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Tiger Marathon

A Comprehensive Wildlife Odyssey

16-DAY WILDLIFE SAFARI EXPEDITION



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Embark on the ultimate Indian wildlife journey through the heart of the subcontinent's most iconic tiger reserves. Over 16 immersive days, this expedition offers a rare opportunity to witness wild tigers, diverse ecosystems, and cultural heritage in a seamless blend of adventure and comfort. Led by an experienced tour leader and wildlife photography mentor, this journey is tailored for nature enthusiasts, photographers, and conservation-minded travelers alike.

TOUR LEADER : SACHIN SARBALIA



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LENGTH : 16 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS

Total Safaris : 19

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Day 1 - Arrival in Delhi

Guests arrive at Delhi's international airport at various times throughout the day. Each participant will be greeted by our team and transferred to a comfortable hotel in the city. This is a day to rest, recover from international travel, and settle in. In the evening, everyone will gather for a welcome dinner where you'll meet your fellow travelers, tour leader, and mentor. The session includes a trip overview, guidelines, and an introduction to India's national parks and photography expectations.

Day 2 - Fly to Nagpur & Drive to Tadoba

After breakfast, the group will transfer to the domestic terminal for a flight to Nagpur, the closest city to Tadoba-Andheri Tiger Reserve. Upon arrival, we embark on a 135 km drive (approx. 3 hours) to Tadoba Jungle Camp, our serene base for the next few days. After check- in and lunch, the afternoon is reserved for rest, wildlife discussions, and preparation for the safaris ahead.



Days 3 & 4 – A Day Full of Safaris in Tadoba

Each day starts early with tea/coffee followed by a morning jeep safari through Tadoba's prime tiger habitat. Return to camp mid-morning for breakfast, rest, and a light lunch before heading back into the park for an evening safari. Post-safari, the group gathers for a photographic review session led by the mentor. These discussions help sharpen wildlife observation skills and improve camera techniques. Enjoy dinner under the stars and the sounds of the jungle.

Day 5 – Morning Safari & Transfer to Pench

Begin the day with your final safari in Tadoba, followed by breakfast and check-out. We then drive 240 km (approx. 5 hours) to Pench National Park. Our stay here is at the Pench Jungle Camp, set in a peaceful woodland area near the park gate. Arrive by evening, check-in, relax, and enjoy a warm dinner.

Day 6 – Safari Day in Pench

Pench is the inspiration behind Rudyard Kipling's 'The Jungle Book'. The day includes both morning and evening safaris with breaks for meals and relaxation. This park is known for its diverse species including tigers, leopards, wild dogs, and rich birdlife. Evening image reviews will help participants reflect on their progress and capture ideas for improvement.

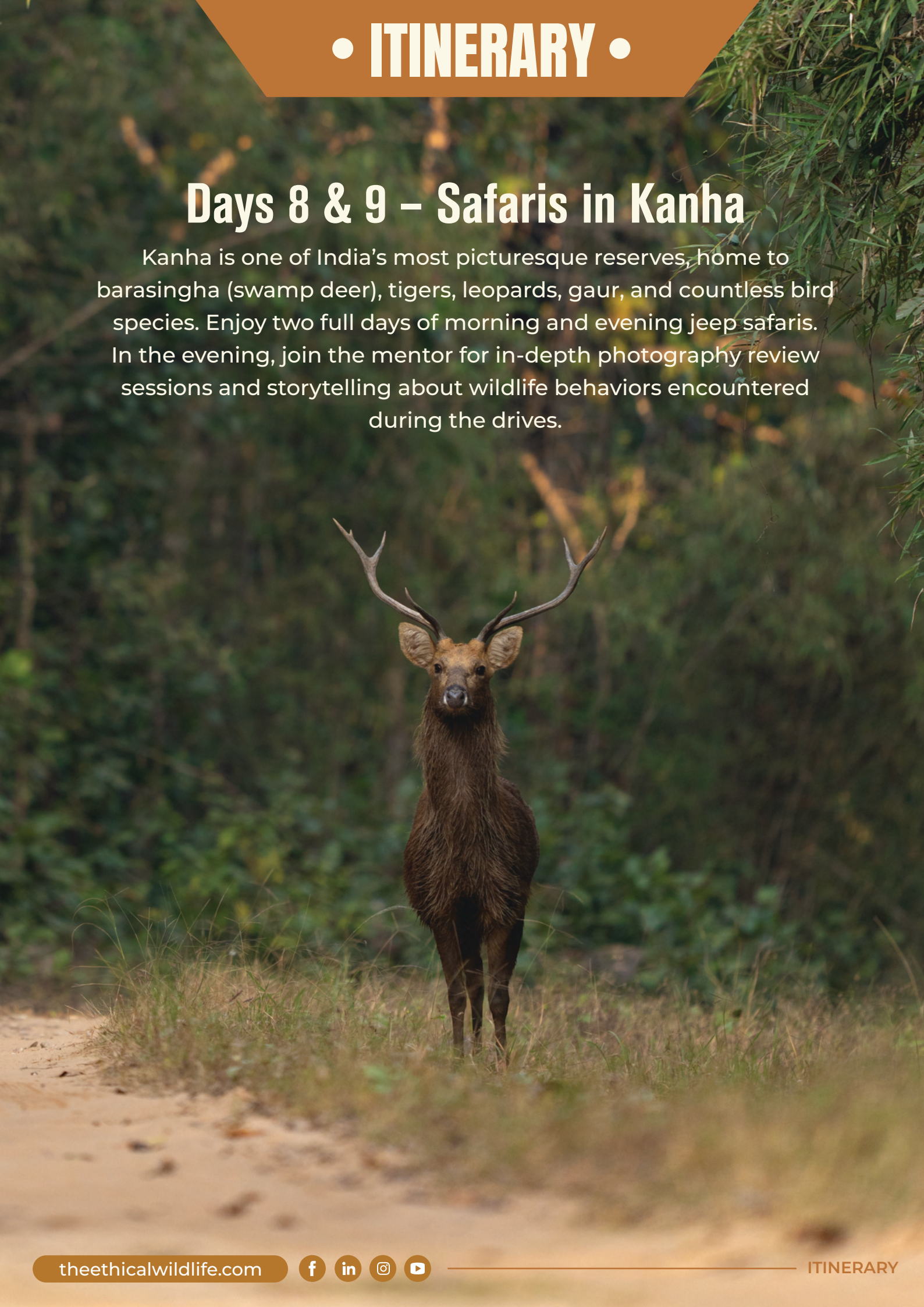
Day 7 – Morning Safari & Drive to Kanha

After a final morning safari in Pench, enjoy breakfast and prepare for a 200 km drive (approx. 4 hours) to Kanha. We check in at Kanha Earth Lodge, a beautiful eco-lodge set in natural forest. Spend the evening enjoying the tranquility of the surroundings or join the group for a short nature walk within the property.



Days 8 & 9 – Safaris in Kanha

Kanha is one of India's most picturesque reserves, home to barasingha (swamp deer), tigers, leopards, gaur, and countless bird species. Enjoy two full days of morning and evening jeep safaris. In the evening, join the mentor for in-depth photography review sessions and storytelling about wildlife behaviors encountered during the drives.



Day 10 – Drive to Bandhavgarh

After breakfast, we set off for a 250 km (approx. 5.5 hours) drive to Bandhavgarh. This reserve boasts some of the highest tiger densities in India. Upon arrival, check in at Kings Lodge or a similar premium lodge. Evening at leisure.

Days 11 & 12 – Safaris in Bandhavgarh

Morning and evening safaris in Bandhavgarh's rugged terrain offer the chance to spot tigers, sloth bears, and various raptors. The landscape is a mix of rocky hills, dense sal forests, and grasslands, offering a variety of photographic opportunities. As always, end the day with relaxed group sessions around the campfire or review table.



Day 13 – Drive to Panna via Khajuraho

After breakfast, we depart for Panna Tiger Reserve (220 km / approx. 5 hrs). En route, visit the world-famous Khajuraho temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its intricate carvings and historical significance. Check-in at Tendu Leaf or a similar property in the Panna area.



Day 14 – Safari in Panna

Enjoy morning and evening safaris in Panna, a park famous for its dramatic landscapes, Ken river views, and sightings of leopards, sloth bears, and vultures. Optional village visits or nature walks may be available.

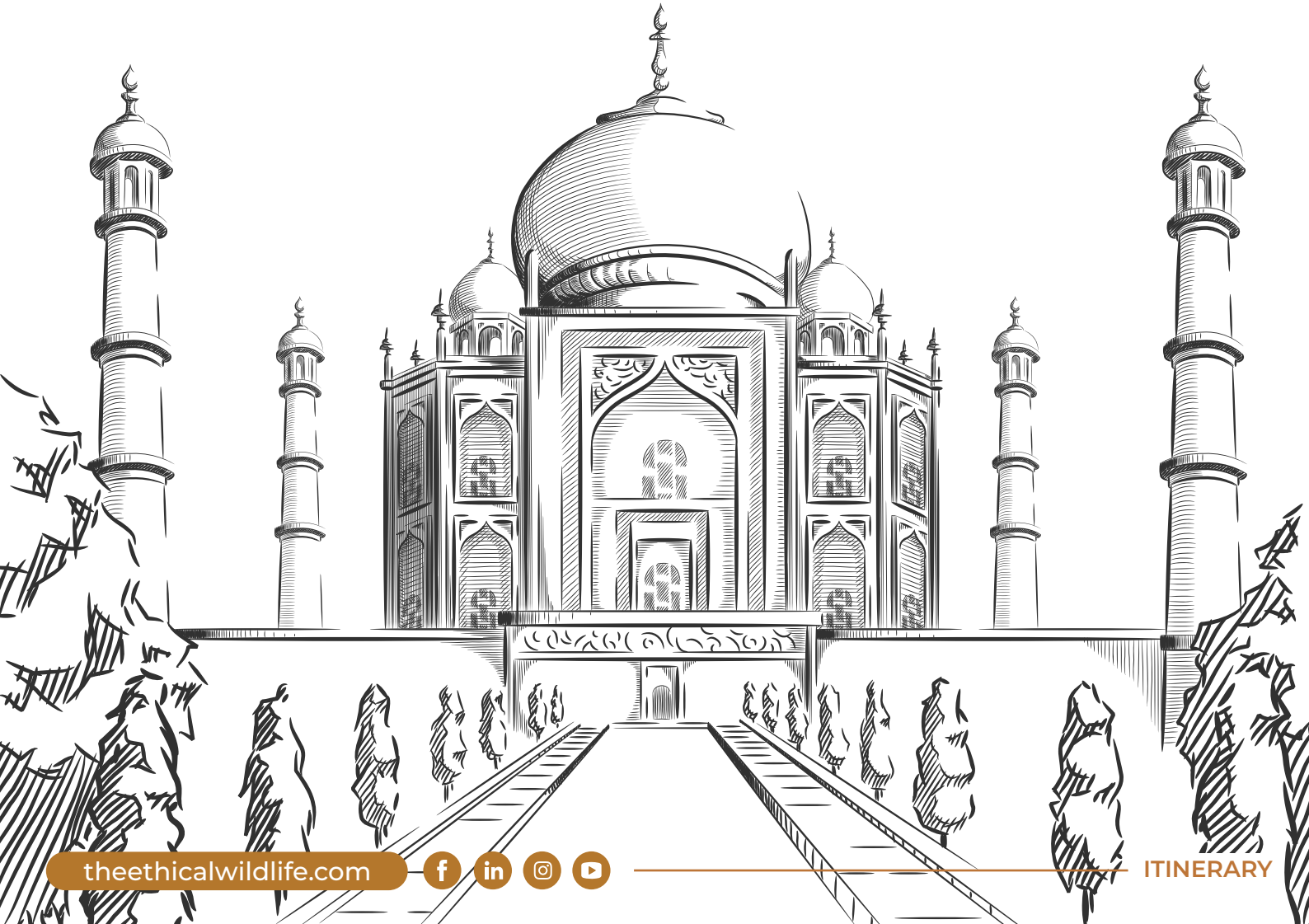
Day 15 – Morning Safari & Train to Agra

After a final morning safari and breakfast, we check out and board a train to Agra. On arrival, check in at ITC Mughal, Trident, or a similar luxurious hotel. The evening is free for rest or optional local excursions.



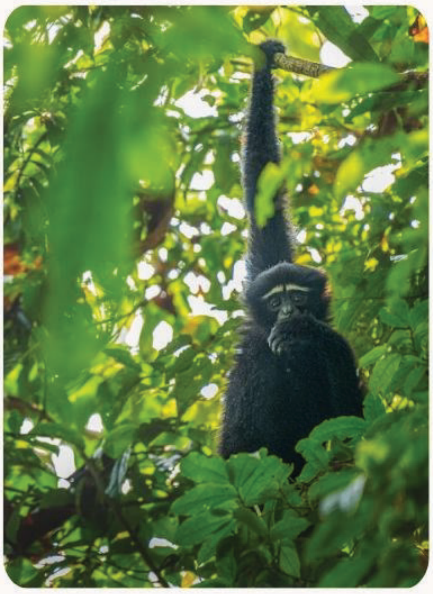
Day 16 – Visit Taj Mahal & Return to Delhi

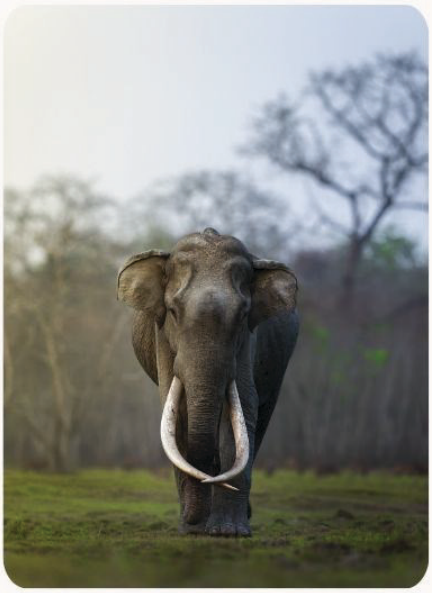
Start early with a guided tour of the Taj Mahal at sunrise – an unforgettable experience. After breakfast, we drive back to Delhi (approx. 220 km / 4 hours) for departure flights. This concludes your Tiger Marathon journey.



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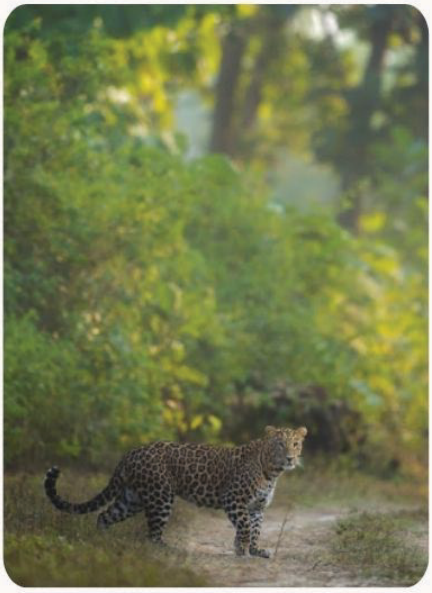


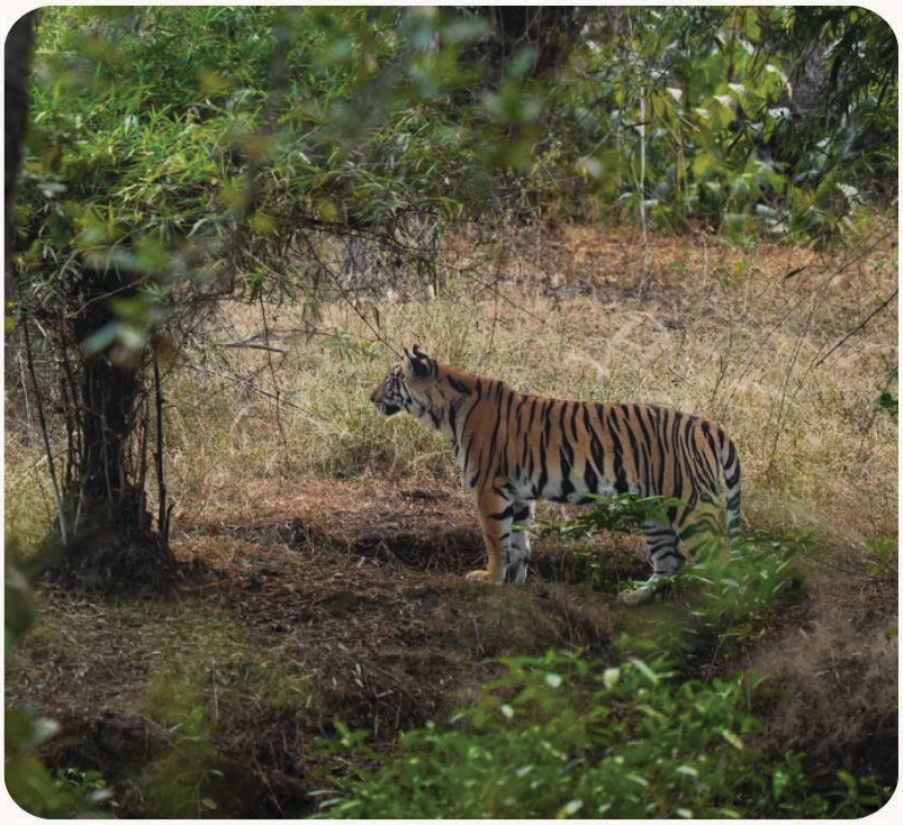












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INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

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- Airport transfers and travel between destinations in private vehicles
- Domestic flight from Delhi to Nagpur
- Train journey to Agra as per the confirmed itinerary
- Accommodation for 15 nights as per the confirmed itinerary
- 19 jeep safaris across five tiger reserves: Tadoba, Pench, Kanha, Bandhavgarh, and Panna
- Private intercity transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- Park entry permits, forest guide fees, and safari charges
- Experienced naturalists and forest guides during safaris
- Wildlife and photography guidance throughout the journey
- Photography tips, post-processing sessions, and discussions
- Guided sightseeing in Khajuraho and Agra as per the itinerary
- Visit to the Taj Mahal in Agra
- End-to-end travel logistics from arrival to departure
- Meals as per the confirmed itinerary
- Safe drinking water during road journeys and safaris
- 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
- Alcoholic drinks or soft drinks outside the meal plan
- Optional excursions or activities not mentioned in the itinerary
- Filming charges for professional video cameras, where applicable
- Food and beverages consumed beyond the inclusions, charged as per actuals
- Visa fees and processing, if applicable
- Anything not specifically mentioned under “Inclusions”



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