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Heritage & Wilderness Escapade -

Bhopal, Satpura, Hyderabad, Palani Hills

Travel Time: 16 Jan -2 Feb 2025

ITINERARY

Day 1: 16 January 2025

Arrive in Delhi

You will depart from Zurich on January 16th and arrive in Delhi at 00:15 on January 17th. Our guest ambassador will warmly welcome you at the airport and escort you to your hotel, The Oberoi, Gurugram. Upon arrival, check in and take some time to rest and refresh.

Overnight at the Oberoi, Gurugram.

Day 2: 17 January 2025

Delhi - Bhopal by Flight (1.5 hours) | Transfer to Bori Wildlife Sanctuary (3.5 hours)

This morning, after a leisurely breakfast, you will be transferred to Delhi airport to catch your flight to Bhopal.

Suggested Flight: Indigo 6E 2433 11:15 - 12:35

Upon arrival in Bhopal, our guest ambassador will assist you with your drive to Bori Wildlife Sanctuary, which will take approximately 3.5 hours to reach Bori Safari Lodge.

The Bori Wildlife Sanctuary is one of the most exciting emerging tiger landscapes in Madhya Pradesh and is home to tigers, sloth bears, leopards, wild dogs, giant squirrels and a variety of other Central Indian species of birds and animals. This destination is less explored, far from the usual tourist hotspots and is a haven for nature lovers. The Bori Safari Lodge is located in a prime destination where the vegetation is plain and our guests can spot Tigers roaming about in their natural habitat.

Overnight at Bori Safari Lodge.



The Oberoi, Gurugram



Bori Safari Lodge



Jeep Safari at Bori

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Day 3 - 4: 18 & 19 January 2025

Explore Bori Wildlife Sanctuary

Satpura Tiger Reserve is a large park formed by combining three wildlife sanctuaries: Pachmarhi Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS), Bori WLS, and Satpura WLS. The Bori side of the park has new zones that have been created and the tribal villages that were

located in these jungles have been relocated outside the park. During the move they left behind many of their cattle that became feral and today this region has a healthy population of big cats that prefer to hunt the slower-moving cattle as compared to the faster deer. The Tawa Reservoir in Mallapura zone also attracts a lot of water birds.

We have planned two jeep safari each day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Overnight will be at Bori Safari Lodge.

Day 5: 20 January 2025

Bori - Satpura with full-day Safari

This morning, we will move from Bori to Satpura. As it is a large park, we will be changing lodges. In order to avoid losing time during the transfer, you will pack your luggage and leave it at the reception. You will then proceed with a full-day safari to the Churna region. Departing with the team from Bori Safari Lodge, you will venture into the park and head towards the Churna region in the heart of the park. Both breakfast and lunch will be in the park. During the morning safari, you will explore the jungle and reach the Churna forest rest house by the end of the morning safari.

The afternoon will be spent at Churna, where you can explore a small stream next to the forest guest house to find birds, butterflies, and animals coming down for a drink.

During this time, your transfer vehicle will transport your luggage to Reni Pani Lodge. The team from Reni Pani Jungle Lodge will meet you at the Churna



Room Deck, Bori Safari Lodge



Tiger - Satpura



Indian Giant Squirrel, Satpura

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Day 5: 20 January 2025 - Continued

forest rest house and the afternoon drive will be from Churna to Satpura. This way, you won't lose time transferring from one lodge to another and will be exploring the jungles throughout the day.

Overnight will be at Reni Pani Jungle Lodge.

Day 6-8: 21-23 January 2025

Explore Satpura National Park

Satpura's uniqueness lies in its varied exploration options. While all parks in India are managed by the forest department, which determines the exploration methods, most tiger reserves typically offer limited 3-hour open jeep safaris at sunrise and sunset. However, Satpura stands out by offering the following safari types:

Canoe & Boat Safaris: Explore the Denwa River and its streams up close, observing river birds, crocodiles, and grazing mammals while a guide rows the canoe.

Dusk Drives: Venture into buffer forests for chances to spot nocturnal wildlife like sloth bears, leopards, and rare antelope, along with night birds.

Walking Safaris: Ideal for experiencing jungle sights and sounds at a slower pace, with opportunities to spot camouflaged wildlife and take low-level photos. Forest guards accompany guests, armed with non-lethal deterrents.

Jeep safaris remain essential for covering ground and spotting larger mammals and big cats.

You will do mixed activities each day with Jeep safaris at Satpura.

Overnight will be at Reni Pani Jungle Lodge.



Leopard on a dusk drive



Jungle Cat, Satpura



Canoe Safari, Satpura

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Day 9: 24 January 2025

Satpura - Bhopal Drive (3.5 hours) Flight to Hyderabad (2 hours)

You will enjoy a more relaxed morning today as there are no safaris planned. Take advantage of the lodge's facilities at Reni Pani Jungle Lodge. Dive into the soothing blues of our beautiful swimming pool or indulge in one of five different types of massages, letting go of all your stress under the skilful touch of our therapists. Later, check out from Reni Pani and drive to Bhopal. airport and take your flight to Hyderabad.

Suggested Flight: Indigo 6E7122 19:15 - 21:30

Our guest ambassador will meet you at the airport and escort you to your hotel in Hyderabad.

Overnight stay at Taj Falaknuma Palace, Hyderabad.

Day 10: 25 January 2025

Explore Hyderabad

The Taj Falaknuma Palace, a luxurious heritage hotel in Hyderabad built in 1894, will offer opulent interiors, exquisite marble staircases, and a world-class art collection. Perched 2,000 feet above the city, it provides royal experiences, fine dining, and stunning views.

After breakfast, you'll visit Golconda Fort, known for its impressive architecture and historical significance, followed by the majestic Qutub Shahi Tombs, the final resting place of the Qutub Shahi dynasty. In the afternoon, you'll explore the iconic Charminar, a symbol of Hyderabad, then visit Mecca Masjid, one of India's largest and oldest mosques. Afterward, you'll tour the Salarjung Museum, which houses an extensive collection of art, artifacts, and antiques. Finally, you'll visit Chowmahalla Palace, the former seat of the Asaf Jahi dynasty.

Overnight stay at Taj Falaknuma Palace.



View from Falak Numa Palace



Char Minar, Hyderabad



Stay at Falak Numa Palace

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Day 11: 26 January 2025

Hyderabad to Madurai Flight (1.5 Hours) –
Madurai to Isla's Ridge Drive (2 hours)
After breakfast, you will transfer to Hyderabad airport for your flight to Madurai.

Suggested Flight: Indigo 6E 6781 13:05 – 14:30

Upon arrival, drive to Isla's Ridge in the Palani Hills. Named after acclaimed designer and artist Isla Van Damme, Isla's Ridge is a tranquil retreat that blends natural beauty with artistic elegance, overlooking the Tamil Nadu plains.

Upon arrival, check-in to Isla's Ridge and immerse yourself in its serene surroundings. The twin buildings, meticulously curated by Isla herself, house cozy rooms, a kitchen, dining area, and a living space adorned with her unique blend of casual charm and sophisticated aesthetics. Take time to explore the tranquil garden oasis and relax by the shimmering pool, which reflects the beauty of the valley beyond.

Overnight at Isla's Ridge.

Day 12-14: 27 -29 January 2025

Explore Isla's Ridge (Palani Hills)

These two days are for exploring the Palani hills at your pace.

After a refreshing breakfast with views of the picturesque Tamil Nadu plains, the day at Isla's Ridge offers enriching activities. Start with a farm visit to interact with friendly animals and explore the vibrant vegetable garden, learning about sustainable practices and local produce. In the afternoon, venture into the lush plantations, stroll along village paths, and enjoy a traditional tea break at a local stall, savoring authentic regional flavors. As evening approaches, unwind with a rejuvenating yoga session or join a cooking workshop to learn traditional dishes and culinary techniques from the skilled chefs at Isla's Ridge.

Overnight at Isla's Ridge.



View from Isla's Ridge



Stay at Isla's Ridge



Activity at Isla's Ridge

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Day 15: 30 January 2025

Isla's Ridge - Coimbatore Airport Drive (3.5 hours' Drive), Flight to Mumbai (2 hours)

This morning brings your exploration of Palani hills to an end. You can have a more leisurely start to your day. After a leisurely breakfast transfer by road to Coimbatore airport and take a flight to Mumbai.

Suggested Flight: Vistara UK 522 14:30 - 16:25

Once in Mumbai, you will be received by our representative who will take you to your hotel.

Overnight will be at The Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai

Day 16-17: 31 January & 1 February 2025 Mumbai

These two days are dedicated to relaxation and indulgence at the Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai. Enjoy the luxurious amenities and exceptional facilities the hotel has to offer. You can unwind by the pool, savor world-class dining at the hotel's renowned restaurants, pamper yourself with a spa treatment, or simply relax in your elegant room. Make the most of your stay with leisurely activities, taking in the serene views and the historic charm of this iconic hotel.

Day 18: 2 February 2025 Mumbai Departure

After breakfast, enjoy the day at leisure. Later, check out and transfer to Mumbai airport for your onward flight.

END OF THE TOUR



Hotel Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai



Garden Area at Taj Mahal Palace
Mumbai



Swimming Pool at Taj Mahal Palace
Mumbai

PRICING



Taj Falaknuma Palace, Hyderabad

INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation in India for Eighteen (18) nights.
- Meal plan inclusive of only breakfast. In wildlife parks Bori and Satpura is on full board.
- All sightseeing mentioned in the itinerary with an English-speaking city expert. This is inclusive of any applicable entry fee.
- Four (4) half-day Jeep safari at Bori Wildlife Sanctuary.
- One Full Day Churna Safari between Bori and Satpura with Lunch at Churna Forest Rest House.
- Six (2) alternate safaris (Jeep / Walking / Boat / Dusk Drive) in Satpura National Park.
- Domestic flight: Delhi - Bhopal, Bhopal - Hyderabad, Hyderabad - Madurai and Madurai - Mumbai in economy class.
- All currently applicable taxes.

HOTELS & LODGES INCLUDED

Delhi	The Oberoi, Gurugram	1-Night	Room & Breakfast
Bori	Bori Safari Lodge	3-Nights	Full Board
Satpura	Reni Pani Jungle Lodge	4-Nights	Full Board
Hyderabad	Taj Falaknuma Palace	2-Nights	Room & Breakfast
Palani Hills	Isla's Ridge	4-Nights	Full Board
Mumbai	Taj Mahal Palace	3-Nights	Room & Breakfast

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IMAGE: Reni Pani Jungle Lodge

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- Any international flights or visas.
- Any gratuities.
- Any expense of personal nature including alcoholic beverages as well as soft drinks. Any camera fee.
- Any unusual escalation in taxes, permit costs, fuel costs or major fluctuations in foreign exchange.

Note:

- Safari bookings open 4-months before the date of travel and are offered on first come first serve basis.
- We would need copies of passports to book safaris.
- Safaris once booked are not refundable.
- On confirmation of the booking, we would need 30% advance to book – air tickets, safaris, and train tickets.