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Day 01:

DEPART

Flight  
Departs

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*Itinerary specially created  
for  
- Leopard Tour*

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*"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated"- Mahatma Ghandhi*



**Day 02:**

**ARRIVE DELHI – RANTHAMBORE**

**Flight**

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**Arrive Delhi**

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**On arrival in Delhi:** Company representatives cannot come into the baggage collection area. Having cleared immigration, collected your luggage and passed through customs, please make your way towards the exit of the terminal building where you will see a bank of people waiting for you. Amongst them will be a representative who will be waiting to greet you with a paging board with your name on. Please note that the crowds can be enormous and it is possible that you may not spot our representative, despite their making every effort to be as visible as possible, so please keep an eye out for them.

On arrival, you will be met and will be transferred to airport hotel for lobby use and breakfast.

**Redfox Aerocity [Standard Room with Breakfast]**

<http://www.lemontreehotels.com/red-fox-hotel/delhi/hotels-delhi.aspx>

Your travel documents will be handed over to you on arrival itself.

In time, you will be transferred to railway station to board train to Sawai Madhopur [base station for Ranthambhore]

Train

Kota Jan Shatbdi

Departs Delhi

1320 Hrs

Sawai Madhopur

1806 Hrs

On arrival in Ranthambhore, you will be met & transferred to your hotel.

Check in at the hotel.

**Overnight is at Ranthambhore Kothi, Ranthambhore [Standard Room with Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner]**

<http://www.ranthambhorekothi.com/>

**Day 03 - 04:**

**RANTHAMBORE**

These days, you will have **jeep safaris** in the morning and afternoon.

Your daily routine will be:

Early morning, you have wakeup call.

After morning tea coffee and snacks at lobby, you will **have morning jeep safari** in the park.

**Safaris in Ranthambhore National Park**

**Safari Vehicles:**



There are two types of vehicles permitted into Ranthambhore National Park- the 4 wheel drive jeeps [petrol engine Maruti Gypsy 4 X 4-Open to roof ], which seat up to 6 visitors) and 16 petrol or 20 seater-Diesel Canters (open top roof buses).

All these vehicles are attached to the Forest department and owned and run by local people. Vehicles that are not attached to the forest department are not permitted into the park. They are allocated by rotation system.

### **Jeep Safari in Ranthambhore National Park:-**

There are 10 different zones for tourists inside the Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve. Jeeps travel on same zones, 1-5 considered to be good for tiger sighting and are very popular.

Zone 6, 7, 8 are also good for tiger sighting but comparatively less than zone 1-5 and sighting depend on tiger movement.

Zone 6 is a territory of 3-4 Tigers currently and is also popular for Leopards and Sloth Bear sighting.

Zone -10 is an addition in the park from 18 Jan'14. As Park was working on this zone for nearly two or three months. There are four or five tigers and three cubs in this zone with some beautiful water bodies and the presence of panther is an added attraction.

At the time of entry, each vehicle is allotted a zone and it not allowed to stray from their allotted zone. Within the zone the vehicles can go anywhere on the network of zones that exists in the zone. Zone is allocated by forest department an hour prior to the safari.



Park bookings open 90 days prior to date of safari (and mostly get instantly booked on first come first basis as we have to enter full accurate details of the clients including their full passport details and everyone try to secure what they can as seats sell out quickly. Please provide scan copy of your passport at the time of booking).

### **Safari Notes & Conditions:-**

- Park may be closed without any prior notice to visitor in case of emergency.
- No refund / cancellation are permissible after confirmed booking.
- Bookings are non-transferable.
- Reserved seats cannot be resold / exchanged with any other visitor.
- Photo copy of the Identity proof is required to be submitted before entry into the park.
- Identity proof is must before entry into the park. Original ID proof will also be checked at the same time.
- Guests are required to positively report for boarding Gypsy/Canter 15 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time of any designated boarding point.
- There are no charges for Still Camera.
- The Field Director/Conservator of Forests can prohibit the use of mobile phones by visitors inside any national park /sanctuary.
- For park safari Forest Department is charging full advance payment Vehicle hire charges, Vehicle park entry fee, visitors entry fee and naturalist charges. Vehicles are released by Forest Department only when they receive full advance payment and all the advance bookings are non-refundable and non-adjustable.



**Fauna in Ranthambhore:** Ranthambhore's unique climatic and vegetation features have given rise to forests that are dry and open with little and stunted ground cover. This makes wildlife viewing relatively easier on the safari. Ranthambhore is virtually an island rich in fauna.

Tiger, at the apex of the food chain, lord of the kingdom in a subtle way. Solitary by nature, it operates in the stealth. Therefore tiger sightings, frequent as they are, are always a matter of chance. However even evidences of tiger's activities are very exciting. Other kinds of cats found in Ranthambhore are Leopard, Caracal, Leopard cat, Fishing cat and Jungle cat. The other large predators include Sloth Bear, Striped Hyena, Jackal, Desert fox, Palm civet, common mongoose, crocodile, python etc. There are two species of antlers the spotted deer (chital), and Sambhar deer and two kinds of antelopes namely the Indian Gazelle (chinkara ) and the Bluebull ( Nilgai )

Besides tiger, there are many other animals to observe, understand and enjoy. Elegant and graceful spotted deer, huge sambhar deer, crocodiles basking around the lakes, vultures soaring in the sky, Serpent eagles scanning the ground from its perch or the kaleidoscope of waterfowl at the pools are all the interest for a visitor with sensitivity.

Ranthmbhore is a great experience in totality and Jungle safari will enhance your experience in wildlife. Ranthambhore is also rich in bird life with around 300 species of birds. Infact for a keen bird watcher Ranthambhore and the surrounding area is a paradise. Some interesting resident species of birds are large Cormorant, Painted Spurfowl, Sarus Crane, Bronzed winged Jacana, Sandpiper, Kingfisher, Nightjar, Painted Sandgrouse, Great horned owl and many more regular winter migrants which come from their nesting ground north of Himalayas to Ranthambhore and surrounding areas.



**After safari,** you will return to the hotel for Lunch,



**Flora in Ranthambhore:** Ranthambore National Park is also rich in flora. There is a plenty of water available to support a variety of flora and fauna. According to estimates, there are around 300 plant species in the Ranthambore National Park. Due to its proximity to the Thar, the region receives very scanty rainfalls and so the vegetation in the park mainly comprises of the dry deciduous type.

The Reserve comprises of shallow perennial lakes, steep hills, gentle slopes, plateaus, narrow valleys, etc. and as such a variety of plant communities or associations are found.

In the afternoon, you will have another round **of jeep safari**.

Dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight is at Ranthambhore Kothi, Ranthambhore [Standard Room with Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner] <http://www.ranthambhorekothi.com/>**

#### Day 05:

#### RANTHAMBHORE - JAIPUR

Early morning you will **morning jeep safari** at the National Park.

After safari, you will have breakfast at the hotel and drive to Jaipur [Approx. 145 kms / 3 hrs].

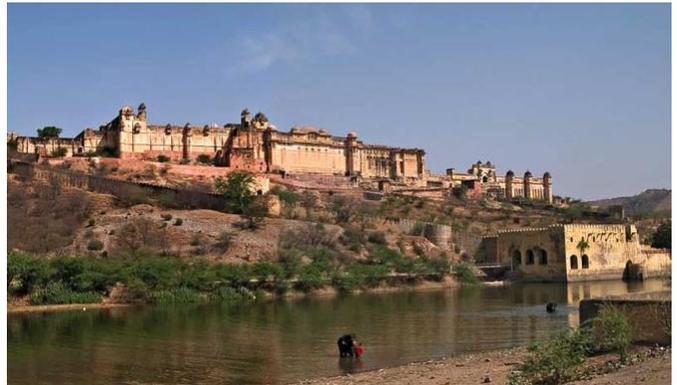
On arrival at Jaipur, you will check in to the hotel.

**Jaipur** - The capital of Rajasthan Jaipur - popularly known as the “Pink City” as the Pink sandstone was used to construct the buildings in Old walled city. Jaipur owes its name, its foundation and it’s planning to the Great warrior astronomer Maharaja Jai Singh II (1699–1744 AD).

Later in the afternoon, enjoy a half day sightseeing of the Jaipur city.

Drive just outside Jaipur to the ancient capital of Amber to see the fabulous **Amber Fort**. Maharaja Mansingh, Mughal Emperor Akbar’s most successful General, started the construction of Amber Fort in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Before the City Palace was constructed in Jaipur, Amber was the seat of power. The fort is surrounded by fortified battlements and overlooks the Moat Lake. Ruins and remains are spread over the Aravalli hills and sprawling crenulated walls lattice the surrounding area. Once on top, stroll through the sprawling complex of courtyards and halls; Many of the rooms have de lightful wall paintings, with precious stones and mirrors inlaid in the walls.

Most fascinating, perhaps, is the Sheesh Mahal (hall of mirrors) where a single lamplight is reflected in the many mirrors, lighting up the room.



En-route to Amber, you will stop and see the ‘**Palace of Winds**’, otherwise known as Hawa Mahal. It is really an elaborate facade behind which the ladies of the court used to watch the daily goings on in the street below. It is extremely intricate in its pink sandstone carving. The cool wind blows through its facade of windows and latticed screens through which the queens of the court once viewed the streets of the city.

**Overnight is at Royal Heritage Haveli, Jaipur [Suite Room with Breakfast] <http://royalheritagehaveli.com/>**



**Day 06:**

**JAIPUR - BERA**

Breakfast at the hotel.

After breakfast, drive to Bera [Approx. 390 kms / 6.5 hrs].

On reaching Bera, check in to the hotel.

**Overnight is at Castle Bera, Pali [Standard Room with Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]**

<http://castlebera.com/>

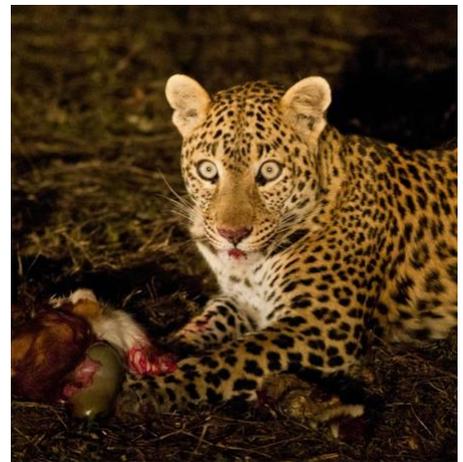
**Day 07 - 09:**

**BERA**

These days, you will have **exclusive jeep safaris** in the morning and afternoon.

**Bera** in Rajasthan located near the Jawai dam is known for its fantastic sightings of leopards. A lot of leopard fanatics head here for a sight of the elusive cat. The place though a wildlife heaven, still unperturbed by the crowd, remains unexplored. Bera is an abode for a number of mammals, birds and vast and varied vegetation which include the evasive Leopard, the mighty Bluebull, the Crocodile, the ever so mischeivious Hyena, the graceful Pelican, the Greylag Goose, Robin Accentor, Demoiselle Crane, Barheaded Goose to name a few.

In spite of a comparatively hostile terrain, **Bera** surprisingly is the abode of a number of mammals and birds. Its vast size and latitudinal variations above the sea level of 1,700m provides it with varied vegetation. It provides, **semi green forests of Mount Abu, to dry grasslands of the desert, and from the dry deciduous thorn forest of Aravali, to wetlands of Bharatpur.**



**Overnight is at Castle Bera, Pali [Standard Room with Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]**

<http://castlebera.com/>

**Day 10:**

**BERA - UDAIPUR - MUMBAI**

Breakfast at the hotel.

After breakfast, get transferred to Udaipur [Approx. 140 kms / 2.5 hrs].

On reaching enjoy a half day sightseeing tour of Udaipur.

The tour will begin with visit to **City Palace**. Built in 1725, the grand City Palace is actually a conglomerate of eleven palaces overlooking the sprawling Lake Pichola. Then proceed to **Jagdish Temple**. Built in 1651 by Maharaja Jagat Singh, this temple is dedicated to Lord Vishnu and is located in the centre of the old city. The temple has a black





marble image of Lord Vishnu, which is unusual for the northern part of the country, where statues of Gods are normally in marble. You will end your tour visiting **Vintage Car Museum**.

Later get transferred to the Udaipur Airport to board the flight to Mumbai.

<b>Flight</b>	<b>AI - 471</b>
<b>Departs Udaipur</b>	<b>1740 Hrs</b>
<b>Arrive Mumbai</b>	<b>1905 Hrs</b>

On arrival in Mumbai, you will be met & transferred to your hotel.

**Overnight is at Kohinoor Continental, Mumbai [Standard Room with Breakfast]**  
<http://www.hotelkohinoorcontinental.com/>

**Day 11: MUMBAI – BANGALORE - NAGARHOLE**

In the morning get transferred to the Mumbai Airport to board the flight to Bangalore.

<b>Flight</b>	<b>6E - 455</b>
<b>Departs Mumbai</b>	<b>0730 Hrs</b>
<b>Arrive Bangalore</b>	<b>0910 Hrs</b>

On arrival, you will be met and transferred to Nagarhole [Approx. 260 kms / 5.5 hrs]. On reaching, check in to the lodge.

Evening at leisure.

**Overnight is at Kabini River Lodge, Nagarhole [Cottage with Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner]**  
<http://www.junglelodges.com/kabini-river-lodge>

**Day 12 -14 : NAGARHOLE**

Today, you will have **AM Boat / Morning jeep/ Canter Safari**.

**Nagarhole National Park** also known as Rajiv Gandhi National Park, is a national park located in Kodagu district and Mysore district in Karnataka state in South India.

This park was declared the thirty seventh Project Tiger reserve in 1999. It is part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve. The Western Ghats Nilgiri Sub-Cluster of 6,000 km<sup>2</sup>, including all of Nagarhole National Park, is under consideration by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee for selection as a World Heritage Site.



The park has rich forest cover, small streams, hills, valleys and waterfalls. The park has a healthy tiger-predator ratio, with many tigers, Indian bison and elephants.



**Flora:** The vegetation here consists mainly of North Western Ghats moist deciduous forests with teak and rosewood predominating in the southern parts. There is Central Deccan Plateau dry deciduous forests with Pala indigo and thorny wattle towards the east. There are some sub-montane valley swamp forests with several species of the *Eugenia* genus.

The main trees found here are the commercially important rosewood, teak, sandalwood and silver oak. Species of trees of the dry deciduous forest include crocodile bark, *Lagerstroemia lanceolata* (Crepe myrtle), Indian Kino Tree, *Grewia tilaefolia*, rosewood and axlewood.

In the understory, species found growing include *Kydia calycina*, Indian gooseberry and beechwood, Shrubs like horse nettles, tick clover, *Helicteres* species and invasive species like lantana and bonesets are found in abundance.

These forests have some conspicuous tree species such as golden shower tree, Flame of the Forest and clumping bamboo.

**Fauna:** The park protects the wildlife of Karnataka. The important predators and carnivores in the Nagarhole National Park are tiger, leopard, wild dog, sloth bear and the hyena (*Hyaena hyaena*). The herbivores are spotted deer, sambar, barking deer, four-horned antelope (*Tetracerus quadricornis*), gaur (*Bos gaurus*), wild boar (*Sus scrofa*) and elephant.

**Nagarhole National Park** provides an opportunity to see some of the southern population of Gaur (jungle Bison). Also, this park in Karnataka is a good place to see elephants in the luxuriant forests and bamboo thickets which they most enjoy.





Other mammalian miscallany includes the common langur (*Presbytes entellus*), Bonnet macaque (*Macaca radiata*), jungle cat, slender Loris (*Loris tadigradus*), leopard-cat (*Felis bengalensis*), civet cat (*Viverricula indica* and *Paradoxurus hermaphroditus*), mongoose (*Herpestes fuscus* and *Herpestes vitticollis*), common otter (*Lutra lutra*), giant flying squirrel (*Petaurista petaurista*), giant squirrel (*Ratufa indica*), porcupine, jackal, mouse-deer (*Tragulus meminna*), hare and pangolin (*Manis crassicaudata*). Over 250 species of birds are found at Nagarhole National Park. Besides the enormous variety of woodland birds, there are large congregations of water fowl in the Kabini river. Birds range from blue-bearded bee-eater, scarlet minivet and Malabar whistling thrush to the more common ospreys, herons and ducks.

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In the evening again, **you will have jeep/canter** safari in the Park.

**Note:** Park safari/boat safari will be provided as per park authority.



**Overnight is at Kabini River Lodge, Nagarhole [Cottage with Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner]**  
<http://www.junglelodges.com/kabini-river-lodge>



Early morning drive to Bangalore Airport [**Approx. 260 kms-5.5 Hrs**] to board your flight for your onward journey.

**Flight**  
**Departs Bangalore**

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