

short stay: ranthambhore national park

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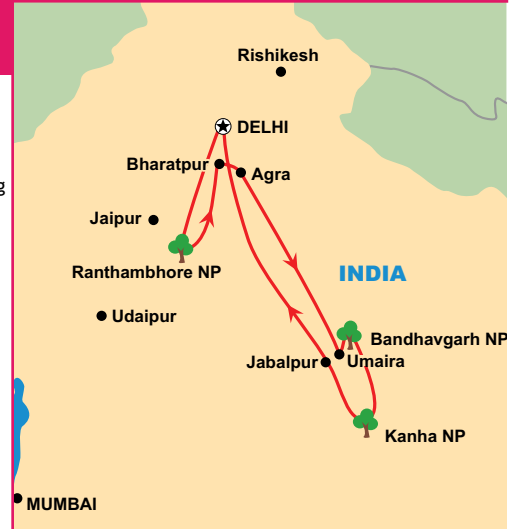
short stay spotlight

what you see

- Ranthambhore National Park
- The animals and rich flora and fauna of the park
- Ranthambhore 8th Century Fort

what you get

- 3 nights standard national park accommodation including all meals at the Tiger Moon Resort or similar.
- 5 game drives in shared jeeps or Canters
- Train - Delhi - Sawai Madhopur - Delhi (air-conditioned chair class)
- Airport arrival and departure transfer days 1 and 4
- Touring and excursions as per itinerary
- Local English speaking park guides at Ranthambhore
- Chauffeur driven vehicle



on location

Your guide to on the ground...

visa requirements

Visas are required by all visitors to India. It is essential the visa is procured prior to travel. Visa forms are available from us and also supplied upon booking. Please ensure your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of return from India. Please be advised visa requirements are subject to change. Visa procurement is also the responsibility of the traveller and not of on the go.

climate

India has a three-season year known as the hot, the wet and the cool. The coolest time to visit is late September through April. Temps during this time are ideal for sightseeing. The hot season runs from around April through July. Conditions are hot and dry, especially in Rajasthan. July signals the start of the monsoon or wet season that continues until around end September. Although the weather is humid, the days are punctuated by intermittent rainfall.

time

India is 5 hours 30 mins ahead of GMT.

money

USD\$1 = INR46 (subject to fluctuation). The Indian Rupee is exchangeable only in India. Exchange facilities are available at various bureau de changes and banks. A few ATM machines exist in major towns and cities.

health requirements

It is recommended that you be vaccinated for Tetanus and Polio, if you haven't had a booster in the last ten years. We recommend vaccinations for Typhoid and Hepatitis A. You are also advised to take anti-Malarial medication. Information can change so please check with your local health care provider.

how much?

- **TIPPING**
INR400 (USD\$8.50) if the day includes local guide & sightseeing
INR200 (USD\$4.50) if the day excludes local guide & sightseeing
- **CAMERA FEES**
Please note that nearly all temples, museums, game parks and sights has a fee for camera use.
- Can of coke (330ml) INR40-50
- Mineral water (local, 500ml or 1L) INR30
- Meal for 2 (entree, main, local beer,) INR1200
- Beer (local brew Kingfisher - 650ml) INR150

things to bring

- Insect repellent to guard against pesky mosquitos
- Spare camera batteries/film so you can go snap happy.
- If you fancy a tippie, take advantage of Duty Free buys.
- Buy some Indian Rupees at the airport on arrival.
- Buy a phrasebook and practice your holiday Hindi.
- A small daypack for your day-to-day needs.
- Keep a supply of small notes for local transactions.
- Keep a photocopy of your passport data pages.

top experiences

- Keep an eye out for the elusive tigers
- See the 8th century Ranthambhore Fort
- See how many mammals you can spot
- Visit the three lakes of the Ranthambore National Park, the Padam Talao, Rajbagh Talao and Malik Talao as they attract a huge number of animals and birds.
- Try a thali meal. A little bit of everything on a big tray
- Visit a craft & textile shop on the Ranthambhore Road





ranthambhore national park: itinerary

day 1

Delhi - Sawai Madhopur - Ranthambhore National Park. You will be met and transferred to the railway station for the Paschim Express train to Sawai Madhopur, then a short jeep ride to your hotel. Overnight - Ranthambhore National Park.

days 2 & 3

Ranthambhore - breakfast. Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives in the national park. Ranthambhore National Park is one of the prime examples of Project Tiger's conservation efforts in Rajasthan. The forests around the Ranthambhore Fort were once the private hunting grounds of the Maharajas of Jaipur. The desire to preserve the game in these forests for sport was responsible for their conservation, and subsequent rescue by Project Tiger.

The Park sprawls over an estimated area of 400 sq kms. Steep crags embrace a network of lakes and rivers, and a top one of these hills, is the impressive Ranthambhore Fort, built in the 8th century. The terrain fluctuates between impregnable forests and open bush land. The forest is the typically dry deciduous type, with dhok, being the most prominent tree. The entry point to the Park goes straight to the foot of the fort and the forest rest house, Jogi Mahal. The latter boasts of the second-largest banyan tree in India. The Padam Talab, the Raj Bagh Talab and the Malik Talab are some of the lakes in the area that attract the tiger population. They have been spotted at the edges of these lakes, and Jogi Mahal itself.

Old crumbling walls, ruined pavilions, wells, and other ancient structures stand witness to the region's glorious past. The entire forest is peppered with the battlements and spillovers of the Ranthambhore Fort - tigers are said to frequent these ruins, too. The tigers can be spotted quite often even during the day, busy in their normal pursuits - especially stalking or hunting and taking care of their young. With the strict measures that have been taken for their conservation, they seem quite accustomed to human activity and are not disturbed by it. For a relatively small area, the park has a rich diversity of fauna and flora - species list includes 300 trees, 50 aquatic plants, 272 birds, 12 reptiles and amphibians and 30 mammals. Lunch, dinner & overnight (2) - Ranthambhore.

day 4

Ranthambhore National Park - Delhi - breakfast. After a final morning's game drive today, return to Delhi by the Golden Temple Mail train. After arriving at Delhi transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

tiger spotting

India is one of the very few places where this rare and enigmatic big cat can still be glimpsed in the wild, stalking through dense forest and undergrowth - a solitary predator with no natural enemies, save one. The tigers we hope to view in their natural habitat are wild, unhabituated animals - not exhibits available on demand. As such, viewing cannot be guaranteed. The usual method of transportation in India's national parks is shared jeep or Canter (a larger vehicle), though some parks may offer elephant back viewing (strictly number-controlled and not guaranteed). Keep your eyes peeled for tigers, and if you do spot one, it will only serve to enhance your Indian experience.

Travel Operators for Tigers (TOFT), is a UK based campaign, set up to encourage sustainable wildlife tourism in tiger reserves and national parks. Funds generated through TOFT will be used to fund tiger conservation initiatives and local community development, through their two partner conservation organisations - Global Tiger Patrol and the Environmental Investigation Agency. **on the go** are now members of TOFT and we are happy to pledge a US \$20 contribution to TOFT for each of our clients that choose to travel on a wildlife tour to India with us.

environmental commitment

Preserving the natural state and beauty of the areas we pass through is essential. In helping to preserve the historical and religious legacy of India; it's coastlines and waterways, local cultures, flora and fauna, please read on and see how you can do your bit. Please respect the following:

- Take no relic from historical sites with you, be it a small chunk of fluted marble, stonework or carving.
- Dress appropriately if entering a place of worship such as a Hindu temple. Show respect for the sacred beliefs of others.
- If instructed not to touch - don't touch!
- Stick to designated paths. Erosion is a problem on hill and mountainsides, especially at high altitudes.
- Avoid removing or disturbing any plant life that keeps topsoils in place.
- Do not attempt to enter areas that are cordoned off or out of bounds.
- Do not engage in hunting or the purchase of trophies of endangered species. It's illegal in India's parks and sanctuaries, and to import the

hide of an endangered species is also illegal into many Western countries including the UK, Australia and New Zealand.

- Take all personal litter with you.
- Sanitary products should be wrapped and disposed of in a bin, to avoid blocking sometimes temperamental plumbing systems.
- If needing to perform your ablutions beyond the confines of a WC, be sure to bury any waste.

If looking to offer donations or gifts to local people - in particular children, please do so discreetly and without show. Despite generous acts of goodwill, people still like to retain their dignity. Useful gifts to consider include educational items such as English language books (English is taught in many schools), chalks, pens, paper, balls and small items reflecting where you are from. It's best to give items like that to schools and organisations rather than directly to children as this can undermine parent's authority and encourage begging. Don't allow your visit to change the lifestyles of local people and communities unless they want it. Our Western ways may not always be a hit in other countries and amongst other cultures.

tipsing

It is customary to tip in India. Known locally as 'baksheesh', it is more often a reward for services rendered and for most local people, an essential means of supplementing their income. Whilst out and about - perhaps at a restaurant having lunch or getting a bellhop to carry your bags to your room, it doesn't hurt to reward people with a small token of your appreciation. Keep a supply of small notes handy.

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