

LUXURY TIGER SAFARI INDIA



JOIN WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER JAMES GRADWELL ON THIS INCREDIBLE TRIP

DATES: 28 FEB – 08 MARCH 2010

ACCOMMODATION: 1 NIGHT TAJ PALACE ***** (DELHI)
3 NIGHTS MATUA KOTHI (BANDHAVGARH NP)
3 NIGHTS BANJAAR TOLA (KANHA NP)
1 NIGHT TAJ PALACE (DELHI)

DAYS: 9 DAYS

GROUP SIZE: MAXIMUM 8 PEOPLE (MINIMUM 6)

YOU WILL BE STAYING IN THE **MOST EXCLUSIVE OF INDIA'S HOTELS AND SAFARI LODGES** ON A JOURNEY THAT SHOWCASES THE VERY BEST OF INDIA'S WILDLIFE WITH **YOUR OWN PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHER AND TOUR LEADER.**

OUR TOUR OPERATOR IS: **AND BEYOND**

MAHUA KOTHI LODGE WAS VOTED BY CONDE NASTE AS ONE OF THE 5 BEST HOTELS IN INDIA
BANJAAR TOLA LODGE WAS VOTED BY NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC AS ONE OF THE TOP 50 ECO-LODGES FOR 2009.

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DAY 01: DELHI THE TAJ PALACE *****

On arrival at Delhi's International Airport you will be met by a representative and transferred you to your hotel.

Rest of day at leisure

19:30 James will meet everyone for dinner at the hotels award winning restaurant for introductions, briefings and an overview of our trip ahead.

DAY 02: DELHI – KHAJURAHO – BANDHAUGARH NP

After breakfast we transfer for our connecting flight to Khajuraho. Upon arrival we will be met for our five hour road transfer to BANDHAUGARH National Park.

Flight: Depart Delhi 10:40 Arrive Khajuraho 12:55

Check in: & Beyond Relais and Chateaux Lodge **Mahua Kothi**



Mahua Kothi was voted by Conde Naste as one of the 5 best hotels in India.



DAY 03 & 04: BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK

We have two full days to explore and photograph Bandhavgarh National Park with twice daily game drives, guided nature walks and tiger viewing by elephant back (this last activity is government dependent and so cannot always be guaranteed)

This Reserve supports one of the highest densities of tiger in India and is famed for its tiger sightings. It is also known to be one of India's most beautiful reserves though at only 437 km² (169 square miles) it is not one of the country's largest parks but it is noted for its incredible diversity. Although it is best known for its tigers, the park is also home to 37 species of mammals, including leopard, chital (spotted deer), sambar deer, nilgai, wild boar, chinkara, sloth bear, rhesus macaque, grey langur, jungle cat, hyena, porcupine, jackal, fox and wild dog. It is also a birdwatcher's paradise, with more than 250 types of birds and 70 different butterflies.



DAY 05: BANDHAVGARH NP – KANHA NP

After our early morning safari and Breakfast we transfer by road to KANHA National Park

On arrival we check in at '& Beyond' Lodge: **BANJAAR TOLA**

This lodge was voted by National Geographic as one of the top 50 Eco-Lodges for 2009



One of the largest and most scenic [wildlife](#) sanctuaries in India, [Kanha National Park](#) is an ideal habitat for both tigers and their prey species. The lush sal and bamboo forests, grassy meadows and ravines of Kanha shelter a significant population of rare species such as tiger, leopard, sloth bear, barasingha and wild dog.

Kanha's mixed forests are interspersed with vast meadows known as maidans. These meadows support a high density of herbivores, including chital, barasingha, sambar and gaur, attracting predators such as the tiger, dhole or leopard to the fringes of the clearings. Perennial streams run through a number of such meadows, providing a source of water for the [wildlife](#) even in the hot summers. Kanha meadow, with its hundreds of chital grazing on a carpet of green grass against the backdrop of the majestic Sal forest, has been aptly referred to as 'the Ngorongoro of India'.

The Banjar River forms the southwestern boundary of Kanha, attracting wildlife to its waters even during the driest periods, when it retains water in large pools. Rising high above the surrounding forests, the plateau of Bamhni Dadar offers a panoramic view of Kanha is particularly well know for its endangered swamp deer, or hardwater barasingha, which populate the large open tracks of grass amidst the forests of teak and bamboo.

Brought back from the brink of extinction, these handsome animals are a remarkable conservation success story for Kanha.



DAY 06 & 07: KANHA NATIONAL PARK

We have two full days to explore and photograph Kanha National Park with twice daily game drives, guided nature walks and tiger viewing by elephant back

(This last activity is government dependent and so cannot always be guaranteed)

DAY 08: KANHA –NAGPUR- DELHI

After our morning safari and breakfast we road transfer to Nagpur for our connecting flight back to Delhi.

FLIGHT: 6E 136 Depart Nagpur 18:10 Arrive Delhi 19:30

We arrive back in Delhi early evening and transfer for our final night together at the luxurious Taj Palace.

DAY 09: DELHI

After Breakfast transfer for your connecting international flight back home

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Prices are on a Twin Sharing Basis

LUXURY WILDLIFE SAFARI:

\$4999US (single supplement +\$699)



TOUR INCLUDES

- All Accommodation
- All Meals
- All Internal Flights and Transfers
- All National Park entrance fees
- Tour Leadership
- In the Field Photography Tips and Tuition
- A gift CD of James images from the trip
- Government taxes

- Exclusive Services of English speaking resident naturalist guide in Bandhavgarh & Kanha National Parks.
- Two jeep safaris each day in the National Parks as per the itinerary (Elephant Rides are subject to availability)
- Your accommodation at & Beyond Properties includes all teas and coffees, soft drinks, house wines, local brand spirits and beers and refreshments on game-drives & Emergency medical evacuation insurance
- At the Taj Palace only your meals, soft drinks and water are included.

TOUR EXCLUDES

- International Airfare to India
- Passport and visa Fees (If required)
- Personal Travel Insurance
- Any expenditure of a personal nature like laundry, telephone calls, Hard drinks (except your stay at & beyond properties where house wines, local brand spirits and beers are included)
- Gratuities