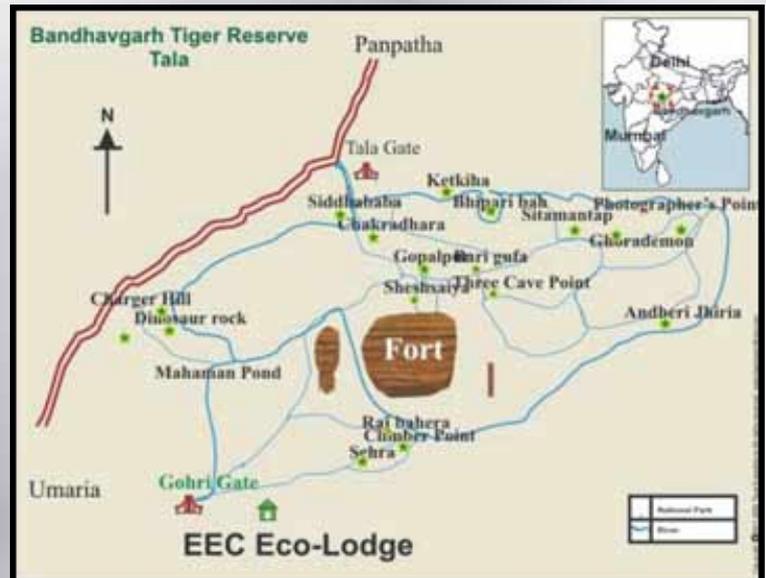


Christmas & New Year special offer at Eco Lodge Bandhavgarh

EEC - Eco lodge, Bandhavgarh invites you to share gala activities and to discover tigers and their habitats on the auspicious occasion of Christmas and New Year. Enrich your experience on this festival of Christmas and make an exciting beginning of new year with especial focus on Tigers and their natural habitats in India's most famous Tiger Reserve - Bandhavgarh. Get on to fabulous lodge situated in the middle of thick Sal forest near the Ghori gate just at one kilometer distance from the village Pasari where 400 children and 400 sub-adults of tribes live. The main building is overlooking a 2 acre waterhole with a lot of wildlife activities. On 10 acre ground and surroundings lots of birds and mammals can be spotted and some of them from really close by like Indian Rollers, and Langur monkeys and many more!

One of the very good advantage of this location is that it is far from all other tourist activities. In this Safari all kinds of activities will take place like nature and art workshops, demonstrations in sustainable cooking food and usages of solar energy for water heating, use of parabolic cooker Plan, water treatment, organic vegetable and medical plants gardens techniques and so on. You can also take part in imparting environmental education to the locals which is the most important element of human life as we are leading towards global warming gradually.



Tiger Expeditions offers you this 10days holy trip to Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve and en-route spot Taj Mahal of Agra for your life long memories .

Itinerary:10 Days

This tour can be customized

Day1: Arrival Delhi

Arrive Int. Airport Delhi, welcome & assistance by our representative. Transfer to hotel. Overnight at Hotel Shanti Palace.

Day 2 : Delhi/Jabalpur/Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve

Check out from hotel at 0500 hrs drive to domestic airport to catch Kingfisher Flight IT4375 at 0720 hrs to arrive Jabalpur at 0900 hrs. An air-conditioned mini lorry will take you to Bandhavgarh (190 km/4 hrs drive). On arrival you will check into Eco lodge. Here you would take part in various nature based activities . All meals and over night in Eco-Lodge.

Day 3/ Day 6: Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve

Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner Morning and afternoon Excursion in the Park and various other activities at leisure time.



A Pictorial view of up coming building of EEC



EEC Bandhavgarh, Mirror image

Over night at Environmental Education Centre (EEC) Eco Lodge.



Tiger in Bandhavgarh National park

Day 7: Bandhavgarh/ Katni/ Agra

Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

After lunch Transfer to Katni railway station to board Train # 2411 Godwana express leaving for Agra at 1705hrs. Travel in 1st AC in a personal coupe with delicious packed dinner. Overnight on train.

Day 8: Agra

The train arrives Agra in early morning, so be quick checking in at Hotel and then drive right away to see the famous UNESCO World Heritage Monument Taj Mahal to catch the sunrise and also contemplate all the color Changes of Taj Mahal's white marble due to reflection happening during sun rise. We also explore Agra Fort which is another UNESCO World Heritage Monument of red sand stone built by third Mughal Emperor Akbar in 1565. After lunch you could go for shopping. Overnight at hotel.

Day 9: Agra / Keetham Lake / Delhi

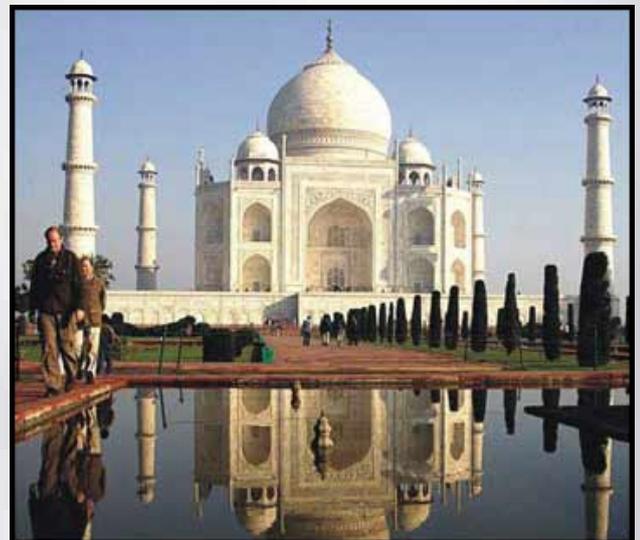
Check out from Hotel after tea /coffee and packed breakfast and drive to Delhi. En-route visit Keetham Lake (National Bird Sanctuary) and also explore Bear Rescue Centre at Keetham, 27 kms from Agra. We will have lunch at Hotel Country Inn, Kosi Kalan. After lunch drive for 4 hrs to Delhi. Arriving Delhi than check in to Hotel Shanti Palace. Near International Air port, New Delhi for wash & fresh. Following our special farewell dinner at this hotel we transfer to the airport for the international flight check-in. (B, L, D)

Keetham Lake: Keetham Lake is a scenic lake just outside Agra city on the Agra - Delhi highway (NH 2). The Keetham lake is also known as the Sur Sarovar. It is a tranquil spot, ideal for a relaxed outing. A wide variety of fish and water-birds add to the lake's natural charm and beauty.

This scenic lake is about 27 kms from Agra and was declared as National Bird Sanctuary in 1991 by U.P. Forest Department. The riverine belt of River Yamuna surrounds the area of Sur-Sarovar. The entire lake is formed in a catchment area of 7.13 km². Keetham Lake is pentagonal in shape. There are artificially created islands for shelter and breeding grounds to the migratory birds.

Birds: More than 106 species of migratory and resident birds are known to have their resting habitats at Sur Sarovar. The entire lake area gets covered by profuse growth of macrophytic vegetation of water hyacinth (*Eichornia* sp.) and *Potamogeton* sp. during summers. The water quality of Keetham lake supports wide range of avifauna during winter season.

The important aquatic birds inhabiting Keetham lake are: Little Grebes, Cormorants, Darter, Grey Heron, Purple Heron, Paddy Bird, Cattle Egrets, Large Egrets, Smaller Egrets, Little Egrets, Night Heron, Indian Reef Heron, Black necked Stork, white Ibis, Spoon Bill, Gray leg Goose, Bar headed Goose, Lesser Whistling Teal, Ruddy Shell duck, Pintail, Common Teal, Spot Billed Duck, Gadwall, Wigeon, Shoveled, Comb Duck. You may also sight: Hog Deer, Spotted Deer, Blue Bull, Wild Boar, Jackal, Jungle Cat, Cobra, Pit Viper, Krait, Python, Water Snakes, Turtles, Civet Cat and Monitor Lizard.



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Migratory birds in Keetham Lake

Bear Rescue Center at Keetham: The sanctuary is a retirement home for the dancing bears, which Wildlife SOS confiscates from the streets. In 1972, the dancing bears were finally outlawed by Parliament in India. Unfortunately, at that time, there was nowhere to put the bears, as the zoos would not accept them. It took some 30 years for a sanctuary for these poor bears to be built. The area of the sanctuary is about 12 acres in size, with electric fencing and a



Bear in Bear Rescue Center at Keetham

walled perimeter to keep the bears in and people out! It does contain a mixture of habitat for the bears to roam about and has several man-made dens as well as a Pool for the bears to swim in so far they have rescued nearly 400 bears.

Each rescued bear undergoes a 90-day quarantine period at the sanctuary during which, the bear is given a complete health check up, for diseases, wounds, parasites as also vaccinated against rabies & other diseases. Wildlife S.O.S. has also rescued many bear cubs from poachers and hunters who supply cubs to the local 'Qalandar' tribe (who traditionally use these bears to raise money on the streets). We will enjoy a guided tour of the rescue centre and have excellent opportunities to photograph these wonderful animals.

Day 10: New Delhi/Back to Home

Meet our connecting flights to back home.

To avail this opportunity, please contact us at office@tigerexpeditions.com & tigerexpeditions@yahoo.com



**EEC-EcoLodge, Bandhavgarh
Water hole view from seen from roof**



**View of Upcoming building Eco-Lodge (EEC)
Bandhavgarh**



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