



# India - Temples and Tigers!

October 29 to November 12, 2010

*A new and exciting destination! Enjoy the history, culture and wildlife of this great country! Start in Delhi getting a glimpse of the culture then spend time in Bandhavgarh and Kanha National Parks tracking tigers by vehicle and elephant back. Next ... the incredible Taj Mahal followed by Jaipur, the pink City! Your accommodation is boutique hotels, luxury lodges and yes... even a palace! Your guides have been hand picked for their passion for nature and wildlife as well as the love of their land. Space limited to 16 guests but not limited in fun & adventure!*

**October 29 to 30, 2010:** In transit from Canada to Delhi, India via Hong Kong with Cathay Pacific or... via London with British Airways or... via Amsterdam with KLM or... via Frankfurt with Lufthansa. Stopovers available. Airfare will depend on routing and stopovers.



**Oct. 30 - Hotel Imperial, Delhi -**

**<http://www.theimperialindia.com/> -(2 nights):** Arrive in Delhi where you will be met and transferred to the Hotel Imperial (Heritage Room) on a B&B basis.

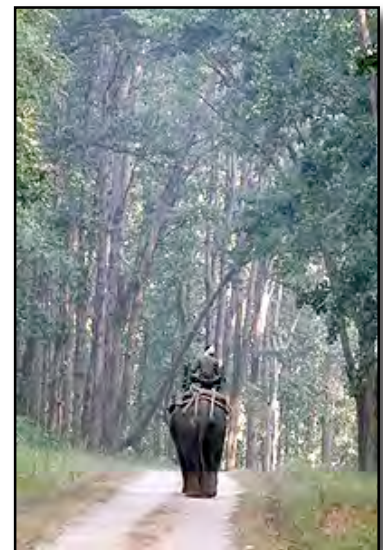
**Oct. 31 -** After breakfast, spend the day on a guided sightseeing tour to explore some historical sites and the architecture of colonial Delhi, which is a city of contrasts, housing monuments of 13th & 16th centuries amidst manicured boulevards and government buildings, designed and landscaped for the seat of the Mughal and later the British capital. This would include a visit to the Humayun's Tomb, Qutab Minar and Jama Masjid. You will also be taken on a short rickshaw ride around the old section of Delhi, which will enable you to view commercial life along the streets. B

**November 1 - Mahua Kothi Lodge, Bandhavgarh Park - <http://www.andbeyondindia.com/> (3 nights):** Depart early this morning we fly from Delhi to Jabalpur, drive through the countryside to the lodge. Upon arrival at Mahua Kothi and you are checked in, if time permits, you will be taken for your afternoon game drive. B,L,D

**Bandhavgarh National Park** - The park is arguably one of the best places to view wild tigers in the world. Years of protection have allowed the big cats to breed to a high density and also become habituated to the presence of people. Jeep safaris are the norm when going through the park, but elephants are also used for tiger tracking by the forest department and take tourists to view them at close quarters when successful.

**Nov. 2 & 3: Tiger Tracking Days**

B,L,D



**Nov. 4 - Banjaar Tola, Kanha National Park (3 nights) - <http://www.andbeyondindia.com/>:**  
Today we fly to Kanha National Park and Banjaar Tola Lodge in Kanha National Park.

**Kanha National Park** is situated in central India in the Satpura Hill ranges, Kanha Tiger Reserve offers without a doubt, India's finest Tiger viewing. Spread over 1945 square kilometers with a core area of just 940 square kilometers, the grasslands and deciduous forests also support many mammals and birds.

**Nov. 5 & 6:** Tiger Tracking Days B,L,D

**Nov 7 - Hotel Imperial, Delhi (1 nt):**  
One last look for tigers ... then fly to Delhi. B



**Nov. 8 - Hotel Trident, Agra - <http://www.tridenthotels.com/agra/index.asp> (1 night):** Early this morning

we are off on a classic India experience - a train ride to the Taj Mahal! Enjoy the sights and sounds as we board train to Agra and watch the sun rise along the way. Freshen up then it's off to tour the Agra Fort followed by a visit to the sublime Taj Mahal. This monument is known for exhibiting itself in different hues with the changing light – appearing in a blue tinge as the sun rises to a golden glow by the setting sun!!! B



**November 9 - Jai Mahal Palace, Jaipur - <http://tajhotels.com/> (2 nights):**

After breakfast and an optional visit to see the Taj Mahal by sunrise, we are off to the Pink City .... Jaipur (approximately 6 hrs drive) enroute visit to Fatehpur Sikri. Tonight you will spend the night at the Jai Mahal Palace dating back to 1745AD! B

**Nov. 10:** After breakfast, we will be taken on a guided tour of the Amber Fort followed by lunch and then more special sites of Jaipur, which includes City Palace. B

**Nov. 11 - In transit:** After a leisurely breakfast fly back to Delhi and on home or extend your vacation with Asiatic Lions... House boats... Beaches... and more!

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**Land Only - \$12,995CDN per person based on double occupancy**

**Air - Canada to Delhi Return - From \$ 1300 - \$2000CDN**

Dependant on routing, carrier, availability, and stopovers

**Extra night in Delhi (to catch up on jet lag!) - \$250.00CDN per person**

**Single Supplement – First 2 Single Bookings - No Charge! 3rd and up Single Booking - \$5000CDN Supplement**

*\*\*\*Please Note: We at Nature Encounters Tours & Travel work very hard to keep our pricing competitive for our guests, however, we do not have control over increases in game park fees or fuel surcharges. We will endeavor to inform our guests of increases as soon as we hear about them and add those increases, at our cost only, to our guest invoices.*

**ALL INCLUSIVE OF:**

Pre-departure package with unlimited information

Luxury accommodation as stated above.

Internal economy air and ground transportation between lodges/hotels.

All meals and most beverages at Tiger Camps, bed and breakfast in Delhi, Agra, Jaipur.

Game activities (including Elephant Safari fees), park entry fees as stated.

Gratuities for portering, lodge staff and guides.

Tour leading services of wildlife photographer/naturalist Carol Petersen

**WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:** International air; Items of a personal nature; Indian Visa Fees, cancellation, baggage, emergency evacuation or medical insurance; imported drinks; laundry; any new Government taxes; departure taxes of approximately US\$30 per person

**CLIMATE:** Ideal time for India travel is usually during the cooler months from late October to late February. From April to June, it becomes really hot with occasional dust storms. June is the start of the Monsoon, which lasts until September in most regions. Temperatures will range depending on location from 20C to 35C. The days will be sunny and bright!

## Safari Extensions . . . . . Where would you like to go?

**November 11 to 15, 2010: The Asiatic Lions of Gir National Park  
(Based on 2 guests sharing) \$2995CDN per person**

Continue your safari with a flight to Mumbai and Diu to land of the lions - Gir National Park. Gir is the last and only home of the critically endangered Asiatic Lion. These lions are a smaller more compact version of their African version, and are best viewed at dawn or dusk when they are on the move. The major difference between the two is that the African Lion appears larger than the Indian Lion because of its large and luxuriant mane.

The other attractions are Leopards, Marsh crocodiles, Chital or Spotted Deer, Nilgai, Chinkara, Sambhar, Black Bucks, the four horned Antelope, Wolf, Wild Boar, Indian Flying Fox, Grey Musk Shrew, Indian Hare, Small Indian Mongoose, Small Indian Civet, Indian Pangolin, Indian Porcupine, Ratel, Indian Fox, and Jackal. The three smaller wildcats - the Jungle Cat, Desert Cat and the Rusty Spotted Cat, also inhabit Gir. The



forest is also rich in bird life, and an estimated of 300 species are found inhabiting Gir National Park over the years. The Paradise Flycatcher, Black Headed Cuckoo Shrike, Pied Woodpecker, Bonelli's Eagle, Crested Serpent Eagle, Painted Sandgrouse, Bush Quail and Grey Partridge are among the varieties that are commonly found over here. Spend 2 full days in the park with 1 connecting day in Mumbai and 3 nights at Gir. Depart Mumbai Nov. 15.

Inclusive of flights from Mumbai to Diu, road transfer to park, game activities, B&B in Mumbai and all meals at Lion Safari Camp in Gir. Guided by local guide.

Not inclusive of items of a personal nature, gratuities or drinks.

## Jodhpur and Udaipur - Palaces and Markets! \$3795CDN per person

### Based on 2 guests sharing

Six days of exploring the Rajasthan area rich in colors and cultures. Stay in palaces, visit forts and spice markets - a feast for the eyes!

**Jodhpur** - Located strategically on the overland trade route, Jodhpur houses the most recent and one of the largest residential palaces in India, the Umaid Bhawan Palace. Constructed over a span of 15 years from 1929 to 1943, now partly a luxury heritage hotel, the project was conceived initially as a public relief and employment works project during a long period of drought. The Mehrangarh fort that towers over the city is perhaps the most majestic of Rajasthan's forts. The forbidding ramparts are in sharp contrast to the flamboyantly decorated palaces within. The Jaswant Thada, a white marble memorial built in memory of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II is an architectural land mark in Jodhpur, built out of intricately carved sheets of marble.



**Udaipur** is the historic capital of the former kingdom of Mewar. The city is dominated by the City Palace overlooking the Lake Pichola, with the colourful bazaars of the old city stretching behind. Known for its Rajput-era palaces, the City Palace of Udaipur is a fascinating combination of Rajput military architecture and Mughal style decorative techniques. It is a

conglomeration of courtyards, pavilions, terraces, corridors, rooms and hanging gardens. Udaipur is home to some of the most beautiful lakes in the state, and proudly possesses the Lake Palace, once a royal summer retreat, built on an island on Lake Pichola. The city is also home to the 18th century Bagore ki Haveli, now a museum, and is characterized by the narrow lanes of this walled city. The colourful chaos is in contrast to the serene beauty of what lies outside the walls.

**How about ... Rhinos... Elephants... Beaches... Houseboats...  
You choose and we will design it for you!**



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## About Your Tour Leader – Carol Petersen

Wildlife photographer, videographer and Nature Encounters owner Carol Petersen, is an avid wildlife advocate! Carol has traveled and led safaris to South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Zambia, Namibia, Madagascar, Uganda, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Tanzania, Galapagos, Ecuador and her new destination... INDIA! Whether it be canoeing down the Zambezi River within a few feet of a 5-ton bull elephant, or capturing some precious moments with a family of wild gorillas .... watching a pair of blue-footed booby's do their magical courting dance or marveling at the amazing tigers camouflage - that is Carol's idea of spending quality time.

In her dedication to preserving wild spaces, she encourages safari goers to walk lightly and appreciate the continent's challenges. Carol walks the talk by contributing to environmental groups such as The Friends of the Galapagos; Daphne Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage, The Cheetah Conservation Fund and TOFT - Tour Operators for Tigers. Other special projects include helping the local communities Nature Encounters Tours visit by donating school supplies and items of need. Her keen interest in our environment, endangered species and the enhancement of the ecosystems of our planet is a never-ending endeavor. Carol is very proud to have been chosen for a "Woman of Vision" award for her conservation efforts – an honor bestowed to 12 women per year by a Calgary television station. As well, she is excited to be one of three directors for the Cheetah Conservation Fund Canada. Enjoy Carol's photographs at [www.petersenphotography.com](http://www.petersenphotography.com) or visit her retail store Simply Safari in Bragg Creek, AB and the Nature Encounters Tours office/store on Bowen Island, BC - [www.simplysafari.com](http://www.simplysafari.com).

## About Nature Encounters Tours & Travel

Welcome to Nature Encounters Tours & Travel! We have traveled the globe in search of destinations that will put you in touch with our passion – nature! Our experience, and that of our guides, is matched by a personalized service that keeps our clients returning to travel with us year after year. From the moment you inquire about a location to joining a small, intimate group departure – we are dedicated to ensuring your trip is memorable.

On safari, you can experience everything from watching a lioness care for her young in the hollow of an old tree to having a magnificent five-ton elephant display his enormous ears and mock charge your vehicle . . . or lay on a sandy beach that goes on for miles and miles while listening to the sound of the Indian Ocean. Your accommodation and meals, in either lodges or tented camps, range from truly comfortable to absolutely luxurious. Backpacking was never like this! Swimming pools, gardens and the fragrance of wild basil will surround you as your binoculars scout the magnificent scenery for cheetah, elephant, zebra, lilac breasted rollers, hyena, and tawny eagles to name a few. Your game activities can include driving in national parks watching for wildlife along the way, walking with an experienced guide looking for all the little things you may have missed by driving, and boating or canoeing – enjoying some of the most incredible rivers and lakes.

Ecotourism is an important part of the Nature Encounters Tours & Travel experience. Our clients are happy to contribute to a sustainable industry where the local people, as well as the wildlife, benefit from their visit. Be it the CAMPFIRE project in Zimbabwe, where the local fishing villages gain from having tourists visit and bring school supplies, or Daphne Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage in Kenya where our clients help provide financial assistance for anti-poaching efforts. Nature Encounters Tours & Travel Ltd. support many schools – such as the Jacob Basson School in Khorixas, Namibia, the A.I.C. Girls' School in Kajiado, Kenya, and conservation groups that are near and dear to us: the Cheetah Conservation Fund in Namibia and Kenya, Jane Goodall Chimp Research in Gombe Stream, TOFT - Tour Operators for Tigers and The Serengeti Lion Research Project to name a few. We do indeed walk the talk.

Our goal is to give our clients an experience they won't ever forget – from dancing with the Maasai in East Africa to enjoying watching the antics of a pair of polar bears enjoy a tussle in the snow to photographing and observing the many species that live in our great world.

**Join us for the vacation of a lifetime!**