



INDIA PHOTO SAFARI

MARCH 2024



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9th – 28th MARCH 2024

COST: \$7995 USD

(based on 6 guests)

India's rich and diverse wildlife offers multiple options and opportunities to wildlife enthusiasts to document and observe diverse flora and fauna.

DESTINATIONS:

Ranthambore

A famous Tiger reserve in desert state of Rajasthan considered one of the best places in India to see wild Tigers.

Kanha

A pristine saal forest habitat in Maikal hills of Satpura hill range. An evergreen forest Kanha is a mix of terraced grasslands and woodlands.

Tadoba

A Tiger reserve of central India famous for selected wildlife species especially Wild Dog/Dhole.

Nagzira

A small Tiger reserve with a healthy population of Dhole and Gaur.

Kaziranga

Home to the big 5 of India, Kaziranga is yet another hidden gem in North eastern part of India.

MAJOR SPECIES LIKELY TO BE COVERED:

Tigers - Ranthambore / Kanha /
Tadoba / Kaziranga

Leopard - Ranthambore / Kanha /
Tadoba / Nagzira

Wild Dog - Tadoba / Kanha / Nag-
Zira

Bison/ Indian Gaur - Kanha /
Tadoba / Nagzira

Jackal - Ranthambore / Kanha /
Tadoba / Nagzira

Hard Ground Barasingha – Kanha

Barking Deer – Kanha

Rhino – Kaziranga

Wild Buffalo – Kaziranga

Elephants - Kaziranga



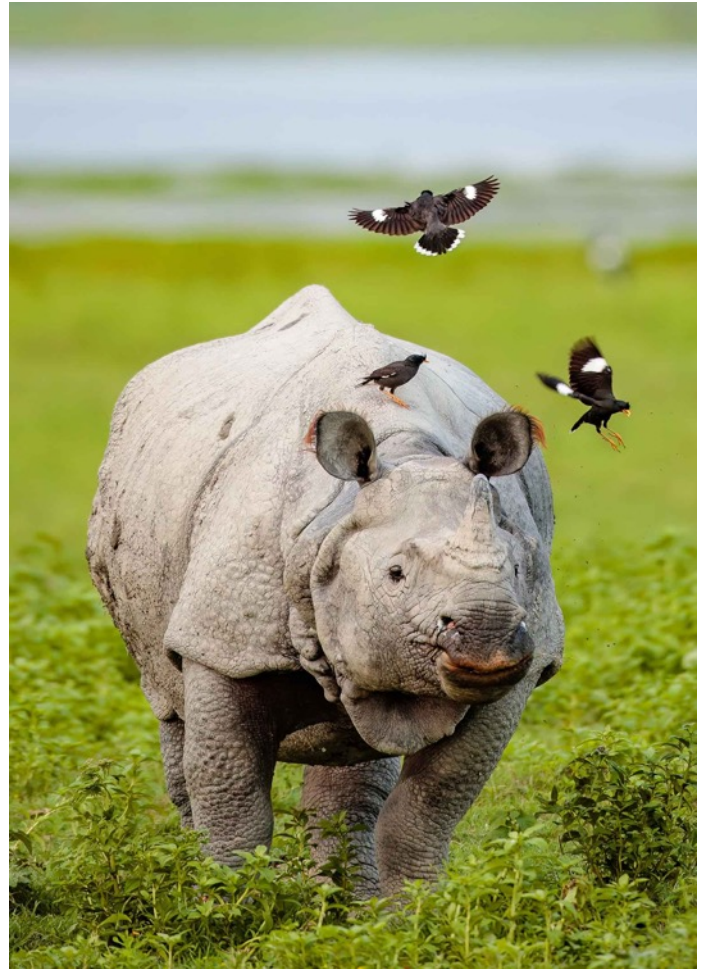
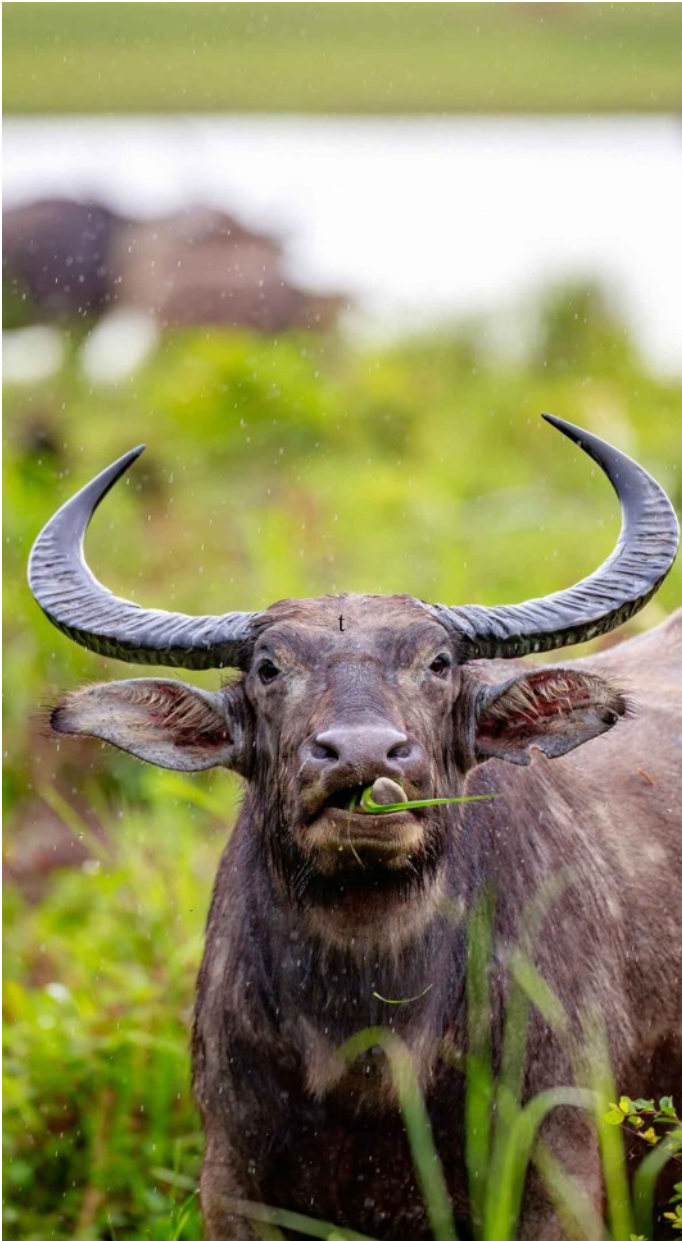
SAFARI ITINERARY

DAY 1: DELHI 9TH MARCH 2024

Arrive in New Delhi and be escorted to your quality hotel overnight accommodation (twinshare) for 1 night.

It is here you will meet your hosts Bobby-Jo & Anurag and begin your exciting photographic safari adventure in India.

Lunch & Dinner at this hotel are not included in the safari but breakfast tomorrow morning is included.



DAY 2: KAZIRANGA 10TH MARCH 2024

This morning after breakfast we make our way to Guwahati

(Domestic Indian return flight sectors are not included in the safari package but will be arranged by operator on the group's behalf with the cost fee added to the final balance due). On arrival we will drive 5 hours to Kaziranga with a lunch stop on the way. We will then check into our Kaziranga quality accommodation in the evening for 4 nights (twin share).

DAY 3 - 5: KAZIRANGA 11 - 13TH MARCH 2024

You will spend these days on morning and afternoon game drives in Kaziranga National Park looking for wildlife including the famous Indian Rhino.

During the middle of the day you can spend time with Bobby-Jo to ensure you get the most out of your camera and amazing wildlife sightings.

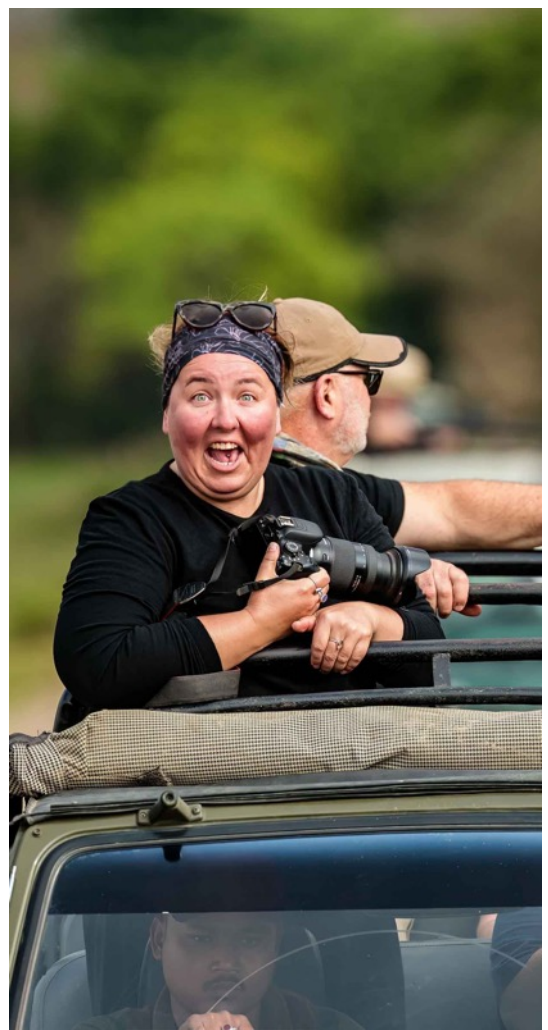
All meals are included throughout.

KAZIRANGA

Kaziranga National Park – a world heritage site, the park hosts two-thirds of the world’s Great One-horned rhinoceros. Kaziranga also boasts the highest density of tigers among the protected areas in the world and was declared a Tiger Reserve in 2006. Though sighting of tigers can be difficult because of the tall grasses that provide excellent camouflage, their presence can be felt everywhere by way of pug marks, kills and territorial markings. The park is home to large breeding populations of elephants, wild water buffalo and swamp deer.

Undoubtedly, the park is known for its good population of animals but more than that it’s the wildlife conservation initiatives that take place in the park that are more popular. With its amazing wildlife conservation activities, the park has successfully managed to grow the population of Greater one-horned rhinoceros, an endangered species.

The vast expanse of tall elephant grass, marshland, and dense tropical moist broadleaf forests undoubtedly makes the park look beautiful but it's the presence of Brahmaputra river, which makes it look enigmatic.



DAY 6: GUWAHATI 14TH MARCH 2024

We have one final morning safari at Kaziranga before making our way back to Guwahati.

Overnight in Guwahati in quality accommodation for 1 night.

All meals are included.

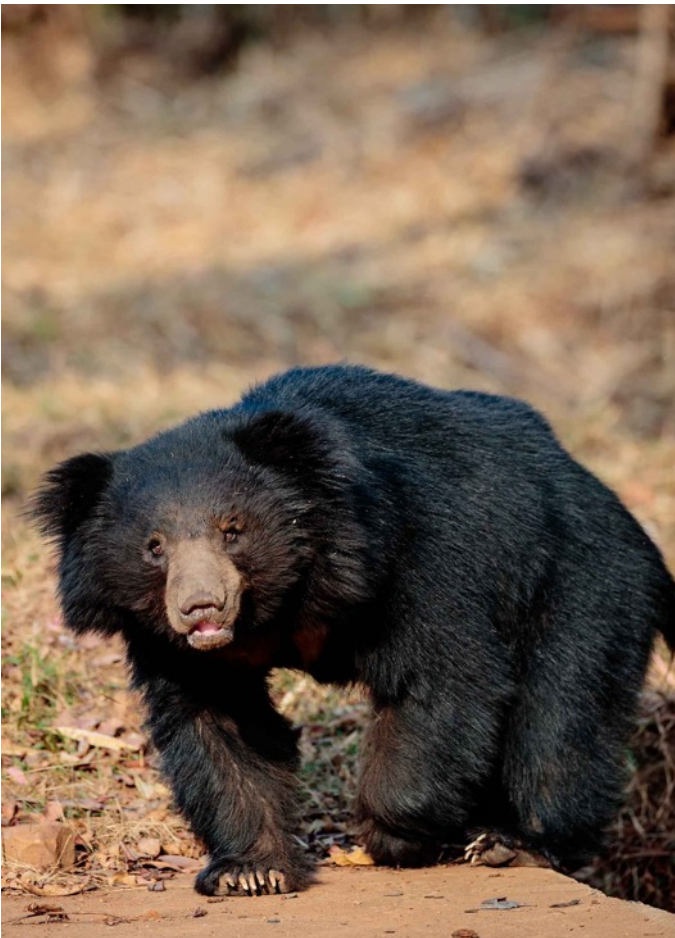
DAY 7: TADoba
15TH MARCH 2024

This morning after breakfast we head back to the airport and fly to Nagpur via Delhi. (Domestic Indian return flight sectors are not included in the safari package but will be arranged by operator on the group's behalf with the cost fee added to the final balance due).

Our drive to Tadoba will take 2.5 hours. We will check into our accommodation in the evening.

Overnight at our hotel accommodation (twin share).

All meals are included.



TADoba

Maharashtra's oldest and largest National Park, the "Tadoba National Park", also known as the "Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve" is one of India's 47 project tiger reserves existing in India. The word 'Tadoba' is derived from the name of God "Tadoba" or "Taru," which is praised by local tribal people of this region and "Andhari" is derived from the name of Andhari river that flows in this area.

The Tadoba Tiger Reserve is rich in flora and fauna. Some of the famous and widely seen fauna of this park include, Tigers, Indian leopards, Sloth bears, Gaur, Nilgai, Dhole, Striped Hyena, Small Indian Civet, Jungle Cats, Sambar, Spotted Deer, Barking Deer, Chital, Marsh Crocodile, Indian Python, Indian Cobra, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Crested Serpent Eagle, Peacock, Jewel Beetles, Wolf Spiders, etc.

DAY 8 - 9: TADoba
16TH – 17TH MARCH 2024

You will spend these days on morning and afternoon game drives in Tadoba National Park looking for wildlife including Dhole (Asian Wild Dog), Tigers and Leopards.

During the middle of the day photographic tutorial lessons will be conducted by your host Bobby-Jo Vial to ensure you get the most out of your camera and amazing wildlife sightings.

All meals are included.

DAY 10: NAGZIRA
18TH MARCH 2024

Early this morning we will make our way to a small and wonderful reserve called Nagzira.

We will check into our accommodation and after lunch we will head into the park for an afternoon safari.

Overnight at our hotel accommodation (twin share)

All meals are included

NAGZIRA

Nagzira Reserve is a vast protected area located in the Gondia district of Maharashtra, India. Spread over an area of 152 sq. km., this wildlife sanctuary is a true haven for nature lovers and wildlife enthusiasts. The reserve draws its name from the Nagzira Lake, which is the central attraction of the park. The reserve is home to a diverse range of flora and fauna. It is surrounded by dense forests, hills, and streams, providing an excellent habitat for various endangered species. Here, one can witness wildlife roaming freely in the lush green forests, along with other animals such as leopards, sloth bears, hyenas, jackals, wild dogs, bison, and many more. There are tigers in Nagzira but you have to be lucky to spot one! The park is a bird watcher's paradise as it has more than 166 varieties of birds, making it a perfect destination for bird watching enthusiasts. Moreover, the lush green forests of Nagzira Reserve are full of beautiful flowers and trees, making it a place of natural beauty.



**DAY 11: NAGZIRA
19TH MARCH 2024**

You will spend today on morning and afternoon game drives in Nagzira National Park looking for wildlife including Dhole (Asian Wild Dog), Gaur, Sloth Bears and Leopards.

During the middle of the day photo-graphic tutorial lessons will be conducted by your host Bobby-Jo to ensure you get them most out of your camera and amazing wildlife sightings.

All meals are included.

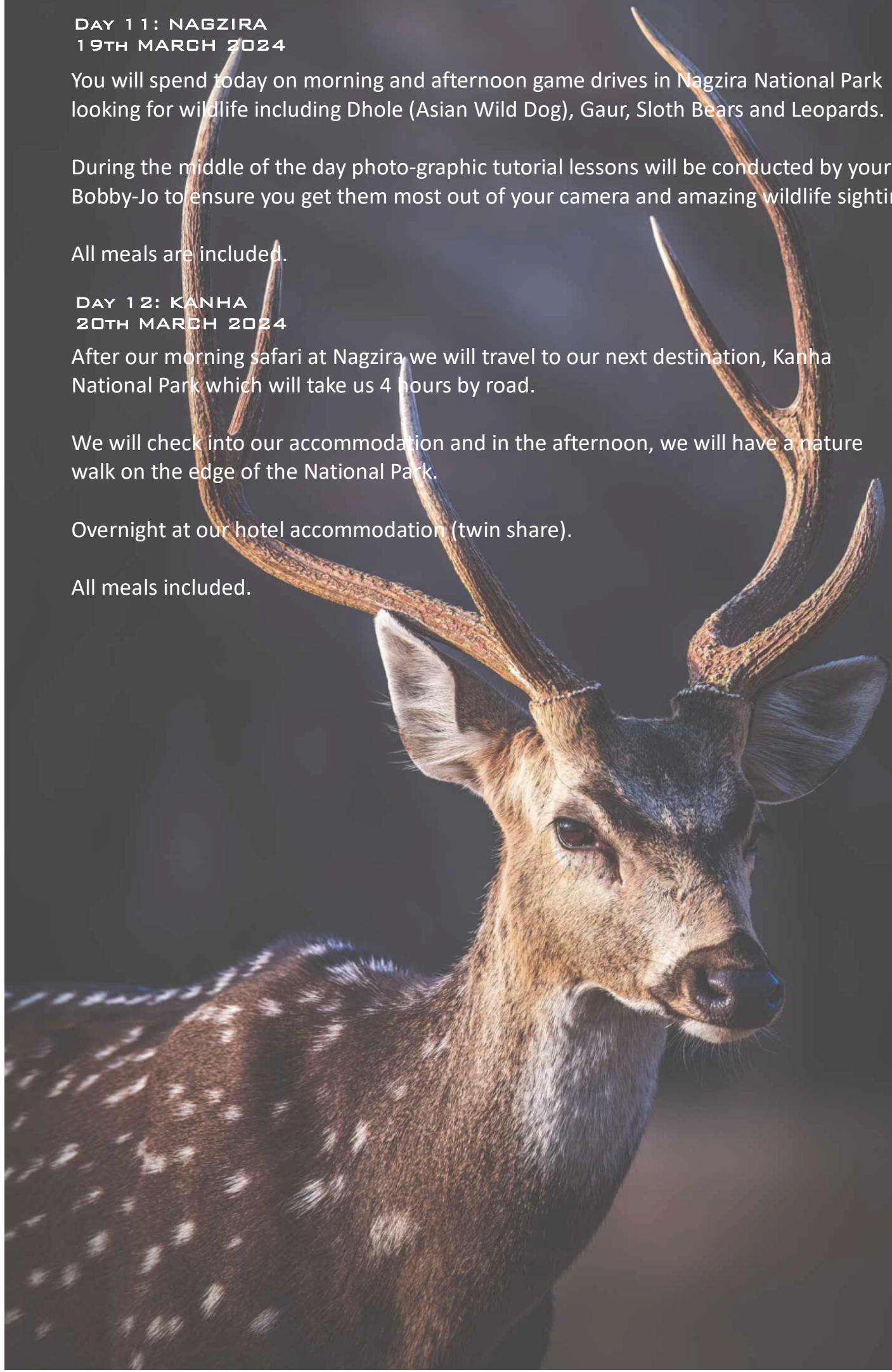
**DAY 12: KANHA
20TH MARCH 2024**

After our morning safari at Nagzira we will travel to our next destination, Kanha National Park which will take us 4 hours by road.

We will check into our accommodation and in the afternoon, we will have a nature walk on the edge of the National Park.

Overnight at our hotel accommodation (twin share).

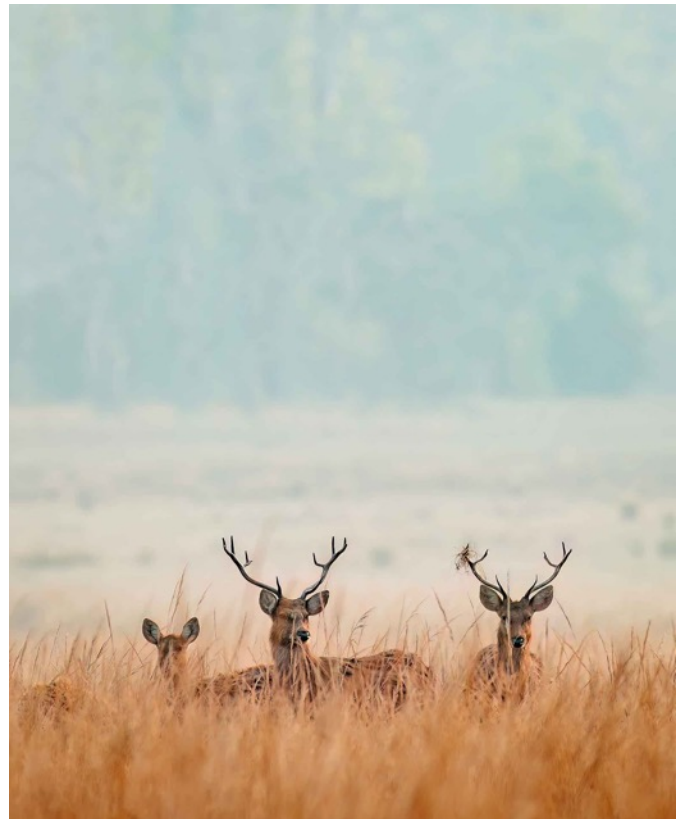
All meals included.



KANHA NATIONAL PARK

Kanha is tucked away in the eastern part of the central-Indian Satpura Range. Legendary for its wilderness, tiger sightings and great birding, Kanha promises to be a special experience. Immensely rich in game, Kanha has the distinction of harbouring the last of the highly endangered Barasingha, a major conservation milestone.

The vast size of the park makes extended explorations possible and Kanha is a favourite with photographers for its sheer quality of wildlife viewing. It stretches over an area of 940 kilometres squared. The park is a fantastic place to see leopard, sloth bear, Asiatic wild dog (dhole) and Indian Bison.



DAY 13 - 14: KANHA 21ST - 22ND MARCH 2024

You will spend these days on morning and afternoon game drives in Kanha National Park looking for wildlife such as sloth bears, leopards, Asian wild dogs and of course, more tigers!

During the middle of the day photographic tutorial lessons will be conducted by your host Bobby-Jo Vial to ensure you get the most out of your camera and amazing wildlife sightings.

All meals are included.

DAY 15: OVERNIGHT TRAIN
23RD MARCH 2023

We spend our final morning at Kanha National park with a game drive in the park. We then travel by road for 4 hours to Jabalpur.

In the evening we will board our overnight train to Sawai Madhopur, home of the famous Ranthambore National Park.

We will board our overnight train at 20:50 and arrive at our destination the following morning. Approximately 14hrs travel. The train is comfortable and is classified as 2AC which means second tier air-conditioned sleeper coach. (Please see photos below)

The group will be in the same carriage and Bobby-Jo and Anurag will be with you.

All meals are included.



RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

Ranthambore Tiger Reserve is the single largest expanse of dry deciduous *Anogeissus pendula* Forest left intact in India. It is home to over 40 species of mammals, 320 species of birds, over 40 species of reptiles and over 300 species of plants. Currently it is home to 45 adult tigers & 16 cubs.

Situated in the desert state of Rajasthan, Ranthambore's flagship species is *Panthera Tigris Tigris*- the Indian or the Bengal tiger. The forest remains dry for more than eight months in a year & therefore the chances of spotting this elusive big cat are much higher as compared to other tiger reserves in India.

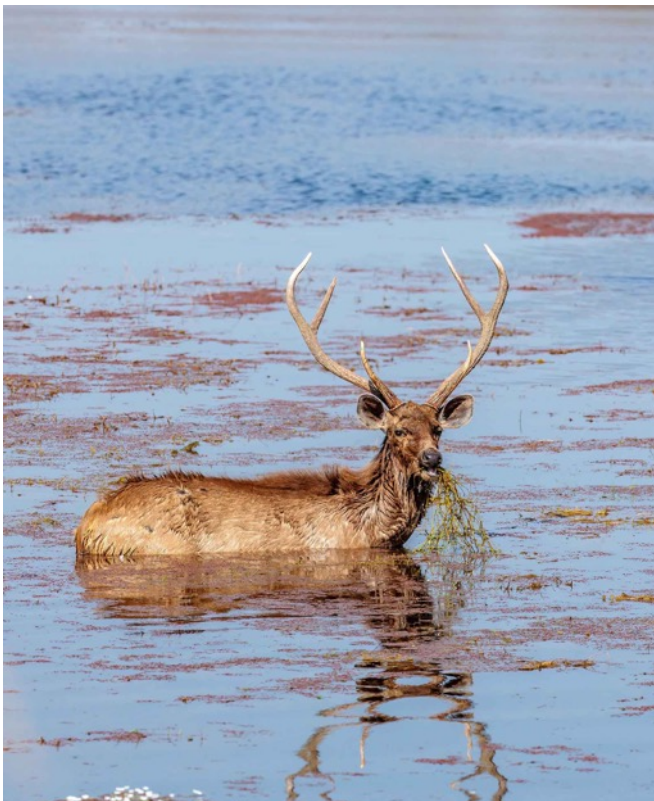
Ranthambore National Park is dotted with structures that remind you of bygone eras. There are many water bodies located all over the park, which provide perfect relief during the hot summer months for the forest wildlife. A huge fort, after which the park is named, towers over the park atop a hill. There are many bygone ruins scattered all over the jungle, which give it a unique, wonderful and mixed flavour of nature, history and wildlife. A true Jungle Book experience.

DAY 16: RANTHAMBORE 24TH MARCH 2024

This morning we arrive at Sawai Madhopur station where we will have a short drive to our quality accommodation (twin share) where we will be staying for 3 nights.

In the afternoon we will have our first game drive in the world famous Ranthambore National Park.

All meals are included.

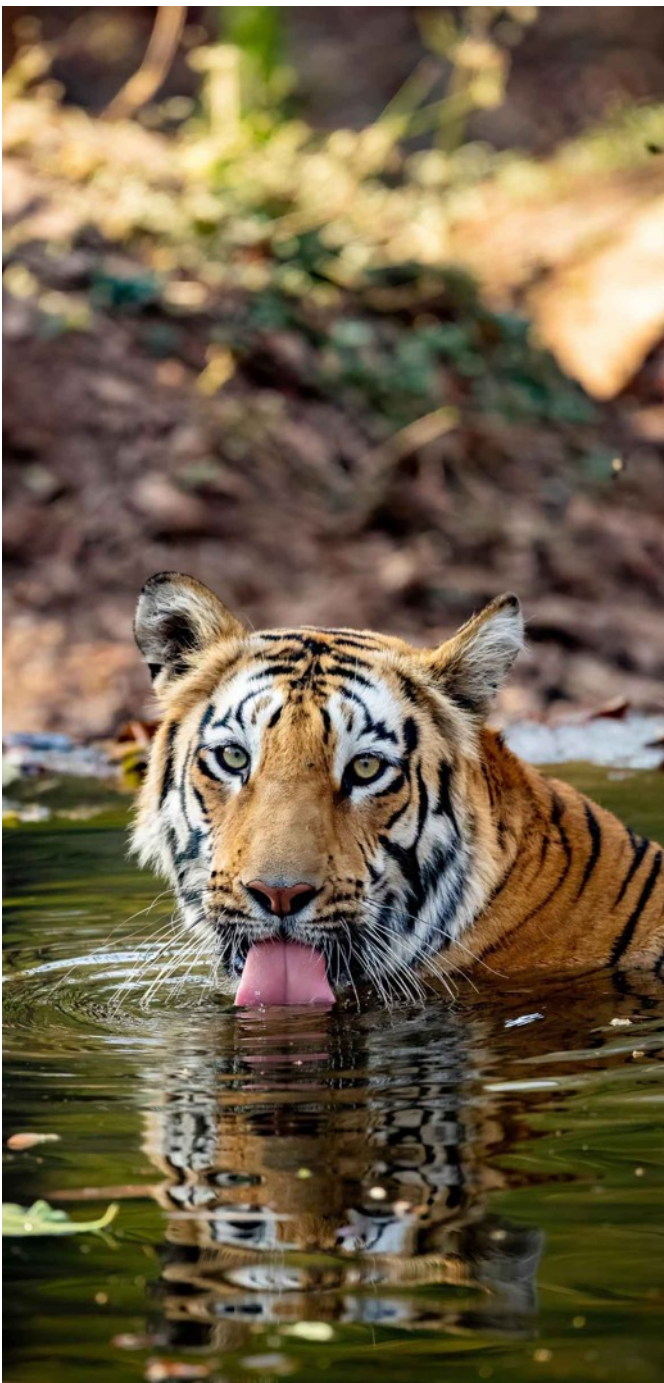


**DAY 17 - 18: RANTHAMBORE
25TH - 26TH MARCH 2023**

You will spend these days on morning and afternoon game drives in Ranthambore National Park looking for wildlife including the Bengal Tiger.

During the middle of the day you can spend time with Bobby-Jo to work on your photography and help edit some of the images you have captured.

All meals are included.



**DAY 19: AGRA
27TH MARCH 2023**

This morning after breakfast we will start the journey to Agra, home of India's most famous monument, The Taj Mahal.

Travel time is approximately 7 hours by road.

In the evening we will check into our quality accommodation (twin share facilities) for 1 night.

All meals are included.



THE TAJ MAHAL

The Taj is an ivory-white marble mausoleum on the south bank of the Yamuna river in the Indian city of Agra. It was commissioned in 1632 by the Mughal emperor, Shah Jahan, to house the tomb of his favourite wife, Mumtaz Mahal. It is a stunning piece of architecture and it changes colour throughout the day. It is believed that the Taj is pinkish in the morning, milky white in the evening and golden when the moon shines. We will be photographing the Taj Mahal in both the morning and afternoon sun.



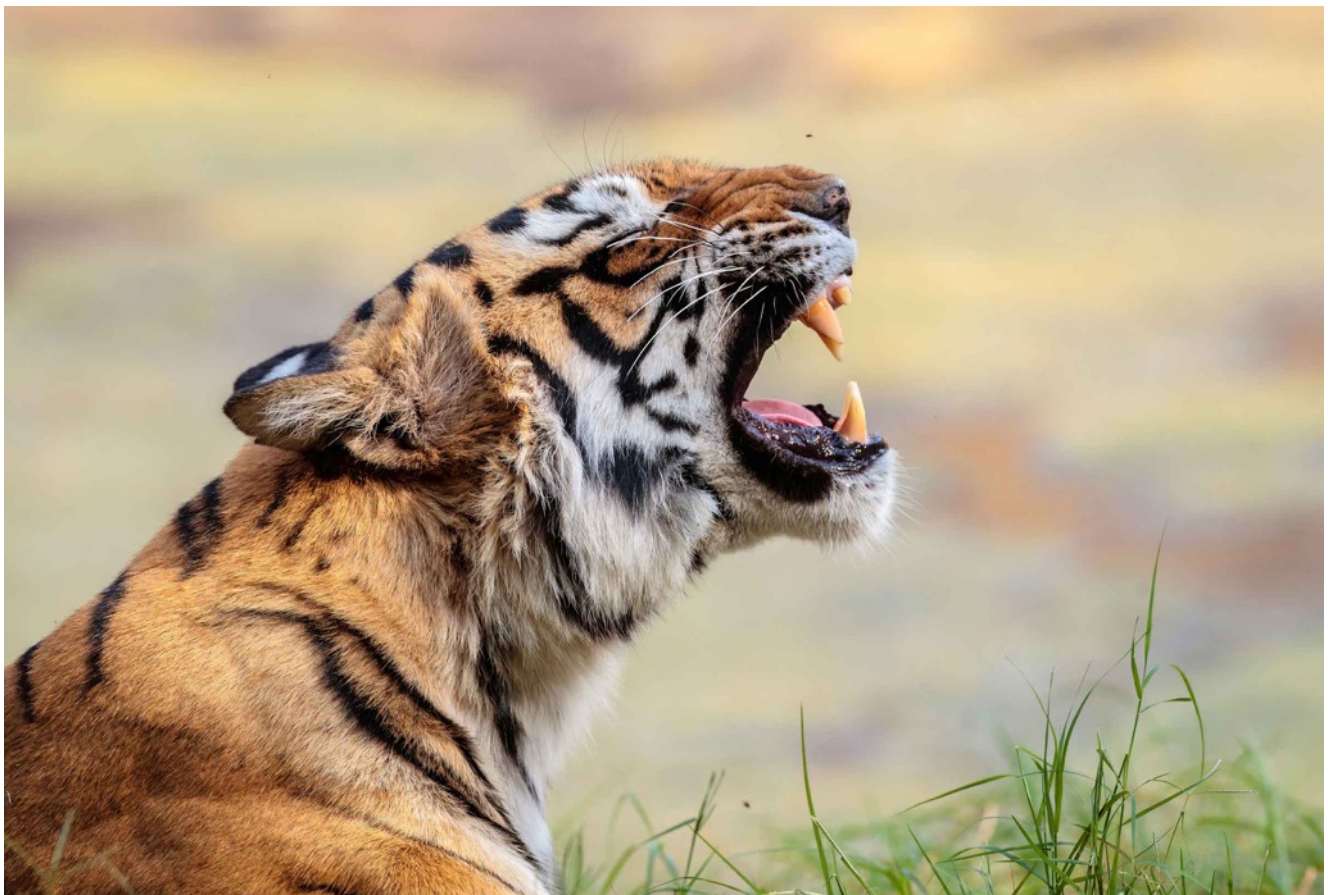
DAY 20: DELHI 28TH MARCH 2023

Early this morning we head to the beautiful Taj Mahal to capture its beauty in the morning golden light. We will spend most of the morning exploring the Taj and its surroundings before heading back to Delhi where you will check in for your evening international flight or you will be transferred to your last night's accommodation in Delhi.

Breakfast included

*Please only book an international flight in the evening as we will not arrive back in Delhi until the late afternoon.

COST INCLUDES	COST EXCLUDES
Airport and road transfers	International flights and visas
Accommodation and meals as specified	Guide and lodge staff tips
Photographic coaching by Bobby-Jo	Travel and Medical Insurance
Game drives & wildlife activities	Items of a personal nature
All meals and snacks on board	Drinks
Bottled water whilst travelling	Laundry
	Internal flights to Guwahati/Nagpur
	Any Covid-19 Testing or additional requirements imposed by local authorities.



BOOKING INFORMATION

To book on this exciting safari please fill in the booking form provided.

Please take the time to read and understand all the tour terms and conditions that have been emailed to you.

In order to confirm a booking a **30%** non-refundable deposit is also required.

The final balance payment is then due **90 days** prior to the safari start date.

For gorilla trekking permits, **100%** payment is due immediately.

In the event that you may have to cancel your safari booking then this cancellation notice will need to be made in writing and

For cancellations made **more than 90 days** prior to start date: **30%** cancellation penalty will apply (i.e. full deposit).

For cancellations made **less than 90 days** prior to departure date: **100%** cancellation penalty will apply (i.e. the full booking cost).

CANCELLATIONS

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WHY IS YOUR DEPOSIT NON-REFUNDABLE?

Sometimes things just don't work out for whatever reason. Plans made this year may need to be changed for medical or personal reasons. However, as soon as you confirm your place with Bobby-Jo Safaris your 30% deposit is immediately distributed amongst the many lodges, camps & suppliers that are used to make up a successful and memorable safari. It locks in the required services for particular dates often in peak season that the camps or suppliers cannot then offer to other travellers.

Your decision to change your plans might be made months out from the start and often travellers will question – Why can't you just get someone else to take my spot? It is a valid question but sometimes not that easy. The moment we secure those services we are locked in for the safari arrangements for our whole group. Permits & park passes are issued and if we are unable to find other travellers to fill a cancelled spot then Bobby-Jo Safaris is left with paid services and no one to fill them. Additional marketing and promotion expenses are also incurred trying to find other interested travellers.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

For every traveller that participates in any Bobby-Jo Safaris experience it is a non-negotiable requirement that they purchase and carry a comprehensive travel insurance policy.

It is advised this policy is taken out at the time of paying your deposit to cover you for any unfortunate or unforeseen events either before or during the tour that may affect your plans and therefore could possibly cover cancellation costs incurred.

As outlined in Why is your deposit non-refundable? the 30% deposit required to secure your place on a specific safari is non-refundable. If your plans have to be cancelled due to a medical issue or personal reason that is covered under your travel insurance policy then a claim can be made via your travel insurance provider and they will assess whether you qualify for a refund through your travel insurance policy. Please note that travel insurance policies do not process claims or issue refunds should a traveller change their mind or just want to change their plans.

Bobby-Jo Safaris will not be liable for any costs resulting from any traveller's failure to purchase sufficient travel insurance and all travellers participating in any tour are required to sign the booking form at the end of this document containing our full terms and conditions.

***For an update on Covid-19 related travel insurance please refer to pages 14-17 of this document.**

VACCINATIONS

Bobby-Jo Safaris also recommends visiting your personal GP or travel vaccination service as soon as booking your safari to discuss your personal requirements that may be required in the form of injections or medications whilst travelling.

Vaccinations and medications will vary from person to person and only your GP or medical service can provide up to date and accurate information for your specific needs. Included in these discussions should be topics such as but not limited to Malaria, Yellow Fever & Hepatitis etc.

***For an update on Covid-19 vaccinations and related information please refer to pages 14-17 of this document.**

ABOUT BOBBY-JO SAFARIS

Bobby-Jo Safaris has been created by Bobby-Jo Vial who is incredibly passionate about wildlife and conservation.

Bobby-Jo has been travelling to and hosting safaris in Africa and around the world for almost two decades and in the process, has developed a network of contacts and relationships with camps, safari guides and local safari operators which allow us to organise your safari with trusted and reliable local operators.

Bobby-Jo Safaris has been developed to deliver value-based wildlife photography safaris to some of the most amazing wildlife habitats left on the planet with a genuine focus on quality and providing all guests a real value for money experience.

Many of our safaris will make a genuine difference to wildlife conservation by visiting specific projects and providing guests with a unique insight into on-the-ground projects and raising the funds necessary to continue this important work.

For more information on Bobby-Jo Safaris please visit our website: www.info@bobbyjosafaris.com

MEET YOUR HOSTS

Bobby-Jo is incredibly passionate about Africa and its wildlife.

Her professional and talented works have inspired many people to take an interest in wildlife and conservation and her laid back approach and bubbly personality see many people loving to travel with her and rebooking time and again on her next safari adventure.

Her images have featured in publications around the globe including Sydney Morning Herald, The Age, The Daily Telegraph, The Guardian, The Times, The New York Post, Huffington Post, Paris Match, Hello Magazine and Africa Geographic.

A publication of her own titled Reflections of Elephants was released by Melbourne Books in August 2016 coinciding with World Elephant Day. This book features many of her favourite elephant images and raises funds for the protection of some of the last Tuskers of Africa via her connection to The Askari Project.

When not on safari, Bobby-Jo work hands on with wildlife and is involved with wildlife conservation projects. As a qualified senior zoo-keeper of eighteen years, her perception and insight into animal behaviour in the wild enables guests to capture unique and endearing images. Bobby-Jo has developed an ability to often interpret animal behavior which leads to very special photographic opportunities. You can see more of Bobby-Jo's work at <https://www.facebook.com/bobbyjophotographer>



Anurag found his true calling in wandering the tiger reserves of Northern and Central India and exploring their rich flora and fauna.

With a course in wildlife conservation conducted by the Wildlife Institute of India, another layer was added in Anurag's rich experience and further expanded his knowledge in issues of biodiversity, habitat conservation and restoration and challenges in park management.

Anurag takes pride in being an avid wildlife lover, tiger fanatic, photo documenter and uses his spare time in guiding other wildlife lovers, being their group leader and safari escort.

COVID-19 INFORMATION & CHECKLIST

The Covid-19 pandemic and resulting international border closures have had a devastating effect on the international tourism industry. International travel as we once knew it has changed for the foreseeable future with additional health testing & border requirements.

This checklist is for the benefit of travellers on this safari and is aimed to provide some helpful information and links to assist you in navigating what is required for your journey.

Please note however that health and border requirements are subject to change depending on local or international situations and as such this check list is to be used as a guide only. Whilst we will endeavour to keep you updated of any changes we do not accept any responsibility for changing situations that may result in additional costs or requirements you may encounter in the course of your travels.

1. Prior to departing on your safari you must have had your approved Covid-19 and other required vaccinations such as Yellow Fever (in the case of travel to countries such as Tanzania and Zambia etc) and be carrying in your possession proof of these vaccinations and a valid International Covid-19 Vaccine Certificate. For Australian travellers please visit this link to find out more about this Covid-19 certificate and how to obtain it:

<https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/COVID-19/COVID-19-vaccination-certificates>

2. Prior to your departure you need to purchase and carry a comprehensive travel insurance policy. You will need to ensure that your policy covers you for Covid-19 provisions and related issues that some travellers may encounter on their journey. Clients can choose whatever policy they feel best suits their needs and requirements. This link is not a recommendation from Bobby-Jo Safaris by merely an example of a well-known brand on the market right now offering such policies:

<https://www.covermore.com.au/travel-insurance/benefits/covid-19>

*We have received a couple of enquiries from potential guests about what happens if someone contracts Covid-19 whilst away on international travel. It is well noted that being vaccinated against Covid-19 provides an increased & valuable layer of protection against developing any serious illness or complications for the vast majority of people.

In the event that travellers do feel unwell and require medical assistance this situation would be treated like any other situation that may have occurred on one of our tours in the past. We have a network of fantastic ground operators that live in and work in local conditions and as such are able to provide the best advice and directions where suitable help can be obtained. If a client returns a positive PCR test it will most likely prevent them from boarding a flight home and finalising their journey.

They may be required by local health authorities to spend time in a local hotel which may incur additional costs until they are able to produce a suitable PCR result for them to resume their journey. It is for this type of situation that it is important to ensure you understand what your Travel Insurance Policy with Covid-19 provisions does and does not cover you for. Most Covid policies will now cover you for these additional expenses and our ground teams will be able to provide the help and assistance with any bookings or requirements affected guests may need.

3. To facilitate any of your international travel plans into the foreseeable future an app like the IATA travel pass may be a good option for you to look into : <https://www.iata.org/travel-pass/>

Please check with the airline you have chosen for your international flights the best way to sync up your International Covid-19 Vaccine Certificate & PCR test results with their system.

If you are spending any time in any additional country on the way to or home from your safari you will need to check on any additional entry or health related forms that may be required prior to arrival.

Please click on this link below to keep up to date with country specific information. The included links contained in the information will direct you to relevant websites or online documents that you may be required to fill in prior to your travels:

<https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/international-travel-documentnews/1580226297.html>

Another helpful site for Australian travellers to keep up to date with country specific information and requirements is:

<https://www.smarttraveller.gov.au/COVID-19/global-covid-19-health-advisory>