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trip highlights

Wildlife spotting in Corbett National Park

Wildlife spotting in Ranthambore National Park

Wildlife spotting in Bandhavgarh National Park

Jaipur - City Palace, Observatory, Wind Palace and Amber Fort

Old Delhi - Jama Masjid, Red Fort and Humayon's Tomb

Taj Mahal



Trip Duration	14 days	Trip Code: WAI
Grade	Adventure touring	
Activities	Wildlife Safari	
Summary	14 day trip and 13 nights hotels	

welcome to World Expeditions

World Animal Protection -

- > ends the needless suffering of animals
- > influences decision makers to put animals on the global agenda
- > helps the world see how important animals are to all of us
- > inspires people to change animals' lives for the better
- > moves the world to protect animals

World Animal Protection and World Expeditions advocate for wild animals to be kept in the wild, safe from unethical tourism. But we realize that navigating the world of animal friendly travel can be puzzling at times. So, we've taken the guess work out of wildlife travel experiences, and joined forces to bring you four carefully crafted itineraries that offer the best wildlife viewing opportunities in Thailand, India, Romania and Kenya. If animal encounters are high on your list for your next adventure, and you want to make sure your experiences aren't harmful, then these adventures that have been reviewed by World Animal Protection, are perfect for you. To top it off, World Expeditions is donating a percentage of each trip to World Animal Protection to support their work to save animals.

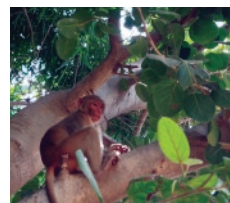
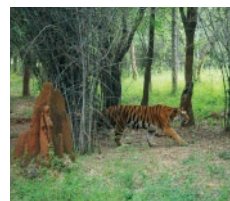
why travel with World Expeditions?

World Expeditions began in India back in 1978. Our vehicles are well maintained, air conditioned and comfortable. Accommodation has been handpicked for its local character and charm whilst still maintaining a 3 star rating. Our itineraries are all inclusive, with most but not all meals included in the cost of your tour - we understand that there are times when you may want to explore the local markets and restaurants at your leisure. The knowledge and enthusiasm of our local guides ensures that we maintain the leading edge in adventure travel. You will be accompanied by a guide whose knowledge and passion for nature and wildlife will add a unique dimension to your trip. Most importantly, our adventures have always sought to benefit the local peoples we interact with, safeguard the ecosystems we explore, and our Animal Welfare Code of Conduct ensures the well-being of animals we encounter.



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trip dates

2017 29 Oct - 11 Nov

trip cost

Joining Delhi: \$3690

All prices are per person

options & supplements

optional single supplement: \$830

For competitive airfares and stopover ideas to join this adventure, contact our expert staff today to receive a detailed quote.

the trip

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This adventure explores India's top national parks to give you the best chance of spotting India's beautiful tigers, as well as the vast range of mammals and birdlife such as the jungle cat, fishing cat and leopard cat, barking deer, sambar deer, hog deer and chital, sloth and Himalayan black bears, Indian grey mongoose, otters, Indian pangolins, and langur, rhesus macaques and much more. We've combined wildlife spotting with icon spotting to ensure that you see some of India's most famous landmarks like the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort, the Pink City of Jaipur and the bustling city of Delhi.

at a glance

DAY 1	ARRIVE IN DELHI
DAY 2	DELHI SIGHTSEEING, TRAIN TO RAMNAGAR
DAY 3	CORBETT NATIONAL PARK WILDLIFE SPOTTING
DAY 4	CORBETT NP - RAMNAGAR - DELHI
DAY 5	DELHI - JAIPUR
DAY 6	IN JAIPUR
DAY 7	JAIPUR - RANTHAMBHORE
DAY 8	RANTHAMBHORE JUNGLE JEEP SAFARI
DAY 9	RANTHAMBHORE - SWAIMAHOPUR BY TRAIN STATION TO BHARATPUR - FATHEPUR SIKRI - AGRA
DAY 10	TAJ MAHAL, RED FORT RETURN TO DELHI
DAY 11	FLY FROM DELHI TO JABALPUR
DAY 12	JEEP SAFARI IN BANDAVGARH NATIONAL PARK
DAY 13	RETURN TO DELHI
DAY 14	DELHI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, FLIGHT HOME

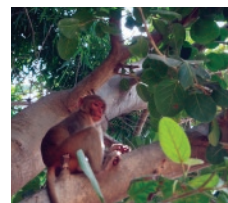
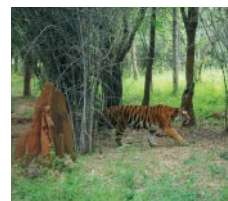
what's included

- 13 breakfasts, 05 lunches, 13 dinners
- English speaking World Expeditions guide throughout trip
- 13 nights comfortable accommodation based on twin share
- all airport transfers
- air conditioned private vehicles
- sightseeing and entrance fees as listed in itinerary
- train journey from Delhi - Ramnagar- Delhi in A/C Chair Car
- train journey from Sawai Madhopur to Agra in A/C Chair Car
- domestic flight from Delhi to Jabalpur (return) valued at USD\$140 (subject to change by the airline)
- 02 jungle safari in Bandhavagarh National Park (sharing basis 5-6 people per jeep)
- 02 jungle safaris in Corbett National Park (sharing basis 5-6 people per jeep)
- 03 jungle safaris in Ranthambore (sharing basis 5-6 people per jeep)

Local cash payments are becoming increasingly popular with many operators in the adventure travel industry. The policy seems to benefit the tour operators, more than the local economies or travellers, as it avoids local taxes and transfers the cost and risk of cash handling to travellers. In accordance with our Responsible Travel practices we have chosen a policy not to ask for such payments.

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detailed itinerary

DAY 1 Arrive in Delhi

You'll be met at the airport by a World Expeditions representative to transfer you to your accommodation. In the afternoon, a World Animal Protection representative will meet your group in a meeting room at the hotel to welcome you to India and present the animal welfare challenges and successes in India. Overnight in hotel in Delhi.

meals: D

DAY 2 Delhi sightseeing, train to Ramnagar

After breakfast we take a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi visiting Jama Masjid (the biggest mosque in Delhi), the Red Fort and Humayon's Tomb. In the afternoon we transfer to the train station for the four hour train journey to Ramnagar. On arrival into Ramnagar we are transferred to our hotel. Overnight in hotel in Corbett NP

meals: B,L,D

DAY 3 Corbett National Park wildlife spotting

We spend the entire day wildlife spotting in Corbett National Park by jeep safari. Corbett National Park is the oldest national park in India and was established in 1936 as Hailey National Park to protect the endangered Bengal tiger and is known today for its rich and varied wildlife including royal Bengal tiger, elephant, four to five species of deer and rich birdlife. Overnight in hotel in Corbett National Park.

meals: B,L,D

DAY 4 Corbett NP - Ramnagar - Delhi

Following breakfast we transfer to Ramnagar train station for the journey back to Delhi. We arrive in Delhi in the afternoon and transfer to the hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Overnight in hotel in Delhi.

meals: B,D

DAY 5 Delhi - Jaipur

Following breakfast at the hotel we transfer by private vehicle to Jaipur (5 to 6 hours). Upon arrival in Jaipur we are transferred to our hotel. Remainder of day free to explore. Overnight hotel in Jaipur.

meals: B,D

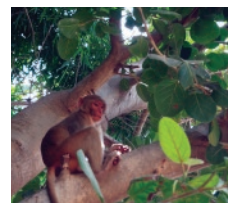
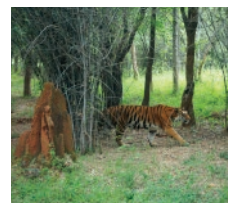
DAY 6 In Jaipur

Early this morning, after breakfast, we head out for a day of sightseeing in Jaipur. We begin at the Amber Fort, the honey coloured fortress-palace in the Aravalli Hills just north of the town centre. The sombre exterior belies the richness of the royal apartments, which open to striking views of the gorge. The Hall of Victory presents a galaxy of decorative art - panels of alabaster with fine inlay work of the tenderness hues and the intriguing Chamber of Mirrors. Unfortunately, many tourists choose to travel up the hill to reach the entrance of Amber Fort on the back of an elephant. World Expeditions does not include elephant rides on any of our itineraries and so your group will travel up the hill to the entrance of the beautiful Amber Fort in a jeep vehicle. We return to town to view the Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds) an elaborate building encrusted with delicate honeycomb screens and carved balconies from which the royal ladies, confined to their quarters, could view the world outside. Jai Singh's Observatory built in the 17th century by the founder of Jaipur who, besides being a prince was also soldier, astronomer and builder. We conclude at the City Palace, now a museum that contains fine Rajput and Moghul paintings, rare manuscripts and an armory, old carpets, and even amazingly embroidered clothes of the Maharajas and the Maharanis. Overnight in hotel in Jaipur.

meals: B,D

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fast facts

Countries Visited:

India

Visas:

Yes*

Vaccinations:

Please consult a travel vaccination specialist for up to date information

Singles:

A single supplement is available for this trip*

Leader:

Expert local leader

*Ask our staff for more information.

DAY 7 Jaipur – Ranthambhore

Following an early breakfast we drive 3 to 4 hours to arrive in Ranthambhore National Park. After lunch we head out by jeep to spot wildlife. Ranthambhore National Park is one of the most renowned national parks in Northern India, famous for being one of the best locations in India to see tigers in their natural habitat. Other wild animals include that call this national park home include the leopard, wild boar, Sambar, striped hyena, sloth bear, rhesus macaque and a wide variety of birds. Overnight at hotel in the National Park.

meals: B,L,D

DAY 8 Ranthambhore jungle jeep safari

Today is dedicated to jeep safaris in the jungle to spot as much wildlife as possible. Overnight in hotel in the national park.

meals: B,L,D

DAY 9 Ranthambhore - Swaimahapur by train station to Bharatpur - Fatehpur Sikri - Agra

After breakfast we drive to Swaimahapur train station to board the train for Bharatpur, (train leaves at 0705 hours and arrives Bharatpur at 9.25 hours). We then drive to Fatehpur Sikri. Built in red sandstone by Emperor Akbar the Great in 1569 and deserted 14 years later because its water supply failed. Its glorious courtyards and palaces conjure up dreams of the mysterious past. There's the imperial Jami Masjid, the tomb of Shaik Salim Chisti who predicted the birth of Akbar's son Jehangir, the Panch Mahal, a strange building which resembles a Buddhist Temple, a cloistered courtyard which was the Hall of Public Audience and the Pachchisi paved with black and white where the Emperor played chess using slave girls as figurines. Another one hour of driving and we reach Agra, we transfer to our hotel. Overnight in hotel in Agra.

meals: B,D

DAY 10 Taj Mahal, Red Fort return to Delhi

After an early breakfast we head to the Taj Mahal to watch as the sun rises over this extraordinary building. Built by Shah Jahan's as a mausoleum for his wife Mumtaz Mahal the beauty of this structure is unmatched. On the death of his beloved wife, in wild extravagance, Shah Jahan built her this memorial. 20,000 men laboured for over 17 years to build this wealth of white marble and precious stone. We have time to walk the corridors and gardens before continuing on to the Agra Fort. With its grand courtyards, royal pavilions and palaces the Agra Fort is a fitting testimony to the Great Moghuls – Akbar, Jahangir and Shah Jahan – during the era when Agra was the capital of the Moghul Empire. The most impressive part of the Fort is the Dewan-e-Am, where the Emperor sat on his throne to dispense to his subjects, and the Dewan-e-Khas where he received foreign dignitaries. We then make the four to five-hour drive to Delhi. Overnight at hotel in Delhi.

meals: B,D

DAY 11 Fly from Delhi to Jabalpur

Following breakfast we transfer to the domestic airport for our flight to Jabalpur airport. Upon arrival at Jabalpur we are transferred to our accommodation within the Bandhavgarh National Park. Afternoon free to relax. Overnight in villas in the national park.

meals: B,D

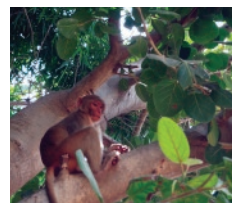
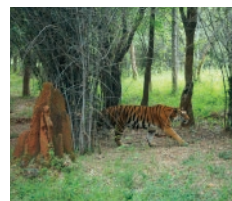
DAY 12 Jeep safari in Bandhavgarh National Park

A full day of jeep safaris in Bandhavgarh National Park. Bandhavgarh National Park being a dry deciduous and tropical land brings amazing dense forest trails where visitors can spot some of the 22 species of mammals and 250 species of birds in the area, as well as common langurs and rhesus macaque, tigers and more.

meals: B,L,D

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responsible travel

The natural environments that you'll travel through are fragile; the cultures and traditions precious and often the communities we pass through are reliant on tourism. It is our responsibility as visitors to minimize the impact of our presence, protect what is precious and where we can leave a positive impact. Learn how you can do this by downloading the Responsible Travel Guidebook from our website.

World Expeditions adheres to a comprehensive Animal Welfare Code of Conduct that was developed in conjunction with World Animal Protection. To download the code of conduct visit the World Expeditions website and locate it under Responsible Travel / Animal Welfare.

Elephant tourism experiences can be found throughout Asia and it can be difficult for travellers to resist the temptation to ride these beautiful and incredibly intelligent creatures. In recent years there has been much research into the impact of tourism activities on elephants' well-being. From the brutal taming of baby elephants called 'the crush' to ongoing confinement and the mere fact that the elephants spine is not meant to carry heavy weights there are many instances where incorrect management results in a negative impact for the elephants. Because of this World Expeditions discourages travellers from riding on the back of elephants and we do not include elephant rides in our itineraries throughout our global program and across all World Expeditions brands.

trip grading Adventure touring

These are our least demanding trips and involve little or no extended activity.

They are suitable for people with a basic level of fitness and good health.

The itinerary involves long travel days on various types of transport.

DAY 13 Return to Delhi

Following breakfast we fly from Jabalpur to Delhi, where we are transferred to the hotel and the remainder of the day is at leisure. Overnight in hotel in Delhi.

meals: B,D

DAY 14 Delhi International Airport, flight home

Following breakfast at the hotel, we transfer to the Delhi International Airport for our flight home. Trip concludes.

meals: B

This itinerary is subject to change with any change in Community regulations as well as Governmental changes and natural circumstances beyond our control.

country information

It's hard to imagine a more enticing destination in anyone's books. India is exciting, exhilarating, romantic and exotic. A vast subcontinent, India has an incredible rich history and culture, a diversity of people, scenery, religions and architecture to rival any place on earth and for the inquisitive traveller, it is simply unmissable. The land is geographically diverse, from Himalayan mountains and far ranging deserts in the north, to lush coconut palms and white sandy beaches in the south. Ancient influences and the modern world constantly blend and evolve in a way that can only be described as natural. India is a wonderful country with a heart and soul that will inspire and intrigue! Love it or hate it, India has continued to fascinate travellers for thousands of years.

India is the largest country in the subcontinent and shares borders with Pakistan to the west, China and Nepal to the north, Bhutan to the north-east and Bangladesh and Myanmar to the east. Sri Lanka, the Maldives lie to the south in the Indian Ocean. It is the seventh largest country in the world by area and prides itself on being the largest democracy on earth.

India's people are colourful and inspiring and it is home to three of the world's greatest religions - Hindu, Sikh and Buddhist. Though predominantly Hindu, in which many people still live their lives according to the complicated caste structure, the Muslim community, who came to India in the twelfth century also form an integral part of the Indian community. The population of India now exceeds one billion, and although more than a thousand languages are spoken, English is the second language and is widely taught in Indian schools.

climate

Climate in India varies greatly, from the arid deserts of Rajasthan, to the snow covered mountains in Uttarakhand, to the humid and tropical south and the lush green and wet highlands of the North East.

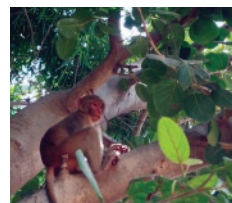
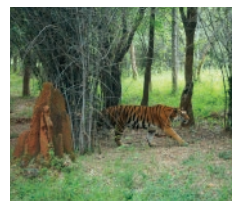
Basically India has three-seasons - the hot, the humid wet monsoon and the cool. The heat starts to build up on the northern plains, including Delhi and Rajasthan, around mid March and by late April it becomes extremely hot - expect 35-45°C (95-113°F) days in most places. The first signs of the main monsoon, from the southwest, appear in May with high humidity, short rainstorms and violent electrical storms. The monsoon rains begin in the extreme south and slowly move north to cover the whole country by early July and generally ends by late September. The monsoon doesn't really cool things off, but it's a great relief - especially to farmers.

A second monsoon, the short and surprisingly wet northeastern monsoon, brings rain from mid-October to the end of December. This affects generally affects the eastern and southern coast including Orissa, Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

India's northern states become cooler during November to February each year. Expect daytime temperatures to be between 15-25°C (59-77°F). In late December and January it can be very cold at night in Uttar Pradesh and the desert regions of Rajasthan, between 0-5°C

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adventure travel

By its very nature adventure travel involves an element of the unexpected. In remote and developing countries do not expect standards you are used to at home. Remote areas are sometimes unpredictable and itineraries may be altered. To get the most out of your adventure it is important that you are flexible, positive and eager to take on all the challenges that arise. If you are uncertain about your suitability for this trip we recommend that you speak with your consultant or travel agent.

important note

These trip notes represent the most current information for this itinerary, and may supersede any information in the current brochure, including but not limited to the itinerary and price. The itinerary should be seen as a guide only. This itinerary may change at any time due to inclement weather, forces of nature and other circumstances beyond our control.

(32-41°F). In south, basically anywhere below Mumbai, during this time, it never really gets cool, the temperatures are comfortably warm rather than hot.

dietary requirements

Provided we are advised in advance of your departure we are able to cater for vegetarian diets and can assist with medically recommended diets (allergies and intolerances). Please ensure you discuss your requirements with us well in advance (at least 1 month prior to your trip) to determine whether we can cater to such dietary requirements on your chosen adventure. Please note that options are likely to be limited in very remote locations or alternatives may be more expensive or unavailable. There may be times when those with special requirements may need to provide their own food. We are unable to guarantee a peanut-free or allergen-free trip, and therefore, we strongly encourage that travellers with life-threatening or severe allergies take all necessary medical precautions to prepare for the possibility of exposure. Passengers must travel with all necessary medications for food allergies and be capable of self-administering these medications.

equipment required

There is no specialised equipment required for this trip however a suggested gear list is supplied in the pre-departure information provided on booking.

vehicles & safety

During the course of your trip, we will use a variety of vehicles, all of which are fit for purpose and the conditions encountered. It should be noted that laws governing transportation safety may differ from those in your home country and on occasion some vehicles may not have seat belts fitted. While game viewing within a national park could be one example, public bus transfers or specialised transport such as 'tuk-tuk's' could be another. Where seat belts are not provided we strongly recommend that you hold tight to a fixed part of the vehicle at all times.

what's not included

- International airfares
- Visas
- Travel Insurance (compulsory)
- Meals and beverages not mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips and gratuities
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, phone calls, alcohol etc

info nights

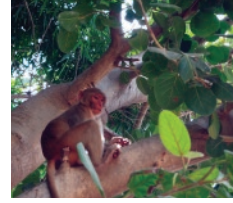
World Expeditions invites you to attend our inspiring adventure travel information nights. These special evenings are designed to inform and entertain and are hosted by our most experienced and passionate adventure travellers and mountaineers. Ask our staff for a info night schedule or register on our website - www.worldexpeditions.com. Shows can fill early so it is important to register your attendance so we know to save a seat, or two!

private groups

The adventures featured in our brochures, and on our website, are just a starting point for many of our private group travellers. Working closely with our Groups Department we can organise custom designed itineraries for groups of friends, clubs, charity's, schools or even work colleagues. Our team will assist you with all aspects of your private group adventure from itinerary design to group flights. Contact our team today.

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trip availability

If this trip seems right for you then we encourage you to call us now to check availability. There are many reasons why you may not be able to join your desired departure and limited space on our small group departures is just one of them. Many of our adventures require us to secure services on your behalf; such as trekking permits, train travel and visa invitation letters. The demand is increasing each year making it difficult to join a trip last minute. To ensure we can assist you onto your adventure of a lifetime we ask that you check your trip availability with our team at your earliest convenience.

how to book

To book a World Expeditions trip, you will need to complete a booking form and pay a non refundable deposit which you can do by using our online booking function for most trips, or if you prefer, download a booking form from the website and return to us by fax, or mail your booking form and deposit to your nearest World Expeditions office or travel agent. We can also help you with any additional arrangements that you require, such as competitive airfares to get you to your destination, stopovers, pre or post trip accommodation or any additional tours that you wish to take in conjunction with the main World Expeditions trip.