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Indian Wildlife Experience with Architecture Delhi/Aurangabad/Tadoba/Bandhavgarh/Ranthambore/Agra/Delhi

28 April 2023, Friday **Day 1:** Delhi

Our Representative will receive you on arrival at the airport and transfer to the hotel.

Room at Day use only at Lemon Tree Aerocity.

DELHI, the capital of kingdoms and empires is now a sprawling metropolis with a fascinating blend of the past and the present. It is a perfect introduction to the composite culture of an ancient land. A window to the kaleidoscope - that is India.



Meals - None





Delhi - Aurangabad:

By Flight (Suggestive Flight)

Airline : IndiGo
Departure : 1525 hours
Arrival : 1715 hours
Class : Economy

Afternoon proceed for Airport to connect flight for Aurangabad.

The city of Aurangabad was founded in 1610 by Malik Kafur, prime minister to the Nizam. Formerly called Fatehpur, it was later named Aurangabad when it came under the rule of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb, who built walls around the city to fortify it from Maratha invaders.

Arrive at Aurangabad and transfer to the hotel. Check - in.

Day at leisure

Overnight at the hotel Vivanta by Taj Aurangabad

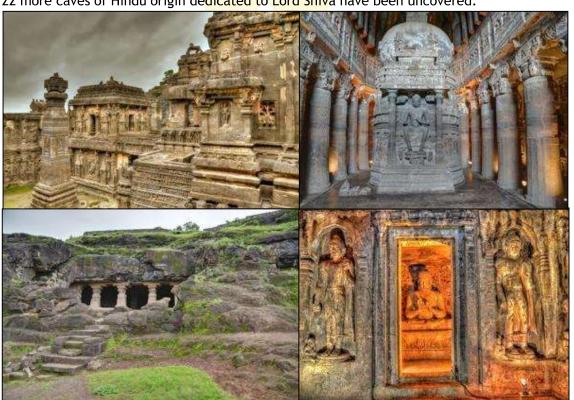
29 April 2023, Saturday Day 2:

Aurangabad

Morning breakfast at the hotel.

Proceed for a visit to the Ellora Caves and Aurangabad Caves.

The magnificent rock-hewn cave temples of Ellora are just a short drive from Aurangabad. The 12 Mahayana Buddhist caves were built first between 550-750 AD. Then came 17 Hindu caves between 600-875 AD followed by 5 Jain caves from between 800 to 1000 AD. Recently, 22 more caves of Hindu origin dedicated to Lord Shiva have been uncovered.





The Aurangabad Caves are a set of twelve with the oldest dating back to the 2nd Century A.D. and show a distinct Buddhist lineage featuring chaityagrihas, viharas and exquisite panels and sculptures depicting the Avalokiteshwara and his consort Tara. Of particular interest is Cave 3 with its extremely intricate columns and sculptures depicting scenes from the Jakata tales that describe Buddha's various incarnations and Cave 7 with its praying Bodhisattva.

Overnight at Vivanta by Taj Aurangabad.

Meals - Breakfast

30 April 2023, Sunday
Day 3:
Aurangabad - Excursion to Ajanta Caves
By Road in 2 hours one way

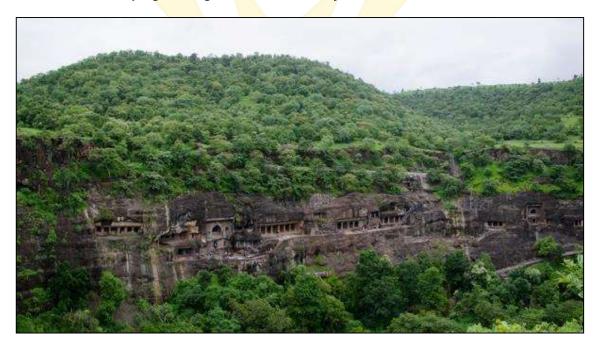
Aurangabad - Mumbai: (Suggestive Flight)

By Flight

Airline : IndiGo
Departure : 1745 hours
Arrival : 1840 hours
Class : Economy

Breakfast will be served at the hotel.

Proceed for full day sightseeing with excursion to Ajanta Caves.











High above the Waghora river gorge, lie thirty extraordinary caves that conceal in their depths entire temples hewn from solid rock. Once used as monsoon shrines and quarters by Buddhist monks and craftsmen, the Ajanta caves were built in two great bursts of extraordinary creativity separated by over 700 years. The older of the caves date back to 2nd and 1st centuries BC. The more modern caves, relatively speaking of course, belong to the 5th to 6th centuries AD. Inside the caves are chaitagrihas or prayer halls, and viharas or full-fledged monasteries. Vivid natural colour murals depicting the Buddha's life and teachings adorn their walls.

The 12th century Daulatabad Fort stands on a hill top on the outskirts of Aurangabad. Spectacularly fortified with layers of protective moats, towers, heavily spiked gates, and a medieval version of a gas chamber to discourage intruders, this fortress beat back successive waves of formidable intruders over the centuries. As Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan lamented, "No ant or snake can scale it." Don't miss the panoramic view of the city from its ramparts.

Check out from hotel and proceed to Airport for onward flight to Mumbai. Reach Mumbai and transfer to ITC Grand Maratha near the airport for overnight stay.

Meals - Breakfast







01 May 2023, Monday

Day 4

Mumbai - Nagpur: (Suggestive Flight)

By Flight

Airline : Go First
Departure : 0615 hours
Arrival : 0750 hours
Class : Economy

Nagpur - Tadoba National Park:

By Road in 3.5 hours

Packed breakfast and check out, transfer to Mumbai Airport to board onward flight to Nagpur.

Drive down to Tadoba National Park and Check in to Limban Resort.

Tadoba - Andhari Tiger Reserve

The oldest national park of Maharashtra, the Tadoba - Andhari National Park is a wildlife and biodiversity hub. The apex of the food chain of the ecosystem comprises of the glorious tigers and the other big cats followed by a rich diversity of herbivorous species, reptiles,

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birds and insects. Also called the 'Jewel of Vidharba 'the Tadoba - Andhari reserve rightly deserves this title, for its scenic and beautiful landscapes and a profuse and diverse wildlife.

After Lunch, proceed further for afternoon game drive and come back later in the evening.

Overnight at Limban Resort.

Meals - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



02 May 2023, Tuesday Day 5 Tadoba National Park

Early mornings are one of the best times for a safari. We leave the hotel and venture into the forest at the break of dawn. We return for lunch only to head out again for the afternoon safari. After a full day in the forest, take some time out to share photographs and experiences with the group and enjoy a quiet dinner.

Overnight at Limban Resort.

Meals - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



03 May 2023, Wednesday Day 6 Tadoba National Park

Enjoy morning and afternoon wildlife viewings in the park.

Overnight at Limban Resort

Meals - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.



04 May 2023, Thursday
Day 7
Tadoba National Park - Chandrapur Railway station:
By Road in 1 hours

Chandrapur - Katni: By Overnight train

Train : Secunderabad - Danapur SF Express

Departure : 1619 hours

Arrival : 0526 hours (next day)

Type : Sleeper Train
Class : Second Class AC

Enjoy morning, proceed for your safari to the national park.



Return to the hotel. Relax.

Post Lunch, check out with packed dinner and drive to Chandrapur Railway Station to board overnight train to Katni (Nearby Railway Station to Bandhavgarh).



Meals - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

05 May 2023, Friday
Day 8
Katni - Bandhavgarh National Park:
By Road in 2 hours

On arrival at Katni Railway Station, drive down to Bandhavgarh National Park.

Reach and check in to Syna Tiger Resort. Enjoy breakfast and relax.

Post Lunch - proceed for your afternoon game drive.

Bandhavgarh National Park is one of the national parks of India, located in the Umaria district of Madhya Pradesh. Bandhavgarh, with an area of 105 km, was declared national park in 1968. This park has a large biodiversity. The density of the tiger population at Bandhavgarh is one of the highest known in India. The park has a large breeding population of leopards, and various species of deer.

Overnight at Syna Tiger Resort.

Meals - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



06 May 2023, Saturday Day 9 Bandhavgarh National Park

Enjoy morning and afternoon wildlife viewings in the park.

Overnight at Syna Tiger Resort.



Meals - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

07 May 2023, Sunday Day 10 Bandhavgarh National Park - Katni: By Road in 2 hours

Katni - Sawai Madhopur Railway Station (Ranthambore)

By Train

Train Name : Dayodaya Express

Departure : 2145 hours

Arrival: 0915 hours (next day)

Type : Sleeper Train Class : First Class AC

Enjoy morning and afternoon wildlife viewings in the park.



Check out with packed breakfast from Lodge and transfer to Railway Station to board overnight train at 9.45 Pm to reach Sawai Madhopur Railway Station (Ranthambhore).

Meals - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

08 May 2023, Monday Day 11 Ranthambhore National Park

On arrival transfer to Sawai Vilas. Check in and relax in the afternoon, afterlunch proceed for afternoon game drive and come back late evening.

Ranthambore wildlife sanctuary is known for its Bengal tigers, and is a popular place in India to see these animals in their natural jungle habitat. Tigers can be easily spotted even in the daytime. The park's deciduous forests are characteristic examples of the type of jungle found in Central India. Other fauna include the Indian leopard, nilgai, wildboar, sambar, striped hyena, sloth bear, southern plains gray langur, rhesus macaque, mugger crocodile and chital. The sanctuary is home to a wide varietyof trees, plants, birds and reptiles, as well as one of the largest banyan trees in India.

Overnight at Sawai Vilas.



Meals - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



09 May 2023, Tuesday Day 12 Ranthambhore National Park

Enjoy morning and afternoon wildlife viewings in the park.

Overnight at Sawai Vilas.

Meals - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



10 May 2023, Wednesday Day 13 Ranthambhore National Park

Enjoy morning and afternoon wildlife viewings in the park.

Overnight at Sawai Vilas.

Meals - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

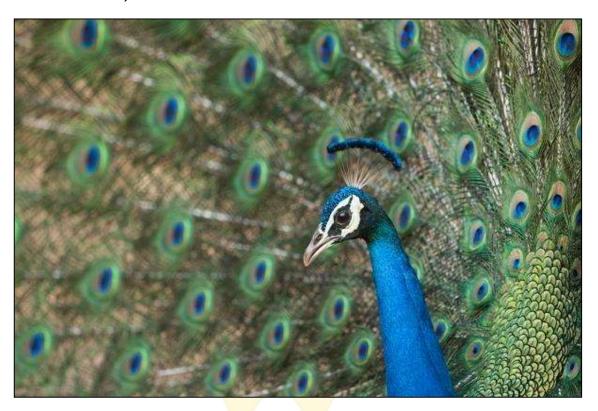


11 May 2023, Thursday Day 14 Ranthambhore National Park

Enjoy morning and afternoon wildlife viewings in the park.

Overnight at Sawai Vilas.

Meals - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



12 May 2023, Friday

Day 15

Ranthambhore National Park - Bharatpur:

By Train

Train : Kota - Nazrat Nizamuddin Jan Shatabdi

Departure : 0705 hours
Arrival : 0923 hours
Type : Express train
Class : Chair Car AC

Bharatpur - Agra:

By Road in 2 hours





Early morning, transfer to Sawai Madhopur Railway Station to board onward train to Bharatpur.

Reach Bharatpur and our driver will meet you at the train station. Drive to Agra en-route visiting Fatehpur Sikri

Reach Agra and check in to The Oberoi Amarvilas.

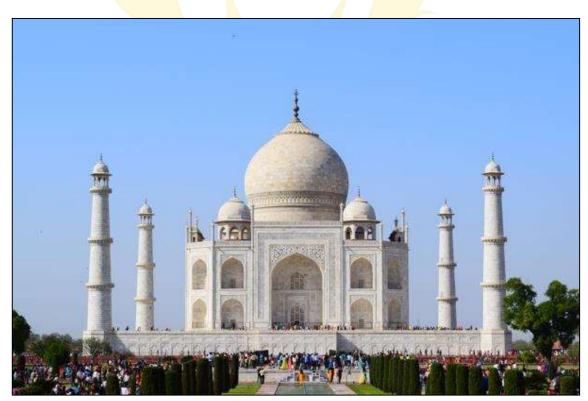
AGRA - Situated on the banks of river Yamuna, Agra was the seat of the Mughal court till the 17th century. The Taj Mahal and Fatehpur Sikri, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites, occupy pride of place among the many magnificent monuments that dot the city. Contrasting edifices of red sandstone, white marble and a maze of narrow streets that go back to the Mughal era characterize Agra. Optional visit to Agra Fort.

Afternoon proceed for the sightseeing tour of the city

AGRA FORT - Built by Akbar in 1565 AD, this massive red sandstone structure looks longingly out across the river at the Taj Mahal. Emperor Shah Jahan spent his last days here, incarcerated by son Aurangzeb. Muamman Burj, an octagonal tower with beautiful marble work, served as his prison. According to legend, the Kohinoor Diamond was placed here opposite a window so that the grief-stricken Shah Jahan could gaze upon the reflection of the Taj in its facets.

Overnight at The Oberoi Amarvilas.

Meals - Breakfast





13 May 2023, Saturday Day 16 Agra - Delhi: By Evening train

Train : Gatimaan Express

Departure: 1750 hours
Arrival: 1930 hours
Type: Express Train

Class : Executive Chair Car AC

Early morning visit to Taj Mahal, post breakfast, check out from hotel and proceed further to onward journey back to Delhi.

TAJ MAHAL (CLOSED ON FRIDAYS) - The magnificent Taj Mahal was built by Emperor Shah Jahan as a memorial to his wife Mumtaz Mahal. Designed by Persian architect Ustad, the Taj Mahal's massive white marble structure - with every square inch covered with breathtakingly fine inlay work - is in striking contrast to the red sandstone all around. So delicate it appears to float above the ground rather than sit.

Later - take a train to Delhi. Reach and our driver meets you at the train station to take you to the airport for your flight back home with sweet memories of India.

Meals - Breakfast

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