

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

NORTH 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
03		Corbett	Jims Jungle Retreat	Corbett Riverside Resort	>Travel To The Himalayan Foothills And Corbett Delhi-Corbett: 164 Miles Approx 5 Hours
04		Corbett	Jims Jungle Retreat	Corbett Riverside Resort	>AM And PM Game Viewing At Corbett National Park Including Elephant Back Safari
05		Delhi	The Manor Superior Room	Hotel Parkland	>AM Game Viewing At Corbett National Park >Sights Of Southern Delhi Including Humayun's Tomb And The Qutub Minar Corbett-Delhi: 164 Miles Approx 5 Hours
06		Agra	The Agra Trident Deluxe Garden View Room	Howard Park Plaza	>Emperor Akbar's Tomb At Sikandra >A Visit To The Palatial Walled City Of Agra Fort Delhi-Agra: 126 Miles Approx 4 Hours
07		Bharatpur	Laxmi Niwas	Laxmi Vilas	>A Visit To See The Taj Mahal At Sunrise >Tomb Of Itmad Ud Daulah >Emperor Akbar's Deserted City Of Fatehpur Sikri >Cycle Rickshaw To Observe Wildlife At Bharatpur Sanctuary Agra-Bharatpur: 34 Miles Approx 1 Hour
08		Rantham Bhore	The Pugmark	Rantham Bhore Safari Lodge	>Travel Through Rural Rajasthan To Ranthambhore Bharatpur-Ranthambhore: 138 Miles Approx 5 Hours
09		Rantham Bhore	The Pugmark	Rantham Bhore Safari Lodge	>AM And PM Game Viewing At Ranthambhore National Park
10		Jaipur	The Jaipur Trident Deluxe Lake View Room	Umaid Mahal	>AM Game Viewing At Ranthambhore National Park Ranthambhore-Jaipur: 114 Miles Approx 3.5 Hours
11		Jaipur	The Jaipur Trident Deluxe Lake View Room	Umaid Mahal	>The Pink City Of Jaipur Including The City Palace And The Palace Of Winds
12		Delhi	Svelte Hotel	Hotel Parkland	>The Romantic Fort Of Amber On Elephant Back Jaipur -Delhi: 160 Miles Approx 5 Hours
13		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



Corbett's Beautiful Jungles



Indian Wild Cat At Ranthambhore



The Old Fort At Ranthambhore



Day 02 – New Delhi



Akshardham Temple In New Delhi

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.



Delicious Delhi Cuisine



Day 03 – Day 04 Corbett National Park



Safari On Elephant Back At Corbett

Corbett National Park

Jim Corbett National Park is the oldest **National Park** in **India** extending over an area of more than 500 sq km in the **Himalayan** foothills. The magnificent **Ramganga River** flows through the heart of the park which consists of hilly areas of deciduous mixed forests, low lying grassland with ravines and vast dense forests of **Sal** trees.

There are large breeding herds of **Indian Elephant** in the park. **Leopards** live a little higher on the hilly terrain. There are the four resident deer species (**Chital**, **Sambar**, **Muntjac**, **Hog Deer**). The **Gharial (Fish Eating Crocodile)** and the **Mugger Crocodile** are found basking in the swampy banks of the **Ramganga River**.

Primates include the **Rhesus Macaque** and **Common Langur**. It is also possible to see **Golden Jackal**, **Wild Dog**, **Wild Boar**, **Nilgai Antelope**, and the rare **Himalayan Black Bear**.

Tigers are present in large numbers but are elusive due to the dense foliage. Sightings are rare with tantalising alarm calls made by birds and monkeys, indicating the presence of the predator.

Wildlife viewing is by **Open-Topped Jeep** and on **Elephant-Back**, which is a treat in itself, as they are surprisingly graceful and quiet when trekking through the brush.



The Ramganga River At Corbett National Park



Day 05 – New Delhi



Towers Of The Jama Masjid

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**.

Other Sightseeing In Delhi

Take a walk at **Connaught Place**, the heart of **New Delhi**. Perhaps the most well planned market in **India**, it is an experience unmatched. The layout of the market is circular, with an inner circus and an outer circus.

Other **Delhi** highlights include the **Bahá'í Lotus Temple**, shaped like a lotus bud with 27 petals, suspended above milky-blue ponds. The **Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple**, is a large and elaborate temple carved of red sandstone. The central monument houses an 11-ft golden statue of the founder of the **Swaminarayan** faith, **Bhagwan Swaminarayan**.



Indian Crafts At Delhi Emporium

Day 06 – Agra



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.



Dawn Over The Red Fort Of Agra



Day 07 – Bharatpur



Keoladeo Heronry At Bharatpur

Bharatpur Sanctuary

The **Keoladeo Ghana Bird Sanctuary** at **Bharatpur** is one of the finest bird sanctuaries in the world. More than 30 square km of shallow lakes and scrubby woodland harbour over 350 bird species from as far away as **Europe** and **Siberia**.

It is possible to see 150 species in a day and as many as 10 species nesting in a single tree. One of the most visually exciting sights is the **Keoladeo Heronry** with six different species of herons and egrets. The main migratory season is from mid **October** to mid **February**, but many residents nest and breed in the sanctuary during the hotter months and monsoon.

Walking and cycling along raised embankments offers a unique opportunity to get closer to the rich birdlife. Many people choose a **Cycle-Rickshaw**, which has the added advantage of providing a local bird and wildlife expert.

Bharatpur is also an excellent place to watch mammals like **Golden Jackal**, **Striped Hyaena**, **Fishing Cat**, **Jungle Cat**, **Nilgai**, **Sambar**, **Blackbuck** and **Wild Boar**.



Indian Jackal At Bharatpur



Day 08 – Day 09 Ranthambhore



Tiger At Ranthambhore

Ranthambhore

Ranthambhore is a dry jungle forest with rocky hillcrests and open valleys dotted with water pools and fruit trees. A 1000-year old fortress looms above the forest. It is one of **India's** most spectacular and best known **Tiger** reserves. A series of adjoining reserves at **Ranthambhore** cover an area of nearly 500 sq. km.

Ranthambhore's tigers display diurnal behaviour, whereby animals are active during the daytime and rest during the night. It is only at this reserve that **Tigers** are well acquainted with jeeps and other vehicles, and can be spotted even on the road. **Tigers** at **Ranthambhore** have even been known to even hunt in full view of human visitors.

Leopards and **Sloth Bears** are present but rarely seen during daytime. Other predators at the reserve include **Striped Hyenas, Jackals, Jungle Cats, Caracals and Indian Foxes** who prey on plentiful numbers of **Sambar Deer, Chital, Nilgai, Blackbuck and Indian Wild Boar**. Primates include **Hanuman Langurs and Macaques**. The park also has a large number of **Marsh Crocodiles**.

The park's abandoned fortress, lakes and above all it's 'friendly' tigers have made it one of the most filmed and photographed wildlife reserves in the world.



Sambar Cub At Ranthambhore



Day 10 – Day 11 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.



Peacock Gate At Jaipur



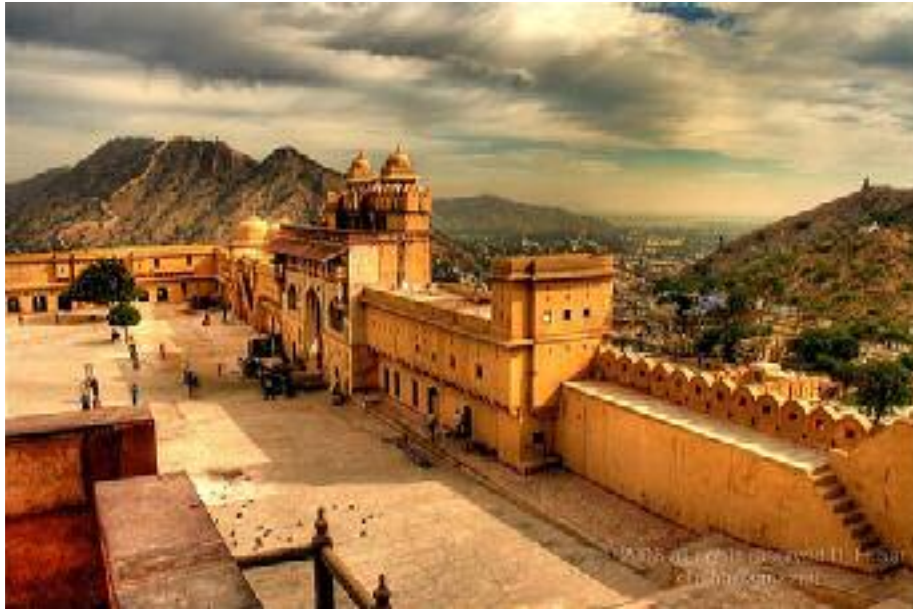
Day 12 – Delhi



Elephants At 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.



Spectacular Setting Of Amber Fort



Day 13 – Depart Delhi