



India Wildlife Wonders Adventure

13 Days



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India Wildlife Wonders Adventure

Journey through enchanting ecosystems filled with wondrous wildlife, including Bengal tigers, in India's top national parks. Follow expert guides on exciting safari drives, then relax in comfort at serene jungle lodges. Starting in Bandhavgarh, discover a plethora of spectacular flora and fauna that lives amid the preserve's forests and grasslands. Wake at dawn in Kanha, ready for a jungle safari in "the Ngorongoro of India" and return to camp for Indian cooking classes or a chance to visit a local school. Finally, meet one-horned rhinos in Kaziranga and look out for its Big Five game. All the while, you'll learn about current threats to wildlife survival in India, and explore what steps can be taken to save these precious animals. MT Sobek is a proud supporter of the Fund for the Tiger, which helps endangered Bengal tigers in India's Bandhavgarh National Park and beyond.

Details

Arrive:	Delhi, India
Depart:	Delhi, India
Duration:	13 Days
Group Size:	5-14 Guests
Minimum Age:	8 Years Old
Activity Level:	

Testimonials

"The support you have been able to give for the protection of wild tigers, largely through MT Sobek's Save The Tiger trips, is awe-inspiring. On behalf of all the tigers you have helped to save—a big THANK YOU!"

Belinda Wright

"The Save the Tiger trip with Brian was adventure travel at its best! Brian's passion for these amazing animals as well as his deep connection with the people who work daily and diligently to protect them is apparent each day."

Dave G.

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Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

MT Sobek is a legendary pioneering outfitter that has been operating adventures throughout Asia (and beyond) since 1969.

REASON #02

Our trips are designed for nature and wildlife enthusiasts who are looking for an authentic adventure, not a tourist experience - and this trip is no exception.

REASON #03

Explore India with MT Sobek's local expert guiding team and enjoy an immersive wildlife experience.

What to Expect



ACTIVITIES

Enjoy exciting game drives and nature walks in epic national parks - all in the company of expert guides. Learn about tiger conservation and also take a cooking class.



LODGING

Stay at luxury hotels in Delhi and comfortable, eco-friendly hotels in the parks.



CLIMATE

The temperatures will vary significantly during the day - from 30-50°F in the morning before 11 am and up from 60-90°F at midday.

Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

Kartikeya holds a Master's degree in Ecology and Environment and spent eight years researching for the Wildlife Institute India. He studied the ecology of Indian wolves for more than six years, and his work was featured in BBC's documentary Natural World. He is one of the specialists involved in the reintroduction of Gaur (India Bison) from Kanha to Bandhavgarh as an initiative to reverse the local extinction of the species. For four years, Kartikeya was head naturalist at Mahua Kothi, Bandhavgarh National Park. Additionally, Kartikeya assisted in the making of The Grasslands episode of The Planet Earth.

Kartikeya Singh

H.P. has always been passionate about the natural world, especially elephants! Hailing from Mysore, which is surrounded by forests on all sides, made it easier for his forays into the forest to watch animals and birds. He is an avid naturalist and wildlife photographer and filmmaker.

H.P. Ashwin

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Itinerary

DAY 1

ARRIVE IN DELHI, INDIA

Welcome to Delhi, India's vibrant bustling capital! After clearing customs and immigration at the airport, your representative will escort you to the Hotel Andaz. Depending on your arrival time, you can explore the city at your leisure.

DAY 2

FLY TO BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, transfer to the Delhi airport for your flight to Jabalpur. From here, you will transfer by private van to the beautiful Bandhavgarh National Park. Bandhavgarh is set amongst The Vindhya Hills in the state of Madhya Pradesh and is known for its impressive wildlife, including tigers! There are also at least 150 bird species, plus leopards, sloth bears, langur monkeys, wild boar, mongoose, and deer (chital, sambar, and barking). The park has a wide variety of vegetation including sal forest, bamboo groves, and grasslands making it an ideal destination for birdwatchers and nature lovers alike. Upon arrival, check into Bandhavgarh Jungle Lodge. Enjoy an introduction to the wildlife parks of India and learn about their role in conservation.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3

EXPLORE BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK

After an early morning wake-up call, and some tea or coffee, you'll head out into the misty morning, with birds calling all around you. As soon as dawn breaks, you will leave on your jungle safari, accompanied by a resident naturalist and forest park guides in 4x4 jeeps. Enjoy lunch, then an afternoon safari before returning to the lodge for evening tea and free time to relax.

Activity: 4x4 jeep safaris

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4

GO DEEPER IN BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK

Wake early for your second day of immersive exploration in Bandhavgarh National Park. Enjoy more wildlife sightings in the company of your expert guide and look out for a number of endangered species including Bengal tigers. After your morning and afternoon game drives, head back to the lodge for your final night in Bandhavgarh.

Activity: 4x4 jeep safaris

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5

JOURNEY TO KANHA NATIONAL PARK

Bid farewell to Bandhavgarh National Park and transfer to Kanha National Park. Kanha is one of the largest, most scenic national parks in India with lush sal and bamboo forests, grassy meadows, and ravines that shelter a significant population of rare species such as tigers, leopards, sloth bears, and wild dogs. Kanha meadow, with its hundreds of chital grazing on a carpet of green grass against the backdrop of the majestic sal forest, has been aptly referred to as "the Ngorongoro of India." Kanha is particularly well known for its endangered swamp deer, or hard water barasingha, which now populate the large open tracks of grass amidst the forests of teak and bamboo. After a nature walk by the river behind the lodge, you can get oriented with Kanha, enjoy a cooking class, and learn about tiger conservation.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6

EXPLORE KANHA NATIONAL PARK

After another early morning wake-up call, and tea or coffee, head out for a guided 4x4 jeep safari with the resident naturalist and forest park guides. Enjoy a picnic breakfast in the midst of the jungle, certainly unlike your typical weekday breakfast! Spend the rest of the morning at leisure or go for a nature walk, visit a nearby village or school, or attend a cooking demonstration. Activities at camp include learning how to tie a sari, Indian cooking classes and dragonfly/butterfly walks. After lunch, you'll set off on another 4x4 jeep safari.

Activity: 4x4 jeep safaris

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7

EXPLORE KANHA NATIONAL PARK

Rise for an early morning 4x4 jeep safari in another corner of Kanha and enjoy a different morning activity of your choice at camp. After lunch, you'll set off on your afternoon 4x4 jeep safari before returning for an evening of leisure at the lodge.

Activity: 4x4 jeep safaris

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 8

FLY TO KOLKATA

Today you'll venture out on one last jeep safari in Kanha, have breakfast, then transfer to Raipur airport for your flight to Kolkata. Upon arrival in Kolkata, transfer to the Taj City Centre New Town, where you will spend the night.

Activity: 4x4 jeep safari

Meals: B, D

DAY 9

HEAD TO KAZIRANGA

After breakfast, transfer to Kolkata airport for your flight to Guwahati. Upon arrival in Guwahati, journey on to Kaziranga National Park. Kaziranga is home to the largest number of one-horned rhinoceros in the world, which roam about the massive park's swamps, grasslands, elephant grass, and mixed deciduous and tropical semi-evergreen forest. The wide-open vistas here make it relatively easy to see many wildlife species in a single day. Beyond rhinos, the park is home to about 35 major mammals, including wild elephants, tigers, leopards, wild boar, swamp deer, water buffalo, and more. Birdlife includes the rare greater adjutant stork, Bengal florican, and Pallas's fish eagle. Rest well tonight at your comfortable riverside lodge.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 10

EXPLORE KAZIRANGA

Start the day with breakfast then embark on your morning jungle safari. Return to the lodge for lunch and enjoy and afternoon boat ride to view Gangetic river dolphins. Enjoy tea, coffee and cookies along the way before your leisurely evening back at the lodge.

Activity: 4x4 jeep safaris and 2-hour boat ride

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 11

KAZIRANGA SAFARI

Rise early for your final day in Kaziranga National Park and enjoy expert-led wildlife safaris in the morning and afternoon. If you haven't seen tiger yet, today could be the day! Return to the lodge in the evening for your farewell dinner.

Activity: 4x4 jeep safaris

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 12

RETURN TO DELHI

Wake for an early morning bird walk, then return to the lodge for your last breakfast in Kaziranga. Then head to Guwahati airport, where you'll catch your flight to Delhi. Upon arrival in Delhi, transfer to your hotel.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 13

DEPART FROM DELHI

After breakfast, transfer to Delhi airport for your homebound flight. Or pair this trip with a private adventure in Rajasthan and a visit to the Taj Mahal.

Meals: B

Dates

Feb 3 - 15, 2024

Mar 2 - 14, 2024

Nov 6 - 18, 2024

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Inclusions & Exclusions

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses

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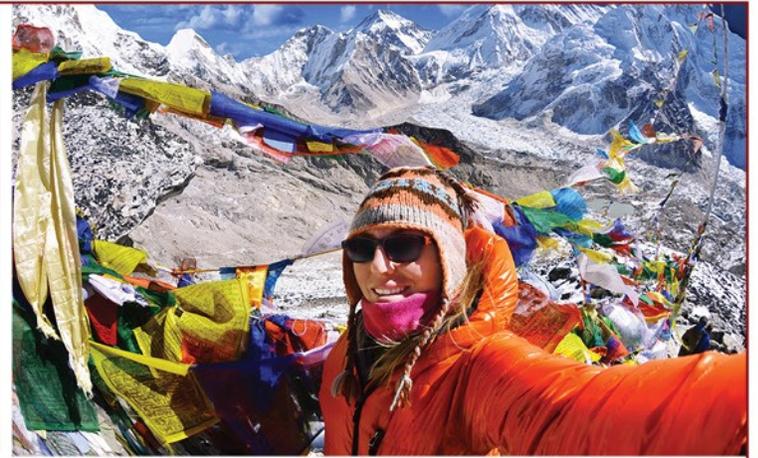
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