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## TEMPLES & TIGERS

*India*

*10 Days/9 Nights*



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# Let your imagination soar

## About &Beyond

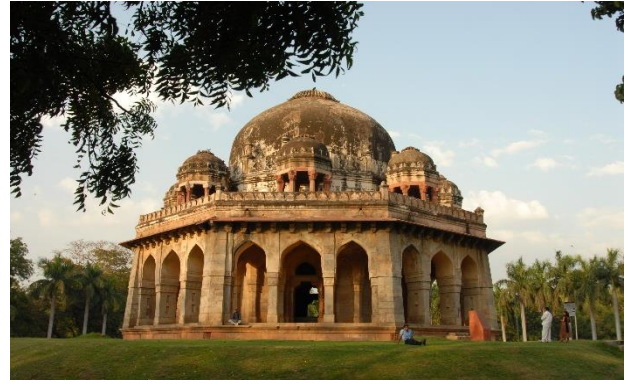
Established in 1991, &Beyond strives to leave our world a better place through the delivery of extraordinary travel experiences and our care of the land, wildlife and people. We are bespoke tour operators for sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, South America and Antarctica. We also own and manage 29 extraordinary lodges and camps across three continents. We positively impact 75 communities and directly conserve our footprint of 1 million acres. Our 2030 vision is to scale our impact through partnerships to support the conservation of an associated 40 million acres of key biospheres and to double our 2020 impact investment, while offering discerning travellers a rare and exclusive experience of the world as it should be.

## Welcome to India

India is the world's largest democracy and covers an area of 3,287,263 km<sup>2</sup>, stretching from the high Himalayas in the north to the tropical rain forests of the southern peninsular. In the shape of a triangle, India is flanked by the Arabian Sea in west and Bay of Bengal in the east. The country's topography is varied - there are deserts and tropical jungles, fertile river plains and high plateaus, 7517 km of coastline and coral reefs. It is a vast country of over 1.4 billion people with over 470 languages, numerous religions, races and cultures. India offers the traveller a multitude of unique experiences ensuring an unforgettable visit. From the vibrant and bustling markets, contrasting cuisines, and extravagant festivals to the serenity of a mountain retreat, India is a destination that will touch your soul.

## Best time of year:

October till April



## At a glance



9 nights / 10 days

1. New Delhi (Day 1, 2 & 8)
2. Pench (Day 3, 4)
3. Kanha (Day 5, 6, 7)
4. Varanasi (9)

AN & BEYOND CUSTOM-DESIGNED ITINERARY		
DATE	SERVICE	ACCOMMODATION
Day 1	<p>Special airside meet and greet at New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International airport upon arrival (Flights to be booked and issued at your end - details to be advised)</p> <p>Transfer to your hotel</p> <p>Check in at The Oberoi Hotel</p> <p>Spend two nights in The Oberoi Hotel, New Delhi</p>	Premier Room - Bed and breakfast basis
Day 2	Full day sightseeing of Old and New Delhi	
Day 3	<p>Morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Nagpur (Flight details to be advised)</p> <p>Met on arrival and transfer to your lodge in Pench National Park (approximately 2 ½ hours' drive)</p> <p>Evening at leisure to enjoy your beautiful camp.</p> <p>Spend two nights in Jamtara Wilderness Camp</p>	Luxury Tent - All meals with shared safaris - JP basis
Day 4	Embark on a scheduled early morning and afternoon safaris in a shared jeep	
Day 5	<p>Embark on a scheduled early morning safari in a shared jeep</p> <p>Following breakfast drive to your lodge Kanha National Park (approximately 2 ½ hours' drive)</p> <p>Spend three nights in Banjaar Tola - A Taj Safari Lodge, Kanha.</p>	Tented Suite - All meals with shared safaris - JP basis

Day 6 & 7	Embark on a scheduled early morning and afternoon safaris in a shared jeep	
Day 8	Today after morning safari, you will be chauffeured to Raipur airport (4 hrs drive) for your flight to Delhi	Guest room - BB Basis
	On arrival at Delhi airport you will be met and transferred to the Trident, Gurgaon Hotel.	
	Spend one Night in JW Marriott Hotel, Aerocity, New Delhi.	
Day 9	Transfer to the airport for your flight to Varanasi.	Palace room - BB Basis
	Met on arrival in Varanasi and transfer to hotel	
	Afternoon visit Sarnath	
	Evening arti ceremony along the ghat	
	Spend one night in Nadesar Palace Hotel, Varanasi	
Day 10	Sunrise boat ride on Ganges. Post boat ride return to your hotel.	
	Fly from Varanasi to Delhi.	
	On arrival at Delhi airport you will be met and assisted for your International flight	

#### GLOSSARY

BB = Bed and breakfast basis

JP = All meals and scheduled safaris

Kindly Note: On Wednesdays, the afternoon game drives are not operational in Madhya Pradesh Parks as per the rules of the Forest Department. Optional activities will be offered at the lodge, which you can take upon arrival.

The quote for the wildlife tour is based on current national park costs and policies. The state government (Forest Department) occasionally introduce new rules and fees with very little warning and at short notice.

#### **ENTRY/VISA REQUIREMENTS: INDIA**

As for all international travel, the visitor to India is required to be in possession of a valid passport and visa. Travellers from all countries need a visa. Enquire about this from the Indian diplomatic Representatives abroad OR apply online at <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/tvoa.html>

Boarding or immigration can be denied if there is a mismatch of passport details mentioned on the visa letter issued by the Government of India and the passport presented at these checks.

**The Visa holder MUST carry a print out of the eTV confirmation. An electronic copy on a phone is NOT sufficient. Without a physical print out the traveler may be denied boarding on the inbound flight, and maybe denied entry**

The passport has to be valid for a minimum of 6 months AFTER the departure date from India and at least 2 (two) clear pages available in the passport for immigration stamping.

#### **SATELLITE PHONES, DRONES AND GARMIN DEVICES WITH TEXT MESSAGING ARE NOT ALLOWED IN INDIA**

The use of satellite phones in India without permits (a very complicated process) is prohibited. It is a criminal, and a jailable offence to be in possession of an unlicensed satellite phone, or to use it. Mobile phones work well throughout most of the country and communications throughout your tour are generally good. Drones also need to be licensed and have Government of India software installed.

## *Expect the extraordinary*

### **Day 1- New Delhi**

Upon arrival into Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (Flights to be booked and issued at your end - details to be advised) You will be welcomed by your andBeyond India host and chauffeured to The Oberoi, New Delhi"

New Delhi, the capital of India is a modern buzzing metropolitan city with remnants of the past scattered amongst the modern buildings. Much of New Delhi was planned by Sir Edwin Lutyen's, who laid out a grandiose central administrative area as a testament to British imperial pretensions.

The many cities of Delhi were established between 900 BCE and 1930. Delhi's famous "seven cities" range from the 12th century Quila Rai Pithora, built by Prithviraj Chauhan, to the imperial Shahjahanabad, constructed by the Mughals in the 17th century.

Of the many attractions in Delhi, the major sites are the Rashtrapati Bhawan designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens as the British Viceroys Palace, Shahjahanabad (Old Delhi) where the Red Fort, Jama Masjid, and the famed Chandni Chowk are.

Spend two nights in The Oberoi Hotel. Accommodation will be in a Premier Room. Your stay will be on bed & breakfast basis.



### **Day 2 - New Delhi**

Today after your breakfast you will be met and chauffeured for your private guided sightseeing tour of Delhi:

Chandni Chowk - Chandni Chowk originally meaning moonlit square or market is one of the oldest and busiest markets in Old Delhi.

Jama Masjid- The Jama Masjid of Delhi, is the principal mosque of Old Delhi in India. Commissioned by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan, builder of the Taj Mahal, and completed in the year 1656 BCE, it is one



of the largest and best-known mosques in India. It lies at the origin of a very busy central street of Old Delhi, Chandni Chowk.

Enjoy a Rickshaw ride which will go through the narrow lanes of Old Delhi.

If you wish the guide can take you to a local restaurant where you can have lunch (on direct payment basis)

After the food break with the same guide your sightseeing will continue in New Delhi. This will include:

Drive through Lutyen's Delhi, driving past Rashtrapati Bhavan, India Gate and the central government Ministries.

Humayun's Tomb - Humayun's tomb is a complex of buildings built as the Mughal Emperor Humayun's tomb, commissioned by Humayun's wife Hamida Banu Begum in 1562. It was the first garden-tomb on the Indian subcontinent and is located near Nizamuddin. It was also the first structure to use red sandstone at such a scale. The complex was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1993.

Qutub Minar - The Qutub Minar, a tower in Delhi, India, is at 72.5 meters (238 ft) the world's tallest brick minaret. Construction commenced in 1199 under the orders of India's first Muslim ruler Qutub-ud-din Aibak. The Qutub Minar is notable for being one of the earliest and most prominent examples of Indo-Islamic architecture. It is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

After sightseeing you will return to the hotel.



### Day 3 & 4 - Delhi / Nagpur / Pench National Park

Today you will be chauffeured to Delhi airport for your flight to Nagpur.

You will be met at Nagpur airport and chauffeured to Pench (Approximately 2 hrs drive).

Arrive at Jamtara Wilderness Camp on the northern edge of Pench National Park, in Madhya Pradesh.



Jamtara Wilderness Camp is a luxury tented camp which is located adjacent to Pench National Park . Jamtara provides a perfect retreat from which you can venture into the park on a wildlife safari.

Pench National Park is named after the meandering Pench River that flows through it. The adjacent state of Maharashtra has a like named park stretching to the south- A beautiful conservation area set in a flourishing teak jungle is home to deer, gaur (the world's largest wild oxen), dhole (Asiatic wild dogs), tiger and leopard. Coupled with the feeling of having the entire forest to yourself and the undulating scenery of the Satpura hills in the backdrop creates an unforgettable jungle experience. The combination of vegetation, from lush valleys, and grasslands, to dry deciduous forests creates a range of habitats for India's exotic wildlife.

Experience your morning and afternoon schedule game safari with English speaking naturalist in a shared vehicle.

Spend two nights in Jamtara Wilderness Camp, Pench. Accommodation will be in a luxury tent. Your stay will be on Jungle Plan basis including (all meals and scheduled safaris in a shared jeep)



#### Day 5,6,7 - Pench National Park / Kanha National Park

Today after your breakfast you will be chauffeured to Kanha (Approximately. 4 hrs drive)

You will arrive at Banjar Tola - Taj Safari Lodge, Kanha National Park.

Overlooking the forested banks of the Banjar River the Banjar Tola - Taj Safari Lodge is a luxurious retreat. Each tent has stunning river views from the privacy of your own veranda, as do the central lodge buildings.

Prime tiger wilderness, Kanha National Park was one of the first areas to be protected under Project Tiger, aimed at preserving this magnificent animal, and remains a renowned conservation area. This picturesque reserve boasts the ideal habitat for both tigers and their prey species. Lush sal and bamboo forests are interspersed with grassy meadows known as maidans, while the Banjar River, which forms the park's southwestern border, provides a steady water source for the abundant wildlife.



Experience schedule morning and afternoon schedule game drives in the park by shared jeep

Spend three nights in Banjaar Tola - Taj Safari Lodge. Accommodation will be in a luxury tented suite. Your stay will be on Jungle Plan basis (all meals and scheduled safari in a shared jeep).



### Day 8 - Kanha / Raipur / Delhi

Today after your morning safari will be chauffeured to the airport (Approximately 4 hrs drive) for your flight to Delhi.

On arrival at Delhi airport, you will be met and transferred to JW Marriott, Aerocity - New Delhi.

Spend one night in JW Marriott. Accommodation will be in a Guest Room. Your stay will be on bed and breakfast basis.



### Day 9 - Delhi / Varanasi

This morning, after breakfast, you will be met and transferred to Delhi airport for your flight to Varanasi.

On arrival, you will be met and chauffeured to your hotel Taj Nadesar Palace.

Varanasi is a city situated on the banks of the River Ganges in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. It is one of the oldest inhabited cities in the world and probably the oldest of India. The culture of Varanasi is closely associated with the River Ganges and the river's religious importance. The city has been a cultural and religious centre in North India for several thousand years. People often refer to Varanasi as "the city of temples", "the holy city of India", "the religious capital of India", "the city of lights", and "the city of learning".

Upon arrival, you will check into at Taj Nadesar Palace Hotel. Situated in large grounds close to the heart of the city, Nadesar Palace has hosted royalty, statesmen and celebrities since 1835. The name Nadesar is derived from the Goddess Nadesari, whose shrine is located in the front of the Palace. Set amidst verdant gardens, mango orchards,





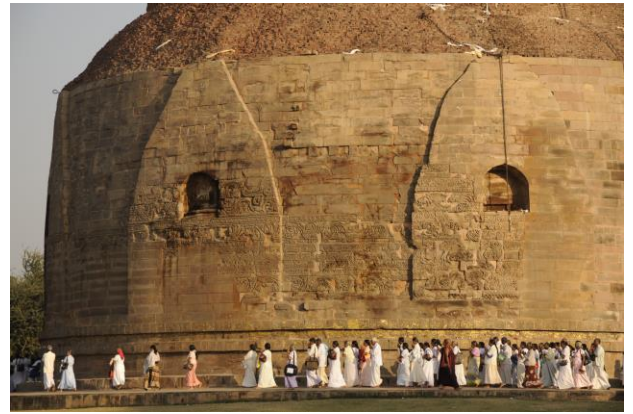
marigold and jasmine fields, Nadesar Palace is a haven of peace and tranquillity.

In the afternoon proceed for an excursion to Sarnath. (Approximately 40 minutes' drive)

Sarnath; is the palace where Gautam Buddha is believed to have given his first sermon about the basic principles of his philosophy, is situated about 10 km from Varanasi. The site houses a number of stupas, excavated ruins of monasteries and the Ashokan pillar with the four-sided lion's head which is today the national emblem of India. The museum has a rich collection of sculptures comprising numerous Buddha and Bodhisattva images, many considered amongst the finest specimens of Buddhist art.

Evening visit Ghats (the steps along the banks of the Ganges) to witness the Aarti ceremony. A sunset boat ride on the river rewards with the magical sight of thousands of tiny candlelit lamps made of leaves and marigolds being set afloat as part of the evening ceremony.

Spend one night in Taj Nadesar Palace. Accommodation will be in a Palace room. Your stay will be on bed and breakfast basis.



#### Day 10 - Varanasi - Delhi

Early this morning, you will be taken to the Dashaswamedh ghat for a boat ride on the Ganges.

Continue down the river to see burning and bathing ghats. The best time to visit is at dawn, when the river is bathed in a luminous yellow light as colourful throngs of pilgrims perform their morning rituals.

Later, you will be met and transferred the Airport to board your flight to Delhi.

On arrival in Delhi, you will be met and assisted for your international flight. (Flights to be booked and issued at your end - details to be advised)



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