

Mangrove Forest of North East

Delhi-Glenburn-Kaziranga National Park-Kolkatta-Sunderbans

DAY 1 ARRIVE DELHI

Arrive Delhi. Upon arrival you will be received and taken to the hotel.

The city consists of two parts -Old & New Delhi. Old Delhi was the capital of Muslim India between 17th and 19th century and has many mosques, monuments and forts. New Delhi, the imperial city was created by the British as the capital of India. In 1911, Edwin Lutyens', the most renowned English architect of the day, was chosen to design New Delhi. Lutyens' architectural conceptions were totally different from the Hindu or Mughal architecture. The city centre has wide, straight avenues in a strict layout,



plenty of parks and low colonial buildings with spacious gardens.

Meals included: None

Overnight:

DAY 2 DELHI

This morning visit Old Delhi, it pulses with the energy and colour, the hustle and bustle of thronged bazaars and is laced by a maze of narrow lanes which twist and turn between tall, leaning houses full of the sights, sounds and aromas of the Indian sub-continent. You will see the famous Red Fort surrounded by shops, and bazaars, the Jama Masjid with its tapering minarets and wonderful marble domes and the Chandni Chowk. In Old Delhi you will also have an opportunity to enjoy rickshaw ride.

In the afternoon you will be taken on a tour of New Delhi. It is a city of wide boulevards which offers ever changing perspectives of Lutyen's landscaped city. It is a city known for its formal parks, magnificent Parliament Building, the Rashtrapati Bhawan (the official residence of the President of India designed by Sir Edwin Lutyen) and India Gate. In New Delhi you will also visit Qutab Minar, the 72.5 m high tower dating back to 13th century and Humayun's Tomb (built in the 16th century and architecturally the fore runner of the Taj Mahal).

Meals included: Breakfast

DAY 3 DELHI - BAGDOGRA - GLENBURN

Morning you will be escorted to the airport in time to connect your flight (9W 601; Departing Delhi at 1015 hours; Arriving Bagdogra at 0850 hours OR 9W 602; Departing Delhi at 1015 hours; Arriving Bagdogra at 1215 hours). You will be collected and driven to Glenburn (approx 4 hour 30 minutes)

Day at leisure, to enjoy the surroundings of the tea estate. There will be visits around the tea plantations, as well as a picnic lunch and the opportunity for some fishing down at the river, where there is the Glenburn Lodge. There are some lovely walks around the estate as well.

Meals: All Meals

DAY 4 GLENBURN TEA ESTATE



Today morning you will do an excursion to Darjeeling town to visit the sights (approx 1 hour 30 minutes drive each way).

With the backdrop of the mighty snow clad Himalayan peaks, Darjeeling is the most important hill resort in Eastern India. Straddling a ridge at 2100m and surrounded by a tea plantations, Darjeeling has been a popular hill station since the British established it in mid-1800s. You may like to visit Bhutia Busty Gumpa and the Bengal Natural History Museum, as well as the famous Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI).

Meals: All Meals

DAY 5 GLENBURN- BAGDOGRA - GUWAHATI - KAZIRANGA

This morning you will be driven from Glenburn to Bagdogra airport (approx 3 hour 30 minutes drive) for your onward flight to Bagdogra (Jet Airways - 9W 602; departing Bagdogra at 1250hrs; arriving Guwahati at 1340hrs) operates only on Tue, Thu, Sat and Sun OR (Indian Airlines -IC880 departing Bagdogra at 1215 hrs; Arriving Guwahati at 1305 hrs). Upon arrival, you will be received and driven to Kaziranga National Park (approx 5 hours). On arrival stay at your resort

Located on the banks of the Brahmaputra River in Assam, Kaziranga National Park covers an area of about 430 sq. km. It supports the largest number of endangered Indian one-horned rhinoceros in the sub-continent. With open country, covered mostly with elephant grass, Kaziranga gives the visitors a chance to see the fauna at fairly close quarters.

A day's outing is more than sufficient for visitors to see the major species here. As the rising sun touches the hills in the distance, herds of barasingha and wild buffalo is seen in the marshes. The most ferocious bovine in the world, the massive wild buffalo is impressive and often weighs up to 915 kg. Rhinos browse unconcernedly as the visitors pass by and an occasional herd of elephant or wild boar is also sighted.

The grasslands are raptor country and the crested serpent eagle, the pallas fishing eagle and grey-headed fishing eagle can be seen circling the marshes. The water-bird variety includes swamp partridge, bar-headed goose, whistling teal, the Bengal florican, storks, herons and even pelicans.

Overnight

Meals: All Meals

DAY 6 KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK



Morning enjoy a game in the National Park along with the elephant ride. Midday is free for walks in and around the Lodge. Afternoon enjoy a game drive in the National Park.

Overnight

Meals: All Meals

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Overnight

Meals: All Meals

DAY 8 KAZIRANGA - GUWAHATI - KOLKATTA

This morning you will start early and will be driven to Guwahati airport (approx 5 hours) for your flight to Calcutta (9W 601 Departing Guwahati at 1315 hours; Arriving Delhi at 1405 hours). Upon arrival you will be received and escorted to the hotel.

Overnight

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9 KOLKATTA

This morning you will be taken for a full day sightseeing tour of Calcutta. After breakfast, you will be taken to visit the flower markets by the Hooghly River and continue on to the Botanical gardens. Later you will visit Kumartuli, where you will see the craftsmen at work carving beautiful clay idols of the Hindu god and goddesses. In the afternoon, you be taken to visit Indian Museum and Victoria Memorial.

Overnight

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10 KOLKATTA - SUNDERBANS NATIONAL PARK

Today you will be driven to the boat jetty to board your boat to Sunderbans (02 hrs by roads & 3 hrs by boat). Upon arrival stay at you lodge.



The entire Sunderban, covering some 10,000 sq. km of mangrove forest and water (of which some 40% is in India and the rest in Bangladesh), is part of the world's largest delta (80,000 sq. km) formed with the sediments deposited by three great rivers, the Ganges, Brahmaputra and Meghna, which converge on the Bengal Basin. Intricate networks of interconnecting waterways, of which the larger channels are often a mile or more in width and run in a north-south direction, intersect the whole Sunderban area. In the Indian Sunderban, the western portion receives some freshwater through the Hoogly-Bhagirathi river system but that portion designated, as the tiger reserve is essentially land-locked, its rivers having become almost completely cut off from the main freshwater sources over the last 600 years. Thus, waterways in the Tiger reserve are maintained largely by the diurnal tidal flow.

Of the 230 odd species found in the reserve some are Red Junglefowl, Lesser Whistling-duck, Cotton Pygmy-goose, Streak-throated Woodpecker, Common Flameback, Greater Flameback, Coppersmith Barbet, Brown-winged Kingfisher, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Black-capped Kingfisher, Collared Kingfisher, Pied Kingfisher, Green Bee-eater, Green-billed Malkoha, Greater Coucal, Eurasian Collared Dove, Orange-breasted Green Pigeon, Yellow-footed Green Pigeon, Grey-headed Lapwing, Pallas's Gull, Brown-headed Gull, Black-headed Gull, Whiskered Tern, Brahminy Kite, White-

bellied Fish Eagle, White-rumped Vulture, Little Egret, Goliath Heron, Little Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, Yellow Bittern, Cinnamon Bittern, Asian Openbill, Lesser Adjutant, Ashy Woodswallow, Small Minivet, White-throated Fantail, Bronzed Drongo, Common Iora, Ashy Prinia, Oriental White-eye, Blyth's Reed Warbler, Clamorous Reed Warbler, Common Tailorbird, Greenish Warbler, Indian Scimitar Babbler, Chestnut-capped Babbler, Striated Babbler, Purple-rumped Sunbird, Purple Sunbird and Loten's Sunbird.

Overnight:

Meals: All Meals

DAY 11 SUNDERBANS NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy morning & evening cruise inside the National Park.

Overnight

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DAY 12 SUNDERBANS NATIONAL PARK

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Overnight

Meals: All Meals

DAY 13 SUNDERBANS - KOLKATTA - ONWARD DESTINATION

Morning at leisure.

Today you will be taken by boat and road to Calcutta Airport to connect your flight back to your country (03 hrs by boat & 2 hrs by road)