

# Tigershop And Tailor Made

We have used our experience to put together some classic itineraries to give you a choice of group and individual tours. However, we appreciate that everyone has different requirements, and we have designed Tigershop And Tailor Made to allow you almost infinite choice in making up your itinerary to visit India's premier tiger and wildlife reserves. Usually, if you want to create an itinerary of your own, the tour operators' brochures give you no information to allow you to do this. You ask for a bespoke itinerary and only see the finished article, and you may miss out on choices that you never knew existed.

Here we give you our full list of choices. You get to decide where you want to go, when you want to go, how long you want to stay and how to travel between your holiday centres. You can also add holidays from our Other Tours section of the brochure too. Just select your options and we'll price your holiday for you.

Simply follow the four easy steps to create your dream itinerary.

## STEP 1

Look at our easy to follow map of cities and national parks in central India and decide where you want to go.

National parks that we recommend for tiger viewing are Bandhavgarh, Pench, Kanha, Tadoba and Ranthambhore. You can also combine your tiger viewing with destinations included in our other tours, such as Chambal, Bharatpur, Kaziranga and Gir.

## STEP 2

Check our selection of accommodation and decide which ones you would like to stay in and for how long.

All of our accommodation choices are of the highest standards, and are strongly recommended by us.

## STEP 3

Decide how you would like to travel between places you want to visit.

You can choose from a comprehensive selection of road, rail and air links to travel between locations. We will be happy to advise you on the suitability of different modes of transport for each leg of your journey.

## STEP 4

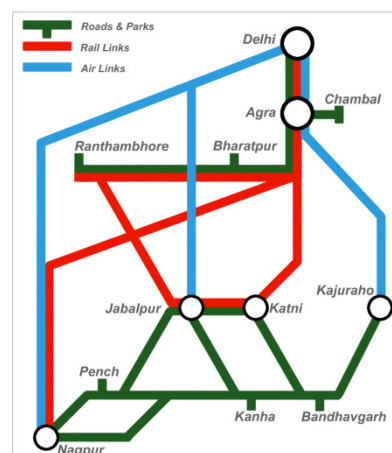
Ask us for the price.

If there are places that you would like to visit that are not included in our brochure, please do not hesitate to ask and we will do our best to help.

**We are happy to advise you on your plans and help you to put your dream holiday together, but the choice is always yours.**

## Step One

The map below shows the network of national parks covered by this brochure, together with the cities that provide the transport connections to each one. This map is not to scale, but shows the general relationship between the parks.



## BANDHAVGARH

Bandhavgarh is situated in the state of Madhya Pradesh, some 700km south east of the national capital Delhi. A spectacularly beautiful park covering 650km<sup>2</sup> of sal forest and grassland, it is dominated by the huge plateau of a natural fort that towers more than 1,000ft above the plains below. Bandhavgarh has the highest reported density of tigers in India, making it the best place in the world to see this elusive and endangered big cat.

## KANHA

The second of Madhya Pradesh's premier tiger reserves with a core area of 940km<sup>2</sup>, Kanha National Park is one of the largest tiger reserves in the world. When including the surrounding buffer zone the total area of the park is 1,945km<sup>2</sup>. On your game drives you get a real sense of the vastness of the forest that has developed over many hundreds of years. The park is one of the last strongholds of the Barasingha, or swamp deer.

## PENCH

Lying on the southern slopes of the Satpura ranges, Pench Tiger reserve covers an area of 750km<sup>2</sup>. One of the best kept secrets among wildlife enthusiasts, it is situated just 2 hours drive from Nagpur. It was featured in the BBC TV series "Tiger: Spy in the Jungle" shown in Spring 2008. As well as tigers, the teak forest is one of the last strongholds of the mighty Gaur or Indian Bison.

## RANTHAMBHORE

Located in Rajasthan, the 410km<sup>2</sup> park is covered by belts of dry deciduous forests with ancient banyans and pipal trees that open into large areas of grassy meadows. The park is studded with small covered pavilions, ancient summer palaces and crumbling guard posts that bear mute testimony of Rajput Kingdoms and battles long forgotten. Looming above the park is the Ranthambhore Fort, in itself a major tourist attraction.

## TADOBA

This park is one of India's better kept secrets. Situated just 3 hours drive from Nagpur, Tadoba is an unspoilt gem with a comparatively low number of vehicles visiting the park. There is only one lodge, which helps to keep the visitor numbers low. As well as tiger, there are many other animals and birds in the park, including wild dog and gaur.

## CHAMBAL

The National Chambal Sanctuary is a 400 km stretch of the river Chambal, an incredible maze of intertwining mud cliffs with tropical dry scrub forest vegetation, that provide shelter for numerous birds, mammals and reptiles. It was created in 1979 to help revive the populations of the near extinct Gharial, and it is also home to the highly endangered Gangetic dolphin. It boasts an impressive and

increasing list of over 300 species of resident and migratory birds and is gaining a reputation as one of the most reliable places to see the Indian Skimmer. Marsh crocodiles, turtles and otters are also found.

#### BHARATPUR

Also known as Keoldeo Ganga Sanctuary, Bharatpur is famous for the many species of birds that are found within its 29km<sup>2</sup> boundary. Replenished by the monsoon rains each year, it is an ideal terrain for migratory birds and over 350 species of birds live and breed in the park.

#### OTHER LOCATIONS

Although not shown on this network, both **Kaziranga** and **Gir** are easily reached by air from Delhi.

Located on the far eastern side of India, Kaziranga is situated on the floodplain of the mighty Brahmaputra river. The park is home to one of the last two remaining strongholds of the Indian one-horned rhinoceros. Wild asian elephants are also present and the area is a good habitat for tigers, although they are difficult to see in the long grasses. The whole area is generally rich in birdlife and is a haven for many other animals.

Gir National Park, encompassing 1,412 km<sup>2</sup> of low hills, is the last home of the Asiatic Lion and lies in the Gujarat peninsula in western India. The Asiatic Lion once ranged from central India west to northern Europe, but now there are only 300 left in this one park.

## Step Two

Throughout the brochure you will find details about accommodation available at the parks. Simply choose which of the available lodges and camps that you would like to stay at, and include them in your itinerary.

## Step Three

Choose how you want to travel.

#### BOOKING FLIGHTS

We do not handle flight bookings for your holiday. The international flights listed are easily available from online agents. While we do not handle flight bookings we will be happy to advise you about your arrangements. Where domestic flights are not available from online agents, we can advise booking agents in India of any flights that you may need. They will then contact you directly to make your booking.

#### FLYING TO INDIA

The following are a selection of international flights commonly used by our clients to arrive in India.

Airline	Route	Dep Time	Arr Time
Jet Airways	Heathrow to Delhi	20:50	10:40
Virgin Atlantic	Heathrow to Delhi	22:00	11:45
British Airways	Heathrow to Delhi	15:20	04:55
Air India	Heathrow to Delhi	21:30	11:15
Jet Airways	Delhi to Heathrow	12:55	16:55
Virgin Atlantic	Delhi to Heathrow	13:45	17:55
British Airways	Delhi to Heathrow	06:55	11:05
Air India	Delhi to Heathrow	15:50	20:00
Air India	Heathrow to Ahmedabad	08:45	02:40
Jet Airways	Heathrow to Ahmedabad	21:25	14:20 (via Mumbai)
Air India	Ahmedabad to Heathrow	03:50	11:30
Jet Airways	Ahmedabad to Heathrow	23:10	07:00 (via Mumbai)

#### FLYING AROUND INDIA

The following are a selection of international flights commonly used by our clients to arrive in India.

Airline	Route	Dep Time	Arr Time
Kingfisher Airlines	Delhi to Jabalpur	07:10	09:00
Indian Airlines	Delhi to Jabalpur	07:30	10:10 (Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday)
Kingfisher Airlines	Jabalpur to Delhi	09:30	11:20
Indian Airlines	Jabalpur to Delhi	10:30	13:10 (Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday)
Indian Airlines	Delhi to Nagpur	05:50	08:45 (via Raipur)
Indian Airlines	Nagpur to Delhi	09:20	10:45
Jet Airways	Delhi to Kajuraho	10:40	12:55 (1 stop)
Indian Airlines	Delhi to Kajuraho	10:05	13:00 (1 stop via Varanasi)
Kingfisher Airlines	Kajuraho to Varanasi	12:20	13:00
Indian Airlines	Kajuraho to Varanasi	14:00	14:40
Kingfisher Airlines	Kajuraho to Delhi	12:20	15:00
Indian Airlines	Kajuraho to Varanasi	14:00	16:55

Flights are daily unless stated.

All times are local. India is GMT + 5 ½ hours; BST + 4 ½ hours.

All timings are subject to change by the airlines.

## TAKING THE TRAIN

One of the best and most convenient ways of travelling around India is to use the world's most extensive train network. These trains are not the crowded commuter trains that usually make the news, but practical and comfortable expresses that introduce you to a feature of life in India.

Simply pick your route from the map and choose a time of travel to suit you.

### Delhi to Jabalpur

<u>Express</u>	Dep. 14:17 Arr. 07:00
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Shatabdi</u>	Dep. 15:10 Arr. 08:15
Runs: Thu only	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 15:25 Arr. 07:15
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 16:10 Arr. 09:50
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Sampark Kranti</u>	Dep. 17:25 Arr. 17:25
Runs: Mon, Thu, Sat	Seat Class: 1st, 2 <sup>nd</sup>

### Jabalpur to Delhi

<u>Express</u>	Dep. 06:00 Arr. 23:10
Runs: Tue only	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 15:55 Arr. 07:10
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 17:45 Arr. 11:18
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 18:05 Arr. 11:40
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Sampark Kranti</u>	Dep. 18:40 Arr. 09:10
Runs: Wed, Fri, Sun	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd

### Delhi to Katni

<u>Shatabdi</u>	Dep. 15:10 Arr. 06:00
Runs: Thu only	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 15:25 Arr. 05:15
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 16:10 Arr. 08:10
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Sampark Kranti</u>	Dep. 17:25 Arr. 07:00
Runs: Mon, Thu, Sat	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd

### Katni to Delhi

<u>Express</u>	Dep. 07:30 Arr. 23:10
Runs: Tue only	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 17:20 Arr. 07:10
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 19:25 Arr. 11:40
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Sampark Kranti</u>	Dep. 20:15 Arr. 09:10
Runs: Wed, Fri, Sun	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd

### Delhi to Nagpur

<u>Express</u>	Dep. 06:45 Arr. 22:10
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
(not Wed/ Fri)	
<u>Sampark Kranti</u>	Dep. 07:25 Arr. 00:05
Runs: Tues,Thu	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Sampark Kranti</u>	Dep. 07:25 Arr. 00:05
Runs: Wed, Fri, Sun	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 11:30 Arr. 03:50
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 15:25 Arr. 09:00
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 17:35 Arr. 09:40
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 18:40 Arr. 12:20
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Raidhani</u>	Dep. 20:50 Arr. 10:15
Runs: Mon/Tue/Fri/Sat	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 22:30 Arr. 14:15
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 22:50 Arr. 17:35
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd

### Nagpur to Delhi

<u>Express</u>	Dep. 09:25 Arr. 04:05
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 12:35 Arr. 05:56
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 13:05 Arr. 07:10
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 14:20 Arr. 06:33
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Raidhani</u>	Dep. 15:50 Arr. 05:50
Runs: Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 16:05 Arr. 08:36
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Sampark Kranti</u>	Dep. 17:20 Arr. 09:20
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
(not Wed/Fri)	
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 20:35 Arr. 12:58
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 22:05 Arr. 19:45
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2 <sup>nd</sup>

### Jabalpur to Ranthambhore

<u>Express</u>	Dep. 20:15 Arr. 10:00
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd

### Ranthambhore to Jabalpur

<u>Express</u>	Dep. 19:40 Arr. 09:15
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd

### Delhi to Ranthambhore

<u>Express</u>	Dep. 07:45 Arr. 13:05
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Shatabdi</u>	Dep. 13:20 Arr. 18:00
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: Chair
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 16:55 Arr. 22:00
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Raidhani</u>	Dep. 16:55 Arr. 20:35
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 19:00 Arr. 23:33
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 22:15 Arr. 03:14
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd

### Ranthambhore to Delhi

<u>Express</u>	Dep. 00:24 Arr. 05:40
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Raidhani</u>	Dep. 06:35 Arr. 10:50
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Shatabdi</u>	Dep. 07:10 Arr. 12:30
Runs: Daily (not Sun)	Seat Class: Chair
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 12:40 Arr. 18:35
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 21:30 Arr. 05:15
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2 <sup>nd</sup>

### Delhi to Bharatpur

<u>Express</u>	Dep. 07:45 Arr. 10:43
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Shatabdi</u>	Dep. 13:20 Arr. 15:46
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: Chair
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 16:55 Arr. 19:43
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 19:00 Arr. 21:29
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 22:15 Arr. 01:04
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2 <sup>nd</sup>

### Bharatpur to Delhi

<u>Express</u>	Dep. 01:00 Arr. 05:15
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 02:42 Arr. 05:40
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Shatabdi</u>	Dep. 09:27 Arr. 12:30
Runs: Daily (not Sun)	Seat Class: Chair
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 15:13 Arr. 18:35
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2 <sup>nd</sup>

### Bharatpur to Ranthambhore

<u>Express</u>	Dep. 01:04 Arr. 03:14
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 10:43 Arr. 13:05
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Shatabdi</u>	Dep. 15:46 Arr. 18:00
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: Chair
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 19:43 Arr. 22:00
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 21:29 Arr. 23:33
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd

### Ranthambhore to Bharatpur

<u>Express</u>	Dep. 00:24 Arr. 02:42
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 12:40 Arr. 15:13
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 21:30 Arr. 01:00
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Shatabdi</u>	Dep. 07:10 Arr. 09:27
Runs: Daily (not Sun)	Seat Class: Chair

## Delhi to Agra

<u>Express</u>	Dep. 05:30 Arr. 08:50
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Shatabdi</u>	Dep. 06:15 Arr. 08:50
Runs: Daily (not Fri)	Seat Class: 1st, Chair
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 07:10 Arr. 10:07
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: Chair
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 08:40 Arr. 11:30
Runs: Mon, Thu, Sun	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 09:20 Arr. 12:20
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 11:30 Arr. 14:25
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 12:30 Arr. 16:00
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 13:25 Arr. 16:30
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 14:17 Arr. 17:10
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 15:00 Arr. 17:45
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 15:25 Arr. 18:47
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Rajdhani</u>	Dep. 16:00 Arr. 18:08
Runs: Wed, Fri	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 16:10 Arr. 19:20
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 17:35 Arr. 20:37
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 18:00 Arr. 21:40
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 18:40 Arr. 21:47
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 19:15 Arr. 22:40
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 21:00 Arr. 23:37
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd

## Agra to Delhi

<u>Express</u>	Dep. 04:17 Arr. 07:10
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 05:25 Arr. 08:36
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 06:00 Arr. 09:36
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 06:45 Arr. 10:07
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 07:35 Arr. 11:18
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Rajdhani</u>	Dep. 07:57 Arr. 10:15
Runs: Mon, Sat	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 08:23 Arr. 11:40
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 08:38 Arr. 11:43
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 10:03 Arr. 12:58
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 10:28 Arr. 13:20
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 10:53 Arr. 14:10
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 16:10 Arr. 19:45
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 17:10 Arr. 20:02
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 2nd
<u>Express</u>	Dep. 17:55 Arr. 20:52
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st, 2nd
<u>Shatabdi</u>	Dep. 20:30 Arr. 22:30
Runs: Daily	Seat Class: 1st

The best class of train in order are Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Sampark Kranti and general Express. Only the better class of available seats are shown. Other trains are available but only those that generally suit our timings have been listed.

## ROAD TRANSFERS

A transfer by road will usually be the last leg of your journey from either train station or airport to your resort. Sometimes it is the most direct way of travelling between resorts as well.

Indian roads are much improved lately, though there will always be sections in rural India which can only be described as rugged. We always use air conditioned vehicles of a type suitable for the journey.

Typical transfer times are listed below between:

Bandhavgarh and Katni	2 hours
Bandhavgarh and Kajoraho	6 - 7 hours
Bandhavgarh and Kanha	5 - 6 hours
Bandhavgarh and Jabalpur	4 hours
Bandhavgarh and Pench	8 hours
Kanha and Jabalpur	3 - 4 hours
Kanha and Pench	3 - 4 hours
Kanha and Nagpur	5 - 6 hours
Pench and Jabalpur	4 - 5 hours
Pench and Nagpur	2 hours
Ranthambhore and Bharatpur	6 hours
Bharatpur and Agra	2 hours
Delhi and Agra	5 hours

Airport hotels in Delhi and Nizamuddin railway station  
Approx 1 hour

Airport hotels and the airport  
Approx 25 minutes

## Step Four

Ask us for the price.

Once you have decided on your itinerary, please talk to us and we will work out the price for you. If you need any help compiling your itinerary or need more information about any of the individual parts we will be happy to help.

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