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Bandipur Tiger Reserve

Duration/When

Sep 3rd to 6th 2010 (ex-Bangalore)

Costs

INR 22,500/person (USD 500) - based on minimum 4 persons traveling

Facilities

Accommodation: Private Resort with modern amenities

Food: Pan-Indian, with a few international dishes

Transport: Road transfers in Tavera or similar

Difficulty level: Easy

Highlights

The foothill forests of the Nilgiris are among south India's oldest protected areas and among its best locations for viewing and photographing large mammals. Bandipur, lies within this vast, wildlife rich landscape that includes Nagarhole, Mudumalai and Wynaad, among numerous smaller protected areas of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.

The Kabini river, which forms a reservoir here, defines the eastern boundary of Nagarhole with Bandipur National Park, two of south India's finest wildlife destinations. The area is especially interesting within this large protected area network of the NBR, when hundreds of Asian elephants and much other wildlife, congregates around the reservoir during the dry season. Bandipur's relatively open deciduous forests are very good for wildlife viewing and megafauna, including Asian Elephant, Tiger, Leopard and Gaur are regularly sighted, all year round. Other notable wildlife that are often seen in Bandipur include the pack hunting Indian wild dogs, sloth bear and several species of deer, primates and small mammals.



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Bandipur's hilly terrain, and adjacent scrub habitats also provides a contrasting setting for wildlife and enhances chances of sighting of rarities such as the shy four-horned antelope and striped hyena, which are very difficult in the wetter forests of the Biosphere Reserve. The panoramic mountainscape of the Nilgiri hills, visible from Bandipur, adds to the charming scenery of the location.

Over 250 species of birds have been recorded from deciduous, riverine and scrub forests of the location. Notable sightings include dry habitat specialities such as the White-bellied Minivet and Sikeer Malkoha as well as several south Indian endemics.

We will explore these wildlife rich forests primarily in wildlife safaris on well laid out game roads as well from short nature walks.

FYI and Guidelines

1. Days will be warm, humid and sometimes rainy from the remanent Southwest Monsoon. Nights will be cool and pleasant. We recommend light cottons for the day and perhaps a very light pullover for the odd cool night.
2. Please bring your binoculars along - you will appreciate the sights of the forests much more with binoculars on hand. However, we will have a pair or two to share amongst us.
3. Please bring essential medication with you, since the local outlets are few and far between and may not always carry what you are looking for.

Terms and Conditions

1. Tour costs are per person based on twin sharing basis ex-Bangalore and is all inclusive (transport, accommodation, food, naturalist, safaris and all taxes and fees). Please check with us on specific items to make sure if it is included in the published tour costs.
2. Maximum Group Size on this tour is 10
3. Bookings are confirmed only upon full payment of the tour cost and at least 15 days in advance from the proposed departure date
4. We reserve the right to cancel the tour at anytime due to unforeseen circumstances. We will refund the entire booking amount under these circumstances.
5.
 - a. We accept demand drafts in Indian Rupees and online credit card payments in US Dollars through Paypal
 - b. Customers can also transfer funds electronically into our bank accounts (details provided on request). Indian customers can also use a credit card to pay online through Paypal, but please be aware that you will be charged an additional currency conversion fee for the same.



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- c. Demand drafts are payable to “Ficus Wildlife and Natural History Tours” located in Chennai.
6. In case you want to cancel your booking:
- a. A 90% refund if cancellation requested more than 15 days before the proposed date of departure
 - b. A 15% refund if cancellation requested less than 15 days from the proposed date of departure.

Disclaimer and Emergency Contact

Participants should be aware of unlikely, but potential risks involved during wildlife tours and general travel. This may include, among other things, injuries or fatalities associated with general travel, snake bites, field activities and encounters with wildlife. We require that all tour participants sign this disclaimer that acknowledges the risks associated during our conducted tours and relieves us of any liabilities arising out of the same. This also acknowledges that you have read and abide by the terms and conditions mentioned in the document.

Name of participant:

Age:

Emergency contact person:

Relationship:

Tel no:

Email:

Signature and Date: