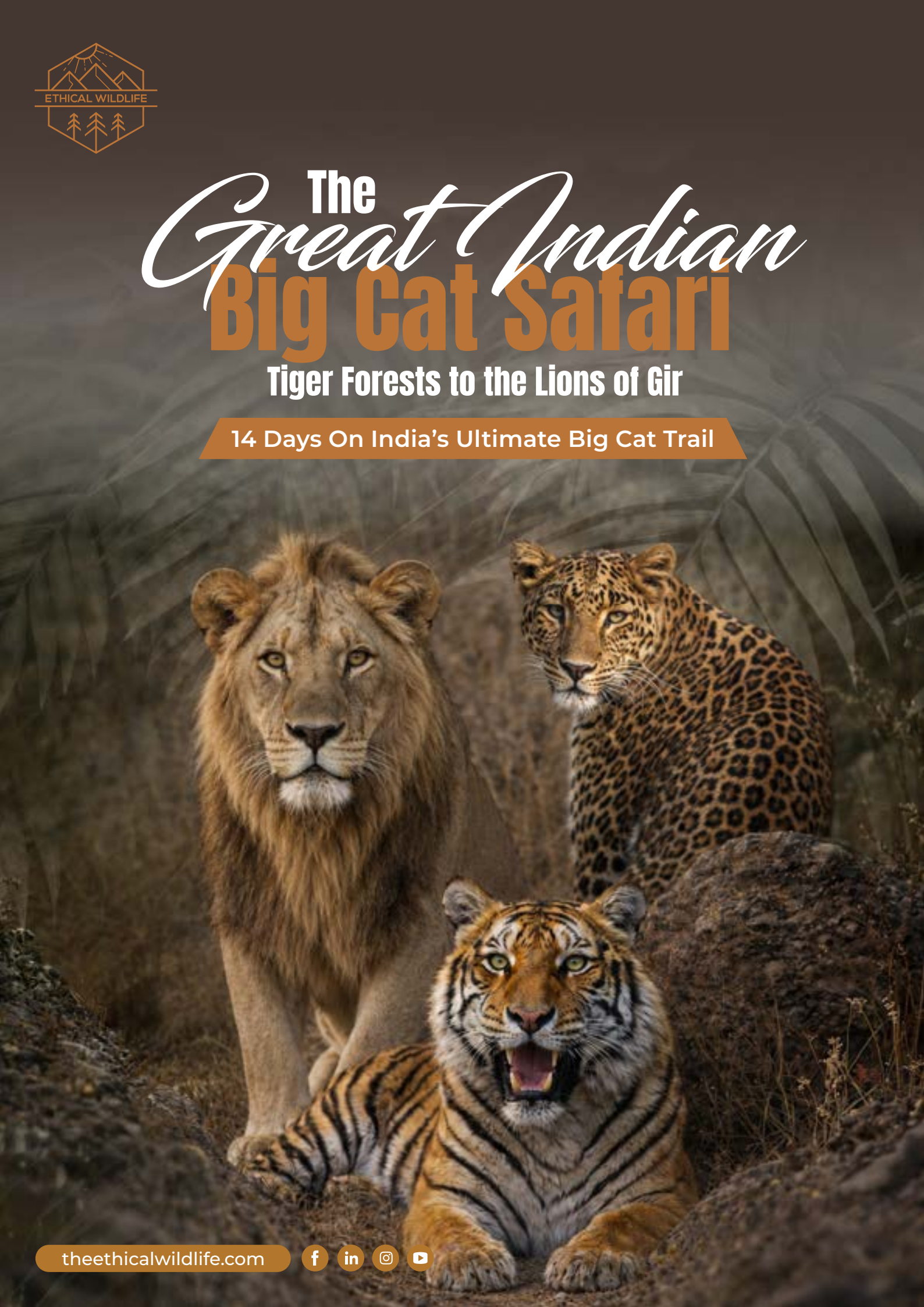
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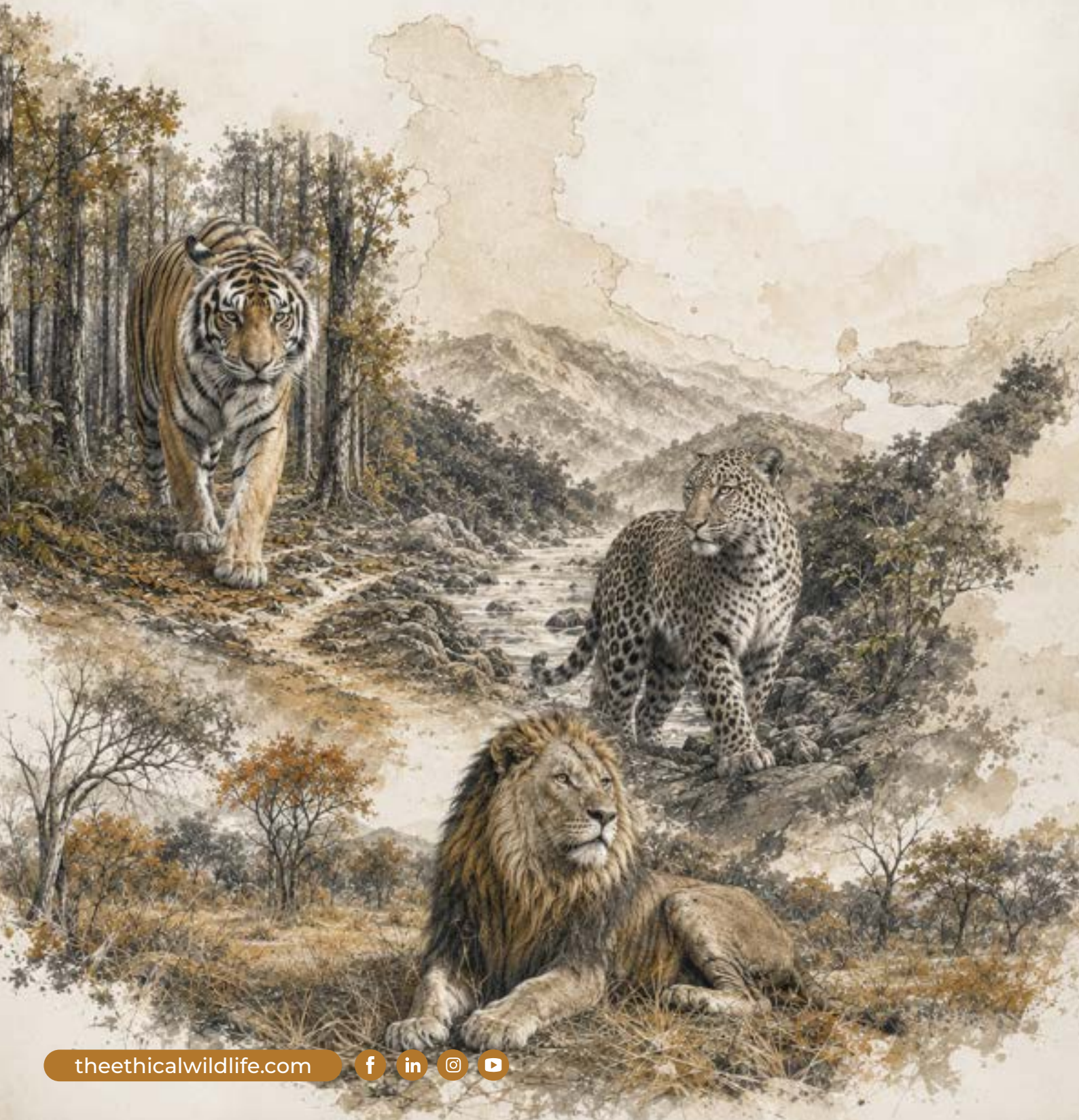


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Route: Delhi → Bandhavgarh → Rajaji → Delhi → Gir → Delhi

India is the only country on earth where the tiger, the leopard, and the Asiatic lion still walk wild. This journey traces all three, from the sal forests of Bandhavgarh to the foothill wilderness of Rajaji and finally to Gir, the last home of the lion. Fourteen safaris, three landscapes, one unbroken trail of the wild.

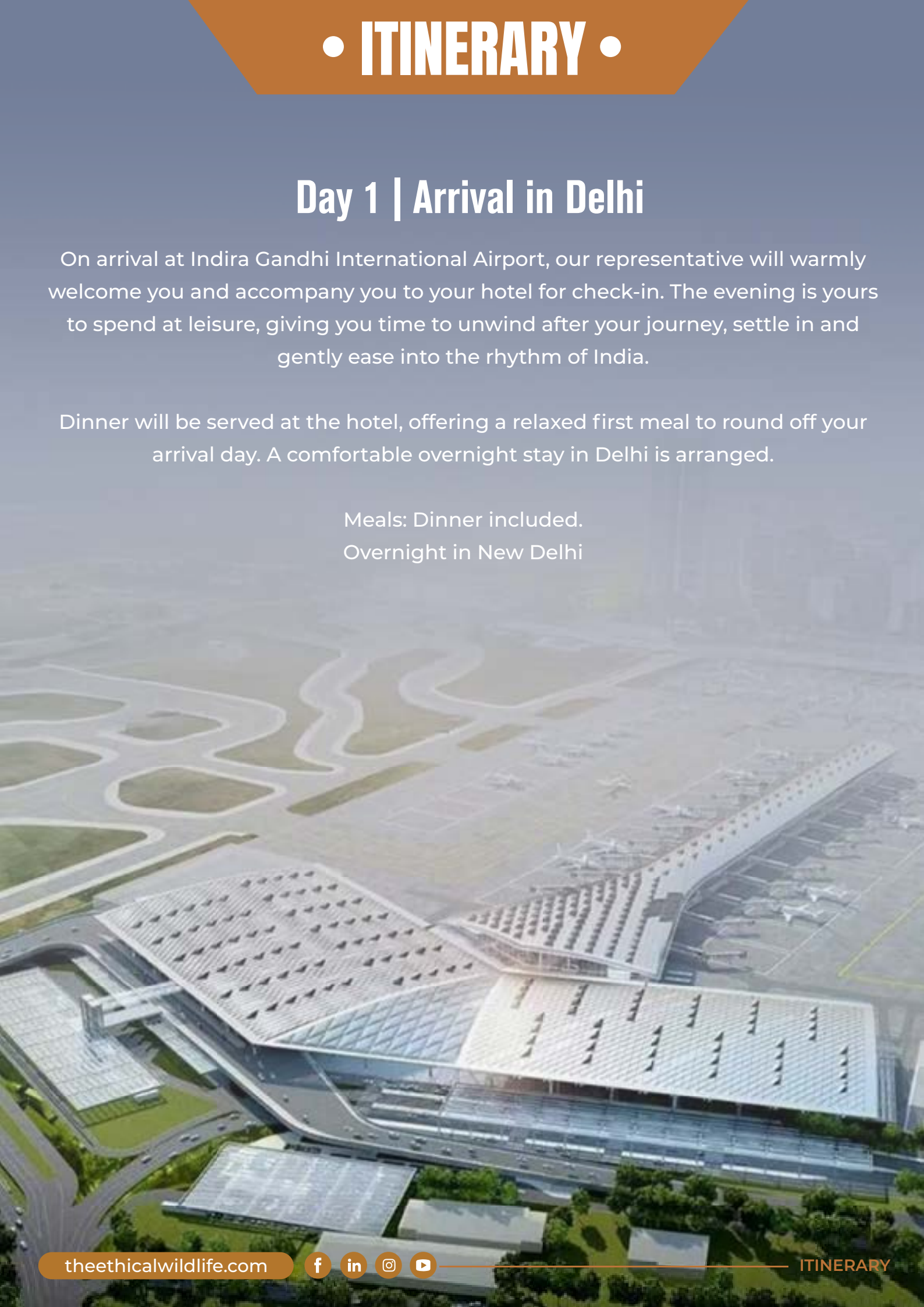


Day 1 | Arrival in Delhi

On arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport, our representative will warmly welcome you and accompany you to your hotel for check-in. The evening is yours to spend at leisure, giving you time to unwind after your journey, settle in and gently ease into the rhythm of India.

Dinner will be served at the hotel, offering a relaxed first meal to round off your arrival day. A comfortable overnight stay in Delhi is arranged.

Meals: Dinner included.
Overnight in New Delhi



Day 2 | Delhi → Bandhavgarh: Into Tiger Country

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

After breakfast and check-out, fly from Delhi 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, check in, and spend the evening at leisure. 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 3–5 | Three Days in the Kingdom of the Tiger

Bandhavgarh is tiger country in its purest form: ancient cliffs, a ruined hilltop fort, and meadows where the Bengal tiger has ruled for centuries. An early morning safari moves through dense sal forest and open grasslands, guided by a naturalist through expert tracking and careful positioning. Alongside Bengal tigers, the reserve is home to leopards, sloth bears, dhole, sambar, and an exceptional diversity of birdlife.

Return for breakfast and time to relax during the warmer hours before an evening drive as the forest stirs once more. Across these three days, you will enjoy a total of 6 safaris.

Meals: All meals included.
Overnight in Bandhavgarh



Day 6 | Bandhavgarh → Dehradun: Towards the Foothills

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

After breakfast and check-out, drive back to Jabalpur and board your flight to Dehradun. The landscape changes completely on this leg of the journey, from the plateau forests of central India to the green foothills of the Himalayas, where Rajaji Tiger Reserve spreads across the Shivalik ranges.
On arrival, check in, where the evening is yours to unwind. The air is cooler here, the forest quieter, and the next chapter of the trail begins at the edge of the hills.

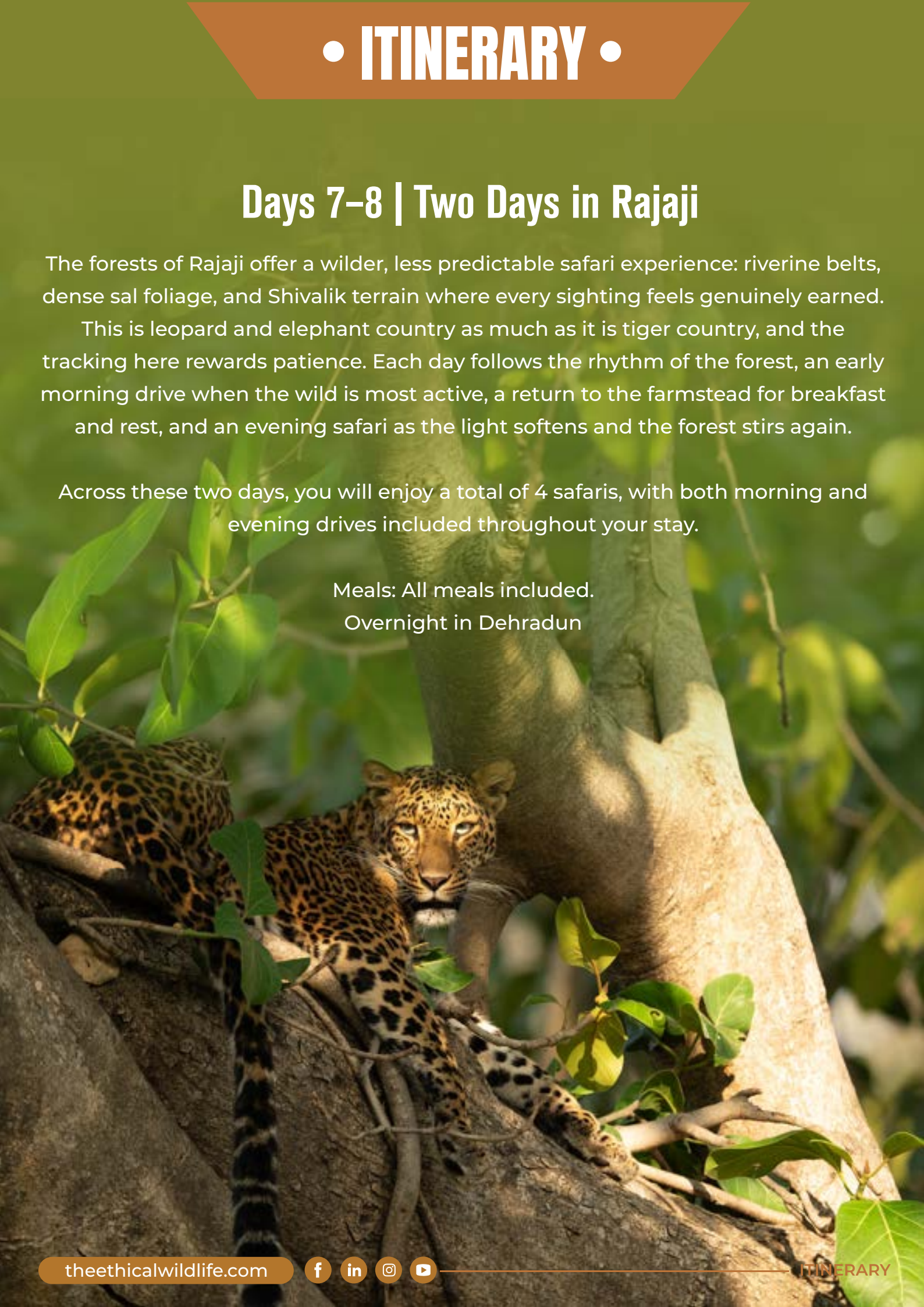
Meals: All meals included.
Overnight in Dehradun

Days 7–8 | Two Days in Rajaji

The forests of Rajaji offer a wilder, less predictable safari experience: riverine belts, dense sal foliage, and Shivalik terrain where every sighting feels genuinely earned. This is leopard and elephant country as much as it is tiger country, and the tracking here rewards patience. Each day follows the rhythm of the forest, an early morning drive when the wild is most active, a return to the farmstead for breakfast and rest, and an evening safari as the light softens and the forest stirs again.

Across these two days, you will enjoy a total of 4 safaris, with both morning and evening drives included throughout your stay.

Meals: All meals included.
Overnight in Dehradun

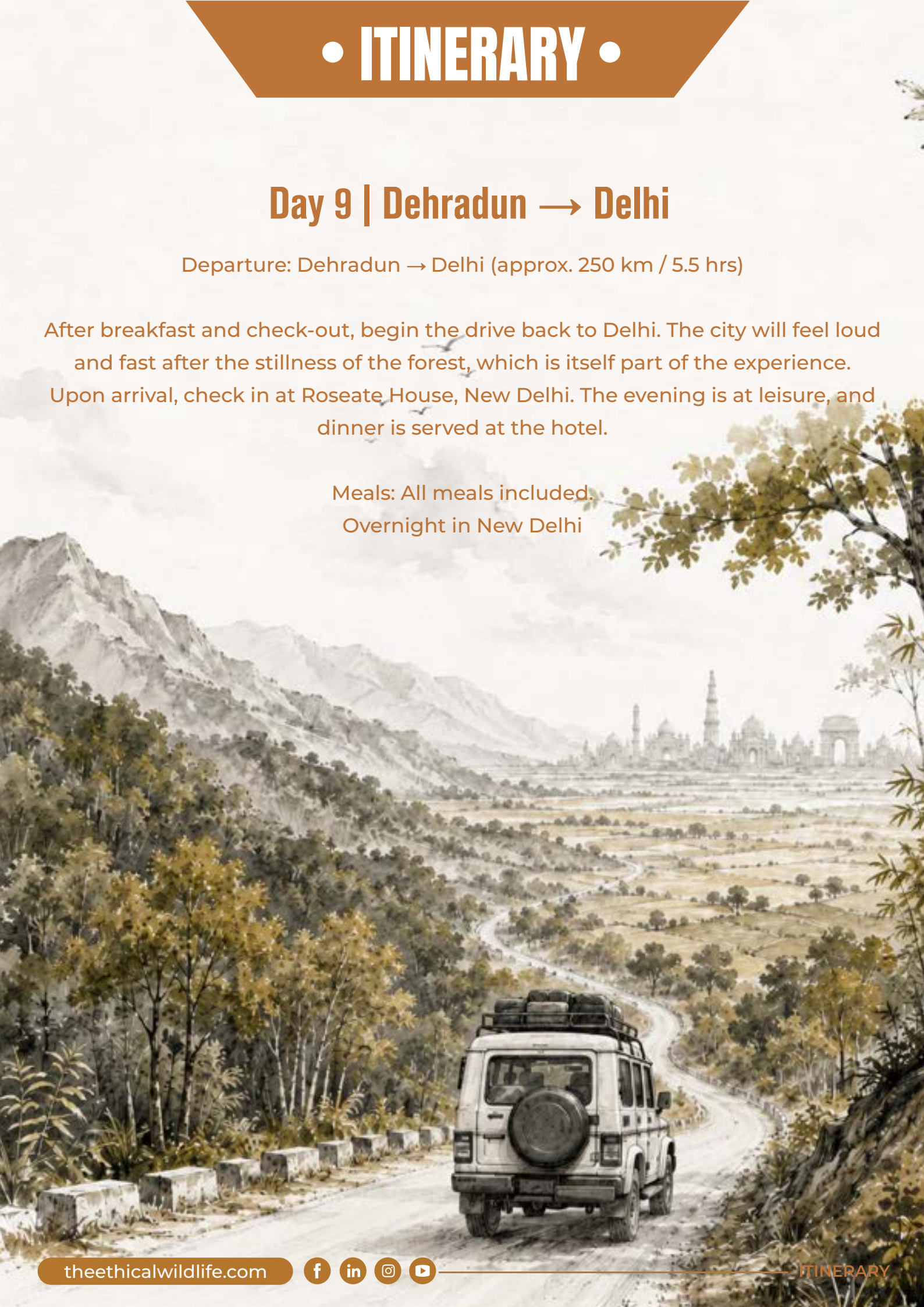


Day 9 | Dehradun → Delhi

Departure: Dehradun → Delhi (approx. 250 km / 5.5 hrs)

After breakfast and check-out, begin the drive back to Delhi. The city will feel loud and fast after the stillness of the forest, which is itself part of the experience. Upon arrival, check in at Roseate House, New Delhi. The evening is at leisure, and dinner is served at the hotel.

Meals: All meals included.
Overnight in New Delhi



Day 10 | Delhi → Gir: The Last Home of the Lion

Departure: Delhi → Rajkot (flight) | Rajkot → Gir (approx. 3.5 hrs by road)

Check out after breakfast and fly from Delhi to Rajkot. On landing, the drive begins, moving south through the Kathiawar peninsula towards Gir, the only place on earth where the Asiatic lion still lives in the wild.

Gir is a landscape unlike anything that came before it: dry teak forest, scrubland, and rocky riverbeds where lions rest in the open with an ease no other big cat allows. Arrive at The Fern in time to settle in before the final safaris of the trail begin.

Meals: All meals included.
Overnight in Gir

Days 11–12 | Two Days Among the Lions

The Asiatic lion once ranged from Greece to Bengal. Today, fewer than a thousand remain, all of them here. To see one in Gir is to witness one of conservation's greatest recoveries unfold in real time.

Each morning opens with a safari through the dry deciduous forest, where lions, leopards, striped hyenas, and enormous herds of chital share the same terrain. A naturalist guides the experience through expert tracking and careful positioning, and the evening drives bring the forest's second act, cooler light, moving prides, and the low contact calls of lions carrying across the scrub.

Across these two days, you will enjoy a total of 4 safaris, with both morning and evening drives included throughout your stay.

Meals: All meals included.
Overnight in Gir



Day 13 | Gir → Delhi

After a final breakfast at the edge of lion country, check out and begin the journey back to Delhi. By evening, arrive in the capital and check in at your hotel for your final overnight stay.

After days spent among tigers, leopards, and lions, 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 trail.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner included.

Overnight: Overnight in Delhi



Day 14 | Departure from Delhi

A final morning in Delhi before the journey gently comes to a close. 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 tiger meadows of Bandhavgarh to the lion forests of Gir, the trail concludes where it first began, in the ever-moving rhythm of Delhi.

Bon voyage.



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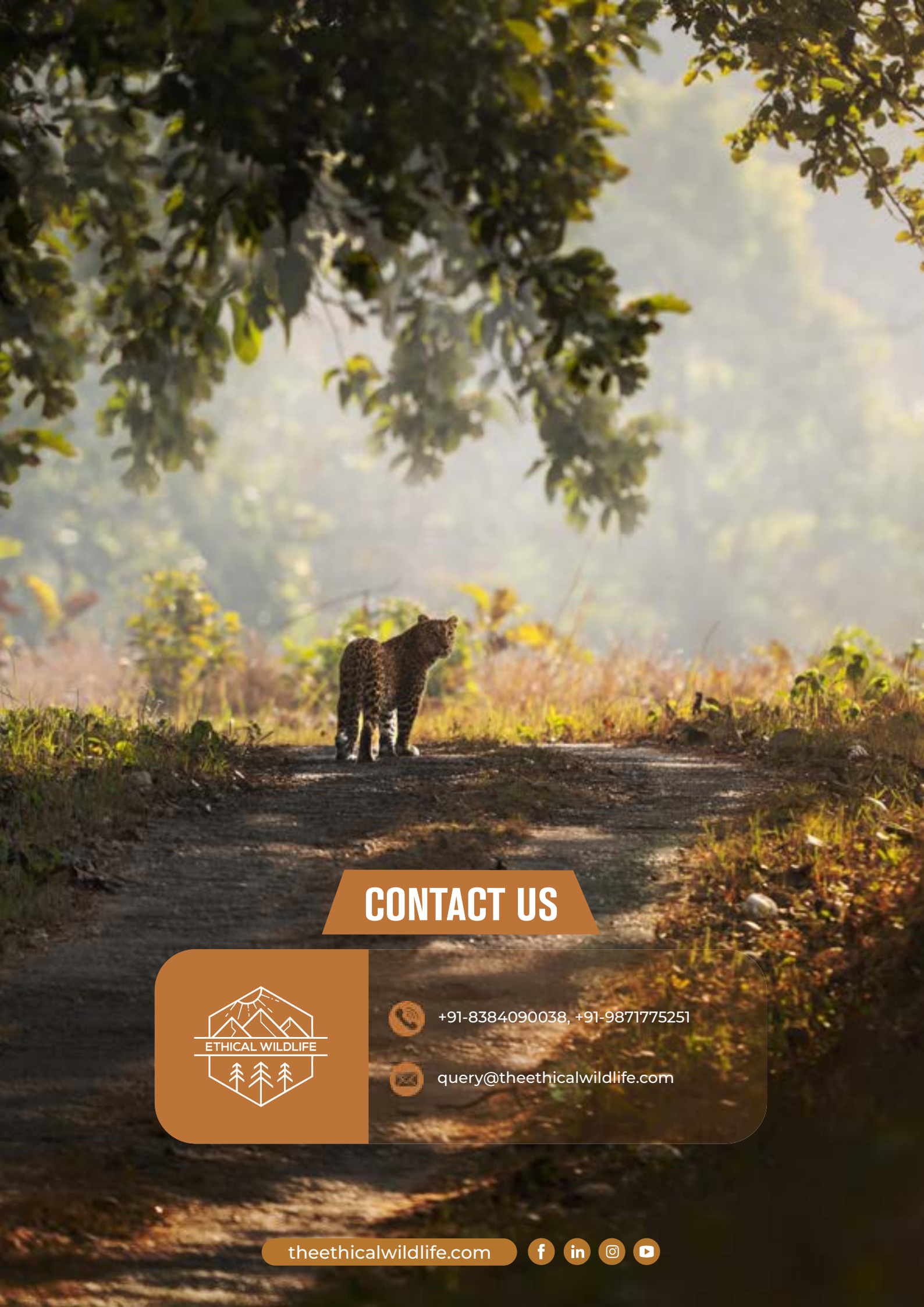
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Inclusions

- All airport transfers and travel between destinations, in private vehicles
- All domestic flights
- Accommodation for 13 nights
- 14 Jeep Safaris
- 1 Walking Safari at Hollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary
- 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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