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India Tiger Quest — Tadoba 2026

Our Most Tiger-Intensive Itinerary—at the Best Time of Year to Find Them



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Trip Details:

Days:

7 Days / Apr & May

Price:

(+ Air)

Physical Requirements:

Easy to Moderate

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If you want to maximize your odds of spotting Bengal tigers, this adventure is for you. As spring gives way to early summer, temperatures rise, crowds dissipate, and tigers appear more readily. Tadoba National Park is a rising star in India's renowned collection of tiger parks, with one of the country's highest tiger concentrations and excellent viewing odds. As the weather heats up but monsoon rains are still weeks away, tigers must move out from the dry underbrush to quench their thirst—and we are there to watch them emerge. With no more than four travelers per open safari vehicle, our presence is understated...and the views unimpeded! And Tadoba is home to more than tigers: it's a veritable Jungle Book of creatures, with chances to spy sloth bear, small Indian civet, dhole (Indian wild dog), gaur, barking deer, honey badger, caracal, jackal, striped hyena, mongoose and more.

Trip Highlights

In Tadoba National Park at prime time for tiger sightings, make 7 separate 4x4 safaris in search of tigers

In this lesser-known park brimming with animals, look for a multitude of jungle species including sloth bear, leopard, Indian wild dog, sambar, chital, langur monkeys and more

Travel with premier Expedition Leaders who are tiger experts, dedicated conservationists and ecologists—superb interpreters of this wildlife-rich ecosystem



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Itinerary At A Glance

- Day 1**
New Delhi, India
- Day 2**
Discovering Old Delhi
- Day 3**
Fly to Nagpur / Tadoba National Park
- Days 4-6**
On Safari in Tadoba National Park
- Day 7**
Transfer to Delhi / Depart

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Day 1: New Delhi, India

Arrive in New Delhi and transfer to the Taj Mahal Hotel. One of the most distinguished addresses in the city, this landmark 5-star hotel preferred by dignitaries, heads of state and celebrities provides a luxurious respite after your travels. It is located near the seat of India's government and numerous embassies among the wide, leafy boulevards of Lutyens' Delhi—the section of the city named after British architect Edwin Lutyens, who was responsible for much of the architectural design during the period of the British Raj, when India was part of the British Empire in the 1920s–1940s. The evening is at leisure to enjoy dinner on your own—try one of the hotel's fine restaurants, or inquire with the concierge for nearby suggestions.





Day 2: Discovering Old Delhi

India's capital offers a captivating introduction to the country and its cultures, in vivid counterpoint to the wild realms that lie ahead. There are two distinct sections of the city, ancient Old Delhi, and New Delhi, founded in 1911 by the British at the height of their empire. A half-day tour, timed to avoid the heat of midday, explores centuries of Old Delhi's complex, multi-layered history. A rickshaw ride provides a fitting overview, while a guided walk through the narrow lanes of bustling Chandni Chowk Market reveals the colorful, sensory display of everyday commerce.

Our local guide unveils the architectural treasure of Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque and the magnum opus of Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan. Completed in 1656 by more than 5,000 laborers, the grand edifice features alternating vertical strips of red sandstone and white marble, with a vast inner courtyard that can hold 25,000 people. We also visit Bangla Sahib, one of the country's most revered Sikh temples. The complex includes the main temple, a school, a sacred water tank and a large community kitchen that generously prepares over 10,000 free meals each day, known as langar, cooked by volunteers using donated ingredients from Sikh farmers. This evening, join our Expedition Leader for a welcome dinner and orientation to the tiger adventures that await.

Day 3: Fly to Nagpur / Tadoba National Park

From Delhi, we fly south two hours to Nagpur, then transfer 2.5 hours by air-conditioned vehicles to Tadoba, the oldest and largest national park in Maharashtra state and one of India's 47 Project Tiger reserves. Tadoba has one of India's densest concentrations of Bengal tigers, offering excellent odds for viewing these mesmerizing felines, the largest of the world's wild cats. It also has a long conservation history. Once ruled by the Gond kings near the Chimur Hills, hunting in the area was banned in 1935. In 1955, 45 square miles of forest were designated as Tadoba National Park. The neighboring forests became Andhari Wildlife Sanctuary in 1986, and in 1995, both were merged to form the present-day Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve, spanning 241 square miles. At the reserve's southwestern edge lies Tadoba Lake, a vital water source and crocodile habitat that also serves as a buffer between the forest and surrounding farmland. Nearby Irai Lake attracts migratory ducks, geese and waders, making it a haven for birdwatchers.

On arrival, we check in at Waghoba Ecolodge, our luxurious base for the next four nights. Surrounded by traditional agricultural lands, forest and grasslands that are the domain of the Bengal tiger, we stay in utmost comfort with superb proximity to the park. With India's tiger numbers steadily on the rise, Tadoba offers an excellent opportunity to observe them in the wild, especially at this dry time of year when vegetation is sparse and tigers more readily visible. The park is comprised of mixed grasslands and tropical dry deciduous forest, with teak and bamboo the predominant tree species. The terrain is hilly, with dense wooded areas and deep valleys providing plenty of shelter and seclusion for wild animals, including tigers and other wildlife. This afternoon, we make our first Jeep foray into the park. While tigers are always elusive, the odds of seeing them are high in Tadoba, especially at the time of year we visit.



Days 4–6: On Safari in Tadoba National Park

Our twice-daily safari drives take place in the early morning and late afternoon, when temperatures are relatively cooler, wildlife is more active, and light conditions are better for photography. We head out in 4x4 vehicles before sunrise each morning, eager for the day's discoveries. In contrast to an African safari where wildlife is often on display before us, India's animals take more effort to find. Tigers typically take shelter under the cover of trees and bushes, hiding from their prey and seeking relief from the heat. Because their stripes provide excellent camouflage, we have to work to locate them. But our Expedition Leaders are seasoned trackers, and we follow their lead, listening for sounds and watching for signs that may reveal a tiger's location: rustling grass, deer racing away from its presence, birds circling overhead. Fortunately, however, the time of year we are here ensures easier sightings: tigers must emerge from the jungle to drink water from Tadoba's lakes and the river that laces the park, and it's easier to see them in the open.

While tigers are our main focus, other wildlife is also plentiful. Sightings may include the shy sloth bear, dhole (Indian wild dog), gaur (Indian bison), striped hyena, jungle cat, Indian civet, sambar, chital, spotted deer, barking deer, marsh crocodile, peacock, gray-headed fish eagle, crested serpent eagle, and many of Central India's native woodland bird species. Leopard are also present, but rarely seen.

The area around Tadoba also offers glimpses of traditional rural life, and we are welcomed into the home of a local village family to learn about their culture and daily routines. We also may visit Ramdegi Temple, believed to be one of the spots where Rama, one of the most widely worshiped Hindu deities, stayed during his 14 years of exile. Local people believe that tigers can be seen boldly walking into the temple complex under the cover of night. The area around Ramdegi is also prime habitat for sloth bears, with a substantial population living in proximity.

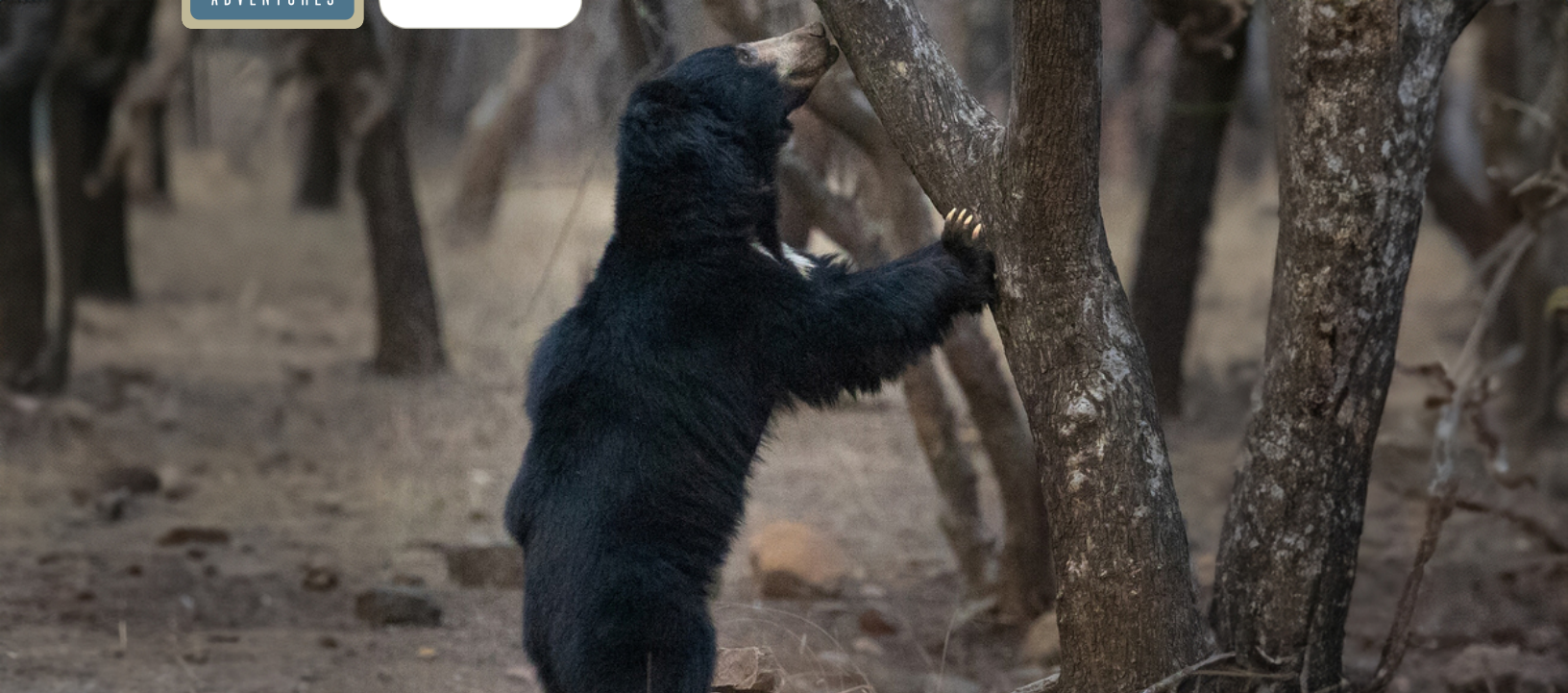
In the middle of each day, return to the comfort of our lodge to rest, relax, browse the nature library, or cool off in the swimming pool. And as night falls, don't miss the chance for excellent stargazing, since we are far from the lights of any major city.

Day 7: Transfer to Delhi / Depart

Our tiger safari comes to a close today as we return via air-conditioned vehicles to Nagpur, then fly back to Delhi, where we meet departing flights.



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Accommodation Details:

Waghoba Ecolodge

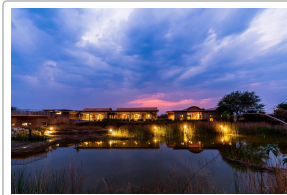
Taj Mahal Hotel, New Delhi

JW Marriott Hotel New Delhi Aerocity

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/asia-adventure-travel/india-tiger-quest-tadoba/accommodations/

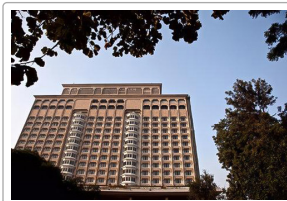
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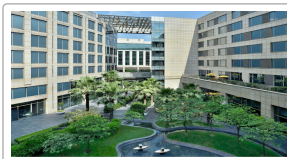
Waghoba Ecolodge

A leader in sustainability, this luxury lodge near Tadoba National Park features adobe guest cottages, organic local cuisine, a shaded outdoor pool, nature library, and a lake hide for eye-level wildlife watching.



Taj Mahal Hotel, New Delhi

A distinguished address in India's leafy capital district, this 5-star hotel is a New Delhi landmark, with elegant interiors and finely appointed rooms reflecting traditional Mughal heritage in art, antiques and ambience.



JW Marriott Hotel New Delhi Aerocity

Conveniently located near New Delhi's international and domestic airports, this stylish, contemporary hotel offers a blend of luxury and convenience, with high-end amenities.



What Makes This Tiger Safari Tops?

This adventure is designed to maximize your opportunity to see some of the world's last remaining wild Bengal tigers, in a less-visited setting away from crowds. It's a thrill to watch a tiger in its natural habitat, not to mention a rare privilege...and this strategically crafted itinerary gives you the very best odds, along with other plentiful native India wildlife. Here's how we do it:

1 An Itinerary Specifically Focused on Finding Tigers

We get you into the heart of India's best Bengal tiger habitat with multiple opportunities to search for these charismatic cats in one of the country's premier tiger parks. If your main goal in coming to India is to see wild tigers, this trip maximizes your odds.

2 A Prime Location and the Best Season for Sightings

Tadoba National Park in central India is legendary tiger country. Though it's hot when we visit, the weather conditions increases our chances of seeing tigers, since they must emerge from shade in the underbrush in order to drink water at least twice daily. Our best opportunity to see them will be at these watering spots. Other wildlife must come out in search of water, too, and we're likely to have excellent chances to photograph a wide array of native species.

3 An Up-and-Coming Park without the Crowds of More Famous Locations

While Tadoba National Park offers outstanding opportunities for tiger viewing, it isn't nearly as crowded as India's best-known tiger parks. Here, you'll get to watch wildlife in relative peace and solitude, without hordes of Jeeps converging on a single sighting. No radio or mobile phone use is allowed between vehicles and visitors in this park, meaning you are less likely to share your experience with dozens of other visitors. Only traditional "word of mouth" methods are permitted for sharing sightings, as drivers and guides pass one another driving through the park.

4 A Very Small Group for a More Intimate Tiger Experience

We cap our groups at eight travelers, with no more than four guests per safari vehicle and sometimes fewer. This means a less-intrusive presence, a quieter experience, and personalized attention from our naturalist Expedition Leader. You're assured a "window" seat in our open 4x4 vehicles. There's also room to carry all your gear comfortably, and flexibility for us to adapt to changing conditions (light, weather, animal movements) in order to maximize viewing and photo opportunities.

5 A Luxury Ecolodge Base Acclaimed for Comfort & Sustainability

As our base for exploring Tadoba National Park, we spend four nights at Waghoba Ecolodge, one of India's top new safari accommodations located on 12 acres of wild land in the important buffer zone between Tadoba National Park and the private outskirts beyond. In every element of its construction and operations, it sets inspiring standards for environmental consciousness.



6 India's Top Naturalist Guides Lead Our Trips

Our Expedition Leaders are highly trained and certified naturalist guides with in-depth knowledge of the Indian bush, tigers, and other creatures that live there. Most of our guides average at least 15 years' experience in the field. We know a nature photography expedition is only as good as the guide who leads it, and that's why we take pride in hiring the world's best!

7 Our Emphasis is Nature, but We Add a Touch of History and Culture, Too

Most India tours immerse you in crowded urban environments, rather than the country's wild places. In contrast, nearly all our time is spent tracking tigers...but, since we fly in and out of Delhi, we include a half-day tour of India's vibrant capital. With a wealth of cultural treasures, it's an engaging counterpoint to the wild spaces of Tadoba National Park that is our primary focus.

8 Extra Value for Your Travel Dollar

While we are coming to India at the optimal time of year to see tigers, this is otherwise an off-peak trip, meaning your cost is lower than for most India tours. Take advantage of great value pricing for this top-quality small-group trip—when tiger sighting odds are best!

9 Our Presence Directly Helps Boost India's Tiger Numbers

After years of precipitously declining tiger numbers, India is charting steady increases. Its 2022 quadrennial tiger census counted 3,682 tigers, up from 2,967 in 2018, an annual rise of 6%. Conservation groups attribute a share of the increase to responsible ecotourism. The economic value of visitors to India's tiger reserves benefits local communities, offering people an incentive to protect the wildlife they share the land with. Given that India is home to 75% of the world's remaining wild tigers, our presence here for wildlife tourism here is integral to that continued success.

10 Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your India Tiger Adventure is Second to None

With Natural Habitat Adventures, you receive our exclusive quality-value guarantee that promises we will meet the high expectations we set forth in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company.

11 Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey

We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.



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Dates & Pricing Summary:

Prices:
(+ Air)

Group Size:
Please note that on Make It Private departures we have a minimum group size of half the maximum size of our regularly scheduled departures.

Physical Requirements:
Easy to Moderate

India Tiger Quest — Tadoba 2026 Dates, Pricing & Info

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2026 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Apr 10, 2026	Apr 16, 2026	
Apr 14, 2026	Apr 20, 2026	
Apr 18, 2026	Apr 24, 2026	
Apr 22, 2026	Apr 28, 2026	
Apr 26, 2026	May 2, 2026	
May 1, 2026	May 7, 2026	Habitat Club Pricing Available
May 5, 2026	May 11, 2026	
May 9, 2026	May 15, 2026	
May 13, 2026	May 19, 2026	
May 17, 2026	May 23, 2026	



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Departure	Return	Notes
May 21, 2026	May 27, 2026	
May 25, 2026	May 31, 2026	

2027 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Apr 11, 2027	Apr 17, 2027	
Apr 15, 2027	Apr 21, 2027	
Apr 19, 2027	Apr 25, 2027	
Apr 23, 2027	Apr 29, 2027	
Apr 27, 2027	May 3, 2027	
May 2, 2027	May 8, 2027	
May 6, 2027	May 12, 2027	
May 10, 2027	May 16, 2027	
May 14, 2027	May 20, 2027	
May 18, 2027	May 24, 2027	
May 22, 2027	May 28, 2027	
May 26, 2027	Jun 1, 2027	



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Pricing

2025 Prices

2026 Prices

➤ **Trip Price**

\$8995 to \$9295

Internal Air Cost: \$278 per person (this will be listed separately on our invoicing)

Single Occupancy: For a single room add \$1495.

Deposit: \$1500 per person (nonrefundable)



[View pricing](#)

Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy and are given in U.S. dollars.

2027 Prices

We're still in the process of confirming 2027 pricing. Please contact an Adventure Specialist for more details: 800-543-8917.

Included

- **Trip price includes:** Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s), local guides and lodge staff, all meals from breakfast on Day 2 through lunch on final day, some gratuities, still camera fees, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.

Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees, optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry and internet, etc.), airline baggage fees, required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance. Note: India requires additional fees for video camera usage in parks, which is not included in your trip fee.

Physical Requirements

Easy to Moderate

In order to participate in this trip, you must be able to walk unassisted (without the use of walking aids) at a steady pace for at least one mile over uneven terrain, climb a short ladder to get into and out of our safari vehicles, and tolerate daily excursions in extremely hot conditions. Although we avoid the hottest part of the day during our outings, note that temperatures can be very high and may exceed 110°F. Activities include a city walking tour that could be as long as three miles, walking with luggage through crowded airports and train stations, and walking on sometimes dark and uneven paths at our accommodations. Wildlife drives in the park take place on very rough and bumpy dirt roads with many ruts and potholes, in extremely dusty conditions. Travelers with back problems or other health issues that could be exacerbated by such conditions should take this into consideration. The trip also involves very early morning starts (before dawn) and long days filled with activities, which can be very tiring, especially in the heat.



On custom or private departures with smaller groups, our ability to accommodate varying levels of physical abilities or interests is limited, since these trips are staffed with a single Expedition Leader who may be assisted, pending availability, by local guides.

Important Information About This Trip

Wildlife Encounters

Most of our guests travel to India to encounter the country's wildlife. While nature experiences in India are indeed outstanding, there is a fundamental difference between a safari in the Indian jungle and a typical African safari. At times, guests lured to India by tourist brochures promising "tiger safaris" can be disappointed to see fewer animals than they expected, or at least fewer than they might normally expect to see in Africa. It is not that India's surviving jungle habitat is sparsely populated with wildlife, but, similarly to places like Costa Rica where the forest vegetation is very dense, animals have mastered the art of camouflage and can be difficult to spot, even during the summer season when foliage is thinner.

That said, we have carefully designed our India itineraries to capitalize on the best conditions to spot tigers. We don't think you'll find a better opportunity to maximize your chance to view and photograph tigers than this trip affords. But various factors can affect potential sightings, including inclement weather, which creates small pockets of water that allow the animals to remain hidden in the forest, rather than being forced into the open to frequent waterholes. The secret to a successful Indian nature adventure lies with the expertise of our Expedition Leaders and park rangers, as well as your knowing what to expect as a traveler, and in understanding that the privilege of stepping into a wild and untouched natural realm is a reward in itself.

Safari Vehicle Routes

Tadoba National Park is divided into two primary zones: the Core Zone and the Buffer Zone. Each day, the park limits the number of permits issued for both zones to ensure sustainable wildlife tourism and minimal disruption to the ecosystem. While the Core Zone may be considered the prime area for tiger sightings due to its denser tiger population, the Buffer Zone also offers a unique and rewarding safari experience with diverse landscapes, abundant wildlife, and strong opportunities for tiger sightings.

Guests can expect a balanced mix of safaris in both zones, each offering its own distinct appeal. Within the zone we are assigned each day, we will have access to all roads and areas, ensuring a comprehensive experience. We understand that the main purpose of your journey is to view tigers, but please understand that there is a chance that the vehicle to which you are assigned could take the same zone multiple times. Thank you for participating in this adventure knowing that this may be the case.

Also, on rare occasions, you may see film crews during your time inside the park. These crews have special permits to film inside park boundaries and, as a result, they do enjoy certain advantages that a regular tourist does not, such as spending the entire day inside the park and having access to places where others cannot go. Please know that while there are indeed limiting factors to the tiger-viewing experience in India, we have taken great pains to ensure that this special India tiger safari provides the very best viewing and photography opportunities possible.



Cell Phone Ban in Tadoba National Park

Tadoba National Park has a strict ban on the use of cell phones by all visitors, guides and drivers within the park's Core Zone, with no exceptions. Guides and drivers are allowed limited use of phones (no calls) within the Buffer Zone. Guests are not allowed to use cell phones for any purpose, including photography and taking videos, anywhere within the park. This ban originated to combat the use of location tags by poachers to track tigers. It also supports traditional tiger tracking methods through word of mouth, which minimizes the number of vehicles at sightings. Tiger sightings take on a whole new level of intimacy when cellphones are set aside, ensuring a more respectful and less intrusive experience for both humans and wildlife.

To facilitate photography in the park, Nat Hab has developed an exclusive program with Lensrentals, a premier lens rental company, which allows our travelers to rent high-quality cameras, lenses, spotting scopes, tripods, flashes, backpacks and other equipment at a 15% discount. To review the available options, visit lensrentals.com. To obtain the discount, add the code "NATHAB15" to the "Promo Code" box and hit "Apply" upon checkout.

Mandatory Insurance

Since the areas we travel to are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require that all guests have, at minimum, medical evacuation insurance for this program. This is for the safety of all guests. We require that your chosen independent insurance plan includes at least \$250,000 in medical evacuation coverage.

To protect your investment and to provide peace of mind while you travel, we also strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment to trip cancellations and delays and lost luggage. Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.

Getting There & Getting Home

Arrive in Delhi at any time on Day 1 of the itinerary. You are free to depart Delhi anytime after 9 pm on the final day.

We can best serve you if our Natural Habitat Adventures Travel Desk makes your reservations, as we are intimately familiar with the special requirements of this program and can arrange the most efficient travel. Please call us at 800-543-8917. Note that while we offer you the best possible rates available to us on airfare and additional nights' accommodations, you may find special web rates or better fares online.



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Extension Details:

Agra & the Taj Mahal Extension
\$1995

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Agra & the Taj Mahal Extension

No India adventure is complete without a visit to the fabled Taj Mahal and red sandstone Agra Fort, exquisite and magisterial monuments to the imperial splendors of the Mughal age.
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