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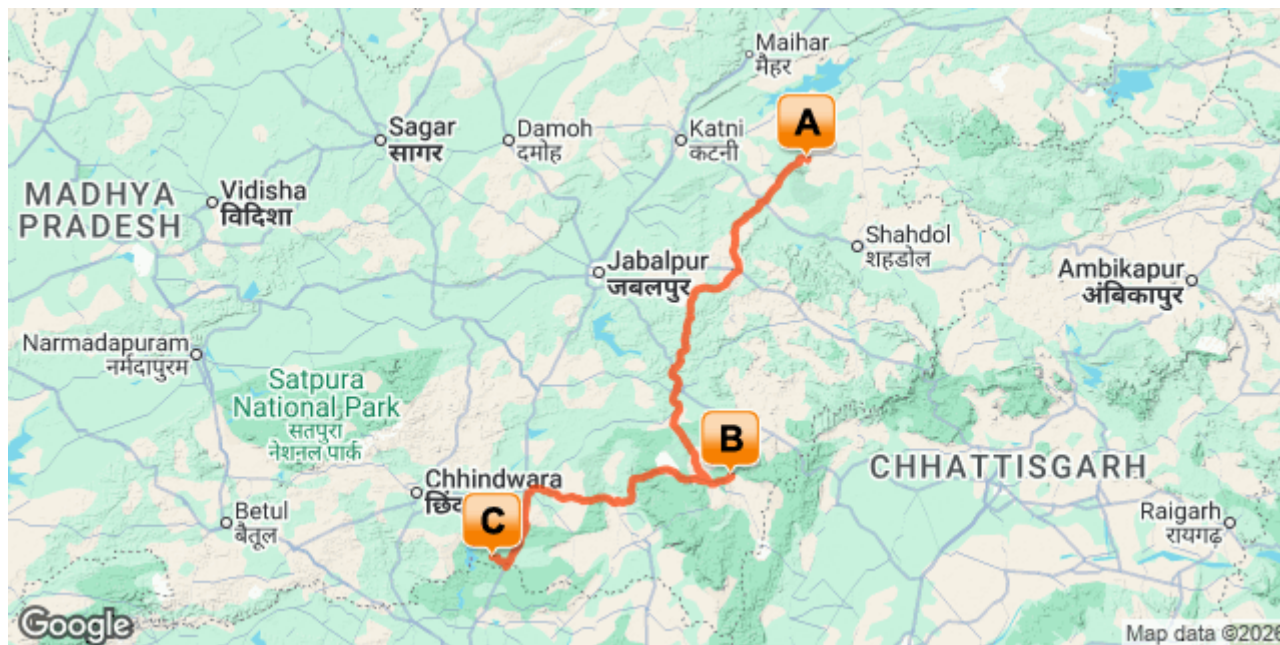
## On the Trail of the Tiger

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*Bandhavgarh National Park - Kanha National Park – Pench National Park*  
*9 Days / 8 Nights*



## Introduction

Begin your journey of exploring the wildlife gems of Central India by flying from Delhi/Mumbai. Your wildlife sojourn commences in Bandhavgarh National Park, known for its gorgeous, undulating landscape and incredible flora and fauna. Then continue to Kanha, one of the largest and best known parks in India, a lair for felines, raptors, migratory birds and several herbivores including the rare Bara Singha deer. Continue down the tiger corridor to Pench, one of the prettiest parks in the country, which is teeming with several species of wildlife.

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
The Oberoi Vindhya Vilas Wildlife Resort Bandhavgarh	Bandhavgarh National Park	B&B	<b>3 Nights</b>
Banjaar Tola, A Taj Safari	Kanha National Park	B&B	<b>2 Nights</b>
Baghvan A Taj Safari	Pench National Park	B&B	<b>3 Nights</b>

### Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

## Included

- Hotels accommodation twin sharing at the hotels mentioned above or similar for a total of 07 nights in a mentioned category rooms with breakfast & inclusive of all currently government applicable taxes.
- Services of using air-conditioned vehicle for inter-cities transfers and sightseeing.
- Meeting and assistance on arrival / departure at airports.
- All sightseeing tours / excursions as per program mentioned above.
- Unlimited water bottle during long journeys.
- Shared Jeep Jungle Safaris as per itinerary
- Service of an English (as per requirement) speaking local guides till 04 Pax & 04 Pax onwards we will provide English speaking accompanying escort.
- Rates include entrances to all the monuments as mentioned in the program.

## Excluded

- Does not include any airfare, any item not mentioned above, any items of personal nature such as table drinks, laundry, telephone bills, video camera fees, tips to guides/escort, drivers, bell boys, etc.
- Any International/ domestic airfare, Travel Insurances or Visa – Please ensure clients have a valid E-visa and passport for their travel to India.
- Any other expenses of personal nature

## Day 1

### The Oberoi Vindhyavilas Wildlife Resort Bandhavgarh, Bandhavgarh National Park

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#### Bandhavgarh National Park

One of the most popular parks in India, Bandhavgarh National Park is renowned for the highest density of tigers in the region - situated in the Umaria district of Madhya Pradesh. Besides its numerous tigers, the park is home to a large array of wildlife including sloth bears, deer, leopards and jackals. Birdwatchers will delight in the plethora of species that inhabit rocky crags, the auburn forest floor, and the mottled forest canopy. Declared a national park in 1968, Bandhavgarh was named after an ancient fort built on 800-metre-high (2,624 foot) cliffs in the park. From its zenith, one can enjoy incredible views of the park (note prior permission is required).

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#### Day Itinerary

Fly to Jabalpur from Delhi or Mumbai and drive to Bandhavgarh National Park. As you enter, sweeping grasslands stretch before you, framed by a dramatic red sandstone escarpment. Once the hunting grounds of the Maharajas of Rewa, this region is famed for its rich wildlife, including the legendary white tigers, and offers a captivating glimpse into the untamed heart of central India.

Check-in at the hotel & spend the rest of your day at leisure.

#### Overnight: The Oberoi Vindhyavilas Wildlife Resort Bandhavgarh

The Oberoi Vindhyavilas Wildlife Resort is located in Bandhavgarh, Madhya Pradesh, India, near the Bandhavgarh National Park and Tiger Reserve. This luxurious resort offers tents with air conditioning, flat-screen TVs, and private bathrooms. Guests can enjoy diverse dining options, including regional delicacies at The Dining Room, barbecued specialties at The Bush Kitchen, and jungle-inspired cocktails at The Lounge. Additional facilities include the Oberoi Spa offering personalized therapies in tranquil surroundings, a lakeside infinity pool, and a fitness centre.



#### Basis

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 2

### The Oberoi Vindhyavilas Wildlife Resort Bandhavgarh, Bandhavgarh National Park

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**Day Itinerary**

Embark on guided morning and afternoon game drives, guided by expert naturalists. Discover the rich wildlife and diverse flora of the park. Bandhavgarh is full of groves of Sal, Mahua and Bamboo, with large tracts of grass, making it an ideal habitat for felines, herbivores, avians and many other species.

**Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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**Day 3****The Oberoi Vindhya Vilas Wildlife Resort Bandhavgarh, Bandhavgarh National Park**

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**Day Itinerary**

Enjoy the day at your leisure, as you relax at your wilderness camp. You can choose to sit back and relax at the property and use the facilities available at your disposal while you immerse yourself in the tranquil environs or proceed for more game drives!

**Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 4

### Banjaar Tola, A Taj Safari, Kanha National Park

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#### Kanha National Park

Also known as the Kanha Tiger Reserve, the Kanha National Park is widely considered to be the greatest of India's wildlife reserves and the inspiration for Rudyard Kipling's classic, 'The Jungle Book'. This impressive expanse of wilderness is set in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, encompassing about 950 square kilometres of lush rolling hills, peaceful rivers, saal and bamboo forest, and endless stretches of savanna grassland. This spectacularly scenic environment provides a diverse range of habitats for an extraordinary array of wildlife including tigers, leopards, jackals, swamp deer, foxes, porcupines, sloth bears, pythons, hare, chitals, gaur monkeys, mongooses, and hundreds of species of bird.

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#### Day Itinerary

Drive onward to Kanha National Park, set in the heart of India's central highlands. One of the country's premier tiger reserves, Kanha is celebrated for its sweeping sal forests, open meadows and remarkable biodiversity. Beyond its abundant wildlife, the park stands as a landmark of conservation, renowned for pioneering efforts led by dedicated researchers and forest authorities that have shaped modern wildlife protection in India.

#### Overnight: Banjaar Tola, A Taj Safari

Banjaar Tola, A Taj Safari, is located on the banks of the Banjaar River beside Kanha National Park in Madhya Pradesh. Guests are close to the famed tiger reserve, tribal Baiga villages, and further afield attractions such as Mandla Fort and the Kanha Museum. The luxury tents feature bamboo floors, private decks, locally crafted furniture, in-room safes, and daily housekeeping. Dining includes indoor and outdoor common areas, private decks, and bush dinners with farm-to-fork wilderness cuisine. Facilities comprise an outdoor swimming pool, spa therapies, yoga mats, laundry service, and guided safaris, offering an immersive blend of wilderness adventure and refined comfort.



#### Basis

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 5

### Banjaar Tola, A Taj Safari, Kanha National Park

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**Day Itinerary**

Set out on another thrilling jungle adventure, venturing deep into Kanha's rich wilderness in search of its remarkable wildlife. As you move through lush sal forests and open meadows, keep watch for tracks and tell-tale signs of life all around you. Beyond its natural beauty, Kanha is also home to indigenous tribes and local communities whose lives and traditions are deeply intertwined with the forest.

**Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 6

### Baghvan A Taj Safari, Kohka

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#### Kohka

Set within the District of Madhya Pradesh State, Kohka is a small but charming village, nestled amidst sprawling landscapes of lush vegetation. Ideal for nature-lovers, Kohka is a gateway to the wondrous landscapes and awe-inspiring scenery of the famed Pench National Park, a flourishing teak jungle boasting an abundance of diverse flora and fauna including various deer species, tiger and leopard. This vibrant landscape is best explored during a guided game drive. Additionally, travellers can gain a greater insight into the history of the park and its surroundings during a visit to the informative Pench National Park Museum. At the same time, those interested in religion can visit the many charming sites of worship, including churches, mosques and temples.

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#### Day Itinerary

Kanha and Pench form the two ends of one of India's most celebrated tiger corridors. Travel onward to Pench National Park, the lush wilderness that inspired Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book*. With its dense forests, winding streams and dramatic landscapes, Pench offers a captivating habitat for tigers, leopards and a wide array of wildlife. Teeming with life and natural beauty, the park delivers an unforgettable and richly immersive jungle experience.

#### Overnight: Baghvan A Taj Safari

Baghvan, A Taj Safari, is a luxurious retreat located near Pench National Park in Madhya Pradesh, India. This enchanting resort features colonial-style bungalows with private verandas, air conditioning, and Wi-Fi access. Guests can enjoy farm-to-fork wilderness dining, private dining options, and in-room dining services. The resort also offers a range of amenities including spa therapies, a pool, and in-room fitness equipment. With its proximity to the park, Baghvan provides an immersive jungle experience with opportunities for wildlife encounters and guided safaris.



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#### Basis

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 7

### Baghvan A Taj Safari, Kohka

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**Day Itinerary**

Embark on an early morning game drive through Pench's pristine wilderness, where mist rises over serene waterbodies and sunlight filters through dense teak forests. With the promise of memorable wildlife sightings at every turn, Pench offers an inspiring landscape for photographers and wildlife enthusiasts alike.

Spend the remainder of your day at leisure, soaking in the environment...

**Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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**Day 8****Baghvan A Taj Safari, Kohka**

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**Day Itinerary**

Later in the day, depart from your wildlife lodge and transfer to Nagpur airport for your onward journey, carrying with you lasting impressions of India's rich natural landscapes and wildlife.

**Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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**Day 9**  
**End of Itinerary**

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**Basis**  
Bed and Breakfast

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## Travel Information



Vast, diverse, deeply spiritual and utterly unforgettable, India is unlike anywhere else on earth – a melting pot of ethnicities and religions, a treasure trove of history and culture, and a curious mixture of chaos and serenity. Stretching across more than three million square kilometres, it encompasses a staggering array of landscapes, vistas and environs, and offers unparalleled travel experiences – from the beautiful beaches of Goa, to the compelling craziness of Kolkata, the sacred Ganges river banks of Varanasi, the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas in Kashmir and the ancient, exquisitely crafted temples dotted across the entire country. Not to mention the vibrant, friendly people, and the incredible cuisine.

### ***Banking and Currency***

#### **Currency**

Local currency: Indian Rupee

Symbol: ₹

ISO code: INR

Subunit: The Indian Rupee is divided into 100 paise, but since 2011, only the 50-paise coin is still accepted as valid currency.

Banknotes: ₹5, ₹10, ₹20, ₹50, ₹100, ₹200, ₹500

Coins: ₹0.50 (50 paise), ₹1, ₹2, ₹5, ₹10, ₹20

₹500 and ₹1000 banknotes of Mahatma Gandhi series issued up to November 08, 2016, have ceased to be Legal Tender with effect from the midnight of November 8, 2016.

#### **Banking**

Card Transactions: Yes

ATMs: Yes

Mastercard: Yes

Visa: Yes

American Express: Limited acceptance

Diner's club: Limited acceptance

#### **Banking Hours:**

Weekdays: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Weekends: Limited hours or closed, check with local banks.

Public Holidays: Yes (Varies, typically reduced hours)

Foreign exchange services: Yes

### ***Travel, Transport and Getting Around***

#### **Air:**

Main airlines: Air India, IndiGo, SpiceJet, Vistara

International Airports: Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL), Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport

(BOM), Kempegowda International Airport (BLR), and others  
Domestic Airports: Numerous, including Jaipur, Lucknow, Guwahati, and Patna.

**Road:**

Driving on the: Left  
Tar roads: Yes  
Gravel roads: Limited  
Valid International Driver's License needed: Yes  
Car hire available: Yes  
Taxis: Yes  
E-hailing services: Yes

**Bus:**

Inter-city bus services: Yes  
Local city bus networks: Yes

**Rail:**

Railway system: Extensive  
Subway System: Limited (in select cities)

**Water:**

Ferries: Limited  
Water taxis: Limited  
Leisure cruises: Limited

***Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice*****Food and water safety:**

Can you drink the tap water: No  
Fresh fruit and veg: Wash thoroughly or peel  
Ice: Use commercially produced ice  
Meat: Ensure it's well-cooked  
Street food: Yes

**Local cuisine:** Indian cuisine is diverse and varies greatly by region. Highlights include dishes like biryani, curry, dosa, chaat, and tandoori specialties. Vegetarian options are plentiful.

**Drinks:** Chai, lassi, sugarcane juice, and various regional beverages like coconut water. Alcoholic beverages are available, with beer and whiskey being popular choices.

**Tipping:** Generally 5-10% in restaurants; tipping for other services is discretionary.

***Climate and Weather***

**Annual rainfall:** Varies greatly by region, 500 mm-4,000 mm

**Average temperature:** Varies greatly by region, 15°C-30°C

**Summer:**

Average highs: 25-45°C  
Average lows: 20-30°C

**Winter:**

Average highs: 10-25°C  
Average lows: 5-15°C

**Best time to visit:** The best time to visit India depends on the region and your preferences. Generally, the winter months from October to March offer milder temperatures and are ideal for exploring most parts of the country.

### ***Clothing and Dress Recommendations***

#### **Spring and Summer**

Cool, light, breathable and comfortable: Yes

Lightweight warm clothes: No

#### **Winter and Autumn**

Jerseys, cardigans, sweaters, jackets: Recommended

Heavyweight clothing and boots: No

#### **General**

Umbrella and raincoat: Yes

Warm gloves, hat and scarf: No

Swimming costume (bathing suit): Yes

Hat, sunglasses and sunblock: Yes

Walking shoes: Yes

Casual: Yes

Smart-casual attire: Yes

### ***Internet Availability***

Internet cafes: Limited, mobile data or Wi-Fi in accommodations and cafes available.

Accommodation options: Yes

Restaurants: Yes

Cafes: Yes

Shopping malls: Yes

Public parks: Limited

Libraries: Limited

### ***Electricity and Plug Standards***

Plug Type: Type C, Type D, Type M

Voltage (V): 230

Frequency Hertz (Hz): 50

\*Travel plug adapter and voltage converter might be necessary depending on your appliances.

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