

# Detailed Itinerary

**Trip Name:** [9 days] North India Wildlife Tour

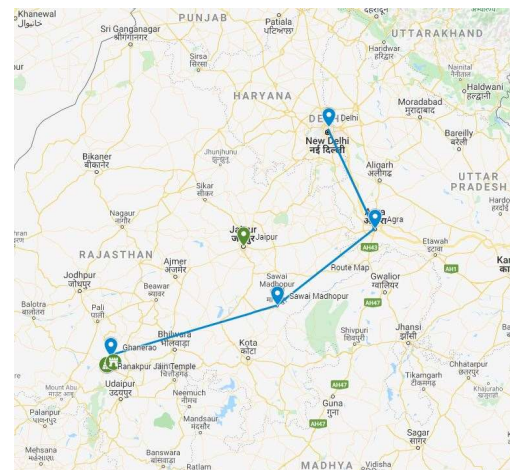
## GENERAL

**Dates:** Flexible; Bookable from Sep. 1<sup>st</sup> – Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Yügen Earthside for your preferred start date.

*This 9-day tour of North India revolves around responsible wildlife experiences with a dash of luxury, city, and cultural village tours mixed in. See Indian bears, elephants, and tigers, meet with nomadic camel herders, and optionally add on an extra day for a leopard safari. In addition to animals, you'll experience cultural and historic sites as well!*

### Main Stops:

Delhi – Agra – Sawai Madhopur – Ghanerao – (Places in green are optional extensions)



### About the Tour:

We know the villages and communities we work with inside and out. We have done the tours multiple times before, ensuring that you get an enjoyable experience, and make the best use of your time. Quite naturally, many travelers return to India many times to travel with us.

We have created lasting relationships with the communities and have gathered many interesting stories that we are happy to share with you on the tours. The experiences we design for you are unique, affordable, and meticulously planned.

## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### Day 01: Arrive in Delhi

- Arrive in Delhi (Indira Gandhi International "IGI" Airport). We receive, welcome, and assist you to your stay.
- If you are arriving in the early morning, spend a few hours relaxing and recovering from jetlag.
- Visit central Delhi in the evening (the President's Palace, India Gate, and the crafts market).

*Accommodation: Homestay*

### Day 02: Delhi City Tour

- Morning walking tour of old Delhi (spice markets, jewel markets, cloth markets, and food tasting).
- Visit Humayun tomb, Qutub minar, and Akshardham temple\*

*Accommodation: Homestay*

*Meals: Breakfast*

\* The places you visit can be customized to add something you specifically want to see.

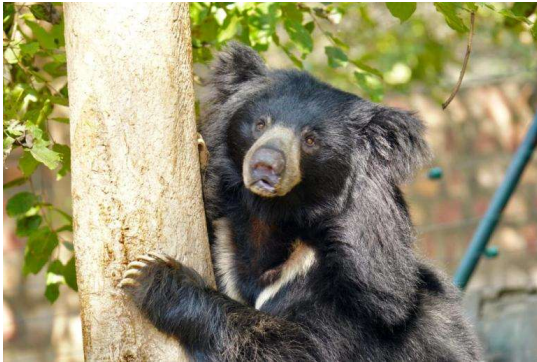


### Day 03: Arrive in Agra

- Drive to Agra and check-in the homestay.
- Afternoon tour of the Taj Mahal with storytelling on the lesser-known facts about the monument. Thereafter, visit the families of artisans working in marble inlay with a demonstration of the art by the artisan himself.
- Visit the Agra fort or spend the rest of the day at leisure.

*Accommodation: Homestay*

*Meals: Breakfast*



*[Image from Unsplash by Annie Spratt](#)*

#### **Day 04: Wildlife experience | Drive to Sawai Madhopur**

- Today we visit a project that works with rescue and rehabilitation of wildlife in distress, especially the Indian bear and elephant. The animals are rescued from amusement shows where they are made to dance for the owner to earn a living. The bears are usually kept in an inhumane condition without sufficient nutrition and its natural habitat.
- After the wildlife tour, we drive to Sawai Madhopur.

*Accommodation: Wildlife Lodge*

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

\* Optional – You can extend overnight stay in Agra and choose to do a village tour on foot or on push bikes. This tour takes you to traditional villages on the banks of river Yamuna where you also get stunning views of the Taj Mahal.

#### **Day 05: Wildlife safari**

- Your stay in Sawai Madhopur is in a luxury wildlife lodge at the Ranthambore National Park.
- Go on a guided safari at the Ranthambore National Park, famed for the Indian tiger.

*Accommodation: Wildlife Lodge*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

\* Optional – Visit Jaipur, the capital city of Rajasthan. It is great for historic monuments such as the city palace, Amer fort, and Hawa mahal. You can also do hands-on experiences with local brass and marble artisans, block printer women.

### **Day 06 & 07: Drive to Ghanerao & Experiences with the Camel herders**

- We drive to Ghanerao, a small town to spend the next two days with the camel herders. While camels are the ship of the Thar desert, it gives you a completely new perspective if you spend time with the community understanding the life of nomadic herders. This part of the tour follows the natural flow of the day as it is for the herders. We visit a camp and possibly travel with the community and even taste tea made with camel milk.
- Get to know about the conservation efforts for the camel herders by using camel milk for dairy products and camel poo and wool for paper.

*Accommodation: Homestay*

*Meals: Breakfast*



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### **Day 08: Cultural tours**

- Visit the Ranakpur Jain temple and hiking to Kumbhalgarh fort.

*Accommodation: Homestay*

*Meals: Breakfast*

\* Optional – Extend this part of the tour for a full day Leopard safari.

### **Day 09: Departure**

- We provide you transfer to the nearest railway station for onward journey or drive back to the next destination. We recommend a train ride to your onward destination.

*Meals: Breakfast*

\* Optional – Extend this tour to visit the city of lakes – Udaipur and Jodhpur for a village and desert experience.

## INCLUSIONS

- **Accommodation:**
  - All accommodation in twin-share rooms at the homestays and lodges mentioned in the Detailed Itinerary.
- **Meals:**
  - Breakfasts every day, one lunch, and two dinners as mentioned in the Detailed Itinerary.
- **Transportation:**
  - Airport transfers
  - Private transportation in a sedan or SUV
- **Permits, Fees, Guides:**
  - Applicable government taxes
  - Fees for all storytellers & activities
  - Entry fee for all wildlife experiences

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- **Accommodation:**
  - If guests want high-end accommodations different from what is included in the Detailed Itinerary, we can suggest places for an additional fee.
- **Meals:**
  - Lunches (except during the safari)
- **Transportation:**
  - Flights to/from Delhi
- **Permits, Fees, Guides:**
  - Entry fees to any monuments wherever applicable. Not included in trip price to give travelers flexibility. Generally, the fee for monuments is Rs. 500 (~\$7 USD) per person. Taj Mahal is Rs. 1,300 (\$17.50 USD) per person. It goes directly to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
- **Other:**
  - Travel insurance
  - Visa
  - Tips & gratuities
  - Any changes in the itinerary due to circumstances beyond our control or an act of God