



DEPARTURES
12TH MAY TO 20TH MAY 2018



PHOTO JOURNEYS – CENTRAL INDIA

JUNGLES OF CENTRAL INDIA

Jungles of Central India offer one of the most unique and diverse experiences in the subcontinent. The parks offers a diversity like none other – with about 350 species of birds and the region is an ideal destination to look for the following key species – Tiger, Leopard, Sloth Bear, Dhole (Indian wild dogs), Gaur (Indian Bison), rusty spotted cat (the smallest wildcat in the world), Indian Skimmer and the Russell Viper to name a few.

This program is specially designed for wildlife photography enthusiast to learn to get the best out of a safari in terms of photography. The tour would be led by a photographer who will share tips & tricks with regards to wildlife photography along with teaching amateur plus level education on wildlife photography which will cover:

- 🐾 Planning for wildlife photography trip
- 🐾 Understanding your gear and basics on predictive – camera settings
- 🐾 Session on basics of Macro Photography
- 🐾 Post processing & fun with photography



- 🐾 Introduction to the wildlife diversity of Central India –
 - 🐾 Searching for wildcats such as tiger, leopard, jungle cat and rusty spotted cat.
 - 🐾 Canine species such as dhole (Asiatic wild dogs), golden jackal and the striped hyena.
 - 🐾 Large prey base of gaur, sambar deer, Spotted deer, barking deer, four horned antelope, wild boars, blue bulls and blackbucks.



ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive in Delhi | Overnight in Delhi

Day 2: Morning flight to Raipur | Transfer to Singinawa Jungle Lodge | Lunch at the lodge | A short photography overview before we embark on our first Safari in Kanha this afternoon | Overnight at Singinawa Jungle Lodge

Day 3: Morning Safari in Kanha Tiger Reserve | Before lunch we review some pictures and get an introduction to portrait & macro photography | In the afternoon we explore the vast lodge premises to polish our hand at macro photography | In the evening we have an interactive session with the Baiga tribe | Night safari in the buffer forest | Overnight at Singinawa Jungle Lodge

Day 4: Morning & Afternoon Safari in Kanha Tiger Reserve | review & post processing session with the photographer | Overnight at Singinawa Jungle Lodge



Day 5: Morning safari in Kanha | After an early lunch transfer to Bandhavgarh | Rest of the evening at leisure | review & post processing session with the photographer | Overnight at King's Lodge

Day 6: Morning & Afternoon safari in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve | review & post processing session with the photographer | Overnight at King's Lodge

Day 7: Morning & Afternoon safari in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve | review & post processing session with the photographer | Overnight at King's Lodge

Day 8: Morning & Afternoon safari in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve | Overnight at King's Lodge

Day 9: After breakfast transfer to Jabalpur | Catch a flight to Delhi and a connecting flight back home



ITINERARY MAP

Delhi – Raipur – Kanha Tiger Reserve – Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve – Jabalpur – Delhi – Fly Out

Fight Transfer 

Road Transfer 

DRIVING DISTANCES

Raipur Airport to Singinawa Jungle Lodge: Road transfer 200 km (4.5 hours)

Singinawa Jungle Lodge to King's Lodge: Road transfer 260 km (5.5 hours)

King's Lodge to Jabalpur Airport: Road transfer 165 km (3.5 hours)

SINGINAWA JUNGLE LODGE

Over the last 8 years, the Lodge has propagated ecologically responsible tourism and been the harbinger of a form of tourism that offers the discerning traveller with the unique opportunity to observe the elusive tiger in its natural habitat and become aware of the thoughtful conservation work that is being taken up in the region.

Since June 2015, the Singinawa Conservation Foundation has been working on numerous projects. Recognizing the role and importance of the tribal communities living around Kanha Tiger Reserve, Singinawa encourages all its guests to participate in Village & Weekly Market Fair visits. The Lodge also encourages participation in the guest experiences by the tribes, which showcases dances, music, painting, pottery, food and costumes through performances and workshops at Singinawa. They also worked with the Park authorities to provide warm, woollen clothing for the 100+ beat guards and guides of the park.

The Singinawa Conservation Foundation's ethos of Energy Conservation has led to the installation of a complete 10KVA Solar Power plant at The Kanha Museum of Life & Art, within the lodge premises. This is a unique model in indigenous art, wildlife & energy conservation. Also, the pathways in the Lodge are lit up by unique solar powered lights.

Health Care is provided free of cost for various villages around the buffer zone of Kanha. The Singinawa Conservation Foundation has adopted the school at Kohka Village, and, as part of the Great Tiger Project's initiatives, in which our participating volunteers work with the school children teaching them art & crafts, and spoken English.

NATURALIST TEAM

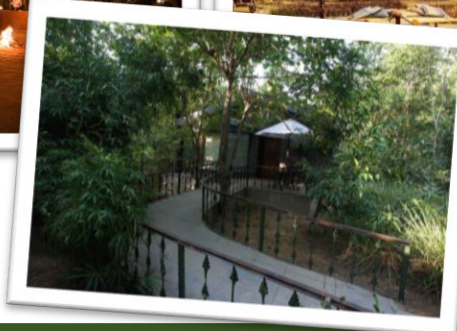
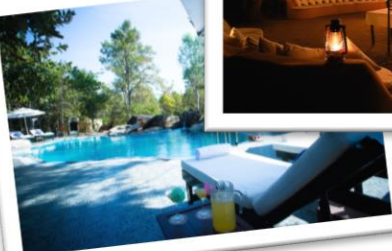
Singinawa Jungle Lodge Naturalists:



David Raju, Naturalist - David Raju has been working in the field of Wildlife since last twelve years. What started as a mere hobby, turned into a relentless passion. Even though his expertise lies in frogs and dragonflies, right from large Mammals, Birds, Butterflies, Reptiles, Frogs and his beloved Dragonflies, David is interested in them all. He spends more than 300 days in the jungle in a year, and remains grumpy the rest of the days when he has to stay out. He was part of a team that described 12 new frogs from western ghats, and a gecko from central India. He has co-authored a book on photographic guide to Dragonflies of Kerala. He is always keen to learn new things from little ants to tigers. Despite being a jungle nerd, David is a people's person and is always willing to help young and budding biologists.



Sachin Sharma, Naturalist - Sachin brings with him an action packed rich experience as a naturalist and trainer at one of the most prolific desert rocks parts of Rajasthan. A treasure house on the indigenous flora of India, Sachin brings with him a rare understanding of some of the most unique trees, plants and shrubs exclusive to the region. His golden nuggets of trivia and wisdom add to the heady mix of knowledge and fun that their team of naturalists signify. A thorough professional who loves to use his managerial and interpersonal skills to delight his tourists, no safari or a trek or even a stroll by the river is left wanting of excitement and adventure and stories splashed with wonderment!



KING'S LODGE

Kings lodge is nestled between Sal forested hills of Bandhavgarh National Park in a large natural forested estate of 14 hectares in Rancha village. The wildlife resort is in the heart of the wild country and only a ten minutes drive from the Tala gate of the national park. Our guests benefit from our incredible location, an outstanding hospitality and naturalist team, and our commitment towards conservation and local communities. The Luxury Hotel in Bandhavgarh has 10 cottage rooms and 8 stilt cottage rooms with en-suite modern bathrooms spread across a natural forest offering great ambience and privacy.

KING'S LODGE NATURALISTS:

Naresh Gudda, Naturalist - The world's most preferred wildlife destination is Gudda's home. Gudda is from a small village on the fringes of Bandhavgarh national park and grew up with tigers, monkeys and snakes that he refers to as 'good neighbours'. The ever jolly Gudda is a 9 year old with Pugdundee and have been awarded for his skills and journey by many. He is a great inspiration for his fellow locals in Bandhavgarh. He has guided world renowned photographers and is often featured for his efforts in tiger Conservation. He is based at Kings Lodge, Bandhavgarh since the lodge inception.



Raju Gurung, Naturalist - Raju is from Chitwan, Nepal. He belongs to a family of naturalists and before joining Pugdundee two years back he worked for 15 years with Tiger Tops, Nepal. He is an ace tracker and an avid birdwatcher, besides holding a good knowledge about the local flora and fauna of the hills as well as plains.

