RANTHAMBORE TIGER SAFARI WEEKEND TRIP

## WEEKEND OVERVIEW

Escape the city and embark on an exhilarating weekend tiger safari trip, exploring India's wildlife in search of Bengal tigers. Experience the real-life Jungle Book in one of the only places in the world where you can see Bengal tigers roam their natural habitat.

Along with your fellow volunteers you will head out on a fully structured 2-day safari in the famous Ranthambore National park – one of the best places to spot wild tigers in India.

The national park is a real must – see destination, not only because of the significant amount of Bengal tigers that call it home but also due to it's unique blend of nature and history. Amongst the jungle, lakes and wildlife are many vine covered ancient ruins, including the UNESCO World Heritage site of Ranthambore Fort, adding a fascinating historical aspect to your trip.

As you explore the national park with your guide you will have plenty of opportunities to see a huge array of wildlife alongside tigers. The park's varied landscape which includes rivers, forests and open grasslands is home to a diverse array of wildlife including leopards, sloth bears, over 300 species of birds and hyenas – keep an eye out for marsh crocodiles in the lakes!

The structured weekend trip will make sure you see as much wildlife as possible, ensuring your comfort and safety throughout. As a group you will travel in safari jeeps, accompanied by your knowledgeable guide and member of the TMR team.

Each weekend trip leaves on a Saturday morning and returns on the Sunday evening, costing just **£249 / \$309 per person.**  The following are included within this fee:

- All transport including air-conditioned private taxi from Jaipur to Ranthambore and safari jeeps
- Accommodation and breakfast
- Water bottles and snacks during travel
- All entrance fees

## **START DATES**

We will be running the tiger safari weekend trip on the following dates:

25<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025 – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2025 – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025 – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 27<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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We can add additional weekend trips if there is enough interest from volunteers. There is a minimum of 2 participants.



# **BOOKING YOUR PLACE**

You can simply add this weekend trip when applying for any of our programmes in India under 'Optional Extras'.

If you have already signed up for one of our volunteer programmes in India and would like to add this weekend trip, you can simply request this within your My Trip account.

Places on our weekend trips are non-refundable and non-transferable between volunteers.

## ITINERARY DAY 1 – SATURDAY

After a hearty breakfast at the volunteer accommodation, the adventure begins! The group will be collected around 9am and begin the 4 hour drive to Ranthambore National Park. The scenic drive will take you through the beautiful landscapes of Rajasthan, setting the mood for the wilderness ahead.

Once you have arrived you will have time to check into the hotel and freshen up before your afternoon safari.

Jeeps will then collect the group at 2pm to begin the safari. Lasting three hours the safari will take you deep into the national park in search of the majestic Bengal tiger in it's natural habitat. Your guide will help you spot not only tigers, but all the wildlife Ranthambore National Park has to offer, allowing for plenty of photo opportunities!

In the early evening, you will return to your hotel to relax, unwind and share stories of the day.

#### DAY 2 – SUNDAY

It's an early start today for your second safari

which begins at 6am. The early morning hours are perfect for wildlife sightings as the animals are most active during this time. This three-hour safari offers the chance to spot more tigers and see different areas of the park, exploring the jungles, lakes and ancient ruins.

Get your camera ready to snap some amazing photos of the wildlife and scenery and enjoy the park at sunrise.

After your morning safari you will return to your hotel for a well-earned breakfast. You'll have time to relax and pack up before checking out. By late morning you'll depart for Jaipur, carrying with you unforgettable memories of Ranthambore's wild beauty.

### ACCOMMODATION

You will be staying with your fellow volunteers and guide in a 3 star hotel. The accommodation may be basic but clean and comfortable and perfect for getting a good night's rest.

Rooms will be on a shared basis, with up to 2 volunteers staying in one room. Please note, from time to time some volunteers may be required to share a double bed depending on availability.

You will have all of the amenities you need such as air-conditioning, ensuite bathrooms, hot water and Wi-Fi – although this may be intermittent. The hotels are located around a 10 minute drive outside of the national park.

### **MEALS**

You'll be provided with breakfast at the hotel, as well as water and snacks whilst travelling.

The local team will take you to local restaurants



for lunch and dinner. The cost of this is not included in the price and you should budget £5-£10 per meal.

# TRANSPORT

You will travel by taxi from Jaipur to the national park and then by jeeps whilst on safari.

A member of our local team will accompany you throughout the weekend trip and you will have English-speaking tour guides to take you around all of the national park.

If you want to take part on this amazing trip and the dates fall on your last weekend in India then you can still take part! Please arrange your return flight from India for Monday to ensure you have sufficient time to get to the airport. The accommodation on your last night is not included, but you are welcome to stay in our accommodation for an extra night at a cost of £20. Alternatively, we can recommend several hotels either close to our accommodation or to the airport.

