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DAY 1-NAGPUR/KANHA NATIONAL PARK

Take the morning flight to Nagpur where you will be welcomed by your charming driver for a 5-hour road trip to Kanha National Park and the brand new &Beyond Banjaar Tola Kanha Tented Camp. Within weeks of its opening in February 2009, the camp not only delighted guests with incredible tiger sightings, but was also recognised by National Geographic Adventure magazine's in their Top 50 Ecolodges in the world.

Spend three nights at &Beyond Banjaar Tola Kanha Tented Camp in a luxury tented suite (all inclusive). The tented suites overlook the core area of the park and who knows you may spot a tiger coming down to the river just a few meters away.

DAY 2/3 - KANHA NATIONAL PARK

Kanha National Park is one of India's largest parks and one of first nine tiger reserves established with the initial launch of Project Tiger in 1973, aimed at protecting tigers and their ecosystems. Kanha is prime tiger wilderness and also home to barasingha (unique to the Reserve) and gaur. Discover the park's great diversity of wildlife and bird species on early morning and evening game drives led by &Beyond-trained naturalists or on elephant-back (elephant rides cannot be guaranteed, however, as this depends on the successful tracking of the tiger by the mahouts/elephant handlers).

DAY 4- KANHA /BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK

The adventure continues with a 6-hour road journey through the beautiful countryside of rural Madhya Pradesh from Kanha to Bandhavgarh National Park - one of India's great tiger reserves.

Spend three nights at &Beyond Mahua Kothi in an intimate kutiya or jungle suite (all inclusive). Happily the lodge is only 10 minutes from the park entrance!

DAY 5/6- BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK

Bandhavgarh supports one of the highest densities of tiger on the subcontinent. The Park is also home to a large variety of mammals: leopard, chital (spotted deer), sambar deer, nilgai, wild boar, chinkara, sloth bear, rhesus macaque and jungle cat to name a few. Explore this beautiful jungle on twice-daily game drives in the Reserve led by &Beyond-trained naturalists, or on an elephant-back safari looking for tigers amongst other wildlife (elephant-back safaris cannot be guaranteed, as they are subject to availability from the forest department). Absorb the sights and sounds while cycling through a traditional Madhya Pradesh village.

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DAY 7- BANDHAVGARH /PANNA NATIONAL PARK

Today is your last India-by-road adventure - a 5-hour trip will take you to Panna National Park situated in the Vindhya Hills along the Ken River. It is a vast plateau dominated by tropical forests, deep ravines, cascading waterfalls and thick teak forests. On arrival, you will be warmly welcomed at &Beyond Pashan Garh Panna Wilderness Lodge.

After a delicious lunch indulge in a dip in the pool, a massage or an afternoon siesta, and of course afternoon tea. A resident naturalist will lead you on a brisk evening walk around the 90 acre private property. After freshening up in your luxurious cottage (with the best body products ever!) cocktails are served on the main deck followed by dinner which is served in a different place each night - around the candlelit pool, on the deck or Pashan Garh's famous 'Palanquin Dinner' (dinner for 2 in an oxcart!).

Spend two nights at &Beyond Pashan Garh Panna Wilderness Lodge in a gorgeous air-conditioned stone cottage (all inclusive).

DAY 8 - PANNA NATONAL PARK

After early morning tea, head for the park - an easy 40-minute drive. The open safari vehicle will be waiting for you at the park entrance. Explore this remote and somewhat unknown pristine park on a 4-hour safari. A bush breakfast is served in the park after a boat ride (30 minutes and in National Park boats) to view the marsh (or Muggers) crocodiles in the Ken River together with the glorious aquatic birdlife that abounds here. Or perhaps try an elephant back 'bumble'. As tiger viewing is very limited in the park guests can experience an elephant back adventure just how it ought to be - slow, steady and just gently ambling off road through the jungle.

Once back at the lodge indulge in a massage, have a swim or best of all do nothing at all until lunch time. After an early lunch depart for the Khajuraho Western Temples - a 2 hour visit to these pristine, ancient and beautifully preserved 10th century temples which are a deserved World Heritage Site.

DAY 9- PANNA/KHAJURAHO/DELHI

Indulge in a lazy breakfast in bed before heading to Khajuraho airport to catch your Delhi flight.