

## Taj, Tiger & Tribes

Day 01 : Departure from home

Day 02 : Delhi / Bharatpur

Arrive Delhi & drive to Bharatpur transfer to the hotel The Bagh

**BHARATPUR:** The Keoladeo "Ghana" National Park is one of the finest water - bird sanctuaries in the world. The Maharaja of Bharatpur artificially created the lake and wetland in the 19th century. By building small decks and dams and diverting water from an irrigation canal, he converted this low-lying area into a fine wild fowl shooting preserve. In a few years, the new wetland surrounded by marginal forests was able to support thousands of water birds.

The Keoladeo "Ghana" National Park was declared a reserve for birds in 1956 and later upgraded to National Park. UNESCO has listed it as a world heritage site.

Commonly referred to as Bharatpur, the Park is a delight for bird watchers. Over 375 species of birds are found here. The raised paths, camouflaged by Babool trees and undergrowth make viewing easy. A quiet ride by boat in the early hours of the morning is also unforgettable experience. The cacophony is unbelievable as Painted Storks, Open Bills, Spoonbills, Egrets, Cormorants, White Ibis and multitudes of others, tend their young. Jacanas with their iridescent colors and elegant tail feathers and Purple Moroccan can be seen delicately treading over the floating vegetation

Overnight at The Bagh

Day 03 : Bharatpur / The Bagh

Full day at Bharatpur & overnight at The Bagh (Birding)

Day 04 : Bharatpur / The Bagh

Full day at Bharatpur & overnight at The Bagh (Birding)

Day 05 : Bharatpur / The Bagh

Full day at Bharatpur & overnight at The Bagh (Birding)

Day 06 : Bharatpur / Agra / Jabalpur

Drive from Bharatpur to Agra en-route visiting Fatehpur Sikri for sightseeing and thereafter drive to Agra to board the overnight train Gondwana Express to Jabalpur.

Gondwana Express departs from Agra Cantt Railway Station at 1850 hrs & Arrives Jabalpur at 0715 hrs next day early morning

**Fatehpur Sikri**

An epic in red sandstone, a city of yesteryears, today lost in the mists of time..... Fatehpur Sikri was built by the Mughal Emperor Akbar during 1564 A.D. A sonless Akbar had gone to Sikri to seek blessings of a muslim saint Sheikh Salim Chishti. When his son was finally born, he in gratitude constructed his capital city and named it Fatehpur Sikri. Later, due to shortage of water and unrest in north-west, Akbar had to abandon this city.

The beautiful marble tomb of Sheikh Salim Chisti attracts thousands who seek blessings of the revered saint. Other renowned places are Diwan-e-Am, Diwan-e-Khaas, Buland Darwaza, Panch Mahal, Jodha Bai's Palace and Birbal Bhavan.

**Agra**

Built by the great Emperor Akbar in 1565 A.D. the fort is a masterpiece of design and construction. Within the fort are a number of exquisite buildings, including the Moti Masjid, Diwane-E-Am, Diwani-E-Khaas and Musanman Burj, where the Emperor Shah Jahan died in imprisonment beside Jehangir's palace, Khaas Mahal and the Sheesh Mahal.

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## Taj Mahal

Agra is famous as being home to one of the seven wonders of the world- the Taj Mahal. Construction of Taj took 22 years and involved a labour force of 20,000 workers.

The architectural splendor of the mausoleums, the fort and the palaces in Agra is a vivid reminder of the capital in the 16th and early 17th centuries.

## Day 07 : Jabalpur / Kanha

Arrive Jabalpur and drive to Kanha 04 hrs. drive and transfer to The Baagh.

Kanha - Land of the Tiger. Kanha National Park is one of India's national treasures and largest national parks. The setting for Kipling's jungle book..... In 1973 it became one of the preserves under Project Tiger, one of India's most important conservation efforts to preserve natural resources, wildlife, the majestic Indian Tiger and the Hard Ground race of deer - "Barasingha". The 1005 square kilometer park is home to diverse flora and fauna, including Tigers, Leopards, Jackal, Wild Dogs, Indian Bison, Wild Boars, Monkeys, many species of Deer and innumerable birds.

Evening game ride at the Kanha National Park, Overnight at The Baagh

## Day 08 : Kanha / The Baagh

Morning & Evening game ride at the Kanha National Park. Overnight at The Baagh

## Day 09 : Kanha / The Baagh

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## Day 10 : Kanha / The Baagh

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## Day 11 : Kanha / The Baagh

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## Day 12 : Kanha / Kawardha / Raipur

Morning - After breakfast drive to Raipur via Kawardha

Kawardha - Located at the edge of the scenic Maikal Ranges and to the south east of the famous Kanha National Park, Kawardha is a small but exceptionally beautiful town of Chhattisgarh. For its exceptional natural beauty and unique cultural heritage, Kawardha offers an enchanting and tranquil retreat to its visitors.

Kawardha lies in a predominantly tribal region with the Gond and the Baiga tribes forming the majority of populations in the area. These tribes are mainly inhabited in the inaccessible forest areas. The 11th century Shiva Bhramdeo Temples are known for their exquisite stone carvings and illustrations of local deities. The temples are among major attractions of the region with Kawardha Palace.

Overnight at Raipur / Hotel Babylon International

## Day 13 : Kawardha / Raipur / Delhi - onward Journey Home

After breakfast drive to Raipur and fly to Delhi by Jet Airways Flight 9W - 378 departing Raipur at 12:05 hrs. Arrival in Delhi at 13:10 hrs, upon arrival transfer to the International airport for your flight back home

## Cost - Valid upto 30th Sept' 2010

02 - 04 Person : INR 149202 per person

Single Room : INR 204687

### *The above cost includes*

Accommodation on Twin Sharing Basis in Double Room WITH ALL MEALS, Air conditioned Transportation, Jungle Safari by specially designed 4 Wheel Drive Suzuki Jeeps, Safari at the National Parks with local naturalist, One Elephant ride at Kanha National Park, All Entrance fees & Still Camera fees, All Arrival / Departure transfers, Air Conditioned 2 Tier Train Ticket from Agra / Jabalpur and flight ticket from Raipur / Delhi in economy class. Mineral Water & Juices during long drive

### NOTE:

All Train / Flight Timing & fares are based on current Operating Schedule and are subject to change

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