

Dudhwa Discoverer

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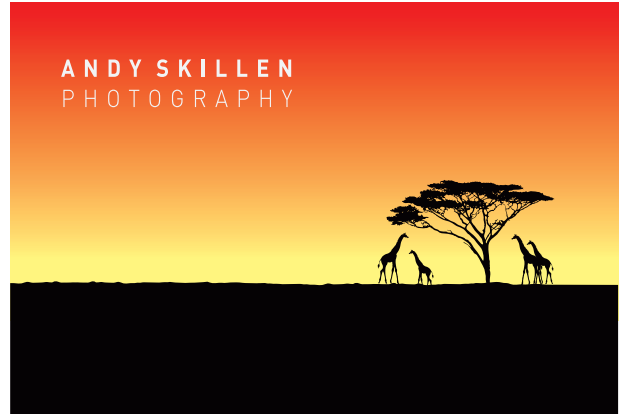
D2: 13-23/4/27

Location: Dudhwa and environs

Group size: 2 or 4

GBP 8,595 per person, based on twin-share

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A 10 NIGHT EPIC WILDLIFE ADVENTURE TO A RELATIVELY UNEXPLORED AREA WITHIN INDIA. WITH A GROUP SIZE OF JUST 4 GUESTS (ALSO AVAILABLE TO COUPLES AT THE SAME PRICE). THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO EXPLORE THE INCREDIBLY BEAUTIFUL TERAJ REGION WHERE TIGER AND INDIAN RHINO ARE JUST TWO OF THE TARGETS. EXPLORE THREE BEAUTIFUL WILDLIFE AREAS FOR AN EXPANSIVE PORTFOLIO AWAY FROM THE CROWDS.

GUARANTEED PRIVATE VEHICLES THROUGHOUT. THIS TRIP IS DESIGNED FOR GROUPS OF 2 OR 4 PEOPLE (BUT WILL ONLY HAVE TWO PERSONS PER JEEP AT ANY TIME!).

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- ONLY TWO PEOPLE PER JEEP AT ALL TIMES ON GAME DRIVES
- EXCELLENT EXPOSURE TO DUDHWA NATIONAL PARK
- PRIVATE VEHICLES AND TRANSFERS THROUGHOUT
- FULL DAY OUTINGS

COSTS AND LOGISTICS

- **Group size:** 4* (single and couple travel is also possible – please enquire)
- **GBP 8,595** (price based on couples or groups of 4)
- **Start point:** Delhi International Airport
- **End point:** Delhi International Airport

WHAT'S INCLUDED...

- Full board accommodation throughout (except in Delhi)
- accommodation in Delhi (start and finish of trip)
- All domestic flights and transfers
- Guides and Naturalist fees
- Private vehicles for safari as well as for transfers

WHAT'S NOT...

- International and/or any domestic flight to/from the itinerary start/end points
- Items of a personal nature
- Visa fees as appropriate (with your own local consulate/embassy)
- Any departure taxes not covered in your international flight
- Gratuities

YOUR ITINERARY....

Day 1: Arrive in Delhi (1 night)

Arrive Delhi You will be met by our local “Faunavista” representative and transferred to your hotel for the night.

Day 2: Fly to Lucknow, transfer to Dudhwa (6 nights)

Early morning, check out from your hotel and you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Lucknow. Upon arrival in Lucknow, you will be met and driven to Dudhwa National Park.

The drive is approximately four hours and one gets an introduction to the diversity of the Terai region, as you traverse through the countryside and notice endless fields of sugarcane, rice and wheat plantations.

On arrival at Jaagir Manor, Dudhwa soak in the serenity of the surroundings as you are escorted to your luxurious room. After the check-in formalities, relax and unwind from your journey. Later, set out for a gentle walk around the Jaagir Manor, to acquaint yourself with the fauna and flora of these rural surroundings.

In the evening, your resident naturalist will give an introduction to Dudhwa National Park, and highlight the activities that are included in your itinerary.

Day 3: Dudhwa

Wake up early for an exciting day. Your naturalist will meet you as you set course on your first jungle safari in the Terai region.

Dudhwa National Park lies amid the warm, tropical moist deciduous forests with an abundance of flora and fauna. Start your drive before dawn to catch the first rays of the sun as you enter the National Park.

The thrill of a safari experience comes from the sheer unpredictability of the jungle. This is an adventure like never before! The dense sal forests, extensive grasslands and wetlands, are home to a variety of wildlife, but it's what you may encounter on your sojourn that will keep you on the edge of your seat. Although elusive, sightings of the Royal Bengal tiger, leopard, the swamp deer and fishing cat are not uncommon.

The adaptive environment, healthy habitat, rich flora and fauna of Dudhwa suited the re-introduced rhinos and their population grew to 38 in 2018 and 46 in 2023.

Later continue as you pass numerous water bodies in the marshlands. Rich in riparian life, they are also critical breeding grounds for the critically endangered Indian otters. Stop for a much-needed packed breakfast, while you enjoy a hot cup of masala chai with sandwiches and croissants. Continue as you meander through different zones of the forest.

Conclude your safari as you take a moment to reflect on the highlights of the morning, before returning to

the Jaagir Manor via the Sathiana range, the largest open grasslands of the region and famous for the Gharials, who bask by the river as they soak in the morning sun and the spotted deer amidst a variety of butterflies and birds.

In the afternoon, after lunch, head out for another safari.

Day 4: Dudhwa

Morning and afternoon game drives in the Dudhwa Zone.

Day 5: Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary

This morning, proceed on an hour's drive to the Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary.

An integral part of the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve, it is an excellent habitat for the unique flora and fauna of the Terai region, with its many bodies of water. The sanctuary is dominated by sal, ficus and crocodile-bark trees, along with an array of multi-hued flowers and trees like the red silk cotton tree and the flame of the forest.

A swampland fed by the Sharda River also features the elusive tiger and the endangered swamp deer, along with barking deer, wild boar and hog deer. Watch freshwater crocodiles bask in the sun and ducks swim on these lakes.

After enjoying your game drive, return to Jaagir Manor, Dudhwa for lunch.

Post lunch, explore the Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary once again before returning to Jaagir for dinner in the evening.

Day 6: Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary

Morning and Afternoon game drives in Kishanpur Zone

Day 7: Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary

Today will be a bit of a long day but very exciting and rewarding. Post breakfast, you will drive for a distance of 110KM from the Lodge to Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary for half day boat safari.

Katarniaghat is a little-known paradise encompassing 400 square kilometres of grassland, swamps and wetlands. The Katarniaghat Forest provides a link between the tiger habitats of Dudhwa and Kishanpur in India and the Bardia National Park in Nepal.

Enjoy a boat ride on the River Girwa, one of the best places in the world for sighting the gharial. Spot the critically endangered Gangetic dolphins, fresh water turtles, Indian elephant, spotted deer, Burmese python and the white-backed vultures amongst other species.

A hot lunch will be served post boat ride.

Afternoon take a Jeep Safari to explore the wild life in the area before returning to Dudhwa.

Day 8: Tribal visit and Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary

You will drive for about forty-five minutes to a quaint hamlet on the periphery of the Dudhwa National Park - belonging to the local tribes of the Terai region.

For centuries the indigenous people have lived off the jungle and their traditions reflect their intimate relationship with the dense forests. Though their main occupation is farming, the colorful tribal community is renowned for their folk roots in music and dance, expert craftsmanship and their impeccable hunting skills. They excel at the art of catching and training wild elephants and make the best Mahouts.

Meet your local host for the day, who has previously served as an apprentice to the grand old man of Terai, renowned Indian naturalist late Billy Arjan Singh. Spend the morning with your host as he takes you to his intricately designed traditional home, with a captivating introduction to the culture and customs of this

prolific community.

On your way back, visit a local school where the curriculum is focused on nature and conservation. Interact with the enthusiastic young children and meet with the local teachers who are sensitizing the young generation on the impact modernization has on natural ecosystems. It is fascinating to see how passionate the young children are about nature, animals and plants alike.

Afternoon game drive in Kishanpur.

Day 9: Transfer to Lucknow and overnight

After Leisurely breakfast check out and drive to Lucknow.

Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh, extends along the banks of the river Gomti. The creator of Lucknow, as it is today, was Nawab Asaf ud Daula (1775 to 1797). The city became known as a centre for Urdu poetry and courtly diction, and reached its acme during the reign of Wajid Ali Shah (1847 to 1856) who was a connoisseur of music and poetry. It was during his reign that the British exiled him to Calcutta and appropriated Awadh; a key event in sparking the Indian Mutiny. Today, the city is dotted with remnants of its rich historic past. Lucknow is also known for its elaborate cuisine and 'Chikankaari' or exquisite shadow-work embroidery on fine muslin cloth.

Arrive Lucknow, check in to your hotel.

Afternoon half day city tour of Lucknow visiting The Residency, Hussainabad & Asafi Imambara.

Day 10: Flight to Delhi and overnight

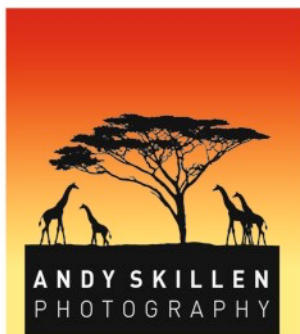
After a leisurely breakfast, check out and transfer to airport to board your flight to Delhi.

Day 11: Transfer to Delhi airport

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