

# Shere Khan

10 days | Starts/Ends: Delhi



*Go in search of the elusive Bengal tiger in Ranthambore National Park, after exploring India's magnificent Golden Triangle, taking in Delhi, Jaipur, the legendary Taj Mahal and the labyrinthine Agra Fort.*

## HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

### Trip Highlights

- Ranthambore National Park – explore the park and embark on three included game drives to see endangered Bengal Tigers
- Agra – discover Agra Fort and the legendary 17th century Taj Mahal which is an enduring symbol of love
- Delhi – enjoy a tour of India's capital including a rickshaw ride and visits to Humayun's Tomb and Jama Masjid
- Jaipur – explore the Pink City with a guided tour and visit the imposing lakeside palace of Amber Fort
- Fatehpur Sikri – stroll around the fantastically preserved city, which was abandoned more than 400 years ago
- Karauli – stay at the Maharaja's Palace Bhanwar Vilas and visit the impressive City Palace which the family are restoring

### What's Included

- 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners
- 9 nights - 3-4 star and heritage hotels

- Travel by jeep to the Amber Fort in Jaipur
- 3 game drives in shared canter at Ranthambore National Park
- Touring of Delhi, Agra, Karauli, Jaipur and Ranthambore
- Escorted by an English-speaking Indian tour guide (for groups of 6 or more)
- Services of English-speaking Indian specialist guides at some sites
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private A/C vehicles, train trip from Ranthambore - Delhi in A/C reserved seating
- Airport arrival and departure transfers on day 1 and day 10

### What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$40-50pp, paid in local currency
- Entrance Fees: USD\$75-85pp, paid in local currency
- International flights and visas
- Tip for your tour guide. We recommend you allow \$3 - 7 USD per day per traveller. Tipping your tour guide is an entirely personal gesture

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Delhi

Saturday. Welcome to India! On arrival in Delhi you'll be transferred to our hotel where the rest of today is free to explore the capital as

you please. Perhaps visit the striking Red Fort, which gets its colour from the sandstone used in its construction during the 17th century.

Please note: If arriving the day before the tour commences, you may opt to join our 5am Backstreets of Delhi Morning Cycle add-on. Ride through the streets before the morning traffic and see highlights including Turkman Gate - one of the five remaining gates of Old Delhi.

### Overnight - Delhi

### Day 2 : Old & New Delhi sightseeing

Join our morning Welcome Meeting before we enjoy a full day of sightseeing in Old and New Delhi. In the old part of the city we'll visit Humayun's Tomb and Jama Masjid, which is India's largest and oldest mosque. We also visit the peaceful memorial of Raj Ghat - the site of Gandhi's cremation. An eternal flame now burns here in his honour. Enjoy a thrilling rickshaw ride around the Chandni Chowk bazaar before our tour continues as we explore the highlights of New Delhi. Stroll down the ceremonial Rajpath and see the India Gate monument - a memorial to those Indian soldiers who died during the First World War. We enjoy a delicious Namaste dinner this evening. **Overnight - Delhi (B, D)**

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## Day 3 : The Taj Mahal



Delhi - Agra. Say goodbye to Delhi today as we travel to Agra and explore the UNESCO-listed Agra Fort. Our day continues with a guided tour of the legendary Taj Mahal - India's most famous site and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. This beautiful white mausoleum was commissioned by Emperor Shah Jahan in 1632 as a tribute to his wife, who died tragically in childbirth. It remains the most extravagant symbol of love ever built and has no rival. **Overnight - Agra (B)**

## Day 4 : The Princely state of Karauli

Agra - Karauli. Leaving Agra this morning, we travel to the eerie city of Fatehpur Sikri, which has laid abandoned for more than 400 years but is extremely well-preserved. We continue to the Palace Bhanwar Vilas in Karauli, which remains the home of the royal Maharaja. The site is now a heritage hotel and our home for the night. Explore the palace grounds at leisure and if we're lucky, we may be able to join a tour led by the princess herself. The family are also lovingly restoring the City Palace which we visit this afternoon and you may opt to attend the evening Aarti (prayer). **Overnight - Karauli (B, L, D)**

## Day 5 : Jaipur

Karauli - Jaipur. Today we travel to the iconic Pink City of Jaipur, stopping at a local school en route to meet the pupils and teachers (if open). We operate our Change for Children programme here and you may wish to bring some educational gifts to donate to the pupils (see trip notes). After our visit, we continue to UNESCO-listed Jaipur where the rest of today is at leisure. Perhaps enjoy a Bollywood movie at the Raj Mandir cinema, where there's sure to be a lively atmosphere.

**Overnight - Jaipur (B)**

## Day 6 : Jaipur sightseeing



This morning you may wish to join our exciting Balloon Over Jaipur add-on. Climb into a hot air balloon and fly with the wind over palaces and fortresses before we return to land and take a jeep ride up to the impressive Amber Fort. This site is laid out over four levels and overlooks the stunning Maota Lake. After our visit, we continue to a local cotton weaving house and tour the famous City Palace. The final stop of the day is to the UNESCO-listed Jantar Mantar space observatory, home to the world's largest stone sundial. **Overnight - Jaipur (B)**

## Days 7-8 : Ranthambore National Park



Jaipur - Ranthambore. Today we take a 3-4 hour drive to Ranthambore National Park, one of the Project Tiger reserves since 1973. The park plays an important role in the conservation of the iconic Bengal Tiger. We spend two days in the park and enjoy three included game drives in search of the endangered tigers, which can sometimes be seen pacing along the paths or resting in the sun. With three visits into the reserve, we have a great chance of spotting these incredible animals. Other wildlife in the park includes leopards, sloth bears,

sambar, hyenas and crocodiles. **Overnight - Ranthambore National Park (B:2, L:1, D:2)**

## Day 9 : Return to Delhi

Ranthambore - Delhi. This morning we return to Delhi by train where the rest of the day is free to explore at leisure. You may wish to visit Akshardham, which is the world's largest Hindu temple. **Overnight - Delhi (B)**

## Day 10 : Delhi

Monday. Our Indian adventure ends today with an included transfer to the airport.(B)

### HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard. If you require a complete list of the confirmed hotels for your tour please request this from your reservations consultant two weeks prior to your departure. **Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.**

### Jaypee Siddharth Hotel

The luxurious Jaypee Siddharth is a stunning property located just five kilometres from the New Delhi Railway Station. Guestrooms are exquisitely decorated with a blend of cream and brown tones and benefit from air conditioning and complimentary WiFi. If you have free time, guests can indulge in one of the rejuvenating treatments available at the spa, take a dip in the outdoor pool or work up an appetite in the gym. A range of cuisines are served in the various restaurants found within the hotel complex.



### Hotel Jivitesh

The Jivitesh Hotel is centrally located in the heart of Karol Bagh, a popular neighbourhood of Delhi renowned for its excellent shops and vibrant street markets.

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The Jivitesh offers comfortable and spacious guest rooms, with modern amenities such as free WiFi, and you can be assured of a warm welcome and excellent customer service from the hotel staff. Enjoy authentic Indian vegetarian cuisine at the hotel's restaurant and take a refreshing dip in the outdoor swimming pool after a day of sightseeing in the capital.



## Vivanta by Taj Dwarka

Vivanta by Taj Dwarka is a modern, luxury hotel located in Dwarka, on the outskirts of New Delhi, just a 15-minute drive from the airport. Spread over 7 acres, this striking hotel has a unique angular design and offers 250 luxurious rooms and suites. All tastes are catered for at the hotel's multi-cuisine restaurant, while the Indus Express restaurant serves mouth-watering Punjabi cuisine. Head to the popular Tipple bar for a delicious array of heady cocktails or relax by the poolside with a refreshing smoothie from the Celsius Pool Bar. The nearby Sector 21 Metro station provides direct access to the heart of the city and after a day of sightseeing you can cool off with a refreshing dip in the outdoor pool or relax in the sauna and massage parlour.



## Seven Hills Tower

The modern and stylish Seven Hills Tower hotel boasts a range of facilities and services designed to ensure the quality of each traveller's stay. The spacious guestrooms are elegantly decorated with neutral colours and fabrics covered with traditional patterns and all have excellent ensuite facilities. Guests can enjoy a dip in the rooftop pool or laze

on the sun loungers before heading to the equally lofty restaurant for some mouth-watering Mughlai cuisine. The al fresco dining area offers beautiful views of the Taj Mahal, perfect for enjoying a sunset drink.



## Bhanwar Vilas Palace

Built in 1938, this stunning property is the residence of the Maharaja (181st in the Royal Dynasty) and Maharani of Karauli. Both the architecture and furniture have been designed in fitting with colonial styles and the property offers a fantastic insight into the history and elegance of a bygone era. Rooms are split between deluxe rooms and luxury suites, each including a range of modern amenities such as a mini bar, a well-appointed ensuite and a plush king-sized bed. In the evenings, guests can tuck into an array of regional specialties as well as cuisine from around the world in the hotel's restaurant. The hotel is just 7km from the nearest train station.



## Mandawa Haveli

Made of pink and red sandstone, the beautiful heritage-style Mandawa Haveli is a fine example of typical Rajasthani architecture. All rooms are well appointed with intricately carved wooden beds and king-size royal portraits, with modern amenities such as free WiFi and ensuite bathrooms. Spend an evening dining on continental, Indian or Rajasthani cuisine on the outdoor terrace or request a private, candlelit dinner on the rooftop under a star-studded sky. Well located in the heart of Jaipur city on Sansar Chandra Road, this

hotel is just a few minute's drive from the Palace of the Winds.



## Ranthambore Heritage Haveli

Set amongst well-manicured gardens, the Ranthambore Heritage Haveli offers stylish and intimate accommodation in an enviable location. Guest rooms are elegantly designed with excellent amenities including large TV's and beautiful rain showers. The haveli also benefits from a multi-cuisine restaurant and complimentary Wi-Fi. Start your day with a refreshing dip in the outdoor pool before you set out sightseeing.



## PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 2 persons. Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the per person price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same gender on your tour, this can be arranged provided there is another single traveller booked on the tour date of your choosing. If a roommate cannot be found the single room supplement will apply.

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Date	Twin Share	Single
05 Oct	AUD 2,295	AUD 3,185
12 Oct	AUD 2,295	AUD 3,185
19 Oct	AUD 2,295	AUD 3,185
26 Oct	AUD 2,295	AUD 3,185
02 Nov	AUD 2,295	AUD 3,185
09 Nov	AUD 2,295	AUD 3,185
16 Nov	AUD 2,295	AUD 3,185
30 Nov	AUD 2,295	AUD 3,185
14 Dec	AUD 2,295	AUD 3,185
28 Dec	AUD 2,345	AUD 3,235

## PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
04 Jan	AUD 2,295	AUD 3,185
18 Jan	AUD 2,295	AUD 3,185
01 Feb	AUD 2,295	AUD 3,185
15 Feb	AUD 2,295	AUD 3,185
29 Feb	AUD 2,295	AUD 3,185
07 Mar	AUD 2,295	AUD 3,185
21 Mar	AUD 2,295	AUD 3,185
28 Mar	AUD 2,295	AUD 3,185
04 Apr	AUD 2,295	AUD 3,185
11 Apr	AUD 2,195	AUD 3,085
25 Apr	AUD 2,195	AUD 3,085
09 May	AUD 2,195	AUD 3,085
23 May	AUD 2,195	AUD 3,085
06 Jun	AUD 2,195	AUD 3,085
03 Oct	AUD 2,295	AUD 3,185
10 Oct	AUD 2,295	AUD 3,185
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