

# NORTH INDIAN WILDLIFE & BIRD WATCHING TOUR

Namaste! – We welcome you with folded hands to Incredible India!

“Athithi Devo Bhava” – the guest is an incarnation of God for us.

We thank you for giving us the opportunity to be at your service.

## DAY 01 ARRIVE DELHI

Meeting and assistance on arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

## DAY 02 IN DELHI

Morning after breakfast Sightseeing tour of Old & New Delhi Among some of the most interesting highlights of your city tour of Old and New Delhi are the Jama Masjid, Chandni Chowk and Raj Ghat in the old city area and the Government Buildings, a drive through the majestic Rajpath to the India Gate, the Humayun's Tomb and the Qutab Minar etc. Overnight at the hotel.



## DAY 03 DELHI – JAIPUR

Morning after breakfast, departure by surface to Jaipur, upon arrival check in at hotel. Rest of the day free for independent activities. Overnight at the hotel.

## Day 04 IN JAIPUR



Morning after early breakfast, excursion to **Amber Fort**, the ancient capital of the State until 1728. Visit the Jagmandir of the hall of victory glittering with mirrors, Jai Mahal and Temple of Kali. Take a ride on gaily decorated elephant to the ramparts of the Fort.

Later sightseeing tour of Jaipur city. Among the principal sights are the Jantar Mantar of the Observatory, The Palace of Winds or Hawa Mahal, the City Palace & Museum. Jaipur is also a major centre of precious and semi precious stones, jewellery, cotton textiles and the typical Blue Pottery. Overnight at the hotel.

## DAY 05 JAIPUR – RANTHAMBORE

Morning after breakfast, departure by surface to Ranthambore, upon arrival check in at the hotel. Rest of the day free for independent activities. Overnight at the hotel.

## DAY 06 IN RANTHAMBORE

Morning and late afternoon game viewing jeep safari to Ranthambore National Park. Overnight at the hotel.



## DAY 07 RANTHAMBORE – BHARATPUR

Early morning game view jeep safari to Ranthambore National park. After breakfast, departure by surface to **Bharatpur**. Upon arrival check in at the hotel. Evening free for independent activity. Overnight at the hotel.

## DAY 08 BHARATPUR – FATEHPUR SIKRI – AGRA

Morning visit to the **Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where 377 species of birds, including roseate spoonbill, Dalmatian pelican, and several species of crane, converge on just 11 square miles of wetland and scrubland habitat.

After breakfast departure by surface to Agra en-route visiting **Fatehpur Sikri**, the deserted capital of Mughal India. Among the principal attractions of Fatehpur Sikri are the large audience halls, palaces, the Mosques, the tomb of Salim Chishti, The Panchmahal, and the Buland Darwaza, Which is among the biggest gates in Asia. Upon arrival check – in at the hotel. Rest of the day free for independent activities. Overnight at hotel.

## DAY 09 IN AGRA

Morning after breakfast, sightseeing tour of Agra visiting, **Taj Mahal (Closed on Friday)**, built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jehan, this beautiful mausoleum is built of pure white marble and is an architectural marvel. Built in the memory of his beloved queen Mumtaz Mahal. The building was conceived as a garden tomb with the mausoleum rising at the far end of the complex with the river Yamuna flowing below. Beneath the dome are the cenotaphs of Mumtaz Mahal and Shah Jehan.



**Agra Fort** built by Emperor Akbar over the years 1565 – 1573 with its maze of courtyards, mosques, and private chambers. Most of the buildings originally built by Akbar were destroyed and were replaced by his grandson Shah Jehan. The only surviving structure from Akbar's period apart from the solid sand stone ramparts and the gateway is the Jehangir Mahal. It is the biggest private residence in the complex and its architecture indicates strong influences from Hindu overtones. Overnight at the hotel.

## DAY 10 AGRA – JHANSI - KHAJURAHO



Morning after breakfast, departure transfer to the railway station to board train Shatabdi Express (0815 – 1035) to Jhansi. Assistance on arrival at the railway station and departure by surface to Khajuraho en-route visiting Orchha. Orchha's grandeur has been captured in stone, frozen in time and a rich legacy and the palaces and the temples built by it Bundela rulers in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century retain much of their pristine perfection. Jehangir Mahal, a tiered palace crowned by graceful chattries has a spectacular view of soaring temples spires and cenotaphs. Overnight at the hotel.

## Day 11 Khajuraho – Bandhavgarh

Morning after breakfast, sightseeing tour of Khajuraho visiting **Western Group** is the best known as it is to this group that the largest and most typical Khajuraho temples belong – the **Kandariya Mahadeo**. Perfectly symmetrical, it soars 31 metres high. The main shrine is in an almost perfectly state of preservation. This shrine has an exquisitely carved entrance arch with a multitude of themes: celestial beings, lovers, serenading musicians – movement captured in stones and frozen in time, yet retaining the warmth of pulsating life. The stones seem to have taken on the sensuousness of the carved figures.

**Eastern Group:** Hindu and Jain temples make up the eastern group, close to Khajuraho Village. The largest Jain temple, Parsvanath, is in this group. Sculptures on the northern outer wall make this temple the finest in the group. The carvings are timeless, of a woman bending thoughtfully over a letter, a damsel removing a thorn from her foot. The sanctum has a throne facing a bull, emblem of the first Tirthankara, Adinath. The actual image of Parsvanath, from which the temple derives its name, was installed in 1860. The Archaeological Museum houses fine sculpture and stone panels of ruined temples in three different display galleries. The museum has a huge statue of the Buddha and an unusual statue of a dancing Ganesha.

Later departure by surface to Bandhavgarh, upon arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

## Day 12 In Bandhavgarh

Morning and late afternoon game viewing jeep safari to Bandhavgarh National Park (**Afternoon Jeeps safari closed on Wednesday**). Overnight at the hotel.



## Day 13 Bandhavgarh – Kanha

Early morning another game viewing jeep safari to Bandhavgarh National Park. After breakfast, departure by surface to Kanha, upon arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.



#### **Day 14 In Kanha**

Morning and late afternoon game viewing jeep safari to Kanha National Park (**Afternoon Jeeps safari closed on Wednesday**). Overnight at the hotel.

#### **Day 15 Kanha – Nagpur – Delhi**

Early morning another game viewing jeep safari to Kanha National Park.

After breakfast, in time departure by surface to Nagpur airport to board flight to Delhi. Remain transit at airport and board International flight to back home.

**END OF THE TOUR  
CHECK-IN/OUT AT THE HOTELS IS 12 NOON**

## TOUR COST – 01 OCT 2013 TO 30 JUNE, 2014

No. of paying persons	03 Star Hotel	04 Star Hotels	05 Star Hotels
02 pax	US\$ 2161 per person	US\$ 2450 per person	US\$ 2620 per person
03 pax	US\$ 1924 per person	US\$ 2214 per person	US\$ 2383 per person
04 pax	US\$ 1726 per person	US\$ 2016 per person	US\$ 2285 per person
05-07 pax	US\$ 1890 per person	US\$ 2180 per person	US\$ 2350 per person
08-09 pax	US\$ 1823 per person	US\$ 2112 per person	US\$ 2282 per person
10 – 14 Pax	US\$ 1760 per person	US\$ 2050 per person	US\$ 2235 Per person
Single Suppl.	US\$ 575 per single	US\$ 675 per single	US\$ 950 per person
Airfare on sector Nagpur-Delhi			US\$ 180 per person

### Rates include:

- Accommodation on twin sharing bed and breakfast basis for 14 nights at the hotels foreseen below in the category chosen or similar in the chosen category.
- Accommodation of 2 nights each in Ranthambore, Bandhavgarh and Kanha will be on full board.
- Assistance on arrival/departure at airport/hotels by our representatives.
- All transportation using one air-conditioned medium car for 2 pax, Toyota Innova for 3-4 pax, Tempo Traveller for 5-7 pax, Mini Coach for 08-14 & Large Coach for 15 – 24 pax.
- All currently applicable entrance fees to the monuments covered in the programme.
- Services of a locally appointed English-speaking guide for sightseeing tours.
- Cycle Rickshaw ride at Chandni Chowk/Delhi.
- Elephant Ride at Amber Fort/Jaipur.
- 03 game viewing jeep safari to Ranthambore National Park on sharing jeeps.
- Air Conditioned Chair Car train ticket Agra – Jhansi Sector.
- 03 game viewing jeep safari to Bandhavgarh National Park on sharing jeeps (02 from Magadhi & Khitouli Zone & 01 from Tala Zone).
- 03 game viewing jeep safari to Kanha National Park on sharing jeeps (02 from Mukki Zone & 01 from Kanha Zone).
- All currently applicable Govt. Taxes.

### Rates do not include:

- Meals other than breakfast or specified above.
- Camera fees at the monuments.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Any domestic airfare (approximate currently available airfare quoted separately).
- Any accommodation or meals on day 15 at Delhi.
- Medical & Travel Insurance.
- Expenses of a personal nature such as laundry, beverages, telephone calls & Internet etc.
- Any other services not listed above.

### HOTELS FORESEEN ARE:

CITY	03 STAR HOTELS	04 STAR HOTELS	05 STAR HOTELS	NIGHTS
Delhi	Park Plaza	Royal Plaza	Metropolitan	02 Nights
Jaipur	Golden Manor	Ramada	Country Inn Suites	02 Nights
Ranthambore	Tiger Den	Ranthambore Regency	Nahargarh	02 nights
Bharatpur	Udaivilas	Laxmi Vilas Palace	The Bagh	01 Night
Agra	Royale Residency	The Retreat	Radisson	02 Nights
Khajuraho	Usha Bundela	Radisson Jass	Radisson Jass	01 Night
Bandhavgarh	Tiger's Den Resort	Tiger's Den Resort	Tiger's Den Resort	02 Nights
Kanha	Chitvan Jungle Lodge	Chitvan Jungle Lodge	Chitvan Jungle Lodge	02 Nights

**Rates quoted above are not valid for the high peak period of 20 Dec to 10 Jan.**