

## Kipling's India £3951pp

*16 days/15 nights*  
*Classic Tour £3951pp*  
*Premium Tour £5058*  
*based on 2 people sharing*

### *Itinerary overview*

*Day 1 & 2 – Delhi*  
*Day 3 to 5 – Satpura National Park*  
*Day 6 to 8 – Pench National Park*  
*Day 9 to 11 – Kanha National Park*  
*Day 12 to 14 – Bandhavgarh National Park*  
*Day 15 & 16 - Delhi and flight home*

### *Price includes*

*Accommodation*  
*Meals (as specified)*  
*Guides & resident naturalists*  
*Private Transfers*  
*4x4 private jeep safaris (shared Bandhavgarh and Pench on premium tour)*

### *Extras*

*International flights*  
*Internal flight supplement £242pp*

### *We say.....*

*A chance to see the diversity of India's National Parks and the setting for Kipling's, "Jungle Book" Tigers, leopards, sloth bears are among 100's of mammals viewable in these parks. Don't forget to check out Bandhavgarh Fort*

### **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 that's filled with vibrant 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 Humayun'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
- Humayun's Tomb

### **Accommodation & Meals**

Classic Tour - 2 nights at [The Claridges \(Deluxe Room\)](#) or similar, inclusive of breakfast

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Premium Tour – 2 nights at [The Imperial \(Heritage Room\)](#) or similar, inclusive of breakfast

### **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
- Canoe and boat safaris
- Elephant safaris
- Sloth Bears

**Satpura National Park** is one of Central India's least visited parks giving you the feeling that you are the first to explore the dense sal and teak forests in search of sloth bears, leopard and gaur. The park is located in Madhya Pradesh and part of the Panchmarhi 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 bear, black buck, porcupine and the rare Indian giant squirrel. Satpura may not be the best park to see the elusive Bengal tiger but the variety of safari activities on offer and the plentiful wildlife as well the superb scenery more than compensate.

#### **Accommodation & Meals**

Classic & Premium Tours - 3 nights at [Reni Pani Jungle lodge](#) or similar. (B, L, D)

### **DAYS 6 to 8 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 documentary, "Tiger: Spy in the Jungle"

#### **Pench Highlights**

- 4x4 open jeep game drives
- Leopards
- Good tiger sightings
- Attractive scenery

**Pench National Park** was the backdrop to Kipling's, The Jungle Book still within 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 bedazzled 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.

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### Accommodation & Meals

Classic Tour - 3 nights at [Jamtara Wilderness Camp](#) or similar (B, L, D)

Premium Tour - 3 nights at [Baghvan Lodge](#) or similar (All inclusive)

### DAYS 9 to 11 KANHA NATIONAL PARK

After a morning safari in Pench we'll take a drive through rural countryside and colourful towns and villages on our way to Kanha National Park. On the way we'll make a stop at a city sacred to the Gond tribes, the sleepy Mandla where the Narmada river, second only in holiness to the Ganges, is the centre of activity.

### Kanha Highlights

- Tigers & Barasingha
- Village walk
- Cooking demonstration

**Kanha National Park** is considered one of the finest protected wildlife areas in the world created to save two endangered species, tiger and barasingha, but don't let that take away from the other 40+ species of mammals found in the park which make Kanha an unforgettable experience. Expect to see leopard and wild dogs alongside tigers, gaur and chital, porcupine and mongoose and of course scavengers like hyena and jackal. With all this fantastic wildlife to see you'll never want to leave.

Each day enjoy misty mornings and the sound of birds as you get ready for your dawn jungle safari and a picnic breakfast amongst the wildlife. Then spend time relaxing at the lodge, taking a nature walk, visiting a nearby village/school or getting in cooking demonstration on fabulous local food. Later in the day, you'll get the chance for another jungle safari

### Accommodation & Meals

Classic & Premium Tours - 3 nights at [Kanha Jungle Lodge](#) or similar (B, L, D)

### DAYS 12 to 14 BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK

After enjoying your final game drive in Kanha National Park you'll make the drive to Bandhavgarh, home to the one of the highest densities of tiger on the Subcontinent.

### Bandhavgarh Highlights

- Tigers
- Sloth bears
- Bandhavargh Fort (optional extra)

**Bandhavgarh National Park** was once a Shikargah, or game preserve, of the Marharaja but became a national park in 1968. It's also the site where the famous white tigers of Rewa were discovered. Unfortunately in the last 100 years the white tiger has only been spotted wild in India on a handful of occasions. In contrast Bandhavargh boasts one of the highest densities of Bengal Tigers. There are in the region of 50 tigers here and the chances of finding one are good.

Set amongst The Vindhya Hills in Madhya Pradesh, Bandhavgarh is one of India's smallest national parks but

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it's teeming with wildlife. There are at least 150 species of birds in the park, along with other mammals such as sloth bear, langur monkeys, wild boar, mongoose, chital, sambar and barking deer.

Wildlife isn't the only draw to this park, the Bandhavgarh Fort, offers breath taking views, a 35 ft reclining statue of Lord Vishnu and the 10th century rock images of the incarnation of the Lord Vishnu. Legend has it that this fort was made by Lord Rama for his younger brother Laxman.

As with Kanha you'll get the chance to do a morning and afternoon jungle safari. In the winter months morning safaris require warm clothes. We provide blankets and sometimes even a hot water bottle to help keep the wind chill at bay.

An optional tour to the fort is available.

### Accommodation & Meals

Classic Tour - 3 nights at [Bandhavgarh Jungle Lodge](#) or similar (B, L, D)

Premium Tour 3 nights at [Samode Safari Lodge](#) or similar (All inclusive)

### DAYS 15 & 16 DELHI

After breakfast we'll transfer you to Jabalpur airport to board your flight to Delhi and onwards to your hotel. On day 16 we bid you a fond farewell and transfer you to the airport to board the flight for your onward journey.

### Accommodation & Meals

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

Premium Tour - 1 night at [The Trident, Gurgaon](#) 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 lodges at Satpura, Pench, Kanha and Bandhavgarh are on full board jungle plan basis inclusive of safaris by jeep.
- Premier Tours Lodges Bhagvan and Samode Safari Lodge include local alcoholic and soft drinks and laundry services.
- One hour elephant safari at Kanha and Satpura subject to availability and on a sharing basis
- Services of air conditioned Toyota Innova for airport transfers, sightseeing and drives.
- In Pench, Kanha and Satpura National Parks, jeep safaris are exclusive and inclusive of park entry fees and naturalist services.
- 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., Kanha and Bandhavgarh.

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- Meeting / assistance at the time of arrival and departure at airport and during check in/out at hotels in major cities.
- **3.09% government 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. Approximately £242pp
- Insurance
- India visa fee
- Full day photographic Permit with elephant Safari at Bandhavgarh (price on application)
- 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, Pench, Kanha & Bandhavgarh National Parks.

**SATPURA, PENCH, KANHA AND BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARKS ARE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS.**

**COST IS VALID FROM OCT 16<sup>th</sup> 2016 to MAR 31<sup>st</sup> 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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