


Savvy Navigator Fly-In Wildlife Safari

Trip Details



Day(s)	Highlights
1-2	<p><i>Delhi</i></p> <p>Arrive Delhi where you will be met and transferred to your hotel.</p> <p>Begin your journey exploring India's historical capital. In old Delhi, you'll journey through the Chandni Chowk market on cycle rickshaw, visit the 16th century Jamia Masjid mosque and view Mahatma Gandhi's memorial. In the afternoon, the sights of British New Delhi will be visited, including the Presidential Palace – Rashtrapati Bhawan, Parliament and the India Gate War Memorial. Prior to concluding today's adventures, visit the Humayun Tomb, often considered the forerunner of the Taj Mahal. Dinner this evening will take place at the legendary Dhaba restaurant, inspired by a North Indian eatery.</p>
3	<p><i>Delhi / Varanasi</i></p> <p>Today you'll travel to Varanasi, locally called Kashi, The City of Light. This is one of the world's oldest cities, a contemporary of Thebes and Nineveh, already ancient when Buddha visited around 500BC. Situated along the Ganges river, Varanasi is the nerve center of the Hindu faith with many temples and shrines. In the afternoon, you can travel to Sarnath, the location where Buddha delivered his first sermon after attaining enlightenment. Later on, travel by cycle rickshaw through old city's bazaar before boating to riverside temples to watch the "Aarti" ceremony. In the ceremony, priests chant prayers while holding aloft immense oil wick lamps. At its completion, hundreds of leaves are set afloat in the Ganges with lamps nestled in marigold and rose petals.</p>
4-5	<p><i>Varanasi / Khajuraho / Panna and Bandhavgarh National Parks</i></p> <p>Before departing Varanasi, take a pre-dawn excursion on the Ganges. Sunrise is sacred for the Hindus and as the sun rises you'll see priests and pilgrims offering prayers along the river as the sunlight bathes temple spires and mansions.</p> <p>Midday, fly on to Khajuraho where you'll be met and immediately taken for a guided tour of the temples. These grand and intricately carved temples represent the finest in northern India; of the original 85 temples, only 22 remain today.</p> <p>After visiting the temples, you will be transferred to the Panna National Park, once the private hunting preserve of the Maharajas. This park is part of 22 national Project Tiger reserves and features an amazing collection of wildlife including tigers, leopards, hyenas, jackals, Bengal foxes, sloth bears, nilgai – Indian antelope and more than 200 species of birds. Your visit here will include a jeep safari inside the park before traveling to Bandhavgarh National Park.</p>
6-7	<p><i>Bandhavgarh National Park</i></p> <p>Bandhavgarh is among the smallest and perhaps the most photographed Indian wildlife preserves, known for higher levels of tiger sightings than most anywhere else. While enjoying two days at Bandhavgarh, you'll be able to enjoy morning and afternoon game drives as well as elephant back safaris. Wildlife in the area includes tigers, gaur, wild boar and sometimes the blackbuck, a rare species of antelope.</p>

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8 - 9	<p><i>Bandhavgarh National Park / Jaipur</i></p> <p>Today you'll travel from Bandhavgarh to Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan, by air. Rajasthan – “The Land of the Kings” – is part fantasy and part reality filled with fortresses, palaces and private hunting preserves.</p> <p>On your first day, explore Jaipur, known as the “Pink City” due to the rose colored wash of its buildings and explore the old city with its famed City Palace featuring elegant courtyards, pavilions and royal memorabilia exhibits. Near the City Palace, visit the royal Jantar Mantar observatory whose curiously shaped and oversize instruments provide inspiration for modern day astronomers. Draw the day to a close with a stroll through the Johari Bazaar featuring sweets, garments, jewelry and more.</p> <p>On your second day, take a brief drive to Amber, the capital preceding Jaipur. Here you can ride to the top of the Amber Fort on elephant back and explore the maze of passages, corridors, apartments and ornamental gardens. On the journey back to Jaipur, visit the Anokhi Haveli, home to the Museum of Hand Printing, taking in a splendid collection of hand crafted textiles. The rest of the day is at your leisure with a vehicle at disposal.</p>
10	<p><i>Jaipur / Fatehpur Sikri / Agra</i></p> <p>Traveling east to Fatehpur Sikri, enjoy a special lunch at Chandra Mahal Haveli, a 19th century country manor before continuing through the countryside toward the Aravalli Hills and then Fatehpur Sikri.</p> <p>Fatehpur Sikri was a complete city built in the mid 16th century by the great emperor Akbar to celebrate the birth of a son and then deserted barely two decades later due to apparent water shortages. This preserved site harmonizes Hindu, Mughal and Persian architecture styles, redolent of past majesty and romance.</p> <p>Your day's journey continues a bit more with an arrival in Agra for an evening at leisure.</p>
11	<p><i>Agra / Delhi</i></p> <p>A sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal starts the day. The Taj Mahal was built as a tribute from an emperor to his departed wife, taking 22 years to construct. It has been likened to “a poem, a vision, a wonder, a dream” and an earthly replica of paradise. Prior to departing for the airport, you'll be able to visit the Agra Fort, built by three generations of Mughal emperors. The fort combines strong military fortifications with delicate interior detail.</p> <p>A brief flight from Agra to Delhi will be followed by transfer to The Trident with time at your leisure until transfer to the airport for your flight home.</p>
12	<p><i>Delhi</i></p> <p>Bidding farewell to your Fly-In Wildlife Safari you begin the journey home from Delhi.</p>



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