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The Big 5 Tour

Five Icons of the Indian Wild

14 Days On India's Greatest Wildlife Circuit



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Route: Delhi → Kaziranga → Rajaji → Bandhavgarh → Delhi

India's big five take centre stage on a journey through three of the country's greatest wildernesses. Track the Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros and Asian Elephant across the floodplains of Kaziranga, search for the Leopard in the Shivalik forests of Rajaji, and enter the sal forests of Bandhavgarh in pursuit of the Bengal Tiger and Indian Gaur. Across fifteen jeep safaris and one guided walking safari, five extraordinary species define one unforgettable passage through wild India. Adding to the experience is a rare opportunity to encounter the Hoolock Gibbon, India's only ape, in the forests of Hollongapar.

A big five experience beyond comparison.



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Day 1 | Arrival in Delhi

Upon arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport, you will be warmly welcomed by our representative and escorted to your hotel for check-in. The evening is left entirely at your leisure, a chance to relax after your journey, settle into your surroundings and ease gently into the rhythm of India.

Dinner this evening is served at the hotel, a relaxed first meal to close out the day of arrival. A restful overnight stay in Delhi is arranged.

Meals: Dinner included.
Overnight in Delhi



Day 2 | Delhi → Kaziranga: Into the Floodplains of Assam

Departure: Delhi → Guwahati (flight) | Guwahati → Kaziranga (approx. 4.5 hrs by road)

After breakfast and check-out, fly from Delhi to Guwahati. On landing, the drive begins, moving east along the Brahmaputra towards Kaziranga, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the last great strongholds of the one-horned rhinoceros. Kaziranga is a landscape built by the river: tall elephant grass, shallow wetlands, and forest patches that together hold the densest concentration of large mammals anywhere in India. Arrive at your lodge in time to settle in and enjoy a leisurely evening as the grasslands turn gold.

Meals: All meals included.
Overnight in Kaziranga



Days 3–4 | Two Days in the Land of the Rhino

Kaziranga is a wilderness on a scale that takes time to absorb. One-horned rhinos graze across the open grasslands, wild water buffalo gather near the wetlands, and herds of elephants move through the landscape. Bengal tigers and leopards also inhabit this remarkable wilderness, though sightings of these elusive predators remain a matter of patience and chance.

An early morning safari moves through grassland and wetland alive with wildlife, guided by a naturalist through expert tracking and careful positioning. Return for breakfast and time to relax during the warmer hours of the day before heading back into the park for an evening drive as the light softens over the floodplains. Across these two days, you will enjoy 4 safaris, with both morning and evening drives included.

Meals: All meals included.
Overnight in Kaziranga



Day 5 | Kaziranga & the Gibbons of Hollongapar

The final day in Assam begins with an early morning drive towards Jorhat and the Hollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary, home to the hoolock gibbon, India's only ape. The sanctuary experience is entirely different from a jeep safari: a guided walk beneath a closed forest canopy, listening for the whooping duet calls of gibbon pairs high in the trees. It is a rare and intimate counterpoint to the open floodplains of Kaziranga. Following the morning experience, return to Kaziranga for a final evening jeep safari. As the light softens over the grasslands, enjoy one last opportunity to encounter the greater one-horned rhinoceros, wild elephants, and the remarkable wildlife of Assam. After the safari, return directly to your lodge for dinner and a final overnight stay in Kaziranga.

Meals: All meals included.
Overnight in Kaziranga



Day 6 | Kaziranga → Rajaji: Across the Country to the Foothills

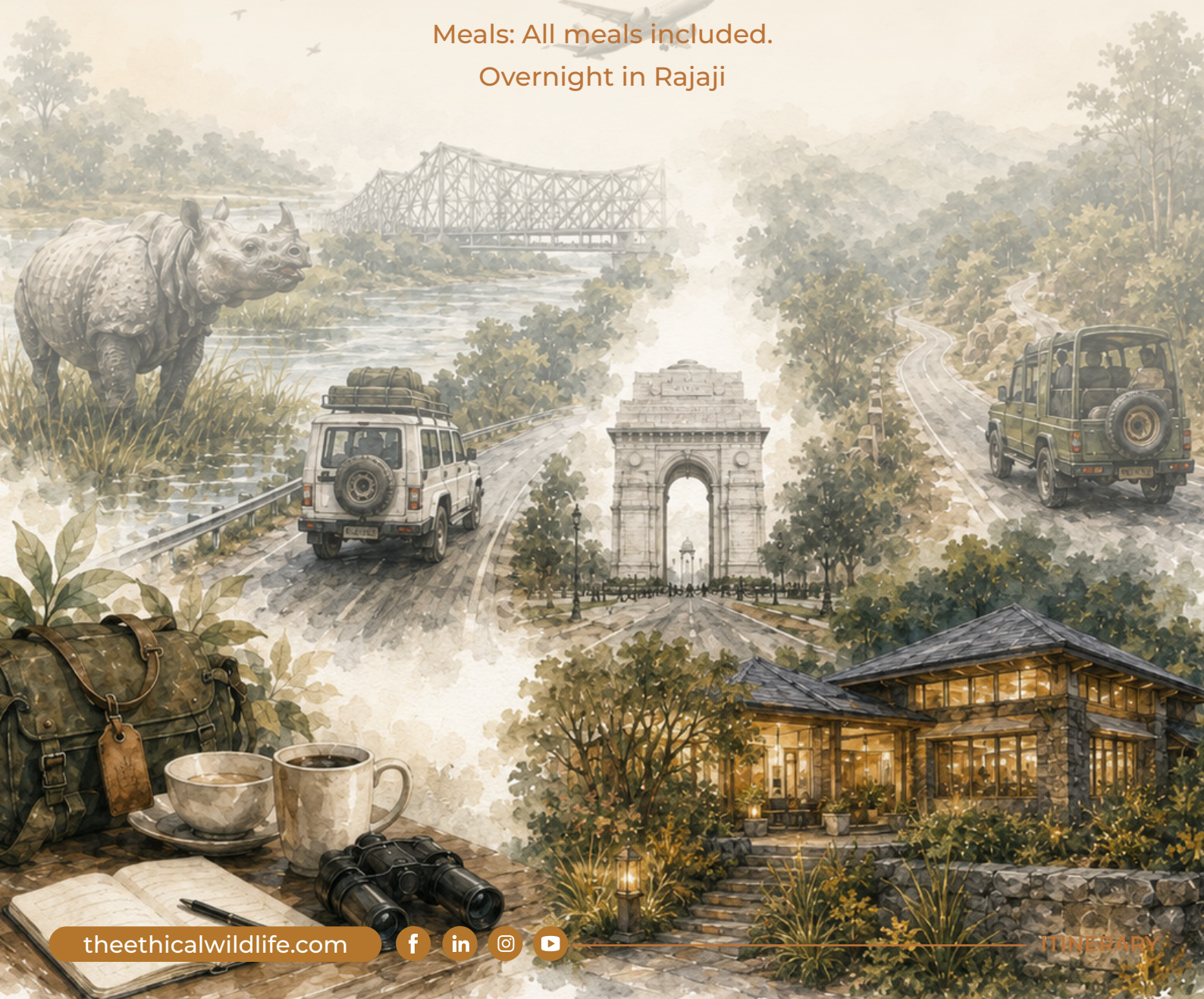
Departure: Kaziranga → Guwahati (approx. 4.5 hrs by road) | Guwahati → Delhi (flight) | Delhi →Rajaji (approx. 5.5 hrs by road)

After breakfast and check-out, drive back to Guwahati and board your flight to Delhi, then continue by road to Rajaji Tiger Reserve, where the Shivalik ranges rise from the plains. It is a long travel day, and it spans the entire breadth of northern India, from the Brahmaputra to the edge of the Himalayas.

Arrive by evening, check in, and settle into the quiet of the foothills.

Meals: All meals included.

Overnight in Rajaji



Two Days Among Rajaji's Wild Landscapes

The forests of Rajaji promise a rawer, more unpredictable safari: riverine stretches, thick sal cover, and rolling Shivalik terrain where nothing is handed to you and every sighting is earned. Leopards and elephants share top billing with the tiger here, and patient tracking is what the forest rewards.

Days move to the forest's own rhythm: an early drive when the wild is at its most alert, a return to the lodge for breakfast and rest, and an evening safari as the light softens and the jungle wakes once more.

Across these two days, you will enjoy 4 safaris, with both morning and evening drives included.

Meals: All meals included.

Overnight in Rajaji



Day 9 | Rajaji → Bandhavgarh: Into Tiger Country

Departure: Rajaji → Dehradun (approx. 1 hr by road) | Dehradun → Jabalpur (flight) | Jabalpur → Bandhavgarh (approx. 4 hrs by road)

After breakfast and check-out, drive to Dehradun and fly to Jabalpur. On landing, the drive begins, winding through the countryside of central Madhya Pradesh towards Bandhavgarh, a landscape of sal forest, bamboo thickets, and grassy maidans that holds one of the highest densities of wild tigers anywhere in the world. Arrive at your lodge in time to settle in and enjoy a leisurely evening. The forest is close here, and the first sounds of the wild, langur alarm calls, the distant sawing of a leopard, arrive well before the first safari does.

Meals: All meals included.

Overnight in Bandhavgarh



Days 10–12 | Three Days in the Land Where Tigers Reign

Bandhavgarh is the essence of tiger country: weathered cliffs, the ruins of a hilltop fort, and open meadows where the Bengal tiger has held its ground for centuries. Mornings begin deep in sal forest and grassland, terrain shared by leopards, sloth bears, dhole, sambar, and an impressive range of birdlife, with a naturalist tracking and reading the forest on every drive. Breakfast and a quiet afternoon at the lodge follow, before you head back in for the evening drive as the forest comes alive again.Across three days, you will enjoy six safaris, morning and evening drives included.

Meals: All meals included.
Overnight in Bandhavgarh



Day 13 | Bandhavgarh → Delhi

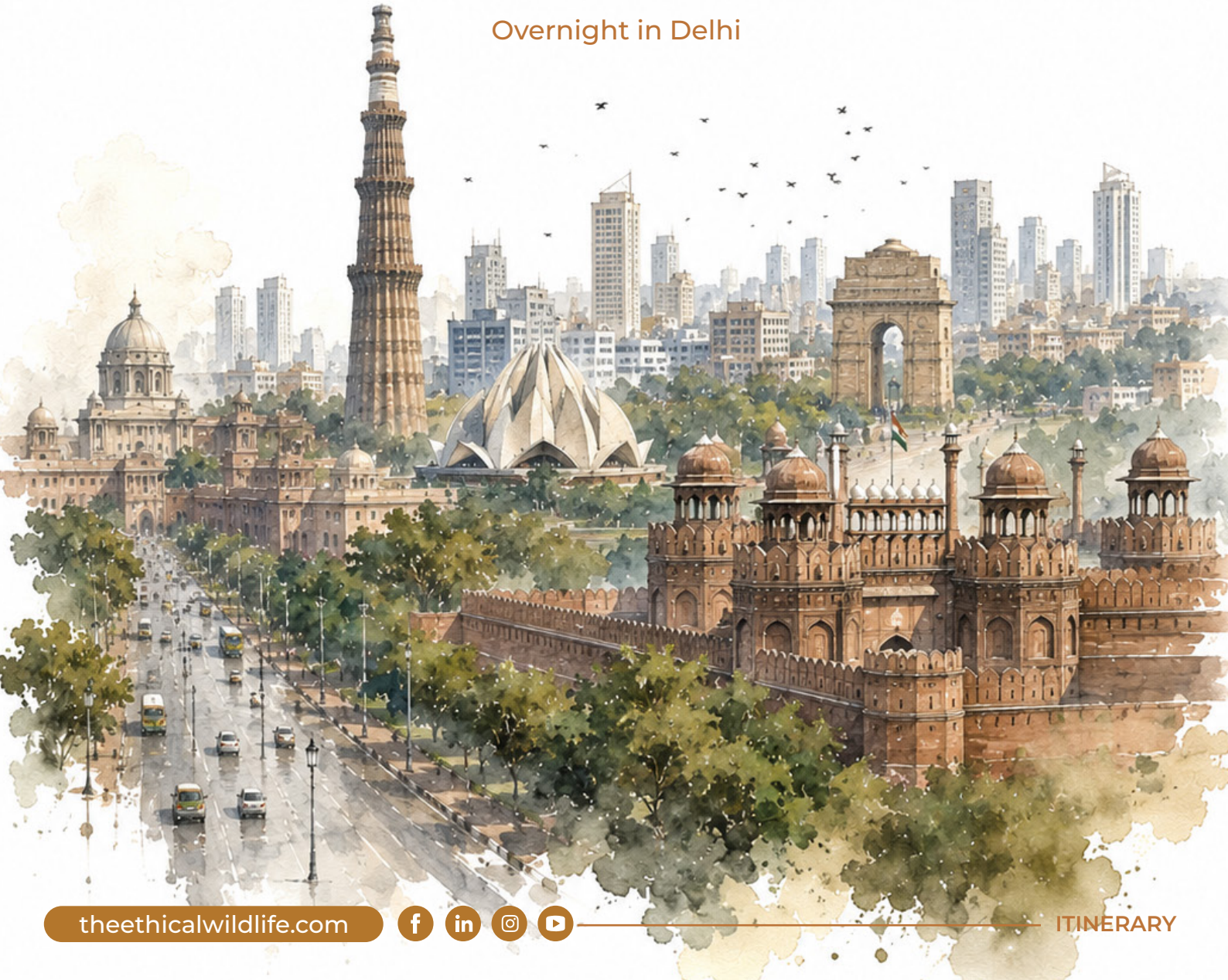
Departure: Bandhavgarh → Jabalpur (approx. 4 hrs by road) | Jabalpur → Delhi (flight)

After a final breakfast at the edge of tiger country, check out and drive back to Jabalpur for your flight to Delhi. By evening, arrive in the capital and check in at your hotel for the final overnight stay.

After days spent among rhinos, elephants, leopards, and tigers, Delhi returns with an entirely different energy, it's vibrant, layered, and unmistakably urban. Dinner this evening is served at the hotel, a quiet close to the last full day of the journey.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner included.

Overnight in Delhi



Day 14 | Departure from Delhi

A final morning in Delhi before the journey gently comes to a close. After breakfast, take the morning at your own pace before check-out and transfer to Indira Gandhi International Airport, where our representative will assist you through departure formalities.

From the rhino grasslands of Kaziranga to the tiger meadows of Bandhavgarh, the journey concludes where it first began, in the ever-moving rhythm of Delhi.

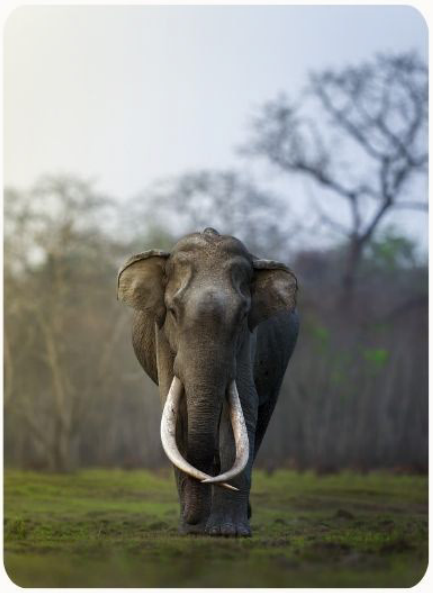
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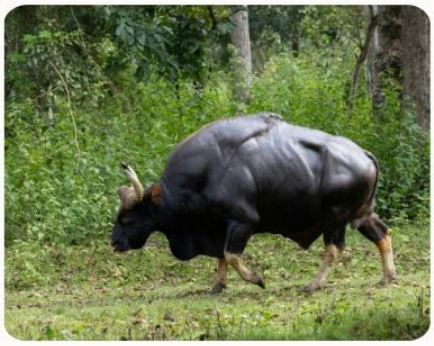
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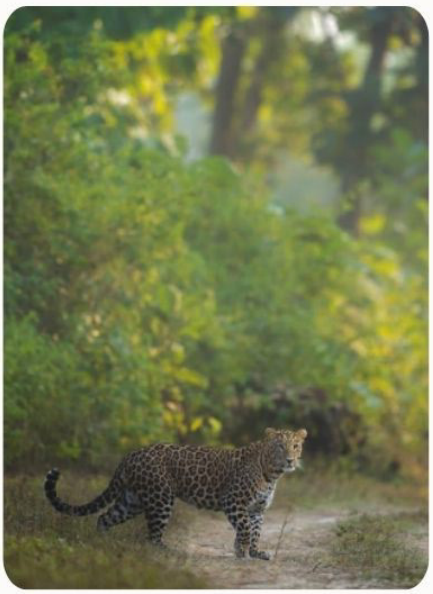












• INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS •

Inclusions

- All airport transfers and travel between destinations, in private vehicles
- All domestic flights
- Accommodation for 13 nights
- 15 Jeep Safaris
- End-to-end logistics handled throughout, from arrival to departure
- All meals as per the itinerary
- Private intercity transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- Park entry permits, guide fees and forest charges
- A dedicated tour leader throughout the journey
- Wildlife and photography guidance during the journey
- Safe drinking water during road journeys and safaris
- Airport-to-airport ground transfers
- All major tips included, except for the Tour Leader's gratuity

Exclusions

- International airfare to and from Delhi
- Travel insurance, which we strongly recommend arranging before departure
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone calls or souvenirs
- Tips and gratuity for the Tour Leader are not included
- Alcoholic drinks or soft drinks outside of meal plans
- Optional excursions not mentioned in the itinerary
- Filming charges for professional video cameras (handheld cameras exempt)
- Food and beverages consumed beyond the inclusions will be charged as per actuals
- Visa fees and processing, if applicable
- Anything not specifically mentioned under “Inclusions”



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