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17 Night India's Big Five Safari Adventure

Best time to Travel – November - April

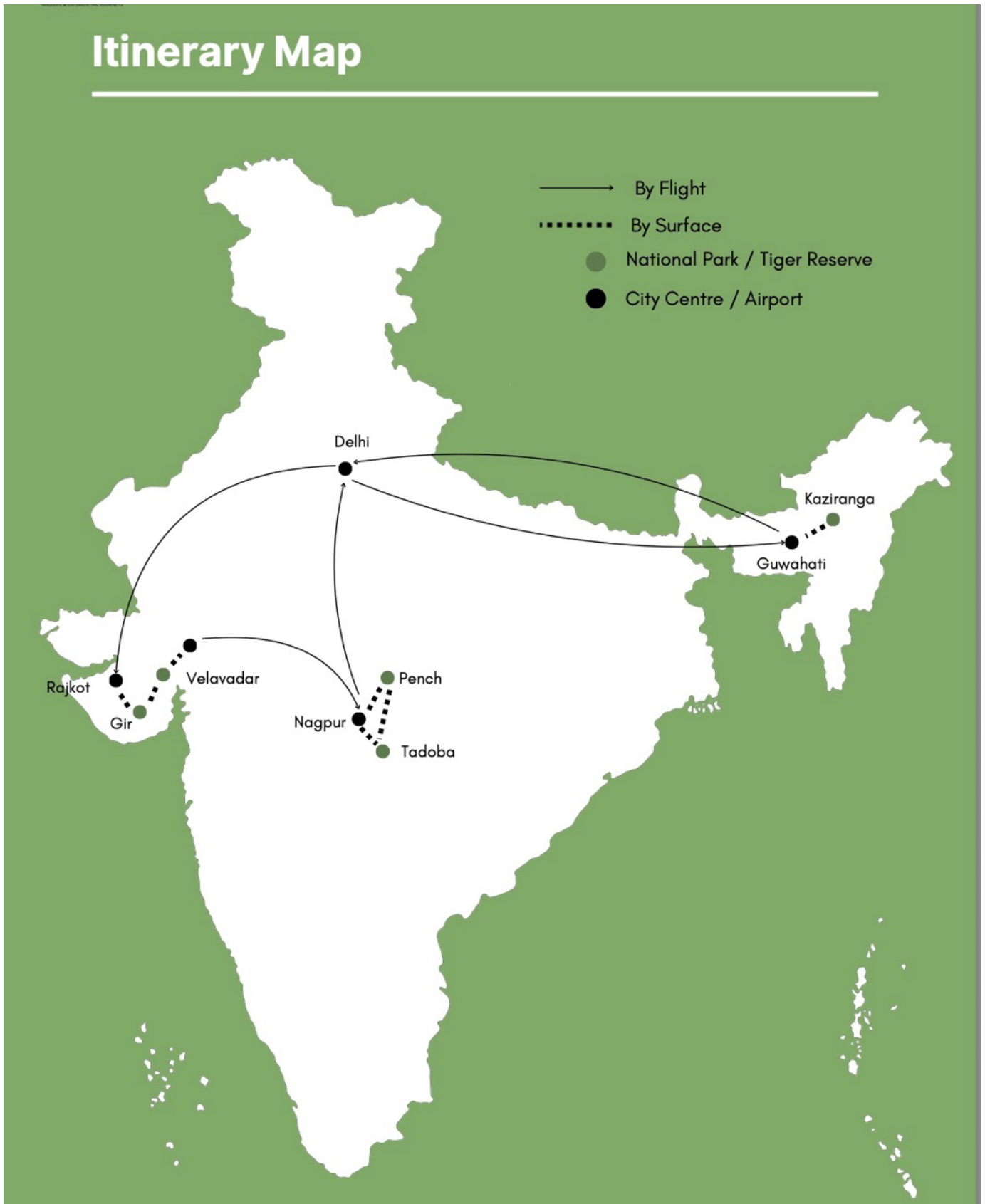


Discover India's iconic wildlife across its most celebrated national parks. This immersive journey takes you from the forests of Gujarat to the floodplains of Assam, introducing you to the country's remarkable "Big Five": the Asiatic lion, Bengal tiger, one-horned rhinoceros, Indian elephant, and blackbuck antelope. Ideal for wildlife enthusiasts and photographers, this multi-destination safari experience blends thrilling jeep safaris with rich cultural landscapes and comfortable jungle lodges.

Highlights include:

Delhi, Gir National Park, Velavadar (Blackbuck National Park), Pench Tiger Reserve, Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, Kaziranga National Park

Itinerary Map



THIS ITINERARY CAN BE ADPATED TO OFFER BUDGET, MID PRICED OR LUXURY ACCOMMODATION!

Day 1: Arrival in Delhi

Arrive in Delhi, where our guest ambassador will warmly welcome you at the airport and assist with your transfer to the hotel.

Overnight will be in Delhi.

DAY 2: Delhi - Rajkot (Hirasar) Flight | Rajkot - Gir (185KM - 4.5 hours' drive)

After breakfast will be met by our guest ambassador who will assist with the transfer to the domestic terminal for your flight to Rajkot. On arrival at Rajkot Airport, you will be met by your accompanying naturalist and embark on a scenic 4.5-hour drive to Gir National Park, home to the last remaining population of Asiatic lions. The landscape gradually shifts from the semi-arid plains of central Gujarat to the dry deciduous forests and scrublands of the Gir region, known for its rich biodiversity and vibrant rural culture.

Check-in at your lodge in Gir, a wildlife retreat nestled on the edge of the national park. Inspired by the traditional Gujarati village aesthetic,

Overnight stay will be at Gir.



Day 3-4: Explore Gir National Park

Over the next two days, you will explore Gir National Park with two jeep safaris each day one in the early morning (6:30 AM – 9:30 AM) and one in the afternoon (2:30 PM – 5:30 PM). These prime-time slots offer the best chances for wildlife sightings, with the cooler hours drawing many animals out into the open.

Gir is the only place in the world where Asiatic lions roam freely in the wild. Spread across more than 1,400 square kilometers, the park is a dynamic mix of dry deciduous forests, open grasslands, scrub, and rocky hills. While the lions are the headline species, Gir also supports an impressive variety of other wildlife including leopards, striped hyenas, golden jackals, jungle cats, and mugger crocodiles basking along the riverbanks. Among the herbivores, you will likely spot chital (spotted deer), nilgai (blue bull), sambar, and the delicate chinkara (Indian gazelle).

Each safari is accompanied by a local forest guide, who will help interpret the park's unique ecosystem, point out hidden wildlife, and enrich your experience with insights into animal behavior and conservation efforts.

Overnight stay will be at Gir.



Day 5: Gir to Velavadar (250 km - 5.5 hours' drive)

Post breakfast, bid farewell to Gir and embark on a scenic drive to Velavadar, located on the edge of the Gulf of Khambhat. The journey takes you through the heart of Gujarat's countryside, passing small villages, farmlands, and occasional glimpses of rural life.

Upon arrival, check in to your lodge near Blackbuck National Park, also known as Velavadar National Park, a lesser-known gem that offers a dramatically different landscape and wildlife experience from Gir.

In the evening, head out for a jeep safari into the park. Spread across open grasslands and flat saline plains, Velavadar is one of the best places in the world to observe the elegant and endangered blackbuck antelope, known for its striking spiral horns and graceful leaps. The park is also home to Indian wolves, striped hyenas, foxes, and nilgai.

Overnight will be at Velacadar.

Day 6: Velavadar Safari – Drive to Ahmedabad (160km – 3.5 hours’ drive) - Fly to Nagpur

Velavadar’s golden grasslands are home to one of Asia’s largest harrier roosts, making it a haven for bird enthusiasts. Look out for Montagu’s and marsh harriers, short-eared owls, and other raptors. Enjoy morning jeep safari, spotting graceful blackbuck, Indian wolves, foxes, and jungle cats.

Post safari check-out and drive to Ahmedabad Airport. Upon your arrival Ahmedabad Airport, board the flight to Nagpur. On arrival our guest ambassador will greet you at the airport and assist with your transfer and check-in at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Nagpur.

Day 7: Nagpur to Pench (160 km - 3 hours’ drive)

After breakfast, check out from your hotel in Nagpur and drive to Pench Tiger Reserve. Upon arrival, check in at your jungle lodge. Following lunch, begin your exploration of the park with an afternoon jeep safari.



Pench Tiger Reserve is named after the Pench River, which flows through the heart of the park and serves as its lifeline. Dominated by teak forests, the park tends to dry up earlier in the season as teak trees shed their leaves — a phenomenon that leads to shrinking water bodies and enhanced visibility for wildlife sightings. Pench offers excellent opportunities to spot tigers, leopards, dholes (wild dogs), and gaur (Indian bison) among a rich variety of other species.

Overnight will be at Pench.

Day 8-9: Explore Pench Tiger Reserve

Over the next two days, you will explore Pench Tiger Reserve with morning and afternoon jeep safaris, allowing you to witness the changing rhythms of the forest throughout the day. Early mornings bring a sense

of stillness, perfect for tracking predators, while afternoons often reveal herbivores gathering around shrinking waterholes.

Pench is part of the larger Satpura-Maikal landscape and is known for its classic Central Indian teak forests, dotted with bamboo thickets and open grasslands. This vibrant mosaic supports a healthy population of Bengal tigers, leopards, dholes (Indian wild dogs), sloth bears, jungle cats, and gaur (Indian bison). The herbivore diversity is equally impressive, featuring spotted deer, sambar, barking deer, and nilgai. Birdwatchers will find delight in the park's avian life, with over 250 species of birds including owls, eagles, rollers, and hornbills.

Each safari is led by a knowledgeable naturalist and a local forest guide who will help interpret signs of the wild and enhance your understanding of this fascinating ecosystem.

Overnight will be at Pench.

Note: The park remains closed on Wednesday afternoons for jeep safaris.



Day 10: Pench to Tadoba (250 km - 5 hours' drive)

After an early breakfast, drive to Tadoba, a journey of approximately 250 km, which will take around five hours. You are expected to reach your lodge around lunchtime. Following lunch, begin your exploration of Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve with an afternoon jeep safari.

According to local legend, a tribal deity named 'Tadu' lost his life here many years ago while fighting a tiger. In his memory, the local tribes built a shrine beneath a large tree by the shores of Lake Tadoba. This gave the

forest its name Tadoba. The Andhari River, which winds through the forest, lends its name to the second part of the reserve's title.

Overnight will be at Tadoba.

Day 11-12: Explore Tadoba Tiger Reserve

Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve is one of India's finest tiger habitats, known for its dense forests, rolling hills, and meandering streams. The reserve supports a high density of tigers and is also home to leopards, sloth bears, dholes (wild dogs), jungle cats, and gaur, along with a healthy prey base that includes spotted deer, sambar, and nilgai. The landscape is a vibrant showcase of rich biodiversity and dramatic encounters.

Major flora includes Bamboo, Teak, Ain, Bija, Dhauda, Haldu, Salai, Semal, and Tendu. Bamboo and Teak dominate the tropical dry deciduous flora of this land. But unique to Tadoba, and a photographer's delight, are the 'ghost trees' which are very large and have completely white bark! We have planned two safaris for you on each of the two days.

Overnight will be at Tadoba.



Day 13: Morning Safari – Drive to Nagpur (150km – 3 hours' drive) – Fly to Delhi

This morning, head out for your final jeep safari in Tadoba, giving you one last opportunity to experience the raw beauty and wildlife of this remarkable reserve. With a bit of luck, you may have a memorable sighting to end your time in the jungle on a high note.

After returning to the lodge, enjoy lunch and some time to freshen up before you drive back to Nagpur Airport to board your flight to Delhi. On arrival in Delhi our guest ambassador will be there to receive you and assist with your transfer and check-in at the hotel. **Overnight will be in Delhi.**

Day 14: Delhi to Guwahati (Flight) – Drive to Kaziranga (225 km - 4.5 hours' drive)

Early this morning, check out and transfer to Delhi Airport to board your flight to Guwahati, the gateway to Northeast India. On arrival at Guwahati Airport, you will be met by your local representative and begin your overland journey to Diphlu River Lodge.

The drive from Guwahati to Kaziranga covers approximately 225 km and takes about 4.5 hours, passing through lush tea estates, Assamese countryside, and vibrant local villages.

Overnight at Diphlu River Lodge**Day 15-16: Explore Kaziranga National Park**

Over the next two days, you will explore the diverse landscapes of Kaziranga National Park with morning and afternoon jeep safaris each day. These safaris will take you through the park's distinct zones, offering varied habitats and excellent opportunities for wildlife sightings.

Kaziranga is globally celebrated for harboring the largest population of the Indian one- horned rhinoceros, but its rich biodiversity offers much more. The park is also home to the Royal Bengal tiger, often seen in the tall grasslands; the majestic Asian elephant; the massive wild water buffalo; and the rare and agile Hoolock gibbon the only ape species found in India.

The park's unique ecosystem of floodplains, swamps, tropical moist forests, and tall elephant grass supports an incredible range of wildlife, including over 480 species of birds, making it a haven for birdwatchers as well.

Overnight at Diphlu River Lodge

Day 17: Final Safari – Return to Guwahati – Fly to Delhi

After returning to the lodge, enjoy breakfast and freshen up before check-out. You will then begin your drive to Guwahati Airport (approximately 5–6 hours), traveling through Assam's lush tea estates and vibrant countryside, to check in for your flight to Delhi. On arrival in Delhi our guest ambassador will assist you with your transfer to your hotel.

Overnight will be in Delhi.

Day 18: Departure

Transfer to the international airport for your onward flight.

**Wildlife Highlights:**

- Asiatic Lion (Gir)
- Blackbuck Antelope (Velavadar)
- Bengal Tiger & Sloth Bear (Pench & Tadoba)
- One-Horned Rhinoceros & Elephant (Kaziranga)
- Birdlife (over 480 species across all parks)

Why Choose This Safari Experience?

- Covers multiple unique ecosystems in one trip
- Includes expert-led jeep safaris in top reserves
- Features handpicked, comfortable jungle lodges
- Great for wildlife photographers and nature lovers



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