

South Asia Spectacular

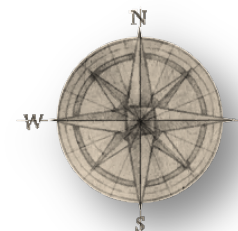
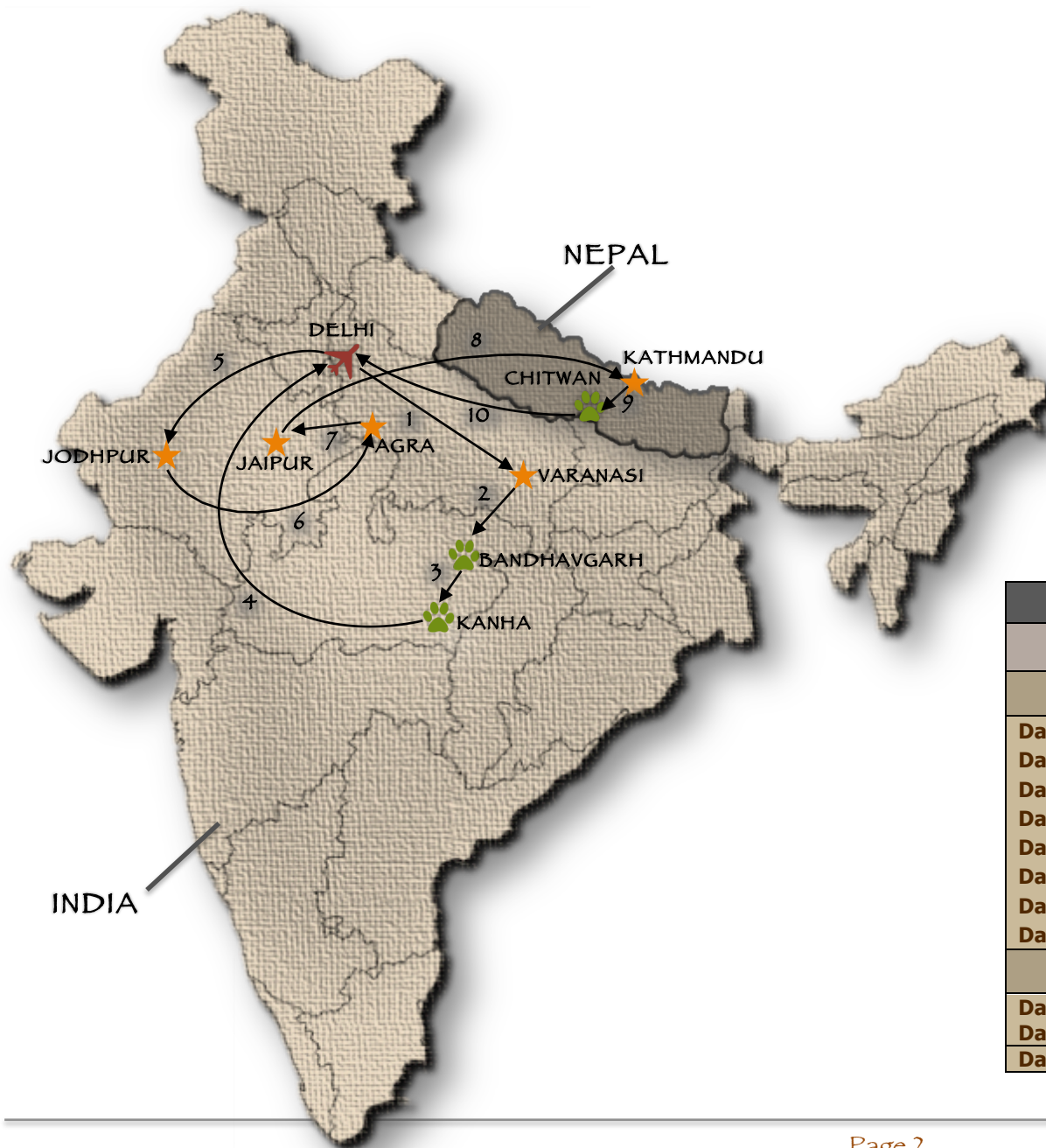
Cultural Tour and Jungle Safari



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Trip Summary & Routing



LEGEND:

	Game Reserves/National Parks
	Cities – Cultural/Historical
	Arrival & Departure Destination

TRIP SUMMARY: 18 NIGHTS / 19 DAYS

SOUTH ASIA SPECTACULAR

INDIA

Day 1 & 2	The Lodhi, Delhi
Day 3	Taj Nadesar Palace, Varanasi
Day 4 & 5	Mahua Kothi Jungle Lodge, Bandhavgarh National Park
Day 6 & 7	Banjaar Tola Tented Camp, Kanha National Park
Day 8	The Trident Hotel, Delhi
Day 9 & 10	Taj Umaid Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur
Day 11 & 12	The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra
Day 13 & 14	The Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur

NEPAL

Day 15 & 16	Dwarika's Hotel, Kathmandu
Day 17 & 18	Taj Meghauri Serai, Chitwan National Park
Day 19	Depart for home from Delhi International Airport

Safari starts in Delhi, India - Arrive in Delhi by international flight. Road transfer to The Lodhi Hotel.

Delhi – The Lodhi – 2 Nights

Included: Breakfast, local beverages, private guide* (*with private tour option).

Delhi

Thought to be more than 5,000 years old, India's capital is one of the world's oldest existing cities. Having been destroyed and rebuilt 11 times, Delhi has a colourful history. A combination of bustling international metropolis, medieval chaos and regal splendour, the city is crammed to bursting point with tombs, temples, ancient monuments and ruins, all of which exist side by side with modern suburbs and glass and chrome skyscrapers. This delectable mix of old and new adds to the city's appeal as a tourist destination. Visitors can sip from this bubbling melting pot of culture, cuisine and dialect as they explore the city. Delhi highlights include a cycle rickshaw tour of Old Delhi visiting Chandni Chowk, Spice Market, Jama Masjid, Red Fort, and Raj Ghat; as well as a sightseeing tour of New Delhi visiting Humayun's Tomb, Qutub Minar, India Gate, Rajpath and Rashtrapati Bhawan.

The Lodhi

Centrally located on the "green" edge of Imperial Delhi, The Lodhi epitomizes contemporary India culturally and artistically, but also reflects Indian tradition and history. The Lodhi has 40 luxurious rooms and suites, all furnished for comfort and ease and located in an elegant nine-storey, two winged structure. The Lodhi hosts several exclusive restaurants, a Spa & Salon, extensive sports and recreation facilities that include a gym, a 50m swimming pool, three all-weather tennis courts and two air-conditioned squash courts. The hotel also has a Library with an adjacent Cigar Lounge. [The Lodhi Website](#)



Scheduled commercial flight to Varanasi.

Varanasi – Taj Nadesar Palace – 1 Night

Included: Breakfast, local beverages, private guide* (*with private tour option).

Varanasi

Varanasi is a city situated on the banks of the River Ganges in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. It is immersed in an ancient culture and history that few cities could lay claim to. It is one of the oldest inhabited cities in the world and probably the oldest of India. Mark Twain once remarked about Varanasi that it is "older than history, older even than legend, and looks twice as old as all of them put together." With all the eras it has lived through, first as Benares, and now in its present avatar, the city seems to be enveloped in its own divine aura. For millennia, it has been a hub of philosophy, theosophy, medicine, learning and the arts - and it remains steeped in all of them. Varanasi highlights include a visit to the buried Buddhist City of Sarnath, witness the evening Ganga Aarti Ceremony by boat, and take a temple tour visiting the Durga Temple, Bharat Mata Temple and Banaras Hindu University.

Taj Nadesar Palace

This boutique historic hideaway consists of 10 luxurious suites nestled amidst verdant gardens, mango orchards, and marigold and jasmine fields, a haven of peace and tranquility. The name Nadesar is derived from the Goddess Nadesari, whose shrine is located in the front of the Palace. Hotel leisure and other services include: The Jiva Spa, a Swimming Pool, a 4-hole Golf Course, Botanist Guided Nature Walks, Royal Horse-Driven Buggy Rides around the Palace grounds, and a Dining Room. [Taj Nadesar Palace Website](#)



Scheduled commercial flight to Khajuraho followed by road transfer to Bandhavgarh National Park.

Bandhavgarh National Park – Mahua Kothi Jungle Lodge – 2 Nights

Included: All meals, local beverages, laundry service, daily activities, private guide* & private vehicle* (*with private tour option).

Bandhavgarh National Park

Tucked between the picturesque Vindhya and Satpura mountain ranges in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, the renowned tiger reserve of Bandhavgarh National Park is one of the most beautiful natural sanctuaries on the sub-continent. The dramatic landscape features tropical forests and woodlands, as well as steep, rocky hills with flat grasslands in the valleys below. Famous for its sightings of the king of the jungle, Bandhavgarh supports a high tiger density, yet is also home to a large variety of other mammals, from leopard and spotted chital deer to wild boar and sloth bear.

Mahua Kothi Jungle Lodge

Delivering an authentic safari experience, Mahua Kothi Jungle Lodge's 12 kutiyas (jungle suites), are set deep in bamboo forest and surround an original Kothi, or homestead. Private courtyards with shaded seating lead into each of the charming air-conditioned kutiyas. The open kitchen invites guests to watch spices being ground by hand, vegetables chopped using traditional sickles and rotis being prepared. Other lodge features include a swimming pool, TV room library, safari shop, and a traditional garden (baghiya). [Mahua Kothi Jungle Lodge Website](#)



Road transfer to Kanha National Park.

Kanha National Park – Banjaar Tola Tented Camp – 2 Nights

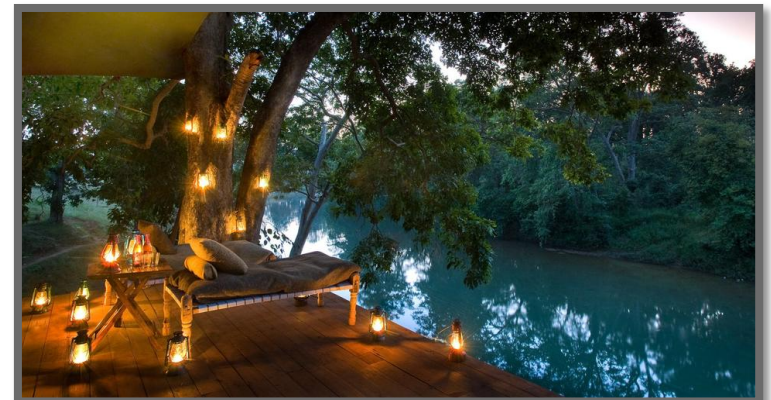
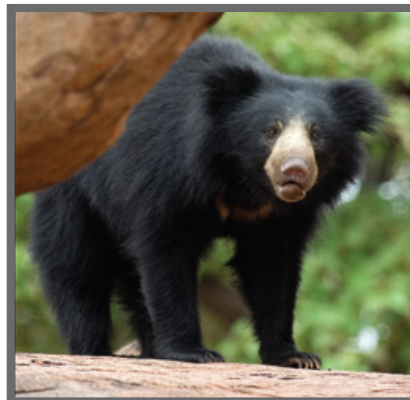
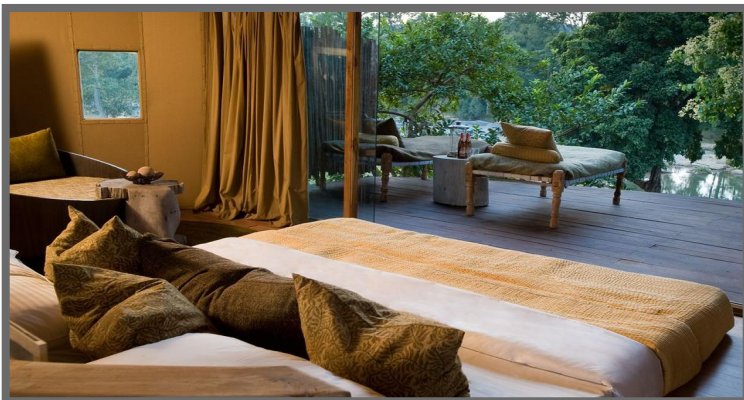
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Kanha National Park

Kanha National Park is one of India's largest reserves, covering 194 500ha (485 000 acres) of pristine Indian wilderness. Lush sal and bamboo forests are interspersed with vast grassy meadows known as maidans, while the Banjaar River, which forms the park's southwestern border, provides a steady water source for the abundant wildlife. Apart from the majestic Bengal tiger, the central parklands are home to approximately 22 mammal species, including the jackal, wild pig, black buck, striped hyena, leopard, mouse deer, chinkara, ant-eating pangolin and three-striped palm squirrel. Kanha also supports a thriving population of the highly endangered barasingha, or swamp deer.

Banjaar Tola Tented Camp

Situated right on the edge of the Banjaar River and overlooking the lush forests and grassy meadows of Kanha National Park, Banjaar Tola Tented Camp comprises two intimate camps, each with just 9 elegant tented suites spread out along the riverbank and into the sal forest. The contemporary suites feature bamboo floors, a canvas roof and walls, and glass doors that lead out onto a veranda overlooking the river. Each camp boasts its own comfortable guest sitting area with a spacious open-air dining area, interpretive library, swimming pool, and safari shop. [Banjaar Tola Tented Camp Website](#)



Road transfer to Raipur followed by a scheduled commercial flight to Delhi.

Delhi – The Trident Hotel – 1 Night

Included: Breakfast, local beverages, private guide* (*with private tour option).

Trident Gurgaon Hotel

In the heart of bustling Gurgaon, Trident welcomes you with magnificence and style. This low-rise hotel is spread across seven acres and blends the natural elements of space, water and light into its design. The hotel features gardens, courtyards and reflection pools, lending it a resort-like ambience. The beige dome-like traditional exterior houses 129 rooms and 7 suites, all of which have been furnished in warm, earthy tones, and thoughtfully appointed with all the modern amenities. Hotel features include a Spa, Fitness Centre, Swimming Pool, Salon, three Restaurants as well as a Bar. [Trident Hotel Website](#)



Scheduled commercial flight to Jodhpur.

Jodhpur – Taj Umaid Bhawan Palace – 2 Nights

Included: Breakfast, local beverages, private guide* (*with private tour option).

Jodhpur

A dazzling blaze of blue on the eastern edge of the Thar Desert, Jodhpur is dominated by the imposing fortress that towers above the city on a sandstone ridge. Jodhpur is famous for the distinctive colour of its buildings, a reminder of the Brahmins, who used to paint their houses blue to deter insects and keep the dwellings cool during the summer. Founded in 1459, the old city is encircled by an imposing wall and accessed through eight magnificent gates. Jodhpur highlights include a tour of the magnificent Mehrangarh Fort and a village safari to Bishnoi Village, a Hindu sect who hold all animal life sacred and are hardcore worshippers of nature.

Umaid Bhawan Palace

Built between 1928 and 1943, Umaid Bhawan Palace is a magnificent piece of Rajasthan's heritage. Perched on Chittar Hill, the highest point in Jodhpur, Umaid Bhawan Palace inspires with exotic views of the historical Blue City, vast sand dunes, and intimidating Mehrangarh Fort. Set amidst 26 acres of lush gardens, this luxury five-star Taj heritage hotel offers 64 utterly breathtaking rooms and suites. Hotel Facilities include a Fitness Centre, Spa, Subterranean Zodiac Pool, Cemented Tennis Courts, Marble Squash Courts, and a variety of Restaurant Options. [Taj Umaid Bhawan Palace Website](#)



Scheduled commercial flight to Delhi, followed by a road transfer to Agra.

Agra – The Oberoi Amarvilas – 2 Nights

Included: Breakfast, local beverages, private guide* (*with private tour option).

Agra

Capital of the Mughal empire for more than a hundred years, Agra is home to some of the finest architectural achievements of this remarkable dynasty. Agra is situated along the banks of the Yamuna River and most of its historical monuments overlook this waterway. By far the best known of Agra's attractions, the Taj Mahal is set high on a hill above the river. Further down the river's banks is the renowned Agra Fort, as well as a selection of other fascinating tombs and mausoleums. Agra highlights include sunset & sunrise visits to the Taj Mahal, a city tour of Agra visiting Agra Fort and Itmad-Ud-Daulah, and a visit to the Agra Sloth Bear Rescue Facility.

The Oberoi Amarvilas enjoys an unrivalled position, just 600 metres from the iconic Taj Mahal. Each of the rooms affords uninterrupted, breathtaking views of this ancient monument to love, while elements of the layout and design pay homage to its Mughal splendour. The resort is an impressive display of terraced lawns, fountains, reflection pools and pavilions with rich interiors that take you back to an era of Emperors and Princes. Hotel features include a Spa, Salon, Gymnasium, a Swimming Pool, Bar and various Restaurant Options for dining. [The Oberoi Amarvilas Website](#)



Road transfer to Jaipur with tour and sight-seeing en-route.

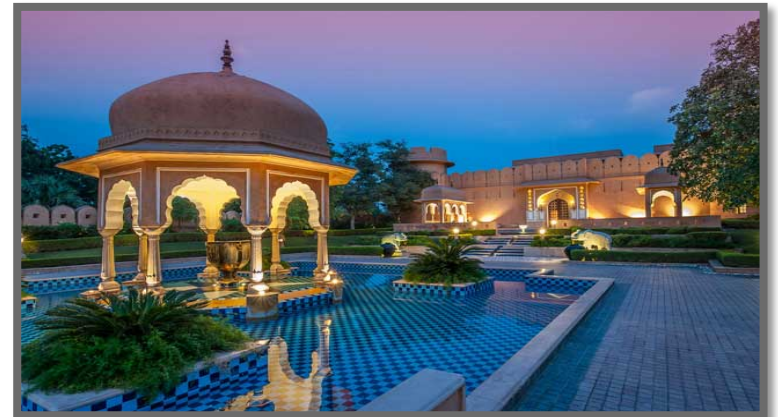
Jaipur – The Oberoi Rajvilas – 2 Nights

Included: Breakfast, local beverages, private guide* (*with private tour option).

Jaipur

The gateway to Rajasthan, Jaipur is a fascinating mix of ancient forts, royal palaces and vibrant bazaars. Surrounded on three sides by the jagged Aravalli Hills, the remarkable city of Jaipur was founded in 1727 by Maharaja Sawai Jal Singh. At the heart of Jaipur is the historical old city, surrounded by huge fortification walls and entered through eight towering gates. A thriving capital, Jaipur has long overflowed its old defensive walls and a breathtaking sequence of forts, palaces, cenotaphs and other relics of the maharajas can be found on the outskirts of the city, shoulder to shoulder with its modern additions. Jaipur Highlights include a visit to the Amber Fort, a tour of the City Palace, Observatory Tower and the Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds), as well as an elephant ride and dinner at Dera Amer.

The Oberoi Rajvilas is a royal resort set in a breathtaking 32 acre oasis of beautiful landscaped gardens, filled with exotic birdlife. It is built around an 18th century Shiva temple which affords chanting with a Hindu priest, meditation and morning yoga. Adorned with Mughal arches, gold leaf frescoes, high domed ceilings and magnificent crystal chandeliers, this hotel epitomises traditional Rajasthani charm and luxury. Rooms are laid out in small clusters that unfold onto a courtyard crowned with a traditional fountain and framed by natural canopies abundant with native flowers. The hotel's recreational amenities include a Swimming Pool, Gym, Spa, Tennis & Croquet Facilities, as well as two Restaurants and a Library Bar. [The Oberoi Rajvilas Website](#)



Scheduled commercial flight to Delhi, followed by a connecting scheduled commercial flight to Kathmandu, Nepal.

Kathmandu – Dwarika's Hotel – 2 Nights

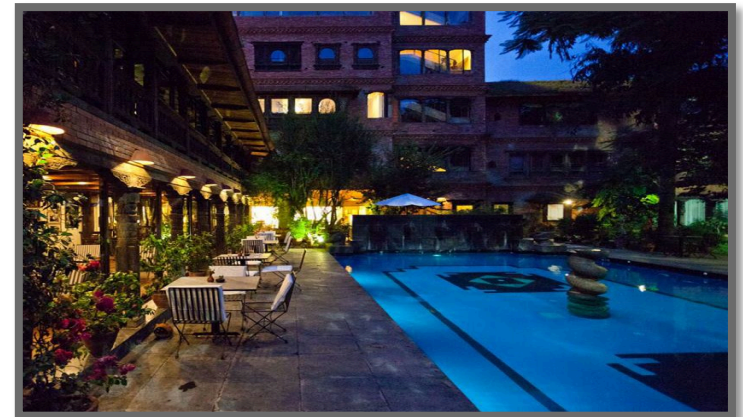
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Kathmandu

Steeped in history, the capital city of Nepal, Kathmandu dates back over 200 years. The Kathmandu Valley boasts the three ancient cities of Kathmandu, Patan and Bhaktapur, which were once independent states ruled by the Malla kings from the 12th to the 18th centuries. The three cities house seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The valley is also home to a plethora of other exquisite monuments, sculptures, artistic temples and magnificent artworks. Kathmandu highlights include tours of: the Pashupatinath Temple on the Bagmati River, the royal city of Bhaktapur, the 2500 year old stupa Swayambhunath, and a helicopter tour of the Everest Region followed by a champagne breakfast with Mt. Everest.

Dwarika's Hotel

Built upon a rich tradition of Nepali hospitality and incorporating some of the country's most exquisite architectural traditions, the Dwarika's Hotel in Kathmandu (A UNESCO World Heritage Site) is an authentic experience of Nepal's ancient cultural heritage. The hotel houses an extensive collection of artefacts from the 13th century onwards, and the buildings and courtyards house some of Nepal's best craftsmanship – capturing the beauty and spirit of an ancient city. The hotel offers 86 meticulously designed rooms and suites, each unique in character and style. Hotel features include a Swimming Pool, a Spa, Yoga and Fitness Centre, Library, three Restaurants and a Bar. [Dwarika's Hotel Website](#)



Light aircraft transfer followed by a short road transfer to Chitwan National Park.

Chitwan National Park – Meghauri Serai – 2 Nights

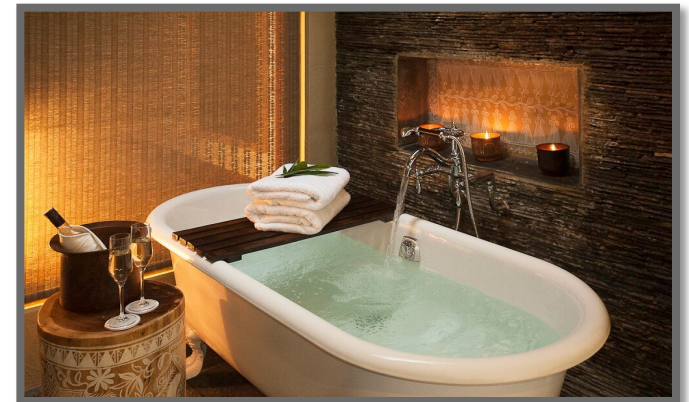
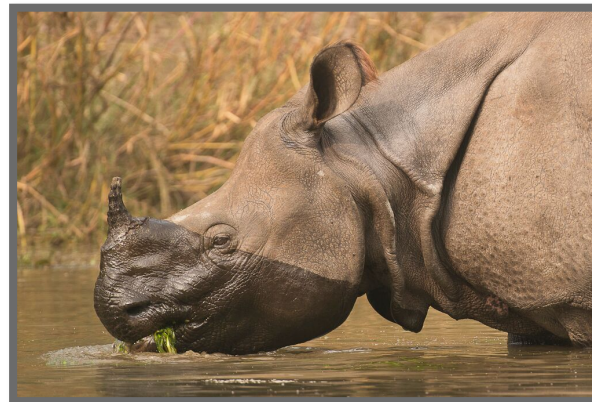
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Chitwan National Park

Chitwan National Park, which translates to “heart of the jungle”, was the very first of Nepal’s national parks, established in 1973. The World Heritage-listed reserve protects over 93 000 hectares (230 000 acres) of forests, marshland and rippling grassland, and is home to many endangered animals including the one-horned rhino, royal Bengal tiger, gharial crocodile and fresh water gangetic dolphin. You'll also find a thriving population of various types of deer and monkeys, with potential sightings of wild boar, sloth bear and leopard. Additionally, the park boasts 565 bird species. Enjoy an array of wildlife activities such as an elephant back safari (for a chance of getting up close to Rhinos), a boat trip on the Rapti river, game drives, and jungle walks.

Taj Meghauri Serai

Set within Chitwan National Park on the banks of the River Rapti is the new Taj Meghauri Serai Safari Lodge. There are 16 standalone luxury villas, 12 hotel-style rooms, and one Presidential Suite, all offering fine touches with contemporary design and creating a calming sanctuary in the heart of the wilderness. The lodge's public areas include a main lounge with a bar and central fireplace; an infinity swimming pool with a riverview deck for dining and wildlife viewing; and a themed dining venue recreating the ambiance of a traditional Tharu village. [Meghauri Serai Website](#)



Road transfer and light aircraft transfer to Kathmandu followed by a scheduled commercial flight to Delhi.

The Safari ends in Delhi

End of services



Tour is inclusive of the following:

- Private safari guide / naturalist services for the entire itinerary
- Private vehicle at all safari destinations
- All accommodation costs
- All meals, beverages, game-viewing activities and excursions as detailed in the itinerary
- Laundry costs where this service is included
- Internal / regional economy / coach flights* and shared charter flight
- Airport departure taxes for commercial flights
- All road transfers to / from hotels, lodges and airports
- Park and conservation fees
- Local taxes and levies

*** Please advise if you would prefer business class seats on regional flights – the costing will then be adjusted accordingly.**

Tour is exclusive of the following:

- Flights to and from Africa
- Private trip and medical insurance cover
- Visa costs
- Personal purchases
- Telephone, internet, business centre and room service charges
- Meals as noted such as lunch and dinner at city hotels
- Premium beverages (unless otherwise noted)
- Excursions not detailed on the itinerary
- Laundry costs where this service is not included
- Airport departure taxes not included in air ticket cost
- Gratuities
- Any other costs of a personal nature
- Credit Card Fees
- New taxes, levies, fuel or industry increases that are beyond the control of Beat About The Bush Safaris.

Tour Prices*

Standard Tour	Private Tour – 2 People	Private Tour – 4 People	Private Tour – 6 People

** Please enquire for confirmed prices due to currency fluctuations*