

Best of Central India £2656 pp

*12 days/11 nights
£2656 pp based on 2 people
sharing*

Itinerary overview

Day 1 & 2 – Delhi

*Day 3 to 5 – Satpura National
Park*

*Day 6 & 7 – Pench National
Park*

*Day 8 to 10 – Tadoba
National Park*

*Day 11 & 12 - Delhi and flight
home*

Price includes

Accommodation

Meals (as specified)

Guides & resident naturalists

Private transfers

*4x4 private jeep safaris
(shared Satpura)*

Extras

International flights

*Internal flights supplement
(approx. £241pp)*

Solo traveller supplement

We say.....

*A unique opportunity to visit
some of India's lesser known
national parks in search of
India's varied wildlife, birds
and forests.*

*Tadoba-Andhari is one of the
best parks for seeing Bengal
tigers*

DAY 1 & 2

DELHI

On your arrival at the airport in Delhi you will be met and transferred to your hotel, then it's up to you, spend the rest of your day exploring or relaxing before devoting day 2 to soaking up the fascinating sights and sounds of Delhi on our full day tour.

Delhi's mix of old and new is sure to awaken the senses. Emerge yourself in Old Delhi and find the energy and colour of this walled city pulsating with the hustle and bustle of bazaars and narrow lanes which twist and turn between tall, leaning houses. Contrast old with new as you enter cosmopolitan New Delhi, Luyten's landscaped city. It is known for its formal parks, the Rashtrapati Bhawan (the official residence of the President of India designed by Sir Edwin Lutyen) and the India Gate. Visit the Qutab Minar, the 72.5 m high tower dating back to 13th century and Humanyun's Tomb, built in the 16th century and architecturally the fore runner of the Taj Mahal.

Delhi Highlights

- Full day tour of Old & New Delhi
- Jama Masjid
- Qutab Minar
- Humanyun's Tomb

Accommodation & Meals

2 nights at [The Claridges \(Deluxe Room\)](#) inclusive of breakfast

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DAYS 3 to 5 SATPURA NATIONAL PARK

Today you will transfer to Satpura National Park, boarding an early morning flight to Bhopal and finishing the trip by road.

Satpura Highlights

- Walking safaris
- Elephant safaris
- Canoe and boat safaris

Satpura National Park is one of Central India's least visited parks. Here you will experience the feeling of being one of the first visitors to explore the dense sal and teak forests in search of sloth bears, gaur and leopard. The park is located in Madhya Pradesh and part of the Panchmarchi Biosphere Reserve that includes Bori wildlife sanctuary and Panchmarhi wildlife sanctuary. The park's terrain is rugged with an elevation reaching 1,352m and consisting of sandstone peaks, narrow gorges, ravines, waterfalls, streams and dense forests. Here you might see sloth bears, black buck, porcupine and the rare Indian giant squirrel. Satpura may not be the best park to see the elusive Bengal tiger but the opportunity to join a walking safari means you can get close to nature and experience the jungle in what will be an exciting experience

Accommodation & Meals

3 nights at [Forsyth Lodge](#) or similar. (B, L, D)

DAYS 6 & 7 PENCH NATIONAL PARK

After enjoying your final game drive in Satpura National Park transfer by road to Pench where the BBC filmed David Attenborough's acclaimed documentary, "Tiger: Spy in the Jungle"

Pench Highlights

- 4x4 open jeep game drives
- Leopards
- Sloth Bear
- Sambar

Pench National Park was the inspiration for Kipling's classic novel, "The Jungle Book". Pench is located in the Central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh and is the 19th Project Tiger Reserve established in 1992. It's one of the best-kept secrets among wildlife enthusiasts who have long been acquainted with and entranced by its variety of flora and fauna. The area is dominated by open canopies of mixed forest, predominantly teak and open grassy patches. No wonder it boasts the highest density of herbivores in any Indian park including chital (spotted deer) and sambar favourite prey of the mighty tiger.

You can also expect to see a large diversity of other wildlife, including leopard, jungle cat, dhole (wild dog), sloth bear, wild boar, mongoose, and gaur.

Accommodation & Meals

2 nights at [Jamtara Wilderness Camp](#) or similar (B, L, D)

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DAYS 8 to 10 TADOBA NATIONAL PARK

A road transfer to Tadoba National Park and an afternoon of rest and relaxation gives you the perfect opportunity to recharge your batteries before starting your quest to find the mighty tiger in this exciting but lesser known park.

Tadoba Highlights

- Tigers
- Jungle Cats
- Striped Hyena
- Dhole

Tadoba Andheri Tiger Reserve is Maharashtra's oldest and largest National Park and one of India's 41 tiger reserves.

Here you'll search for one of Tadoba's tigers which are thought to number around 70, as well as leopard, sloth bear, gaur, nilgai, dhole, striped hyena, small Indian civet, jungle cat, sambar, barking deer, chital, and chausingha all accompanied by a resident naturalist and forest guide in 4x 4 Jeep. Don't forget to ask your guide about the God Taru. Legend holds that Taru was a village chief who was killed in a mythological encounter with a tiger. A shrine dedicated to the God Taru now exists beneath a huge tree, on the banks of the Tadoba Lake.

Accommodation & Meals

3 nights at [Svasara Jungle Lodge](#) or similar (B, L, D)

DAYS 11 & 12 DELHI

After breakfast we'll transfer you to Nagpur airport to board your flight to Delhi where you will be met and transferred to your hotel

On day 12 we bid you a fond farewell and transfer you to the airport to board the flight for your onward journey.

Accommodation & Meals

1 night at [Radisson Blu Plaza](#) or similar (B)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION**What's included:**

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis at hotels mentioned or of a similar category. Rooms will be their standard ones unless otherwise specified. We reserve the right to substitute accommodation of an equivalent standard if the accommodation shown is not available during your travel dates
- Meals as specified (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch & D=Dinner). Meals as specified above in the itinerary
- Wildlife lodge at Satpura, Pench & Tadoba are on full board jungle plan basis inclusive of safaris by jeep.
- In Satpura NP: Jeep safaris (sharing) as mentioned in itinerary are inclusive of entry fee to park and resident naturalist services.
- In Satpura NP: Elephant back safari, bush walks, boat safari and guided canoeing trip

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- In Pench & Tadoba NP: Jeep safaris (Exclusive) as mentioned in itinerary inclusive of entry fee to park and resident naturalist services.
- Services of air conditioned Toyota Innova for airport transfers, sightseeing and drives.
- Services of English speaking local guide in Delhi & resident naturalist and park guides in national parks.
- Entrance fees including ASI monuments and national parks.
- Mineral water during all transfers, drives, sightseeing, and also during the entire stay at Pench.
- Meeting / assistance at the time of arrival and departure at airport and during check in/out at hotels in major cities.
- **3.09% Govt. Service Tax on Total Bill.**

What's not included:

- International flights. We are happy to help you book these or you can arrange your own.
- Domestic flights. We will advise you of the internal airfare supplement based on your travel dates. Approximately £241pp
- Insurance
- India visa fee
- Meals or drinks except those specified above
- Any services of accompanied escort (supplement advised, if required).
- Tips and gratuities
- Purchases of a personal nature
- Still/video camera fee if any*.
- Any expenses incurred due to any unforeseen situation or any other reason beyond our control including acts of god, change in government tax policy etc.

*Currently there is no camera fee either still or video for amateur photography at Satpura and Pench national parks.

SATPURA & PENCH NATIONAL PARKS ARE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS AND TADоба NATIONAL PARK EVERY TUESDAY.

COST IS VALID FROM OCT 16, 2016 TILL MAR 31, 2017.

Please note that if your booking falls on Christmas Eve or New Year Eve, the hotels may impose mandatory gala supplements.

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