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GEMS OF CENTRAL INDIA

12 days/11 nights

Wildlife parks and tigers, ancient temples, forts and palaces, and the breathtakingly beautiful Taj Mahal, this itinerary offers a great variety.

Varanasi is one of the oldest living cities in the world, with its holy River Ganges, where pilgrims flock to to wash away their sins. Picturesquely situated on the crescent shaped left bank of the holy River Ganga.

The World Heritage Site of Khajuraho shows you the best of the ancient North Indian style of sculptural temple architecture. Not too far away is the scenic town of Orcha, considered one of the most beautiful of the country's ancient settlements.

India has a number of Wildlife Sanctuaries which are dedicated to 'TIGER' as a part of Project Tiger to save this dying species. In this itinerary we have included one of these National Parks, where Safaris will be on elephant back and by jeep. Bandavghar National Park has the best success rate for viewing tigers of all the National Parks in India

ITINERARY

Day 1

Delhi

Reception and welcome at Delhi airport followed by transfer to your hotel.

Day 2

Delhi

A city tour today introduces you to the different faces of the capital – contemporary Indian, Raj relic, conservative Hindu, mughal.

Day 3

Delhi-Varanasi

Take the morning flight to Varanasi and visit Sarnath in the afternoon.

Day 4

Varanasi-Khajuraho

Take a boat to view the ghats from the river. The flight to Khajuraho is at noon, viewing a Sound & Light performance of the Temples in the evening. B.

Day 5

Khajuraho-Bandhavgar National Park

Visit Khajuraho including the stunning Temples, recognised for their sculptural beauty by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Driving on to Bandavgarh National park this afternoon.

Days 6 & 7

Bandhavgarh National Park

Take some exciting game drives morning and evening by jeep, and/or on elephant back.

Day 8

Bandhavgarh National Park-Jhansi-Orchha

After a morning of game viewing, spend some relaxing time on your veranda before taking an evening train to Jhansi,

Day 9

Orchha-Jhansi-Gwalior

Enjoy a morning tour of Orchha later taking the train to Gwalior. Experience a spectacular Sound & Light performance of Gwalior Fort this evening.

Day 10

Gwalior-Agra

Visit Gwalior this morning, Take the early evening Shatabdi Express train to Agra.

Day 11

Agra

Visit the Taj and the numerous other attractions the city offers. Return to the Taj to see the setting sun touch it with gold.

Day 12

Agra-Delhi

Drive back to Delhi where the afternoon is on your own to go shopping. Transfer to the airport in time for your flight.