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## ***TIGER***



### ***Guide***

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*Prize: 35,000 SEK*

**February 18 – 03 March 2008**

#### **Day 01 – Wednesday, 18 Feb. :**

Flight from Göteborg or Stockholm by Lufthansa.

#### **Day 02 - Thursday, 19 Feb. : Arrive Delhi / Drive to Agra**

Arrive Delhi in the morning and straight drive to Agra en-route brunch/early lunch. Arrive Agra and check-in at hotel. Evening visit to see sunset over the Taj Mahal.

THE TAJ MAHAL: One of the wonders of the world, built by Emperor Shah Jehan in the memory of his beloved consort Mumtaz Mahal, this beautiful mausoleum is pure white marble and an architectural marvel. Construction of Taj begun in 1631 and was not completed until 1653. Total 20000 people worked on the building. The Taj Mahal is considered as the finest example of Mughal architecture, a style that combines elements from Persian, Turkish, Indian and Islamic architectural styles. While the white domed marble mausoleum is most familiar, Taj Mahal is an integrated complex of structures and was completed around 1648. Ustad Ahmad Lahauri is generally considered as the principal designer of Taj Mahal.

Dinner and overnight at hotel Clarks Shiraz.

#### **Day 03 - Friday, 20 Feb. : Agra / Overnight train to Jabalpur / Kanha**

After breakfast visit to Agra Fort.

**AGRA FORT:** Built by Emperor Akbar, the maze of courtyards, mosques and private chambers of the fort echo the story of the Mughal Empire. Construction of massive Agra Fort begun by Emperor Akbar in 1565, and additions were made until the time of his grandson, Shah Jehan.

While in Akbar's time, the fort was principally a military structure, by Shah Jehan's time the fort had become partially a palace.

After late lunch at a local Restaurant proceed directly to Agra Railway Station (with packed dinner) to board on Gondwana Express at 1850 hrs. from Agra.

Overnight journey on train.

#### **Day 04 - Saturday, 21 Feb. : Arrive Kanha**

Arrive Jabalpur Railway Station at 0715 hrs and transfer to The Baagh - a forest retreat.

P.M. : Game Viewing

**Kanha - Land of the Tiger.** It is one of the largest national parks covering 1945 sq. km including a 'core zone' of 940sq km. It is also part of Project Tiger, one of India's most important conservation efforts. The setting for Kipling's jungle book, we will travel by jeep and elephant (for tiger viewing), through different habitats, including Sal Forest, Bamboo Thicket, Dadar (plateau grasslands), meadows and Mixed Forests. This beautiful area of forest and lightly wooded grassland with many rivers and streams supports an excellent variety of wildlife. Some of the species we may encounter include the endangered Hard-ground Barasingha (this being the only place where this sub species remains), Barking Deer, Spotted Deer, the largest bovine Gaur, Golden Jackal, Jungle Cat, Common Langur, Sloth Bear, Wild Boar, and Wild Dog and the elusive Chausingha.

Overnight - The Baagh - A Forest Retreat

#### **Day 05/06/07 - Sun, 22/Mon. 23/Tuesday, 24 Feb: Kanha**

A.M / P.M. : Game Viewing.

Overnight - The Baagh- a forest retreat

#### **Day 08 - Wednesday, 25 Feb. : Kanha / Bandhavgarh**

After breakfast we drive through the back of country roads to Bandhavgarh National Park. Our overland journey meanders through scenic landscapes of teak forests, open agriculture areas, and picturesque villages made more colorful by the women clad in their brightly colored sarees.

Dinner & Overnight at Nature Heritage

#### **Day 09/10/11 - Thursday 26/Fri. 27/Sat, 28 Feb : Bandhavgarh**

**BANDHAVGARH :** Bandhavgarh is known for one of the desest populations of Tigers in India and was included in Project Tiger in 1994. The forests are dominated by Sal amd Bamboo, good for species such as white-naped Woodpecker, Red junglefowl, Red and painted spurfowl. The habitat is enriched by riverine forest, open grasslands and marshy areas where lesser adjutants survive in small numbers. The steep cliffs of Bandhavgarh Hill surmounted by the

2000 year old fort provide nesting habitat for long billed vultures, House Swifts and the resident race of peregrine Falcon known as Shahin. At night Mottled Wood owl and Brown Fish Owl hunt for prey. Most northern migrants see present during winter, but April and May see the arrival of interesting species such as cuckoos and India Pitta from the South. There are some 250 species on the sanctuary's list.

A.M. / P.M. - Game Viewing

Overnight at Nature Heritage

**Day 12 - Sunday, 01 March : Bandhavgarh / Umaria - Overnight Train to Delhi**

A.M. - Game Viewing

After early dinner & (packed breakfast) depart to Umaria to board on Utkal express which leaves at 2045 hrs and arrives Delhi at 14000 hrs (Next day)

**Day 13 - Monday, 02 March : Arrive Delhi**

Arrive Delhi at 1400 hours and then check-in at Hotel Sahara. Half day city tour of Delhi (if time permit)

Dinner and Overnight at Hotel

**Day 14 - Tuesday, 03 March : Delhi / Departure**

Departure transfer to International Airport to Sweden.

**Our above quote includes:**

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis at hotels.
- International airfare
- All meals with combination of packed lunch/hot lunches to be served as required depending upon feasibility.
- Mineral water only at Lodges in Kanha and Bandhavgarh during all the transfers & drives.
- Services of Air Conditioned car / Tempo / Mini Coach (as per no. of pax) for all transfers & sightseeing in Delhi and Agra inclusive of entry fee to places of visit.
- All drives from Umaria to Bandhavgarh and again from Bandhavgarh to Kanha until Gondia Railway Station, where we will be using Tata Sumo/Toyota Qualis or similar vehicles on maximum 4 persons in each vehicle.
- Train tickets for sector Agra to Jabalpur and from Umaria to Delhi will be in 2nd Air Conditioned sleeper coach (subject to availability) failing which 3rd Air conditioned sleeper coach will be provided with rebate.
- Jeep safaris mentioned in itinerary inclusive of entry fee to park, English speaking resident naturalist services.
- Jeep Safari by 4x4 jeep with maximum 4 clients per jeep.
- Entrance fee to places of visit, National parks and one still camera per person per day during safaris Bandhavgarh & Kanha National park.
- Tiger Show by Elephant at Kanha National Parks (Elephant ride is subject to availability).

**Cost does not include:**

- Any Personal insurance
- Any expenditure of personal nature like Tipping, tabled drinks (soft/hard drinks, alcoholic beverages), mineral water at city hotels and at all other places except as mentioned in inclusion above, laundry, telephone calls, Video camera fee, still camera fee other than Kanha & Bandhavgarh National Park etc.
- Any sudden increase in price due to steep hike in fuel cost, change in government tax policy or for any reason beyond our control like acts of God, natural calamity, law and order situation, riots etc and any forced change in itinerary for any unforeseen situation or reason beyond our control.
- Tipping.