



MARCO POLO JOURNEYS

## India Wildlife Safari: Lions, Tigers & Leopards 2019

14 days

Limited to 18 guests

Explore some of the world's most treasured ecosystems as you track elusive leopards, Asiatic lions and Bengal tigers on game drives through India's biodiverse jungles and dry forests.

### A&K Advantages

Experience India on a journey that takes you from cities rich in history and culture to jungles teeming with exotic wildlife

Visit Gir Forest National Park, the last remaining place on earth to see the Asiatic lion

Set out on morning and afternoon game drives in Kanha and Bandhavgarh National Parks, home to rare exotic birds and the world's largest concentration of elusive Bengal tigers

Begin and end your journey in two world-class cities — cosmopolitan Mumbai and diverse Delhi

Become one with nature at authentic accommodations that put you in the heart of India's jungles and wildlife

# Itinerary

## DAY 1 ARRIVE MUMBAI, INDIA

Arrive in Mumbai this evening. After clearing customs and immigration, you are met and transferred to your hotel.

Taj Santacruz, Mumbai

## DAY 2 MUMBAI | BUSTLING PORT

Spend the morning at leisure. After lunch, set out to explore Mumbai, seeing the Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; Mani Bhawan; the Prince of Wales Museum (Chhatrapati Shivaji Museum); and the Dhobi Ghat. Then, gather with fellow guests for welcome cocktails, followed by dinner.

Taj Santacruz, Mumbai | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 3 GIR FOREST NATIONAL PARK | GUJARATI COUNTRYSIDE

Around midday, fly to Diu, set along the Arabian Sea coast. Upon arrival, travel several hours to Gir and check in to your hotel at the edge of Gir Forest.

The Gateway Hotel Gir Forest | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 4 GIR FOREST NATIONAL PARK | FINDING THE LION'S SHARE

This morning and afternoon, enjoy game viewing in Gir Forest National Park. Take an adventurous Jeep safari in search of leopards, jungle cats, hyenas and chinkaras (Indian gazelles). Gir is the last remaining habitat of the endangered Asiatic lion, making it one of Asia's most important protected areas.

The Gateway Hotel Gir Forest | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 5 GIR FOREST NATIONAL PARK | WILDLIFE PURSUIT

Enjoy another early morning of game viewing — often the best time of day to spot these amazing animals. Return to the hotel for breakfast, followed by a drive to Gondal to see Naulakha Palace and the Maharajah's amazing private automobile collection. Next drive to the airport in Rajkot for a flight to Mumbai.

Taj Santacruz, Mumbai | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 6 BANJAAR TOLA, KANHA NATIONAL PARK | JOURNEY INTO THE JUNGLE

After breakfast, board your short flight to Raipur. Enjoy lunch, followed by a several-hour drive to Kanha, where your hotel overlooks the lush forests and grassy meadows of Kanha National Park.

Banjaar Tola, Kanha National Park | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAYS 7-8 BANJAAR TOLA, KANHA NATIONAL PARK | JUNGLE SAFARI

Each day, take in an early morning and afternoon of game viewing in Kanha, one of India's most famous national parks. Among the sal and bamboo forests and grassy meadows, search for the Bengal tiger and spot an abundance of deer, sloth bears, leopards and more.

Banjaar Tola, Kanha National Park | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 9 BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK | IN SEARCH OF THE TIGER

After breakfast, drive several hours to Bandhavgarh National Park, which includes a renowned tiger reserve and a high density of these elusive creatures. One of India's most beautiful national parks, it is nestled among the tropical forests, woodlands, rocky hills and flat grasslands of the Vindhya and Satpura Ranges.

Mahua Kothi, Bandhavgarh National Park | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAYS 10-11 BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK | VAST BIODIVERSITY

Enjoy early morning and afternoon game drives, looking out for the Bengal tiger, as well as leopards and wild boars.

Mahua Kothi, Bandhavgarh National Park | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 12 DELHI | TOAST TO ADVENTURE

After breakfast, travel several hours to Jabalpur airport for a flight to Delhi. This evening, meet with fellow travellers over farewell cocktails, followed by dinner at the hotel.

Taj Palace, New Delhi | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 13 DELHI | EXPLORE AN ENERGETIC CITY

After breakfast, explore the city of New Delhi. India's vibrant, bustling capital has many highlights, including relics of bygone empires. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore on your own.

Taj Palace, New Delhi | Meals: Breakfast

## DAY 14 DEPART DELHI

Early this morning, transfer to the airport and depart.

**Program Note:** Travel in this remote region entails extended drives over unpaved roads, visits to sites with limited accessibility for those with mobility challenges, and limited access to Western cuisine.



# Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

## Journey Details

Internal Air: Economy class from \$1,115  
Mumbai/Rajkot/Mumbai/Raipur; Jabalpur/Delhi

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 11:00 a.m. on Day 2

Last group event: conclusion of tour activities in Delhi at 1:00 p.m. on Day 13.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

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