

**Tour Of India**  
**With A Driver Guide In Your Own Exclusive Air-Conditioned Vehicle.**

**COMPLETE INDIA WILDLIFE AND SIGHTSEEING TOUR**

Day	Date	Location	First Class Hotels	Standard Hotels	Schedule
01		Depart UK			
02		Arrive Delhi	The Manor Superior Room	Hotel Parkland	>Pick Up From New Delhi Airport >Sightseeing Tour Of Old Delhi With The Red Fort, Jama Masjid And Rickshaw Ride Through Bazaars Of Chandni Chowk >Drive Through Lutyen's Imperial New Delhi With Rajpath, Parliament And India Gate >Sights Of Southern Delhi Including Humayun's Tomb And The Qutub Minar
03		Kanha	Chitwan Jungle Lodge	Wild Chalet	>Drop Off At Delhi Airport <b>INTERNAL FLIGHT FROM DELHI TO NAGPUR</b> 1 HR 30 MIN >Pick Up From Nagpur Airport Nagpur-Kanha: 168 Miles Approx 6 Hours
04		Kanha	Chitwan Jungle Lodge	Wild Chalet	>AM + PM Jeep Safaris At Kanha
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06		Bandhav Garh	Camp Mewar	Nature Heritage	>Drive Through Madhya Pradesh To Bandhavgarh Kanha-Bandhavgarh: 168 Miles Approx 6 Hours
07		Bandhav Garh	Camp Mewar	Nature Heritage	>AM + PM Jeep Safaris At Bandhavgarh
08		Bandhav Garh	Camp Mewar	Nature Heritage	>AM Elephant Safari At Bandhavgarh >PM Jeep Safari At Bandhavgarh
09		Khajuraho	Radisson Jass Hotel Khajuraho	Usha Bundela	>Drive From Bandhavgarh To Khajuraho Bandhavgarh-Khajuraho: 155 Miles Approx 6.5 Hours >Evening Sound And Light Show At The Western Group Of KhajurahoTemples
10		Khajuraho	Radisson Jass Hotel Khajuraho	Usha Bundela	>Visit The Eastern Chandela Temples At Khajuraho Famed For Their Exquisite Carvings And Erotic Sculptures
11		Agra	The Agra Trident Deluxe Garden View Room	Howard Park Plaza	>Palaces And Forts Of The Bundela Kings At Orchha >Drop Off At Jhansi Station Khajuraho-Orchha: 106 Miles Approx 3 Hours <b>&gt;EXPRESS TRAIN FROM JHANSI TO AGRA - SHATABDI EXPRESS</b> DEPART JHANSI:1730 ARRIVE AGRA: 2000 >Pick Up From Agra Station
12		Jaipur	The Jaipur Trident Deluxe Lake View Room	Umaid Mahal	>A Visit To See The Taj Mahal At Sunrise >The Palatial Walled City Of Agra Fort >Emperor Akbar's Deserted City Of Fatehpur Sikri Agra-Jaipur: 146 Miles Approx 5 Hours
13		Jaipur	The Jaipur Trident Deluxe Lake View Room	Umaid Mahal	>The Pink City Of Jaipur Including The City Palace And The Palace Of Winds

14		Delhi	Svelte Hotel	Hotel Parkland	>The Romantic Fort Of Amber On Elephant Back Jaipur -Delhi: 160 Miles Approx 5 Hours
15		Depart Delhi Arrive UK			>Drop Off At New Delhi Airport

Standard Rooms Unless Otherwise Specified

Please note: Elephant Safaris are subject to local availability of Elephants and other factors, so cannot be guaranteed.



Butterfly At Bandhavgarh



Leopard At Kanha



## Day 02 – New Delhi



Delicious Delhi Cuisine

### Rickshaw Ride Through Old Delhi

**Delhi** is one of the world's great cities and contains something of interest for everyone. Lose yourself on a **Cycle Rickshaw Ride** through the teeming bazaars and markets of **Chandni Chowk** with outstanding opportunities for bargain-hunting and sampling fine authentic cuisine at superb local restaurants.

**The Red Fort Of Delhi (Lal Qila)** was the palace of **Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan** and dominates the old city. The **Jama Masjid** is a mosque of vast proportions with a courtyard that can easily accommodate 25 000 people.

### Imperial New Delhi

From the labyrinthine streets of **Old Delhi**, emerge in to the wide open spaces of imperial **New Delhi**, with its ordered governmental vistas and generous leafy avenues. Those with an appreciation for colonial architecture will marvel at **Sir Edwin Lutyen's** buildings such as **Viceroy's House (Rashtrapati Bhavan)**, **Parliament House** and the **India Gate**, one of **Delhi's** most famous landmarks. **Rajghat**, the cremation site of **Mahatma Gandhi** is also a popular place for visitors.

### Delhi's Southern Landmarks

You can visit the capital's fascinating southern sites that cover **Emperor Humayun's Tomb** and the amazing **Qutub Minar**.

**Humayun's Tomb** is one of **Delhi's** three **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**. The tomb is located in large, immaculately maintained gardens. The **Qutub Minar** (1193 AD) is the tallest brick minaret in the world (238 ft) and an architectural wonder of **India**.



The Red Fort At Delhi



**Day 03 – Day 05 Kanha****Yawning Tigress At Kanha****Kanha National Park**

At 2000 square kilometers, **Kanha** is one of **India's** largest parks and home to the second largest population of **Tigers**. The dense **Sal** forests, bamboo thickets and the **Mekal River** provided the inspiration for **Rudyard Kipling's 'Jungle Book'** and make good breeding grounds for approximately 200 different species of birds, as well as 22 mammal species. Herbivores include **Chital Deer**, **Sambar**, **Gaur** and **Blue Bull (Nilgai)**. Feeding on these prey species are **Jackal**, **Leopard**, **Hyena**, **Dhole** and of course the **Tiger**.

**Idyllic Jungle Meadows At Kanha National Park****Spotted Deer At Kanha**

## Day 06 – Day 08 Bandhavgarh



**Bandhavgarh's Magnificent Tigers**

### **Bandhavgarh**

**Bandhavgarh** is one of the most popular reserves in **India**. The major reason for all the interest is **Bandhavgarh's** high density of tigers, which roam the mixed forests of **Sal** and **Bamboo** in search of an easy kill. It is widely assumed that the best chance of seeing a **Tiger** in **India** is at this reserve. For the last few seasons **Bandhavgarh** has provided the largest number of **Tiger** sightings in **India**.

The park is situated in the **Vindhya Hills** with an undulating terrain and is home to **Spotted Deer, Blackbuck, Chausingha Antelope, Chinkara, Sloth Bear, Sambar, Nilgai, Barking Deer, Leopard** and **Tiger**. The rich and varied birdlife includes **Golden Orioles, Parakeets, Hornbills** and **Partridges**.

Most visitors to **Bandhavgarh** enthuse about the **Elephant Safaris**, which are amongst the best for wildlife viewing. The elephants used are extremely well trained and when moved forward by a good **Mahout**.



**Elephant Back Safari At Bandhavgarh**





## Day 09 – Khajuraho



The Western Temples At Khajuraho

### Evening Sound And Light Show At Khajuraho

The **Khajuraho** temples have been listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. The second most popular tourist destination in **India**, **Khajuraho** has a large group of medieval **Hindu** and **Jain** temples, famous for their erotic sculptures.

The fascinating **Son-et-Lumière** spectacle evokes the life and times of the great **Chandela Kings** and traces the story of the unique temples from the 10th Century to the present day. Mounted in the complex of the **Western Group Of Temples**, the 50-minute show runs in **English** every evening. **Amitabh Bachchan**, the **Indian** movie superstar, narrates the story of **Khajuraho** in his mesmerising voice.



The Famous Khajuraho Sculptures



## Day 10 – Khajuraho



View From The Temples At Khajuraho

### Private Guided Tour Of The Eastern Chandela Temples

There were originally over 80 **Hindu** temples at **Khajuraho**, of which only 22 now stand in a reasonable state of preservation, scattered over an area of about 8 square miles.

Unlike other cultural centers of **North India**, the temples of **Khajuraho** never underwent massive destruction and a number of them have survived. They are fine examples of **Indian** architectural styles that have gained popularity due to their salacious depiction of the traditional way of life during medieval times. They were rediscovered during the late 19th century but the jungles had taken a toll on some of the monuments.



Eastern Chandela Temples





## Day 11 – Agra



**Orchha By The Betwa River**

### Magnificent Monuments At Orchha

Situated on banks of the **Betwa River**, the historical monuments of **Orchha** still retain their glory. **Orchha's** grandeur has been captured in stone, frozen in time, a rich legacy to the ages. In this medieval city, the palaces and temples built by its **Bundela** rulers in the 16th and 17th centuries retain much of their pristine perfection.

Of the rulers, the most notable was **Raja Bir Singh Ju Deo** who built the exquisite **Jehangir Mahal**, a tiered palace crowned by graceful 'chhatris'. From here the view of soaring temple spires and cenotaphs is spectacular.

In the **Laxminarayan Temple** and **Raj Mahal**, vibrant murals encompassing a variety of religious and secular themes, bring the walls and ceilings to rich life.

### From Jhansi To Agra By Express Train

An overland **Train Journey In India** is truly one of the classic **Indian** travel experiences. There are daily express trains from the railway junction at **Jhansi** to **Agra**.



**Romance Of Indian Railway Travel**





## Day 12 – Jaipur



Views Of The Taj Mahal

### The Amazing Beauty Of The Taj Mahal

The world's greatest monument to love – the **Taj Mahal**, will be the highlight of your visit to **India**. Set overlooking the **River Yamuna**, the **Taj** was built by **Emperor Shah Jahan** to enshrine the body of his favourite wife in 1631. To truly appreciate the wondrous **Taj Mahal** and its many moods, you should aim to visit it at dawn or dusk when the reflection of the sun changes the colour of the dome from white to shades of pink.

### Private Guided Tour Of The Agra Red Fort

People sometimes forget that **Agra** contains more than the **Taj Mahal**. The 16th Century **Mughal** monument known as the **Red Fort of Agra** was built by **Akbar the Great** (1556-1605) is in fact a walled palace that remained **India's** premier city for almost two centuries.

The powerful fortress of red sandstone encompasses, within its 1.5 mile-long enclosure walls, many fairytale palaces such as the **Jahangir Palace** and the **Khas Mahal**, audience halls such as the **Diwan-i-Khas**, and **Sheesh Mahal (The Glass Palace)** which is inlaid with thousands of mirrors and was once the harem's dressing room.

### The Deserted City Of Fatehpur Sikri

The deserted city of **Fatehpur Sikri** was the capital of the **Emperor Akbar** between 1570 and 1585. Due to a severe shortage of water the city was abandoned after only fifteen years and the capital was relocated back to **Agra**. As a result **Fatehpur Sikri** stands untouched and perfectly preserved, a complete medieval fortress of red sandstone, with vast central squares, exquisitely carved multi-tiered pavilions, cool terraces and formal gardens.



Dawn Over The Red Fort Of Agra

### Day 13 – Jaipur



The Jal Mahal Palace At Jaipur

#### Private Guided Tour Of The Jaipur City Palace

The old **Pink City** of **Jaipur** has a stunning backdrop of ancient forts like **Amber** that stand as dramatic testimonials of a bygone era and a reminder of their lingering romance. The magnificent **City Palace** was built by **Maharaja Jai Singh** in 1728, enclosed by high walls and set amidst fine gardens and courtyards. It is now a vast museum with exhibits that have lost none of their splendour. The **Jantar Mantar Observatory** is a fascinating astronomical observatory with massive instruments used to predict the monsoon and identify the movements of the stars.

**The Palace Of The Winds (Hawa Mahal)** is **Jaipur's** most acclaimed attraction. Built in 1799, overlooking one of the city's main streets to offer the women of the court a vantage point, behind stone-carved screens, from which to watch the activity in the bazaars below.



Rajasthani Sandals At Jaipur Market





**Day 14 – Delhi****On Elephant Back To Amber Fort****The Fabulous Amber Fort And Palace**

**Amber** is situated about 7 miles from **Jaipur** and was the ancient citadel of the ruling clan of **Amber**. The **Amber Fort** (1592) set in picturesque and rugged hills is a fascinating blend of **Hindu** and **Mughal** architecture. The forbidding exterior belies an inner paradise with a beautiful fusion of art and architecture. **Amber** is the classic romantic fort-palace with a magnificent aura and you have the added attraction of an **Elephant Back Ride** to ascend to the top.

**Beautiful Palace At Amber Fort****Day 15 – Depart Delhi**