

# TAJ, TEMPLES & TIGERS

- Experience India's Iconic Wildlife and Culture -



15 DAY ESCORTED GROUP TOUR  
DEPARTS AUSTRALIA 02 MARCH 2011

From **\$6,543** ex Mel

Discover India's rich cultural icons and incredible diversity of wildlife on our Taj, Temples & Tigers tour! Departing 2nd March 2011 and escorted by Natural Focus Safaris General Manager and India expert Anne-Marie Zambelli, this tour focuses on two of India's most famous national parks, Bandhavgarh and Kanha. Enjoy the excitement of searching for the magnificent Bengal Tiger by jeep and elephant back, it is a real privilege to see this feline in its natural habitat. Thankfully, the current tiger population in these parks continues to increase each season, with proud tigresses successfully raising their cubs whilst park authorities keep the threat of poaching at bay. In addition to India's wildlife, other highlights include the Taj Mahal and the ancient temples of Khajuraho. Spaces are limited, so contact us for more details and to reserve your place.

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15 days/14 nights - Escorted Tour  
Hotels/Lodges  
Departs 02 March 2011

Tour cost:\* ex Mel ex Syd ex Bne ex Adl ex Per  
Twin Share \$6543 \$6564 \$6568 \$6557 \$6539

\*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 group 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, 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.

**S**earch on elephant back for 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 concentrates on wildlife, it also includes many places of historical, cultural and architectural interest.

## Day 1 Delhi

Depart Australia on Singapore Airlines to Delhi. Arrival transfer to Svelte Hotel & Personal Suites.

## Day 2 Jaipur

Half day tour of Old Delhi including the vibrant Chandni Chowk bazaar and Jamma Masjid, the largest mosque in Asia. Return to the hotel for lunch followed by a coach transfer to Jaipur (5.5 hrs). Overnight at Le Méridien. BLD

## Day 3 Jaipur

After breakfast view the Palace of Winds en route to visit the imposing Amber Fort. Continue on to the City Palace, Jantar Mantar (Observatory), and enjoy a walk through the busy market area of the Old City. Overnight at Le Méridien. BLD

## Day 4 Bharatpur

Drive to Bharatpur (4.5 hrs) to explore the World Heritage Site of Keoladeo National Park, an avian paradise with over 375 species of birds. Overnight at The Birder's Inn. BLD



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The magnificent Bengal tiger

## Day 5 Agra

Depart by road 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 beautiful Taj Mahal. Overnight at Trident Hotel. BLD



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Taj Mahal, Agra

## Day 6 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 back to 930AD. Overnight at Ramada Hotel. BLD

## Days 7-9 Bandhavgarh

Early departure by road for Bandhavgarh National Park (5.5 hrs). Over 3 full days we search for tigers travelling by 4WD jeep on our morning and afternoon excursions. Subject to approval by the park's authorities, we may enjoy a short excursion to view tigers by elephant back. Tiger sightings, however, are not guaranteed. Other wildlife includes rhesus macaque and black faced langur monkeys, chital and sambar deer. Accommodation at King's Lodge. BLD

## Days 10-11 Kanha

Drive through farmland and forests to Kanha National Park (5 hrs) for 2 days of tiger tracking. Enjoy morning and afternoon excursions by 4WD and possibly by elephant back. The park is home to a variety of animals including deer, guar, wild dogs and jackals. Overnight at The Baagh Resort. BLD

## Day 12 Nagpur

Morning visit to the National Park followed by lunch. Afternoon departure for Nagpur (5 hrs). Overnight at The Pride Hotel. BLD

## Day 13 Delhi

Following breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for the flight to Delhi. Arrival transfer to Svelte Hotel & Personal Suites. Afternoon free for optional shopping or orientation tour. BLD

## Day 14 Inflight to Australia

Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of New Delhi, including Qutab Minar tower, Humayun's Tomb, India Gate and Parliament House. Afternoon at leisure for last minute shopping or relaxing at the hotel. Early group dinner before late evening transfer to airport for our flight to Australia. BD

## Day 15 Tour ends Australia

Arrive Australia where our tour ends.

## YOUR ESCORT

With over 25 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 & tasted South America. Having fallen for India on her first trip in 2002, Annie returns each year to experience something new!



## ANDY ROUSE: "TIGERS, A CELEBRATION OF LIFE"

Purchase this magnificent book by multi-award winning photographer and conservationist Andy Rouse, and help save the endangered tiger. Entitled "Tigers, a Celebration of Life", the book has been an 8 year long "labour of love", and has been printed by Andy himself so that 25% of the profits can be donated to tiger conservation.

Andy has won 7 BBC Awards, and 3 European Wildlife Photographer of the Year awards, plus has his own TV series. You will find one of his photographs on the front cover of this brochure. Signed copies of the book are available at [www.arwpstore.com](http://www.arwpstore.com)



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