

TAJ, TEMPLES & TIGERS

16 days/15 nights - Escorted Tour
Hotels/Lodges
Departs 01 March 2012



Tour cost:* ex Mel ex Syd
Twin Share^ \$6910 \$6933

*Clients joining from other Australian cities will require a short stay in Singapore or overnight as the Australia flight does not connect with Singapore to Delhi on Thursday 01 March. Please contact us for details.

^Single prices on request. We can try to arrange shared accommodation on request.

Tour operates with: Minimum: 4 Maximum: 16
Minimum clients for Natural Focus Safaris Escort: 10

Price per person includes: Economy class airfare 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, train fare Agra/Jhansi in air conditioned chair car, transfers by air conditioned private vehicle, airfare Raipur/Delhi, city tours and excursions as per the itinerary, jungle excursions by jeep, services of a local English speaking naturalist, 1 bottle of water per person per day for all surface travel.

Price excludes: Camera fees.

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 involves wildlife viewing in three of India's famous national parks, there is also plenty of time for visiting cultural and historical sites.

Day 1 Delhi

Depart Australia on Singapore Airlines to Delhi. Overnight The Grand Hotel.

Day 2 Jaipur

Depart by road to Jaipur (5.5 hrs), stopping en route at Neemrana Fort for lunch. Overnight at the Sheraton Rajputana. BLD

Day 3 Jaipur

After breakfast view the Palace of Winds enroute to the imposing Amber Fort. Continue on to the City Palace, Jantar Mantar (Observatory). Overnight at Sheraton Rajputana. BLD

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The magnificent Bengal tiger

Day 4 Bharatpur

Depart to Bharatpur (4.5 hrs) arriving at The Birder's Inn in time for lunch. Afternoon visit to the World Heritage Site of Keoladeo National Park, an avian paradise with over 375 species of birds. BLD



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Taj Mahal, Agra

Day 5 Agra

Continue to Agra (3 hrs) via the 16th century Mughal city of Fatehpur Sikri. Afternoon tour of Agra Fort followed by a sunset visit to the Taj Mahal. Overnight at Trident Hotel. BLD

Day 6 Agra

Optional visit to the Taj Mahal at sunrise, then return to the hotel for breakfast. Remainder of the day free for exploring Agra. Overnight at Trident Hotel. BLD

Day 7 Khajuraho

Journey by train to Jhansi and then by road to Khajuraho. Visit the site of one of the oldest temple complexes in India, dating from 930AD it is famous for its erotic and beautiful sculptures. Overnight at Radisson Jass. BLD

Days 8-10 Bandhavgarh

Early departure by road for Bandhavgarh National Park (5.5 hrs). Morning and afternoon excursions by jeep in search of tigers. Tiger sightings, however, are not guaranteed. Accommodation at Bandhavilas. BLD

Days 11-13 Kanha

Drive through farmland and forests to Kanha National Park (5 hrs) for 3 days of tiger tracking. The park is home to a variety of animals including deer, gaur (bison), wild dogs and jackals. Accommodation at The Baagh Resort. BLD

Day 14 Delhi

Morning visit to the National Park. After lunch drive to Raipur Airport for our flight to Delhi. Arrival transfer to The Svelte Hotel. BLD

Day 15 Delhi/Inflight to Australia

After breakfast embark on a half day tour of New Delhi including the Qutab Minar, Humayun's Tomb and the grand architecture of Lutyen's Delhi - India Gate. After lunch and shopping we return to the hotel. Early dinner then transfer to the International Airport for your flight to Australia. BD

Day 16 Tour ends Australia

Arrive Australia where our tour ends.

YOUR ESCORT

With over 30 years experience in the travel industry, Anne-Marie's passion for discovering new places and wildlife is unrivalled. She has visited Africa countless times, cruised Antarctica, escorted our Grizzly & Polar Bear tour in Canada and tasted South America. Having fallen for India on her first trip in 2002, Annie returns each year to experience something new!



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