

# *Essential India*

India is a fascinating mixture of history, culture and breath-taking wildlife.

Join us in her mystical wild spaces in search of Tiger, Leopard, Gaur, Asian Rhinoceros, Elephant and a host of smaller mammals.

India is also home to a dazzling array of birdlife. All in all... this will be the safari of a lifetime.







15 Days  
10 to 24 January 2025

### Day I – Delhi

Upon your arrival in Delhi, India, we will meet and greet at the airport and transfer to your hotel.

Dinner will depend on your flight and what time you arrive in Delhi.

Overnight at : The Suryaa Hotel

### Day 2 – Delhi sightseeing

Today, after our leisurely breakfast, we head out for a day of

sightseeing/photography of Delhi.

Options are - Visit Qutb Minar, Jama Masjid, Red Fort,

drive to the parliament buildings, India Gate & Humayun's tomb.

Overnight at : The Suryaa Hotel



### Day 3 – Delhi to Agra

Today, after our breakfast, we drive to Agra (Approx. 5 hrs.). Upon arrival we check in to the hotel and have lunch. Afternoon visit to the Taj Mahal, Agra fort and Itmad ud Daula (Baby Taj). Always making time for a little retail therapy.

Overnight at : Crystal Sarovar Premiere







## Day 4 – Agra to Bharatpur

Today, after breakfast, we drive to Bharatpur. En route we visit Fatehpur Sikri. Transfer to Bharatpur and check-in to The Birder's Inn.

After lunch, visit Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary. One of the best reserve parks for avifauna in the world, the Sanctuary is paradise for bird lovers. A safari in the Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary is an alluring and refreshing experience in the tranquility of nature, with melodious birds chirping everywhere. Now known as Keoladeo Ghana National Park, the park is among few protected parks, conserving hundreds of unique bird species.

Overnight at : The Birder's Inn







## Day 5 – Bharatpur to Jaipur

After breakfast, we drive to Jaipur. Enroute, visit Abhaneri, one of the oldest surviving step wells in Rajasthan and probably India.

Upon arrival, check in to your hotel. After lunch, sightseeing of Jaipur and visit the famous Amer fort, City Palace, Jantar Mantar, and a drive through the Wind Palace and Water Palace. As always we will not forget the retail therapy.

Overnight at : Hyatt Place or similar  
Meals : Full Board





### **Day 6 – Jaipur / Jhalana**

Morning and afternoon game drives in Jhalana Wildlife Sanctuary to look for Leopards, Hyena and other wildlife in the area

Overnight at : Hyatt Place or similar

### **Day 7 – Jaipur / Jhalana to Ranthambhore**

Morning game drive in Jhalana Wildlife Sanctuary to look for wildlife in the area.

After breakfast, transfer to Ranthambhore.

Check in to your hotel in time for lunch.

A late afternoon visit to the Ranthambhore fort to get an overview.

Overnight at : Ranthambhore Regency

### **Day 8 - Ranthambhore National Park**

Morning & afternoon game drive in the park to look for Tigers and other mammals.

Overnight at : Ranthambhore Regency







**Day 9 – Ranthambhore National Park**  
Morning & Afternoon game drives in the park.

Overnight at : Ranthambhore Regency

**Day 10 – Ranthambhore to Delhi**  
Morning game drives in the park.  
After breakfast, check out and transfer to  
Delhi with packed lunch.

Overnight at : Taj Vivanta or similar

**Day 11 – Delhi to Kaziranga**  
After an early breakfast, transfer to the airport  
for your flight to Guwahati.  
Transfer to Kaziranga with lunch on the way.  
Upon arrival, check in to your lodge.

Overnight at : Infinity Lodge Kaziranga

**Day 12 – Kaziranga**  
Morning & Afternoon game drives to the park  
to look for One Horned Indian Rhino, Wild  
Elephants and other wildlife & birds in the area.

Overnight at : Infinity Lodge Kaziranga



### Day 13 - Kaziranga

Morning drive to Hoolongapar Gibbon Sanctuary to see the only indigenous ape found in India, the Hoolock Gibbon. A full day exploring this rich and diverse rain forest. Other primates include the Stump-tailed Macaque, Northern Pig-tailed Macaque, and Capped Langur. We also head out in pursuit of the One horned Rhino and Wild Elephants.

Overnight at : Infinity Lodge Kaziranga

### Day 14 - Kaziranga to Guwahati to Delhi

After an early morning game drive and breakfast, transfer to Guwahati airport with packed lunches, to catch our flight back to Delhi.

Overnight at : Taj Vivanta or similar

Day 15 – End of tour or Day 1 for SNOW LEOPARDS







# RATES

US\$5 950.00 pps based on a group of 10.  
Single Supplement USD 1250

## INCLUSIONS:

Private guide, Pierre Duval , Professional Photographer Andrew Goodall, and accompanying naturalist, Pradeep Singh. All accommodation. All meals. Air-conditioned vehicle for all transfers. All tours and game drives as per the itinerary. Exclusive 4x4 Jeep for game drives. Domestic flights mentioned in the itinerary. All current Govt. applicable taxes.

## EXCLUSIONS:

Any International airfare to/from India including International airport tax. Camera fee wherever levied. Any increase in the entrance fee to the National park. The quote is based on the presently applicable entrance fee. Any increase in entrances and rail fares as per Government notifications in future. Any additional taxes levied by the Government of India on the tourism sector in future. Items of a personal nature, drinks, laundry, gratuities.





## WHAT TO PACK

Comfortable neutral clothing, avoiding white and bright colours. Expect hot days and cooler mornings/evenings. A mixture of summer and winter clothing is ideal, and a warm hat, jacket and gloves will keep you warm on night game drives when the wind chill factor in a moving open vehicle can make life a little chilly!

Other essentials include comfortable, durable walking shoes, hat and sunscreen, camera and binoculars, toiletries, insect repellent, hand sanitizer, etc.

BE AWARE THAT THERE IS MALARIA PRESENT IN INDIA, PLEASE CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR OR TRAVEL CLINIC.

Important: don't forget to bring any prescription medication along with a broad-spectrum antibiotic, medication for nausea and stomach problems and anti-histamine cream for insect bites and scratches.

*Please provide details of any allergies and specific dietary requirements or preferences, e.g. vegetarian.*