

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS In The Land of Tigers

# **Tour Booking and Inclusions**

# Q: How do I book this tour?

A: Booking is very easy! Simply follow the booking procedure by clicking on "Book Now". This will take you to the product page where you can reserve your place by paying a DEPOSIT. You will receive a confirmation of your booking and any queries will be dealt with using your e-mail provided All major credit cards and PayPal are accepted.

# Q: What accommodation is included?

A: We will be staying at 3 different locations. In Nagpur on Day 1 we will stay at a hotel while in Tadoba and Pench we will stay at lodges – please see itinerary for more details.

# Q: What meals are included?

A: All meals are included throughout the tour. If you have any food allergies, dietary restrictions, or preferences, please let us know as early as possible so we can make the necessary arrangements with our lodge and hospitality partners.

# **Travel & Arrival**

# Q: Do I need a visa to travel to India?

A: Yes, most travellers require a visa. India offers an e-Visa for tourism which is easy to apply for online. Be sure to apply well in advance and ensure your passport has at least 6 months' validity from your date of entry.

# Q: Which airport do I fly into?

A: You'll fly into Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport (NAG) in Nagpur. Most international travellers connect through hubs like Doha, Delhi, or Mumbai.

# Q: How far is Tadoba or Pench from Nagpur?

A: Tadoba is about 3 to 4 hours by road, while Pench is around 4 to 5 hours depending on the route and traffic.

# Q: Do I need to hire a car?

A: No, all transportation is catered for. This includes airport transfers, lodge transfers and activity transfers.

# **Communication & Connectivity**

# Q: Will I have phone signal and internet?

A: In most cases, yes, your phone will work in India — but it depends on your network provider and phone settings.

- Unlocked Phones: If your phone is unlocked, you can easily use a local Indian SIM card for better rates on calls and data.
- Roaming: International roaming from your home provider may work, but it's often expensive. Be sure to check rates with your provider before departure.
- Coverage: Mobile coverage in urban areas and around major parks like Tadoba and Pench is generally good, though signal can be patchy or unavailable in more remote safari areas.

# Q: Should I get a local SIM card?

A: It's recommended if you want regular access to data or local calls. You'll need a copy of your passport and visa to purchase one.

# Q: What about Wi-Fi Availability

A: Most lodges provide Wi-Fi, and in general, the signal is strong enough to reach the rooms. However, please note that connections can be intermittent or unstable due to the remote nature of some locations. We recommend downloading any essential content or documents in advance and enjoying the opportunity to disconnect when possible.

# **Health & Safety**

# Q: Do I need any vaccinations?

A: It's best to consult your doctor, but commonly recommended vaccines include Tetanus, Hepatitis A, Typhoid, and in some areas, Malaria precautions may be advised.

# Q: Is it safe to drink tap water?

A: No — always drink bottled or filtered water. This is included for the trip. It's also wise to avoid ice, salads and raw foods unless prepared in reputable establishments.

# Insurance

# Q: What kind of travel insurance do I need?

A: Comprehensive travel insurance that covers health, cancellations, and camera gear is strongly recommended. Note: We are not liable for losses if you are uninsured.



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# **Money & Payments**

# Q: Can I use my credit/debit card?

A: Cards are accepted in Nagpur and larger hotels, but cash is preferred in rural areas. ATMs are available in cities, so it's a good idea to withdraw some Indian Rupees (INR) before heading to the parks.

# Q: Are gratuities expected?

A: Tipping is not mandatory but is greatly appreciated by guides, drivers, and lodge staff. We'll provide tipping guidelines in your welcome pack.

# Q: What costs outside of what's advertised should I prepare for?

A: While the tour is mostly inclusive, you should budget separately for your international flights, snacks and drinks outside of included meals, and any personal purchases such as souvenirs, laundry, or optional tips.

# Safari & Photography-Specific

# Q: What kind of camera gear should I bring?

A: A telephoto lens (at least 300mm), a wide-angle for landscapes, spare batteries, memory cards, and protective gear for dust are highly recommended.

# Q: Is a tripod necessary?

A: No, we will be photographing from a vehicle so a tripod is not required. However, some people prefer to use a monopod for sturdiness.

# Q: I see ONE camera fee is included, what if I want to bring more than 1 camera?

Correct, ONE camera is included per participant, per visit to the tiger reserves. However, if you are taking more than one camera, there is a fee of 300 Rupees per additional camera, per visit. This is about  $£3/$^3$  and as such is quite inexpensive.

# Q: Are there any clothing guidelines?

• A: Earth-tone, neutral colours are best for safaris. Avoid bright or white clothing. Early mornings can be chilly, so bring a fleece or jacket. Also, a scarf or buff to protect from dust on drives is a very good idea.

# Weather Conditions

#### Q: What will the weather be like in FEBRUARY?

A: In February, Nagpur experiences pleasant and comfortable weather, making it an excellent time for outdoor activities and wildlife exploration.

#### Temperature

- Average High: Approximately 31°C (88°F)
- Average Low: Around 15°C (59°F)
- Daily Averages: Temperatures typically range from 18°C to 33°C (64°F to 91°F) throughout the month.

#### Precipitation

- Rainfall: Minimal, averaging about 13 mm (0.5 inches) for the entire month.
- Rainy Days: Typically, there is only one rainy day in February.

#### Humidity

• Levels: Moderate, averaging around 43% relative humidity, contributing to the overall comfort.

Sunshine

• Sunshine Hours: Nagpur enjoys abundant sunshine in February, with an average of 268 hours for the month.

# Q: What will the weather be like in NOVEMEBER?

A: In **November**, Nagpur experiences pleasant and comfortable weather, making it an excellent time for outdoor activities and wildlife exploration.

#### Temperature

- Average High: Approximately 30°C (86°F)
- Average Low: Around 17°C (63°F)
- Daily Averages: Temperatures typically range from 18°C to 32°C (64°F to 90°F) throughout the month.

#### Precipitation

- Rainfall: Minimal, averaging about 11-12 mm (0.4 inches) for the entire month, usually occurring over a single day.
- Rainy Days: Typically, there is only one rainy day in November.

Humidity

 Levels: Moderate, averaging around 55% relative humidity, contributing to the overall comfort.

Sunshine

• Sunshine Hours: Nagpur enjoys abundant sunshine in November, with an average of 264 hours for the month.