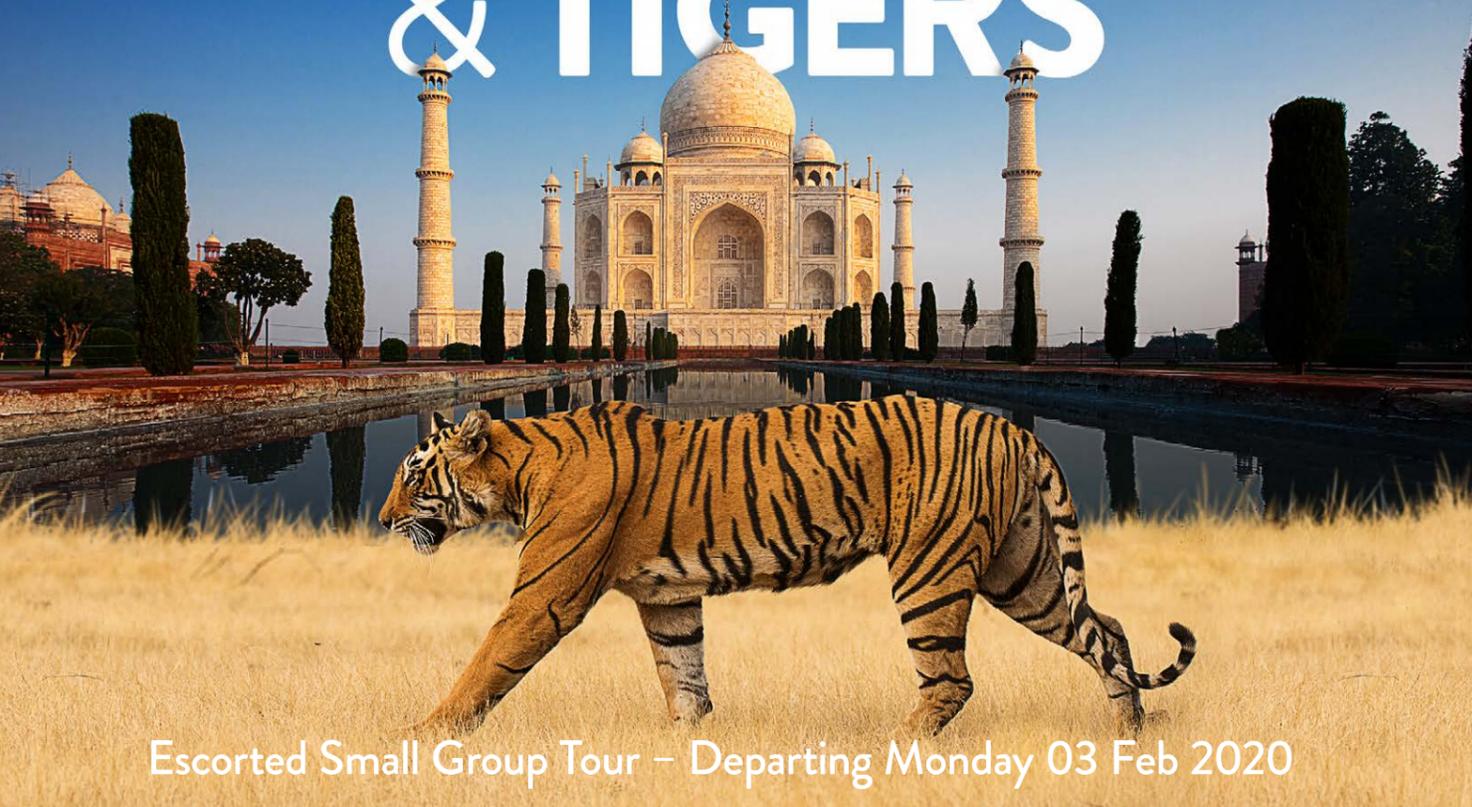


TAJ, TEMPLES & TIGERS



Escorted Small Group Tour – Departing Monday 03 Feb 2020

Go in search of the magnificent Bengal tiger. Contemplate the mystery of ancient temples, grand palaces and the beauty of the Taj Mahal. We invite you to join us on this escorted tour, the main focus of which is to view the endangered tiger. Nothing can prepare you for the excitement of seeing this magnificent creature in its natural habitat, a privilege that few people will ever experience. Whilst this tour visits 3 of India's national parks there is also plenty of time for cultural experiences and historical sites.

TOUR COST

EX MEL	EX SYD	EX BNE	EX ADL	EX PER
\$13,117*	\$13,133*	\$13,137*	\$13,120*	\$12,965*
per person twin share				

Single Supplement: \$2966.
We can try to arrange shared accommodation on request.
*International airfares strictly subject to availability.
Please see over for full itinerary and inclusions.

Contact us for exclusive upgrade deals to Premium Economy or Business class



HIGHLIGHTS

- Total of 13 guided tiger safaris in Bandhavgarh, Kanha and Ranthambore
- The avian paradise of Keoladeo National Park
- The historic treasures of Delhi, Jaipur & the beautiful Taj Mahal
- Accompanying naturalist and Australian escort

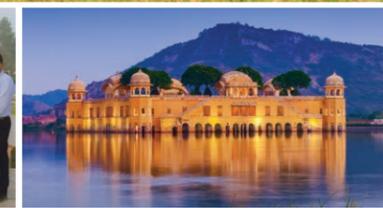


TOUR ESCORT

A passionate traveller with over 30 years' experience in the travel industry, Anne-Marie (Annie) Zambelli's knowledge is unrivalled. As our General Manager she is an expert on all our destinations. As a tour leader she is a knowledgeable, enthusiastic and entertaining travelling companion. Captivated by India on her first trip in 2002, Annie has returned many times and this will be her 11th Taj Temples & Tigers Tour.

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DURATION

18 days/17 nights (1 inflight)

DEPARTS

Ex Mel, Syd, Bne, Adl or Per
Monday 03 Feb 2020

PRICES FROM

\$12,965 per person twin

ESCORTED GROUP TOUR

- ✓ Escorted Ex Delhi by Anne-Marie Zambelli
- Min: 8 Max: 16



INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

Price per person includes: Economy class airfare (strictly subject to availability) with Singapore Airlines for a maximum of 35 days, internal airfares, all current passenger departure taxes and levies, accommodation inclusive of taxes and meals as per itinerary, transfers by air conditioned vehicle, city tours and excursions as per the itinerary, jungle excursions by jeep and cantor, services of a local English speaking naturalist, 1 bottle of water per person per day for all surface travel and at meal times, standard still camera fees and gratuities.
(Clients joining from Adelaide will require a short stay in Singapore or overnight on the return journey (additional cost) as the flight from Singapore to Adelaide does not connect on 20 February. Please contact us for details.)

Price excludes: Items of a personal nature.

DAY 1	03 FEB	DELHI
Depart Australia on Singapore Airlines to Delhi. Overnight at Le Meridien.		
DAY 2	04 FEB	DELHI
Enjoy a tour of New Delhi visiting renowned sites including the unique Qutab Minar and Humayun's Tomb. Lunch at a local restaurant. Overnight at Le Meridien. BLD		
DAYS 3-5	05-07 FEB	BANDHAVGARH
Early flight to Jabalpur and then road transfer to Bandhavgarh National Park (4 hrs). Morning and afternoon jungle excursions. Accommodation at Bandhav Vilas. BLD		
DAYS 6-8	08-10 FEB	KANHA
Morning jungle drive and then road transfer to Kanha National Park (5 hrs). The park is home to a variety of animals including deer, gaur (bison), wild dog and jackal. Accommodation at The Bagh Resort. BLD		
DAY 9	11 FEB	DELHI
Early departure by road to Raipur (4hrs) for flight to Delhi. Overnight at Pullman New Delhi Aerocity Hotel. BLD		
DAYS 10/11	12/13 FEB	JAIPUR
Fly to India's "pink city" - Jaipur and transfer to your hotel. Afternoon is at leisure. On Day 11 enjoy a full day sightseeing tour including the Amber Fort, City Palace and the Jantar Mantar observatory. Overnight at Trident Jaipur. BLD		
DAYS 12/13	14/15 FEB	RANTHAMBORE
This morning travel by road to Ranthambore National Park, a former private hunting ground of the great rulers of Jaipur and one of the most renowned national parks in India for viewing tiger. (4 hrs). Jungle excursions by jeep/cantor. Accommodation at Dev Vilas. BLD		
DAYS 14/15	16/17 FEB	BHARATPUR
Transfer by road to Bharatpur and The Birder's Inn (4 hrs). Afternoon visit to the Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary. On day 15 visit the 16th century Mughal city of Fatehpur Sikri for sunset. BLD		
DAY 16	18 FEB	AGRA
A short drive to Agra (1 hr). Tour of Agra Fort followed by a sunset visit to the Taj Mahal. Overnight at Trident Agra. BLD		
DAY 17	19 FEB	INFLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA
Sunrise visit to the Taj. Depart after lunch by road to Delhi airport (4 hrs) for your return flight to Australia with Singapore Airlines. BL		
DAY 18	20 FEB	TOUR ENDS AUSTRALIA
Arrive Australia where the tour ends.		

For further information and to reserve your place please call our India experts on 1300 363 302.



Tigers on the chase © Aditya Singh

RANTHAMBORE

3 days/2 nights from \$1112 p.p. twin
Departs daily ex Jaipur^

Price per person from*:	Twin
AA Oberoi Vanyavilas	\$2801
A Vivanta by Taj Sawai Madhopur Lodge	\$1226
B Dev Villas	\$1131
C Tigress Resort	\$1112

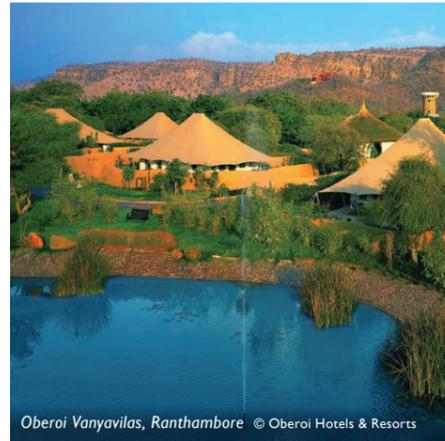
*Based on two people sharing, singles on request.

^This tour can also be undertaken from Delhi by air-conditioned train. Contact us for further details.

INCLUSIONS

Transfers in private air-conditioned Innova vehicle or similar with English speaking driver, jungle excursions by jeep with local guide, entrance fees, accommodation on a full board basis, 1 bottle of water per person per day for all surface travel, standard still camera fees.

Once the private hunting reserve of the Maharaja of Jaipur, Ranthambore is one of India's best known tiger sanctuaries. Dominated by the historic, walled Ranthambore Fort, it is famous for its stunning views and its large wild tiger population. So habituated to the presence of humans, Ranthambore's tigers have been known to stalk and hunt prey in full view of visiting safari vehicles. A number of lodges are located at the edge of this wonderful national park, offering early morning and late afternoon guided jungle excursions by jeep.



Oberoi Vanyavilas, Ranthambore © Oberoi Hotels & Resorts

INDIA WILDLIFE SAFARIS

3 days/2 nights
Departs daily

Leave urban life behind and discover India's wonderful national parks. Many of these reserves were once royal hunting grounds. Today, they are sanctuaries for some 90,000 species and encompass astonishing diversity of terrain. If you're finding it tough to decide where to go, featured on these two pages are a selection of India's finest wildlife havens, where you can go on jungle safaris in search of Asian elephant, rhino, sambar deer and of course, the royal Bengal tiger. The subcontinent is also rich in birdlife, with peacocks and kingfishers being the most resplendent. Whilst parks may require long days of travel, seeing a Bengal tiger in the wild could well be your most cherished memory of India.

*Based on two people sharing, singles on request.

INCLUSIONS

Transfers and excursions in private air-conditioned Innova vehicle or similar with English speaking driver, jungle excursions by shared jeep with local guide (except Keoladeo: 1 park visit by cycle rickshaw & 1 boat ride water levels permitting), accommodation, all meals, 1 bottle of water per person per day for all surface travel, standard still camera fees.



CORBETT NATIONAL PARK

3 days/2 nights from \$1339 per person twin*
Departs daily ex Delhi

Established in 1936, Corbett is India's oldest reserve, and home to a range of picturesque landscapes from sal forest to open plains. Discover this extraordinary destination from Jim's Jungle Retreat, an eco-lodge at the southern edge of the park featuring 18 jungle cottages, lodges and safari tents. Enjoy excursions each day in search of Corbett's many species including elephant, barking deer, wild boar as well as the elusive Bengal tiger.



One-horned Indian rhinoceros © Shutterstock

RHINO TRAIL

4 days/3 nights from \$1273 p.p. twin
Departs daily ex Guwahati

Price per person from*:	Twin
A Diphlu River Lodge - Kaziranga	\$2055
B Infinity Resort - Kaziranga	\$1356
C IORA Retreat - Kaziranga	\$1273

*Based on two people sharing, singles on request.

INCLUSIONS

Transfers in standard air-conditioned private vehicle with English speaking driver, jungle excursions by jeep with local guide, entrance fees, accommodation on a full board basis, 1 bottle of water per person per day for all surface travel.

EXCLUSIONS

Camera fees.

Kaziranga, located in Assam in Eastern India, is one of the last remaining bastions for the endangered one-horned Indian rhinoceros. Drive to an eco-lodge in Kaziranga from Guwahati and undertake a fantastic wildlife adventure in search of these rare animals. Other large animals regularly observed during jungle excursions by jeep in this park include elephant, buffalo and swamp deer. While tigers are resident in Kaziranga, tall grasses make them hard to spot - however, you'll find plenty of evidence that these big cats are present. Birdlife is also wonderful.



White-Throated Kingfisher © Tirath Singh

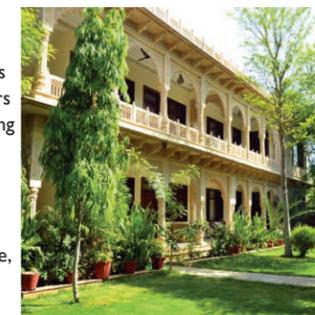


Painted stork family © Tirath Singh

KEOLADEO GHANA NATIONAL PARK

3 days/2 nights from \$649 per person twin*
Departs daily ex Delhi

Formerly known as Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary, Keoladeo Ghana National Park is famous for harbouring in excess of over 370 avian species, with numbers peaking in winter (Nov-Mar). Interesting large mammal species include wild boar, nilgai, sambar and hyena. Visitors exploring this World Heritage Site can do it on foot, by bicycle or rickshaw. Peaceful and close to the park entrance, The Birder's Inn is a popular base for excursions into Keoladeo's wetlands.



GIR FOREST NATIONAL PARK

3 days/2 nights from \$1226 per person twin*
Departs daily ex Diu

The only place in the world where the rare Asiatic lion roams free, Gir harbours dry, deciduous woodland inhabited by 200 species of bird as well as the world's only four-horned antelope - the chowsingha. Other creatures sighted include pythons and mugger crocodiles. Discover this exciting destination from The Gateway Hotel Gir Forest, which offers smart, contemporary accommodation on the fringe of this unique national park.



ICONS OF INDIA

11 days/10 nights
From \$4202 per person twin share
Departs Mon, Thu & Sat ex Delhi

Price per person from*: Cat AA Cat A Cat B Cat C
\$7991 \$6074 \$4452 \$4202

*Based on two people sharing, singles on request.

INCLUSIONS

Airfare Agra/Khajuraho and Raipur/Delhi, transfers in private air-conditioned Innova vehicle or similar with English speaking driver, jungle excursions by jeep with local guide, entrance fees, accommodation on a full board basis in Bandhavgarh and Kanha and bed and breakfast in Delhi, Agra and Khajuraho, 1 bottle of water per person per day for all surface travel, standard still camera fees.

- AA The Leela Palace/ITC Mughal/The Lalit Temple View (Temple View Rm)/Mahua Kothi/Banjaar Tola
- A The Claridges/ITC Mughal/The Lalit Temple View (Garden View Rm)/Samode Safari Lodge/Singinawa Lodge
- B The Claridges/The Gateway Hotel Fatehabad Road/Radisson Jass/Bandhav Vilas/The Baagh
- C The Park/Crystal Sarovar/Ramada/Jungle Lodge/Tuli Tiger Resorts

Discover the crown jewel of India's natural heritage - the magnificent royal Bengal tiger. This journey also takes in the architectural and historical treasures of the famous Golden Triangle. Highlights include the grand monuments of Delhi, the erotic temples of Khajuraho, the Agra Fort and the unsurpassable Taj Mahal. This tour is for seasoned travellers as travel days are long but the quality of tiger-viewing is well worth it.

Day 1 Delhi
Arrive Delhi. Transfer to your hotel.

Day 2 Delhi
Full day tour of Old and New Delhi. Highlights include Qutab Minar, Jama Masjid, Humayun's Tomb, Chandni Chowk bazaar (closed Sun) and the Red Fort (closed Mon). B

Days 3/4 Agra
Morning departure by road for Agra (5 hrs) via Akbar's tomb at Sikandra. Afternoon visit to the magnificent 16th century Agra Fort before a sunset tour of the Taj Mahal (closed Fri). On Day 4 enjoy a sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal and then explore the 16th century ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri. Return to Agra for overnight. B



Khajuraho Temple Complex © Anne-Marie Zambelli



Amazing tiger viewing © Aditya Singh

Day 5 Khajuraho
Transfer to Agra airport for flight to Khajuraho. Visit the site of one of the oldest temple complexes in India, dating back to 930AD and famous for its sensual sculptures. B

Days 6-8 Bandhavgarh
Early departure by road for Bandhavgarh National Park (5 hrs). Afternoon at leisure. On Days 7/8 enjoy two full days searching for tigers in jeeps on morning and afternoon excursions. Tiger sightings are not guaranteed; however there is plenty of other wildlife to spot including monkey, chital, sambar deer and wild boar. The park also has over 250 different bird species. BLD

Days 9/10 Kanha
Drive through farmland and forests to Kanha National Park (5 hrs) for more tiger tracking. Enjoy morning and afternoon safaris by jeep, searching for Kanha's diverse wildlife including deer, Indian bison and over 200 species of bird. BLD

Day 11 Tour ends Delhi
Morning safari excursion followed by departure for Raipur (4.5 hrs) with packed lunch. Transfer to airport for connecting flight to Delhi. BL



Rare leopard cub sighting © Aditya Singh



Bengal tiger viewing © Tirath Singh



HIDDEN GEMS OF KERALA

12 days/11 nights
From \$4545 per person twin share
Hotels/Houseboat
Departs daily ex Kochi (Cochin)

Tour cost per person from*: Cat A Cat B
\$5349 \$4545

*Based on two people sharing, singles on request.

Note: Houseboat accommodation is basic but comfortable.

INCLUSIONS

Transfers in private air-conditioned Innova vehicle or similar with driver and English speaking local guides, train Kochi to Calicut, entrance fees, accommodation on a full board basis except in Kochi and Bekal which are on a B&B basis, 2 bottles of water per person per day included for all surface travel, standard still camera fees.

- A Brunton Boatyard/Premium AC House Boat/Tranquil Resort (Tree House)/Evolve Back Nagarhole/Evolve Back Coorg/Taj Bekal Resort & Spa (Deluxe Delight Villa with courtyard)
- B Eighth Bastion/Spice Coast Cruise/Wayanad Wild (Standard Room)/The Serai/The Windflower/Taj Bekal Resort & Spa (Superior Charm Room with balcony)

Discover beautiful northern Kerala with its spice estates, coffee plantations and wildlife-rich forests while staying at intimate boutique hideaways. Explore the colonial buildings of old Kochi, take a backwater cruise, go game-viewing at Nagarhole National Park and watch Olive Ridley turtles nesting on white sand beaches (seasonal).

Days 1/2 Kochi
Arrive Kochi and transfer to your hotel. A magnificent natural harbour, Kochi has been at the centre of the spice trade for centuries. On Day 2 enjoy a morning city tour visiting the Jewish area in Mattancherry, the synagogue (closed Sat) and Dutch Palace with its famous murals (closed Fri). See the iconic Chinese fishing nets and St Francis Church. Evening Kathakali performance. B



Spices of Southern India © Shutterstock



Evolve Back Nagarhole © Orange County Resorts and Hotels



Picturesque Kerala scenery © Shutterstock

Day 3 Houseboat
After breakfast drive to Alleppey (2 hrs) and board your houseboat to begin a cruise through the sleepy backwaters. Overnight on board. BLD

Days 4/5 Wayanad
Disembark your houseboat and transfer by train to Calicut. Arrive and drive through hills cloaked in tea and spice plantations to Wayanad. Day 5 at leisure to take a private estate tour or trek to the famous Edakkal Caves. BLD

Days 6/7 Nagarhole
Pass lush tea plantations en route to Nagarhole National Park (2 hrs) with its abundant birdlife and wildlife including elephant, antelope and tiger. Gameviewing is done by boat, vehicle, or on foot. BLD

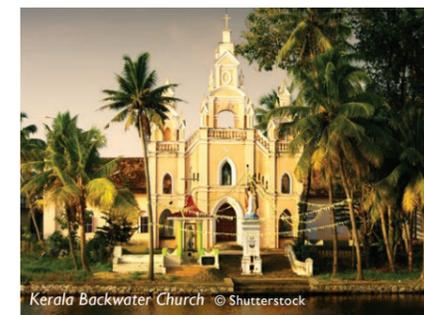
Days 8/9 Coorg
Enjoy wonderful scenery as you travel to the orange groves and tea plantations of Coorg, which you explore on a guided tour. Next morning visit the Dubare Elephant Camp. Afternoon is free for optional activities. BLD

Days 10/11 Bekal
Drive to Bekal on the Arabian Sea. On day 11 visit the magnificent Bekal Fort and Thakadappuram Beach, renowned for rare Olive Ridley turtles that nest during the rainy season (Sep-Jan). B

Day 12 Tour ends Mangalore
This morning transfer to Mangalore airport (1.5 hrs). Tour ends. B.



Nagarhole National Park © Eastbound



Kerala Backwater Church © Shutterstock

STAY LONGER

Combine the wonder of searching for Bengal tigers in one of India's most impressive wildlife reserves, Ranthambore, with an exploration of South India on our Tigers and Southern Delights escorted small group tour (p10/11). Alternatively, head to Sri Lanka to explore the wonders of the enchanting island. Please contact our India travel specialists to start planning your journey.

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