

## Classical North India with Wildlife (Bandhavgarh & Kanha) Tour

Immense beauty, and age-old culture is the best option to increase your knowledge in the most scenic locations of the nation. Classic North India tours are the best option for your this requirement.

**Duration: 16 Nights - 18 Days**

**Destination Covered: Delhi - Jaipur - Agra – Jabalpur – Kanha – Bandhavgarh - Khajuraho - Varanasi - Delhi Departure**

### Tour Highlights

<b>Delhi</b>	India Gate, Humayun's Tomb & Qutub Minar
<b>Jaipur</b>	Elephant ride to Amber Fort Palace , City Palace, Jantar Mantar (Observatory) & Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds)
<b>Fatehpur Sikri</b>	Akbar's Residential complex, Mosque & Tomb of Salim Chisti
<b>Agra</b>	Taj Mahal, Agra Fort
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<b>Orchha</b>	Temple Complex - Kandariya Mahadeo, Chaunsat Yogini & others <b>Optional</b> Sound & Light Show
<b>Kanha</b>	Tiger & Wildlife Animals
<b>Bandhavgarh</b>	Tiger & Wildlife Animals
<b>Khajuraho</b>	Elephant ride to Amber Fort Palace , City Palace, Jantar Mantar (Observatory) & Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds)
<b>Varanasi</b>	Excursion to Sarnath, Boat Ride & Explore ghats

### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 01: Arrive at Delhi

Arrive by International flight, after traditional '**Swagat**' (Welcome) our representative would assist you at airport & transfer to hotel for check in. **Delhi is** a bustling metropolis, which successfully combines in its folds the ancient with modern. Its strategic location was the prime reasons why successive dynasties chose it as their seat of power. In fact, more mythological cities are believed to be here, like the city of **Indraprastha** from the Hindu epic Mahabharata, founded around 5000 BC. Numerous monuments were built over several centuries by different rulers like Qutub-ud-din Aibek, Alauddin Khilji, Tughlaks,

Humayun & Shah Jahan, who built the Walled City **Shah Jahanabad**. Later in first half of 20<sup>th</sup> century much of New Delhi was planned by Sir Edwin Lutyens, who laid out a grandiose central administrative area as a testament to British rule in India. The division in walled city & New Delhi also marks the division in life styles.

#### Overnight Hotel – Delhi

#### Day 02 : Delhi

##### Full Day Tour

Today morning, we take a guided tour of **Old Delhi**, the 17th century walled city of Shah Jehanabad, Visiting the great **Jama Masjid**, the principal mosque of Old Delhi. Built in the year 1656 AD by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan, it is the largest & best known mosque in India. Later we **walk** down or take a **rickshaw ride** through **Chandi Chowk**, the old marketplace of Shah Jahanabad now a picturesque

bazaar to reach **Red Fort**, built in the year 1648 by Shah Jahan. Drive past the fort.

In **New Delhi**, we visit **Raj Ghat**, memorial to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. It is a simple black marble platform that marks the spot of his cremation on 31 January 1948. Further we drive past **India Gate**, memorial built in the year 1931 to commemorate the Indian soldiers who died in the World War I & the Afghan Wars. The names of the soldiers who died in these wars are inscribed on the walls. **President's House**, the official residence of the President of India, built in 1931. Until 1950 it was known as Viceroy's House & served as the residence of the Governor-General of British India.

We will also visit **Humayun's Tomb**, memorial of Mughal Emperor Humayun, built in the year 1562. The complex is a **World Heritage Site** & the first example of this type of Mughal architecture in India. **Qutub Minar**, built in the year 1206 by Qutub-ud-din Aybak. It is the tallest (72m) brick minaret in the world, an important example of Indo-Islamic Architecture. Qutub Minar & its monuments are listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

**Overnight hotel - Delhi (B)**

### **Day 03 : Delhi- Jaipur (135 kms. - Approx 3 hrs.)**

Today morning we will drive to **Jaipur**, popularly known as **Pink City**, the flamboyant & colourful capital of Rajasthan. With its rich & colourful past, resplendent with tales of valour & bravery, it is now one of the most important heritage cities in India. The city was founded in 1728 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, the ruler of Amber. It remains the only city in the world symbolizing the nine divisions of the universe, through nine rectangular sectors.

**Rest of the day at leisure to explore the Pink City on your own.**

**Overnight Hotel – Jaipur (B)**

### **Day 04 : Jaipur**

#### **Full-day tour**

Morning, we take an excursion to **Amber Fort**, the palace complex which stands to this date was commenced under the reign of Raja Man Singh. We take an **Elephant ride** to reach the Fort situated on the hill, an overwhelming experience.

Later we visit the **City Palace**, a perfect blend of Rajasthani & Mughal architecture. The center of the palace is a seven-storied building called Chandra Palace, with fine views over the gardens & the city. Further we visit **Jantar Mantar**, the Solar Observatory, an astronomical treasure house, with solar devices that give accurate predictions till date. We now visit **Hawa Mahal** (Palace of Winds), a five-storied structure of pink sandstone. It was built in year 1799 so that veiled royal women could peer down unseen by the world through its 593 stone Jharokas (mini windows).

**Evening at leisure to explore the Pink City your own.**

**Optional: INR 1500/- Per Person** excursion to Chokhi Dhani complex, ethnic village resort located at a distance of 15 km from Jaipur. Rajasthani village atmosphere is recreated on the sprawling ground & includes the entertainment by **folk dancers & musicians., followed by dinner**. Later drive back to hotel.

**Overnight Hotel – Jaipur (B)**

### **Day 05 : Jaipur – Agra via Fatehpur Sikri (260 km - 6 hr)**

Today we drive to **Agra**; en route we will visit **Fatehpur Sikri** (Ghost Capital), the political capital of India's Mughal Empire under Akbar's reign, from the year 1571 until 1585, when it was abandoned, ostensibly due to lack of water. We visit **Emperor Akbar's Residential complex, Mosque & Tomb of Salim Chisti**.

Further we continue our drive to **Agra**, beautifully situated on the banks of river Yamuna. It achieved

prominence as the capital of the Mughal Emperors from the year 1526 to 1628, remains major tourist destination because of its many splendid Mughal-era monuments, most notably the Taj Mahal, Agra Fort & Fatehpur Sikri, all three are **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

*Rest of the time free to explore local market and famous inlay marble work of Agra.*

**Overnight Hotel – Agra (B)**

**Day 06 : Agra –Jabalpur by Overnight Train (22182 @ 2030/0820 Hrs)**

During sunrise Visit **Taj Mahal @ Dawn (Closed on Friday)** symbol of eternal love, which stands on the banks of River Yamuna. It was built by the 5th Mughal emperor, Shah Jehan in the year 1631 in memory of his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. It was completed in 22 years. See the color changing effects of rising sun on white marbles. Later, proceed to visit **Agra Fort**, taken over from the Lodhis by the Mughal Emperor Akbar in the late 16th century. The Fort can be more accurately described as a walled palatial city. It was built from red sandstone, often inlaid with white marble & intricate decorations.

After sightseeing timely transfer to railway station to board the overnight train for Jabalpur.

**Overnight Train Journey**

**Day 07 : Arrival Jabalpur @ 0820 Hrs, Jabalpur – Kanha (165 Kms, 03-04 Hrs)**

Upon arrival our representative meet & assist to Kanha National Park , part of Project Tiger, located in Madhya Pradesh. In the 1930s, the Kanha area was divided into two sanctuaries, Hallon & Banjar. It was created in the year 1955. The lowland forest is a mixture of sal & other trees, interspersed with meadows. The highland forests are of a completely different nature. A very good looking Indian ghost tree can also be seen in the dense. Kanha is home to about 22 species of mammals & about 300 species of birds. Commonly observed mammals include the Common Grey Langur, Wild Boar, Chital, Chowsingha, Sambar & Barasingha or Swamp deer (this is the hard ground swamp deer, found only in Kanha). One can also find leopards, the Sloth bear & Indian wild dog. Very rarely seen are the Indian wolves which live in the far east of the park. It comes out after dark which is not a visiting hour. The Nilgai (blue bull), though rare, can also be found in Kanha.

**Overnight Wildlife Resort – Kanha (L, D)**

**Day 08: Kanha**

*Early morning & Late afternoon private Jeep safari with an English naturalist in the Jungle to view the enchanting wildlife.*

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**Day 10 : Kanha – Bandhavgarh (215 Kms, 04-05 Hrs)**

*Early morning private Jeep safari with an English naturalist in the Jungle to view the enchanting wildlife.*

Later we drive to **Bandhavgarh National Park**, its much smaller than Kanha National Park, but claims to have the highest density of tiger population in India, reportedly between 46 to 52 tigers. There are also 27 leopards there. The park area is 448 sq. km.

**Overnight Hotel - Bandhavgarh (B, L, D)**

**Day 11 : Bandhavgarh**

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**Overnight Hotel - Bandhavgarh (B, L, D)**

**Day 13 : Bandhavgarh – Khajuraho (250 Kms – 05-06 Hrs)**

*Early morning private Jeep safari with an English naturalist in the Jungle to view the enchanting wildlife.*

After safari we drive to **Khajuraho**, built between 950-1050 AD by the mighty warrior kings of the Chandela dynasty, a truly inspired burst of creativity. Contain stunningly explicit erotic sculptures. They were rediscovered in the 20th century, is now a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

**Overnight Hotel – Khajuraho (B)**

**Day 14 : Khajuraho – Varanasi (AI 405 @ 1355 / 1445 Hrs)**

Morning explore the **Khajuraho temples**, famous for the magnificent carvings depicting numerous exotic postures of the famous *Kamasutra*, ancient Indian work on sex. Only 22 temples survive of the 85 originally built. In fact, worship is still done today in the Matangeshwara temple, continuing an unbroken 1000 year tradition.

Later we take a flight to **Varanasi, picturesquely** situated on the banks of holy river Ganga. The city is the **Oldest Living City of the World** & traces of its existence are found around 10000 BC. Other than being a very holy city for Hindus, it also holds a very significant association with Buddha's life & Buddhism.

*In the evening, observe "Aarti" ceremony at the Ghats of Ganges.*

**Overnight hotel - Varanasi (B)**

**Day 15 : Varanasi****Full-day tour**

Early morning at the time of Sunrise, we take a **shared boat ride over holy river Ganges which** will take you to is famous bathing ghats (banks) where hundreds of pilgrims can be seen cleansing their souls by taking a holy dip. Also visit its burning ghats where bodies are cremated after performing the last rites according to ancient Hindu customs return hotel.

After breakfast, proceed for sightseeing of Varanasi ancient city. Varanasi-This sacred city over two thousand years old is the holiest city of the Hindus and a great centre of learning and civilization. It has now more than 200 temples and shrines. Visit **Bharat Mata temple, Durga temple, Banaras Hindu University**. Drive past the and local bazaars, brocades & you can also visit the famous Banarasi silk sari shops.

Later, take an excursion to **Sarnath**, the site of the deer park where Gautama Buddha is said to have given his first sermon about the basic principles of Buddhism. It has been a premier centre for Buddhism & has a rich collection of ancient Buddhist relics & antiques comprising numerous Buddha & Bodhisattva images on display at the **Archaeological Museum**.

**Overnight hotel - Varanasi (B)**

**Day 16 : Varanasi - Delhi (SG 233@ 1130 / 1250 Hrs)**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to board the flight to Delhi. Upon arrival transfer to hotel.

**Rest of the day at leisure.**

**Overnight hotel - Delhi (B)**

**Day 17 : Delhi Departure**

Transfer to international airport to board flight for onward journey, taking back a wonderful memory of **INDIA.**

**Our tour concludes:** Caper assists you with your transfer to the airport for boarding onward flight.

**Package includes:**

- 16 Nights accommodation on Double sharing basis as below mentioned hotels
- Daily Breakfast at all mentioned hotels
- Transportation by Air condition **Tata Indigo for 02 Pax / Toyota Innova for 04 Pax / Tempo Traveler for 05-10 Person** with Chauffeur
- 10 Exclude Jeep Safari in **Kanha & Bandhavgarh National Park** with English speaking naturalist
- Services of **English Speaking Guide** during sight seeing at Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Khajuraho & Varanasi only(No Guide at Leisure Day)
- Driver boarding & lodging
- Tax, Inter State Tax, Toll Tax and Parking
- Fuel surcharge
- All requisite airport transfer with assistance.
- **Rickshaw ride at Delhi**
- Elephant Ride at Amer Fort, Jaipur
- Boat Ride at Varanasi
- Train Fare from Agra – Jabalpur in air condition 1<sup>st</sup> sleeper class

**Package does not include:**

- Any Monument entry fee & camera fee.
- Any expense of personal nature such as hard/soft drinks, laundry, phone/fax calls, tips etc.
- Any other expense not mentioned in the

**Hotels to be used**

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Deluxe Package/5*</b>	<b>Standard Hotels/4*</b>	<b>Budget Hotels/3*</b>	<b>No of Nights</b>
Delhi	Hotel The Surya	Justa Residence	Surya International	03 Nights
Jaipur	Hilton	Park Ragis	Hotel Lords Plaza	02 Nights
Agra	Radisson Blue	Four Point Sheraton	Hotel Royal Residency	01 Night
Kanha	Kanha Earth Lodge	Soulacia Resort	Infinity Resort	03 Nights
Bandhavgarh	Kings Lodge	Bandhav Villas	Infinity Resort	03 Nights
Khajuraho	Radisson	Clarks	Usha Bundela	01 Night
Varanasi	JHV Ramada	Costa Rive	New Temple Town	02 Nights

**Above or similar hotel to be used. Please note Check in / check out time is 1200 noon.**

**A partir de 2375,00 Euros.**