "Palace of Winds" was constructed for the royal ladies to watch the royal processions without being seen, all monuments are located in the vicinity of City Palace Complex. Later return to the hotel for relaxation. In the evening visit the famous market of *Textiles, Gems, Carpets, and handicrafts*. Jaipur is an ideal place for buying souvenirs. Overnight at the hotel in Jaipur.

## 12 Day: Jaipur - Ranthambhore (180 kms: 4 hrs)

After early breakfast checkout and drive to *Ranthambhore*, the hunting place of Royal Family of Jaipur and one of finest tiger reserve of India. On arrival, transfer to the hotel. Later in the afternoon take a *jungle safari by canter* with naturalist guide at the tiger reserve of Ranthambhore, one of the best places in India to see a tiger in its natural habitat. In the dry season tigers can be seen near the watering holes and are clearly visible in the dry forest. Rest of the evening is free for leisure. Overnight at the jungle resort.



Ranthambhor, hailed as one of India's finest wildlife locations, It was established as a sanctuary in 1959 and included in the very first phase of Project Tiger in 1972. The park derives its name from the fort of Ranthambhor, which sits on a rocky outcrop in the forest. The fort dates back to the 11th century when it was a vital citadel for the control of central India. Though overrun by vegetation, remnants of the summer palaces, temples and guard stones within the fort still remain. Earlier, the hunting preserve of the Maharajas of Jaipur, the Park at Ranthambhor was once the scene of royal hunting parties. Today, it is famous for its tigers and is one of the best places in the country to see these majestic predators in the wild. The tigers can be spotted quite often even during the day, busy in their normal pursuits - especially stalking or hunting and taking care of their young. With the strict

measures that have been taken for their conservation, they seem quite accustomed to human activity and are not disturbed.

## 13 Day: Ranthambhore



Today morning take **Jungle Safari** by open Canter accompanied by an expert naturalist to explore The **Ranthambhore wildlife Sanctuary**, one of the best places in India to see a tiger in its natural habitat. In the dry season tigers can be seen near the watering holes and are clearly visible in the dry forest. Return to the hotel for a lunch. Later visit **Ranthambhore Fort** overlooking the **National Park and Jogi Mahal**. Also visit the famous **Temple of Ganesha** in the Fort. Rest of the evening free for leisure activities at the

jungle resort. Overnight at jungle resort.

## 14 Day: Ranthambhore

Today morning after breakfast, visit *Surwal Lake* is located 25 kms away from Ranthambore. You are sure to be enchanted by the beauty of the lake, which enjoys the generosity of Mother Nature in abundance. The best time to be here is between November and March, as during the migratory season you will find birds from all parts of the world spread their wings to reach here. *Kachida Valley*, You will love the valley at first sight. It is located on the border of Ranthambore National Park. You will find panthers in plenty here. Leopards avoid the thick inner



forest owing to the domination of tigers. You could have a great time going Jeep Safari and viewing various wild animals including dear, wild boar and sloth bear. *Raj Bagh Ruins*, Raj Bagh Ruins are situated between Padam Talao and Raj Bagh Talao. The place takes you to the past and back to prehistoric period with its collections of prehistoric monuments.

## <u>15 Day: Ranthambhore – Fatehpur Sikri – Agra (280 kms: 5 - 6 hrs)</u>



After breakfast checkout the hotel and drive to *Agra*, Enroute stop over at *Fatehpur Sikri*, the old deserted town of the Mughal kingdom, built in red sandstone in honour of *Saint Salim Chisti* who blessed birth of 3 sons to Emperor Akbar, is an example of robust stability combined with originality. Each important structure here represents a type by itself. Notable among them is the *Diwane e Khas*; *Punch Mahal*, the *Tomb of Salim Chisti*, and the *Buland Darwaza*, one of the largest and tallest gateways in the world. After sightseeing continue to

proceed to Agra, on arrival transfer to hotel. In the evening one should visit *Oswal Emporium* to watch the replica of *Taj Mahal* it took 10 years for the artists to built this artistic epitome, also enjoy light and sound show *"Mohabbat-the-Taj: the saga of love"*, theonly show of its kind in India! Later return to the hotel for overnight stay.

Agra is famous as being home to one of the Seven Wonders of the World-the Taj Mahal. Pleasant towns with comparatively slow pace, craftsmen who are descendant of those who worked under the Mughals know Agra for its superb inlay work on marble and soapstone. The city is also famous for its carpets, gold thread embroidery and leather shoes. Agra, and the nearby city of Fatehpur Sikri, is conveniently close to Delhi. Besides the Taj Mahal is Agra Fort, Sikandra, Ram Bagh and Itmad-Ud-Daulah-35 kms away are the imperial ruins of the Mughal city, Fatehpur Sikri. Agra is an old city and

it is said that its name was derived from Agrabanad, a forest that finds mention in the epic Mahabharata.

## 16 Day: Agra:

Today early morning visit world's most popular and beautiful monument: *Taj Mahal* with its' fabulous view at the time of sunrise. Taj Mahal, beautiful architectural monument among the 7 wonders of the world; this historical masterpiece is illustration of the fusion of diverse architectural styles. *Taj Mahal* is crown of all the loveliest buildings in the world, a symbol of eternal love, afterwards visit **Agra Fort**: built in 1576 AD., by great Mughal Emperor Akbar, structured and designed with red stoned barricaded; in the fort you will find



most splendid **Pearl Mosque** and various other classic example of art: **Jahangir Mahal, Moti Masjid, Macchhi Bhawan, Nagina Masjid, Diwan-i-Khas, Sheesh Mahal, Diwan-e-Am, Meena Bazaar and Musamman Bhurj** where from Emperor Shahjahan, prisoner of his son rebellious Aurangzeb, he put his father in the cell of **Agra fort**, where from he could see his love reflecting through the Taj Mahal, where his loveliest wife was cremated. The sightseeing continues visiting **Itmad-Ud-Daulah**: is the perfectly proportioned marble mausoleum Itmad-ud-Daulah. Noor Jehan constructed this splendid marble monument in her father's memory. This double storied marble tomb is replete with mosaic, inlaid with semi-precious stones. Later return to the hotel for overnight stay.

## 17 Day: Agra - Delhi (200 kms 5hrs):



After breakfast check out the hotel and drive to *Delhi* on the way stop over to visit *Sikandra* to see the Tomb of Mughal Emperor Akbar, a marvelous mausoleum of Mughal Emperor Akbar, spectacularly designed structure of Hindu and Muslim architecture. Later continue to proceed Delhi, on arrival transfer to the hotel, After relaxation, take a sightseeing tour & explore the historic city, starting with *Old Delhi*: *(Shahajahanabad)* the

majestic *Red Fort*, a marvel in red sandstone, *Jama Masjid*, the largest and most splendid mosque in India, both built by Emperor Shah Jahan of Taj Mahal fame; Rajghat, the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi, where he was cremated. Later take a *cycle rickshaw ride* through the bustling and colourful bazaar of *Chandani Chowk*. Later return to the hotel for overnight stay. In the evening witness the *Light and Sound* show at Red fort. The show *projects* splendid history of 5000 years old city, a truly memorable experience. Overnight at the hotel in Delhi.

**Light and Sound Show:** A spectacular sound and light show at the Red Fort. Which makes the 5,000 years old history of the city come alive. Amidst the tranquility of the splendidly panoramic and historic environs of the Red Fort, select episodes from the annals of Delhi's historic and legendary past are vividly brought to life. Special effects combine with the unique ambience to make this show a hauntingly unforgettable experience.

**Delhi,** the towering capital city of the independent and largest democratic country in the world: India. It is one of India's modern and fastest developing cities with a charismatic charm on its visitors. Delhi is located and sprawled on both banks of Yamuna River. The city

is enriched with culture, architecture and human diversity, Delhi city is a blend of the ancient past of India with the vibration of the modern world. It houses some of India's finest museums, historical monuments, sightseeing places, and temples. The city designed by the British architect Sir Edwin Lutyens (1869-1944) & is tree-lined & spacious. Legend has it that the Pandavas of epic Mahabharata, the august heroes, founded Delhi around 1200 BC & the name of the city was Indraprastha.

## 18 Day: Delhi - Jabalpur (By Air) - Bandhavgarh (165 kms: 3 hrs)

After an early breakfast explore the best tourist attractions of **New Delhi** including **President House** (Rashtrapati Bhawan), the regal residence of British rulers; a palace built for British Viceroys. **India gate**; built to honour and pay a tribute to the Indian soldiers who sacrificed themselves during the Afghan war, **Humayun's Tomb**, lotus shaped **Bhai's Temple**, **Qutub Minar**; built by Qutub-ud-din Aibek of the Slave Dynasty. Later transfer to the Delhi airport to board schedule



flight for *Jabalpur*, assistance on arrival and drive to *Bandhavgarh*, on arrival check in to the jungle lodge.

### 19 Day: Bandhavgarh:



Today after breakfast enjoy the jungle activities at the Bhandhavgarh: take jungle safaris (Jeep/Elephant) in the reserve with a naturalist, in search of the *Tiger, Leopard, Bear, Bison, Chital, Sambhar, Nilgai, Chinkara, Chowsingha, Barking deer,* and varieties birds such as Peacock, Paradise fly catchers, Jungle Fowl, Golden. Later return to the jungle resort. You may opt to study the water management system. See the archaeological find of over 1000 years and study the unique topography of the Park from a birds-eye view, Later

return to the jungle resort for dinner and overnight.

**Bandhavgarh National Park:** Set amongst The Vindhya Hills in Madhya Pradesh, Bandhavgarh consists of 168 sq miles of Sal & a mixed forest with large stretches of Bamboo and Grassland to The North. One is generally lucky to view The Tiger, Gaur (Indian Bison) Chital, Chansingha (Four horned antelope). This Park houses some 150 species of birds including the Blue Bearded bee eaters, White Browed Fantails, and The Malabar Hornbill. The Bandhavgarh Fort, besides offering breath taking views, houses a 35 ft reclining statue of Lord Vishnu and 10th Century Rock Images of the incarnation of the Lord.

### 20 Day: Bandhavgarh:

After breakfast visit *Bandhavgarh fort*, it is located on the Bandhavgarh hill, rising 811 meters above sea level at the centre of the Bandhavgarh National Park. It is a surrounded by a large number of smaller hills separated by gently sloping valleys. These valleys end in small, swampy meadows, locally known as 'bohera'. Later return to the jungle resort for dinner and overnight.



### 21 Day: Bandhavgarh:



After breakfast, take the high point of your trip to Bandhavgarh would be the safaris into the jungle and sightings of the animals, especially tigers. There is the choice of a jeep or elephant safari. Village visits, bird walks and picnics at water bodies are regularly organized. A day trip or an overnight trip to Sanjay National Park can also be organized: offers great opportunity to see Sloth Bear. The high point of your trip to Bandhavgarh would be the safaris into the jungle and sightings of the

animals, especially tigers. Also workshops with bamboo weavers are organized to get to explore and learn about the village life in forest areas. Bandhavgarh also offers great opportunity for picnics at water bodies and in the reserve forests. Today you may opt to take evening safari around 3.00 pm to take a chance to see the tigers. Later return to the jungle resort for dinner and overnight.

## 22 Day: Bandhavgarh - Kanha (220 kms: 5 hrs)

After breakfast, check out the hotel and drive to *Kanha* on arrival transfer to the resort, the history of Kanha as a hunting ground dates back to the British era when the officials used to hunt the famous twelve-horned antelope or hard ground Barasingha or Swamp Deer. Evening free for explore nature around the resort & local area , evening walk. Later return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.



The Kanha National Park in Madhya Pradesh came into being in 1955 and forms the core of the Kanha Tiger Reserve, created in 1974 under Project Tiger. The Park's landmark achievement is the preservation of the rare hard ground Swamp Deer (Barasingha), saving it from near extinction. Stringent conservation programs for the overall protection of the Park's fauna and flora, makes Kanha one of the most well maintained National Parks in Asia.

### 23 Day: Kanha



After breakfast take sightseeing to Kanha, visit the *Kanha museum*. Kanha is home to a wide variety of wildlife creatures like *Leopards, Bears, Deer's*, the famous Indian *Bison, Tigers* and *Swamp Deer, wild dogs* and *cats, jackal*, etc. A must see for all nature enthusiasts, Kanha gives you a perfect opportunity to escape the mundane city hustle bustle and get lost in the wooded charm of the dense forest. Later return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

## 24 Day: Kanha

After breakfast, go for jungle safari to explore flora & fauna of with expert naturalist. After riding Jeep Safari back to the resort & have your breakfast. Later take *Jungle walks* in designated nature trails is a very good option to explore and understand about Kanha national park and its bio-diversity. Kanha National Park is nestled in the Maikal range of Satpuras in Madhya Pradesh, the heart of India that forms the central Indian highlands. Guides are available at the entry gate after



payment of normal guide charges and they take you on the trail. Later return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

#### 25 Day: Kanha



After breakfasts take sightseeing to *Bird Watching*, this is an activity which has not been promoted well enough although Kanha is a heaven for bird watchers with more than 270 varieties of birds. Bird watching can be done in two ways, on Gypsy, inside the national park to see species not seen on fringe areas / buffer forest and outside where you can walk the path way and good bird watching spots like *Chhapri* and *Batwar ghat* area. Zones for Safari Forest department has divided the tourism zone under four zones in core area with

Kanha zone being the premium zone and Kisli, Mukki and Sarai zones are non premium tourism zones. Khatia zone is in the buffer forest area. Later return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

## 26 Day: Kanha - Pench (115 kms: 3 hrs)

After breakfast, check out the hotel and drive to **Pench**, on arrival transfer to the resort, after refreshmentenjoy Jeep safari to the national park for wildlife viewing. The main vegetation of the park is the Kullu and Teak trees and a wide variety of deciduous trees some of which are rare and endangered as well. The breath-taking view of the park and a stay within the park gives one ample opportunity to explore nature in its truest form.Later return to the resort. Enjoy dinner & overnight stay at resort.



**Pench National Park** is situated in Seoni and Chhindwara districts of Madhya Pradesh in India. It derives its name from the Pench River that flows through the national park from north to south dividing the park into almost equal western and eastern halves, the well forested areas of Seoni and Chhindwara districts respectively. The forest cover in the park area includes Teak mixed with other magnificent species like saja, bijiayasal, lendia, haldu, dhaora, salai, aonla, amaltas. There are 10 villages in the national park, one inside the park (Fulzari) and nine on the periphery.

#### 27 Day: Pench



After breakfast, enjoy *Bird Watching* and Jeep safari to the national park for wildlife viewing, the Tigers of Pench are the main attraction and have a reserved territory for the habitation and preservation of these endangered species. Besides these, one can also find a wide variety of Deer's, wild boar, wild dog, jackals, sloth bears, blue bull, beautiful migratory birds, reptilian and butterfly varieties, different species of fish and innumerable types of insects and plants. Later return to the resort. Enjoy dinner & overnight stay at

resort.

## 28 Day: Pench

After breakfast, enjoy *Nature Walk*, tie your shoe laces for a thrilling Jungle trek and catch some wildlife with surprise. *Mini Theatre*, enjoy Wildlife Shows in the evenings in our theatre. *Tribal Village Walk*, Experience real India, Meet tribals and



learn their ways of life to carry some good moments of friendship back. **Night Drive & Night Safari,** Join us for a Nocturnal Drive to experience night sightings of wild animals in the Buffer zone in their natural element gives you an exciting experience. Enjoy dinner & overnight stay at resort.

#### 29 Day: Pench

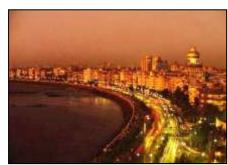


After breakfast, again enjoy *Jeep safari* to the national park for wildlife viewing, get some fresh air and stretch your legs with an invigorating Walk in Adjoining Forest of the Resort, and explore the land of Mowgli. Or take a round of *Kohka Lake* to enjoy the beautiful view of *sun set*. The outdoors can be an environment in which people "show what they can do". Pleasurable appreciation encourages experiences of being "let in on nature's show". Later return to the resort. Enjoy dinner &

overnight stay at resort.

### 30 Day: Kanha - Nagpur (170 kms: 4 hrs) - Mumbai (By Air)

After breakfast, check out the hotel and drive to Nagpur airport to board schedule flight for Mumbai, on arrival transfer to the hotel, if you wish than visit *Iskcon Temple*: dedicated to Lord Krishna, The architectural splendour of the *ISKCON Temple* is adorned with murals and sculptures. Also visit the *Juhu Chowpatty*, nearby to the temple, one of the famous beaches in Mumbai. Overnight at the hotel.



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## 31 Day: Mumbai



Today morning after breakfast take a sightseeing tour of Mumbai with a drive to *Gateway of India* and from here cruise by motorboats to *Elephanta Caves*. A flight of 100 steps takes you to the top of the hill where it is set. The caves houses large pillars that seem to hold the ceiling, which is made, have crossbeams. The picturesque presentations of the 9 marvelous sculptured panels, set on the walls are awe-inspiring. The most famous of the panels is

the Trimurthi, or triple-headed Shiva, where the God is depicted as the destroyer, the preserver and the creator. Later in the afternoon cruise back to Gateway of India, one can have lunch at the hotel or other several good Restaurants like Leopold & Mondegar serving continental cuisines. The sightseeing tour continues visiting Prince of Wales Museum: is a heritage museum comprises of a number of ancient artifacts, Parliament House: The Maharashtra State Assembly, Marine Drive: is one of the most beautifully laid boulevards in the city. Mani Bhawan: Known also Gandhi Museum, here Gandhi laid the foundation for many independence movements; the three storied building has now converted into a museum in honour of Father of Nation. Later return to the hotel for overnight stay.

**Note:** Elephanta Caves and Prince of Wales museum are closed on every Monday.

## 32 Day: Mumbai

After breakfast, takes an excursion to *Kanheri caves* (40 kms from the main city) The 109 caves are reachable through the Sanjay Gandhi national park, a good way to reach a religious destination. The place is splendid, considering the integration of lush greens and rare artistic examples, but is surprising to learn that once it was a thriving trade route, and home to a Buddhist university, well known to the world. Majority of the caves are monasteries, intended for living, study and meditation. All of them have elaborately carved sculptures, relief's and pillars and encompass rock-cut



stupas for worship. Also visit at *Sanjay Gandhi National Park*, The main attraction of the park is its lion and tiger safari. One of the main attractions to the National Park is the lion safari, which has been drawing people to the park ever since it was started. The twelve-hectare Lion Safari Park with crisscrossed roads, offer close encounter with the majestic king, from special buses. There are about 25 lions and six tigers, including 2 white Indian tigers in the park. Overnight at Mumbai.

The Kanheri Caves constitute a group of rock-cut monuments that are located north of Borivali on the western outskirts of Mumbai, India. Located within the forests of the Sanjay Gandhi National Park, they were chiseled out of a massive basaltic rock outcropping. These caves date from the first century BCE to the 10th century CE. One hundred and nine caves have been carved from the basalt. Unlike the elegant splendor of the adjacent Elephanta Caves, the earlier cells are spartan and unadorned. Each cave has a stone plinth for a bed. A congregation hall with huge stone pillars contains the stupa, a Buddhist shrine. Farther up the hill are canals and cisterns, the remains of an ancient system that channeled rainwater into huge tanks. Once the caves were converted to permanent monasteries, the rock was carved with intricate reliefs of Buddha and the Bodhisattvas. Kanheri had become an important Buddhist settlement on the Konkan coast by the 3rd century CE.

# 33 Day: Mumbai



Today morning after breakfast day is free for individual activities and relaxation, If your flight is during night hours for hometown, you may opt for shopping *Link Road Bandra*, well known place for shopping in Western Suburban of Mumbai, here everything is available at bargained price for kids, home décor, jewellery, footwear, clothes, games.. You just name it. Later transfer to the *International Airport* to board the schedule flight for home town/onwards journey. On

departure tour conclude with the happy memories.

# **Tour Cost and Service:**

Destination	4 and 5 Star Deluxe and Heritage Hotels	
Mumbai	IBIS Hotel	
Sasan Gir	Gir Birding Lodge / Lion Safari Camp (dlx tents)	
Delhi	Lemon Tree	
Corbett	The Den /Similar	
Jaipur	Alsisar Haveli	
Ranthambhore	Ranthambhore Regency	
Agra	Hotel Wyndham Grand / The Gateway Hotels	
Delhi	Lemon Tree	
Bandhavgarh	Bandhavgarh Jungle Lodge	

Kanha	Kanha Jungle Lodge
Pench	Jamtara Wilderness Camp
Mumbai	Taj hotel
Tour Cost Per Person in USD	10298

## Additional: Domestic Flight Fare: Per Person Per Sector

Date/Flight from	Flight	Departure / Arrival	Amount (USD)
Mumbai – Rajkot	Jet Airways 9W-7001	1025/1135 hrs	89
Ahmedabad – Delhi	Spicejet SG-192	2110/2245 hrs	48
Delhi – Jabalpur	Air India AI-9617	1230/1350 hrs	65
Nagpur – Mumbai	Jet Airways 9W-2166	1710/1840 hrs	68
Total Air Fare: Per person			270

**Note:** The above fare is available as of today, subject to change at the time of booking.

## **Inclusive of:**

- 1. Hotel accommodation of 1 Single room with breakfast and all luxury taxes.
- 2. Air conditioned Indigo Car with English speaking driver throughout the tour for all transfers, sightseeing, intercity travel in North India sector, as per the tour plan.
- 3. The transportation services are inclusive of all: Toll taxes, state permit tax, fuel cost, insurance, driver allowance and parking charges.
- 4. Hotel accommodation with buffet breakfast, Lunch and dinner at Sasan Gir, Corbett, Ranthambhore Bandhavgarh, Kanha and Pench.
- 5. English Speaking Guide during city tours, Safari, historical places, ancient temples, monuments (Guides are not required/ available at places like religious temples, beaches, mosques, hill stations).
- 6. Elephant ride ascending the amber fort in Jaipur.
- 7. *O1 Cycle Rickshaw ride* for 01 pax in Jaipur for an hour to explore the colourful market of Jaipur.
- 8. Delhi and Jaipur Light and Sound Show tickets for 1 pax.

#### Not Included:

- 1. Any domestic airfare and train fare.
- 2. 3.09 % Government service tax, applicable on transportation bills.
- 3. Entrance/Monuments charges at actual directly payable by the guest unless not mentioned in included section.
- 4. Expenditure pertaining to personal nature: like mineral water, portage, laundry, tips, phone calls etc.,
- 5. Meals unless specified.
- 6. Any other services not specifically mentioned in the "included" section.

#### Note:

1. All the jungle safaris are by exclusive jeep only for your clients along with our resident naturalist. (Inclusive Jeep Entry fee, forest guide fess and jeep tour). To ensure that you have the zone of your choice, passport details of the client, passport number, age/date of birth, country and city of residence must be received at least 60 -90 days ahead of time to ensure a confirmed safari booking.

- 2. If there is any increase in the Park entrance fee, fuel prices or any change in government policy resulting in an increase of our cost, the same will be charged.
- 3. Wednesday afternoons Parks are closed. (in lieu of this walks to the village, village school, nature walks, birding, bicyle trips, cookery classes etc)
- 4. In case of non-availability of the above hotels similar category of hotels will be provided.
- 5. The above rates are valid for the period 10<sup>th</sup> Jan to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016
- 6. Any additional visit to any sightseeing places, food, entry fees or any other services will be on extra cost.
- 7. Child over 6 years with extra bed in parents room with breakfast (directly payable to the hotel on actual basis)

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