

Untouched Tribal Belts of Chattisgarh

Delhi-Raipur-Chitrakoot-Jagdulpur-Kanker-Kawardha-Kanha-Delhi

DAY 1 ARRIVE DELHI

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

Meals included: None

Overnight:

DAY 2 DELHI



Today late morning or afternoon you will do a guided tour of Delhi and visit parts of Old Delhi – visiting Jama Mosque and Red Fort. If time permits enjoy rickshaw ride in the by-lanes of the old city and later visit parts of New Delhi – visiting Humayun’s Tomb and drive past Government buildings.

In Delhi shopping possibilities are enormous. You may explore the city for its jewellery, and precious stone jewellery, shawls/pashmina, products for the home like furnishings and cutlery, but also a range of their own homemade jams/chutneys and handicrafts of various parts of the country.

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight:

DAY 03 DELHI - RAIPUR - CHITRAKOOT

Today morning you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Raipur.

On arrival you will be met and driven to Chitrakoot (approx 5 hours drive)

Chitrakoot, 'the hill of many wonders', nestles peacefully in the northern spurs of the Vindhyas, a place of tranquil forest glades and quiet rivers, and streams where calm and repose are all pervading. This loveliest of Nature's gifts is also hallowed ground, blessed by the gods and sanctified by the faith of pilgrims. For Chitrakoot's spiritual legacy stretches back to legendary ages: it was in these deep forests that Rama and Sita spent eleven of their fourteen years of exile; here that the great sage Atri and Sati Anusuya meditated; and here where the principal trinity of the Hindu pantheon, Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh, took their incarnations.

Rest of the day to visit the waterfalls

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight : Tourist Bungalow

DAY 04 CHITRAKOOT - JAGDALPUR

After breakfast, you will be driven to Jagdalpur - the very heartland of the Bastar tribes (approx 1 hour drive)

Visit the anthropological museums and the surroundings of Jagdalpur.

Jagdalpur is one of most beautiful towns of the country. Jagdalpur is rich in greenery, with big trees everywhere, and plantations surrounding the town providing a pleasant and healthy atmosphere and free from pollution. Because of this the temperature even in peak summer is moderate which is a key attraction of Jagdalpur.

It has a mixed culture of people pertaining to different states such as Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Bengal, Punjab and etc. Most of them are settled as businessmen and as government servants. Jagdalpur is one of the few towns in India where people of different religion, caste and culture are living in peace and harmony. The places worth seeing in the town are Gole Bazar during night hours and during Dusshera and Diwali festival seasons & Kumhara Para area where all types of handicraft items made by the skilled hands of Bastar tribes are available.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Naman Bastar

DAY 05 JAGDALPUR

Today you shall get an opportunity to get to know some of the traditional arts and crafts of Bastar, which comprise from wood-craft to terracotta, tribal weaving to Bhatti-chitra (traditional Wall paintings), stone-carving to Bell metal craft, Iron craft and the Bamboo crafts. These crafts reflect the subtle creativity, inventive genius and the imagination of the local craftsmen, who have tried to retain the original purity of perception and core-concepts governing the life styles of their ethos.

DAY 06 JAGDALPUR- KANGAR VALLEY PARK - JAGDALPUR

An early breakfast allows time for a visit to the rich forests of the Kanger Valley National Park (about 1 ½ hours one way), the enchanting Tirathgarh waterfall and the extraordinary stalactite and stalagmite caves. Kanger retains the original intensity of the forests that once covered this whole region, and you will picnic in the natural habitat of leopard, tiger, sambhar, bison and the Bastar Hill Myna. Here too are forest tribal people in their natural habitat. There will be time also to explore some of Jagdalpur's unique handicrafts before dinner at the hotel with your royal guides.

DAY 07 JAGDALPUR- KANKER

Today you drive through the tribal country to Kanker (about 3 hour 30 minutes drive). The countryside will make you feel like being in paradise itself. The virgin and untouched tribal landscape is very fascinating indeed. Explore the verdant surroundings of the palace.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Kanker Palace

DAY 08 KANKER - KONDAGOAN - NARAYANPUR - KANKER

After Breakfast at the Palace, the Bastar Tribal experience begins. South of Kanker you and your royal guide climb the forested Keshkal Ghat, which marks the border of Bastar 500m above the plain. You will encounter here the special nature of North Bastar with a visit to a colorful weekly market. It gives you a great opportunity to meet the local people. At Kondagaon and Narayanpur discover some of Bastar's finest handicrafts, and the people who make them. Lunch will be a picnic in the deep green sal forests. An early evening dance by youthful members of Bastar's unique 'ghotul'

dormitory system completes an unforgettable day before a star - lit return to Kanker and a late dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Kanker Palace

DAY 09 KANKER / KAWARDHA

Today we will drive to the former Princely State of Kawardha (approx 6 hours drive). You will be shown to your Palace suite before lunch in the State Dining Room.

After checking into the palace, you will have your first exposure of tribal life of the Bastars. One of the Kawardha Royals will accompany you on your first trip to the surrounding tribal villages, which are still untouched from bustling life of a city.

Your return to the Palace at sunset is followed by a welcome drink to meet the royal family, with traditional Chhattisgarhi dance entertainment and then dinner.

Stay at Hotel Kawardha Palace for 02 nights.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Kawardha Palace

DAY 10 KAWARDHA

After breakfast, a well-versed Palace guide will accompany you on an introduction to the secrets of Kawardha's little-known natural and tribal world. You will meet the gentle and friendly Baiga people, the principal indigenous forest tribe. Enjoy picnic lunch with them. An evening return to Palace Kawardha precedes a royal family dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Kawardha Palace

DAY 11 KAWARDHA-KANHA NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast drive to Kanha National Park (approximately 5 hours driving distance).

Kanha is one the largest national parks in India extending over 1945 sq. km. of undulating country, which includes a core area of 940 sqkm. Kanha has some 22 species of mammals. The most easily spotted are the striped palm squirrel, common

langur, jackal, wild pig, chital or spotted deer, barasingha or swamp deer, sambhar and black buck. Less commonly seen species are tiger, Indian hare, dhole or Indian wild dog, barking deer and Indian bison or gaur. Other animals found in the park are Indian fox, sloth bear, striped hyena, jungle cat, panther, mouse deer, four-horned antelope, porcupine and wolf. Kanha has some 200 species of birds. The commonly seen species of birds include cattle egret, pond heron, black ibis, common peafowl, crested serpent eagle, racket-tailed drongo, hawk eagle, various species of fly-catcher, woodpecker, pigeon, dove, parakeet, babbler, mynah, Indian roller, white-breasted kingfisher and grey hornbill.



Meals included: All Meals

Overnight:

DAY 12 KANHA NATIONAL PARK

Mornings enjoy a game drive in the National Park; midday is free for walks in and around the lodge; afternoon enjoy your second game drive of the day....

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Overnight:

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Meals included: All Meals

Overnight:



DAY 14 KANHA NATIONAL PARK-NAGPUR-DELHI

Morning enjoy game drive in the Park .In the late afternoon, you will be driven to Nagpur (approx 05 hours drive) for your flight to Delhi. You will be transferred to the International airport to connect your flight back to your country

*******End of the arrangements*******