



Best of India – Epic Indian Travel

BigCats of India—Tiger, Lion, Leopard & Snow Leopard Expedition

India is the only country on earth where five species of big cats roam wild. From the sun-baked grasslands of Ranthambore—world-famous for its bold, daylight tiger sightings—to the rocky outcrops of Bera where leopard slive a long side village life, the last refuge of the Asiatic lion in Gir's teak forests, and the frozen Trans-Himalayan cliffs of Ulley where the ghost of the mountains—the Snow Leopard—prowls in silence, this expedition is the ultimate big cat journey. Expert naturalists, intimate lodge accommodation and the extraordinary diversity of India's wild landscapes make this a once-in-a-lifetime wild life adventure.

Delhi, Agra & Ranthambore – Tiger Country [5 Nights]

Iconic jeep safaris through Ranthambore's legendary zones, with a dawn visit to the Taj Mahal and the grandeur of Agra Fort en route

Bera – Leopard Among the Rocks [2 Nights]

Rajasthan's first leopard conservation reserve – where common leopards share the landscape with villages, crocodiles and a spectacular array of birds

Sasan Gir – Last Refuge of the Asiatic Lion [2 Nights]

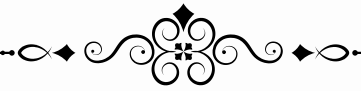
The only place on earth to see the Asiatic lion in the wild – Gir's dry teak forests are home to over 800 lions alongside leopards and rare birds

Ulley, Ladakh – Snow Leopard Expedition [6 Nights]

Six nights in the high Trans-Himalayas with dedicated trackers, searching the frozen cliffs for the elusive Snow Leopard, Tibetan Wolf and Himalayan wildlife

Tour Route: 24 Nights / 25 Days • Delhi [1N] – Agra [1N] – Ranthambore [3N] – Jaipur [1N] – Bera [2N] – Ahmedabad [1N] – Gir [2N] – Delhi [1N] – Leh [2N] – Ulley [6N] – Leh [1N] – Delhi – Fly Home

Best season: October to April – Ranthambore's tigers are most visible in the dry season; Bera's leopards are year-round; Gir's lions peak October to June; Ulley's Snow Leopard is best tracked January to March. Expert naturalists and exclusive jeep safaris provided throughout.



Tour Highlights



Royal Bengal Tiger—India's Apex Predator

Four parks, maximum tiger sighting opportunities— Bandhavgarh holds the world's highest tiger density, while Tadoba's habituated tigers offer some of India's most dramatic close encounters



Big Five of Central India

Tiger, Leopard, Sloth Bear, Wild Dog (Dhole) and Gaur — all four parks together offer exceptional chances of encountering every member of Central India's iconic wildlife quintet



Diverse Ecosystems

Sal and bamboo forests of Bandhavgarh, Kanha's rolling meadows and grasslands, Pench's teak and mahua woodland, and Tadoba's lake-studded Chimur Hills — four completely different habitats in one journey



World-Class Wildlife Photography

Expert naturalist-guided jeep safaris at golden hour, dedicated photography zones, and the chance to photograph tigers, leopards and rare Hardground Barasingha in stunning natural light



Exceptional Birdlife

Over 250 bird species across the four parks — including Malabar Pied Hornbill, Crested Serpent Eagle, Indian Pitta, Painted Stork and the rare Jerdon's Nightjar



The Jungle Book Legacy

Walk in the footsteps of Rudyard Kipling — Pench and Kanha are the landscapes that inspired Mowgli, Baloo and Shere Khan, and the forests feel as wild and timeless today as they did in 1894

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Expedition Tour Highlights



Bengal Tiger — Ranthambore
Ranthambore is world-renowned for bold, frequent daytime tiger sightings — its tigers are habituated to vehicles and regularly seen hunting, resting and patrolling their territories in open grassland and around ancient ruins



Asiatic Lion — Sasan Gir
The last wild population of Asiatic lions survives only in Gir — over 800 individuals roam this dry teak forest, offering some of the most reliable lion sightings anywhere on earth



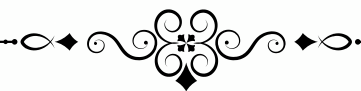
Common Leopard — Bera
Bera's leopards are unique—they live in complete harmony with the local Rabari community among rocky outcrops, offering an extraordinary and intimate wildlife experience found nowhere else in India



Snow Leopard — Ulley, Ladakh
The ghost of the mountains — the Snow Leopard — is tracked by expert local spotters across the frozen Trans-Himalayan cliffs of Ulley, one of the most reliable snow leopard destinations in the world



300+ Bird Species & Himalayan Wildlife
From Ranthambore's painted spurfowl and kingfishers to Ladakh's golden eagle, lammergeier and ibisbill — plus Tibetan wolf, Ladakh urial and Asiatic ibex in the high Himalayas





DAY 01

Arrive New Delhi — Gateway to the Expedition

Delhi — India's ancient and modern capital—is the starting point for your Big Cats of India Expedition. Your Epic Indian Travel representative meets you on arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport and transfers you to your hotel. This first evening is your storelax, explore the city and prepare for the extraordinary wild life journey ahead.

Expedition Briefing

- Your Epic Indian Travel representative meets you at Indira Gandhi International Airport and transfers you to your hotel. All travel documents, park permits and a full expedition briefing are provided this evening — covering the wildlife, habitats and logistics of all four big cat destinations
- Equipment check and any last-minute preparations. Your guide is available to answer all questions about the itinerary, the national parks and the wildlife you are likely to encounter

Delhi — First Evening

- Delhi rewards the curious traveller — the evening offers time to explore the vibrant streets of Connaught Place, sample the extraordinary street food of Chandni Chowk or simply rest after a long international flight
- Your guide is on hand to recommend the best local restaurants and evening walks in one of the world's great capitals

Overnight

- New Delhi





DAY 02

Delhi to Agra – Taj Mahal & Agra Fort

After an early start, your driver takes you on the 220km journey south to Agra—the city of the TajMahal. The drive takes approximately four hours through the plains of Uttar Pradesh. On arrival, check in to your hotel before heading out to explore the magnificent Agra Fort – a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the first great monument of the expedition.

Delhi to Agra

- Depart Delhi after breakfast for the four-hour drive south to Agra – 220 km through the flat agricultural plains of Uttar Pradesh, passing through Mathura, the birthplace of Lord Krishna
- On arrival in Agra, check in to your hotel before heading out to explore the city's extraordinary Mughal heritage

Agra Fort

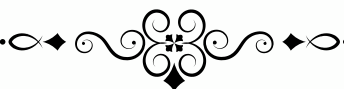
- The afternoon is spent at Agra Fort – a UNESCO World Heritage Site built by three Mughal emperors: Akbar, Jehangir and Shah Jahan. Its 20-metre-high red sandstone walls rise dramatically above the Yamuna River
- The fort's vast interior encompasses palaces, audience halls and mosques that blend Hindu and Mughal architectural traditions in extraordinary fashion

About Agra

- Agra was the capital of the Mughal Empire at its height – a city of extraordinary monuments, gardens and craftsmanship that defined an era of Indian history
- The Taj Mahal – closed on Fridays – will be visited at dawn tomorrow for the most iconic view in India: the white marble mausoleum glowing in the first light of morning

Overnight

- Agra



DAY 03

Agra to Ranthambore – Dawn at the Taj, Abhaneri & Into Tiger Country

Rise before dawn for the most iconic view in India—the Taj Mahal at first light. The white marble mausoleum glows with an ethereal luminescence in the early morning. After this unforgettable experience, drive to Ranthambore via the ancient step well of Abhaneri—one of Rajasthan's most remarkable and least-visited monuments.

Dawn at the Taj Mahal

- Rise before dawn for the short drive to the Taj Mahal's eastern gate – the best position for the famous sunrise view. The Taj was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in the 17th century for his wife Mumtaz Mahal, blending Persian, Mughal and Hindu architectural traditions
- The white marble changes colour with the light – from pale grey at first light to a warm golden glow as the sun rises over the Yamuna River behind it

Abhaneri – The Great Stepwell

- En route to Ranthambore, stop at Abhaneri – home to Chand Baori, one of the largest and most spectacular stepwells in India. Built in the 9th century, its 3,500 narrow steps descend 13 storeys into the earth in a breathtaking geometric pattern
- Abhaneri is one of Rajasthan's hidden gems – rarely crowded, extraordinarily photogenic and a fascinating window into the ingenuity of ancient Indian water management

Drive to Ranthambore

- After Abhaneri, continue the drive to Ranthambore National Park – the total journey from Agra is approximately 265 km, taking around five to six hours including the Abhaneri stop
- Arrive at the lodge in the late afternoon – time to settle in, meet your naturalist and prepare for the first full safari day tomorrow morning

About Ranthambore

- Ranthambore Tiger Reserve covers 1,411 sq km of rocky ridges, ancient ruins and shimmering lakes in Rajasthan. The thousand-year-old Ranthambore Fort looms over the forest, adding a haunting historical dimension to every safari
- Bengal Tigers here are famously bold and habituated to safari vehicles – making this one of the best places on earth for tiger sightings

Overnight

- Ranthambore



DAY 04 / 05

Ranthambore – Full Days of Tiger Safaris

Two full days of morning and afternoon jeep safaris through Ranthambore's diverse range zones—the Central, Western and Eastern Ranges each offer different terrain and wildlife encounters. These are among the most productive wild life safari days available anywhere in India, with excellent chances of tiger, leopard, sloth bear and a remarkable diversity of birdlife.

The Safari Rhythm

- Each day follows the classic Ranthambore rhythm: an early morning jeep safari departing at dawn, when the park's animals are most active and the light is at its most beautiful for photography
- The morning drive typically lasts three to four hours. An afternoon safari departs in the cooler hours of the late afternoon, returning at dusk

The Range Zones

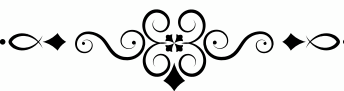
- The Central Range is the park's most famous zone – rocky terrain with ancient ruins, lakes and open grassland where tigers are regularly seen in full daylight
- The Western Range offers denser forest with excellent leopard and sloth bear habitat; the Eastern Range provides a wilder, more remote experience with superb birdwatching

Wildlife Regularly Encountered

- Bengal Tiger (excellent chance – Ranthambore is world-renowned for frequent daytime sightings), Leopard, Sloth Bear, Striped Hyena, Sambar Deer, Nilgai, Chital and Marsh Crocodile
- Birdlife includes Painted Spurfowl, Bronzed-winged Jacana, Great Horned Owl, Crested Serpent Eagle, Kingfisher and over 300 recorded species including numerous winter migrants

Overnight

- Ranthambore (2 nights)





DAY 06

Ranthambore to Jaipur – The Pink City of Rajasthan

A final morning jeep safari in Ranthambore before driving 180km north west to Jaipur—the Pink City of Rajasthan. The three-hour drive through the Aravalli country side delivers you to one of India's most photogenic cities. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Jaipur's magnificent bazaars, fairy-tale palaces and rugged hill top fortresses.

Morning Safari & Departure

- A final morning jeep safari in Ranthambore before checking out and beginning the 180 km drive northwest to Jaipur – approximately three hours through the Aravalli hills
- Arrive in Jaipur in time for lunch and an afternoon of exploration at your own pace

Jaipur – The Pink City

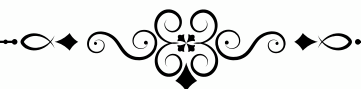
- Jaipur was India's first planned city – its broad avenues and rose-pink buildings enclosed within a formidable medieval wall. The city is the cultural heart of Rajasthan, a land of warrior kings, ornate havelis and vibrant street life
- The City Palace, Hawa Mahal and the hilltop Amber Fort are among the city's most spectacular sights – all within easy reach of your hotel

Exploring Jaipur

- The afternoon and evening are free to explore Jaipur's extraordinary bazaars – famous for gemstones, block-printed textiles, blue pottery and silver jewellery
- Your guide is on hand to recommend the best areas to explore and the finest local restaurants for an evening in the Pink City

Overnight

- Jaipur





DAY 07

Jaipur to Bera — Into Leopard Country

After an early start, the expedition drives 390km south west through the Rajasthani country side to Bera — a remote village near the Jawai Dam that has become one of India's most extraordinary wild life destinations. The seven-hour drive is an immersion in rural Rajasthan, arriving in time for an evening safari.

Jaipur to Bera

- Depart Jaipur after an early breakfast for the 390 km drive southwest to Bera — approximately seven hours through the Aravalli countryside, passing through small towns, camel-dotted plains and the dramatic rocky outcrops of rural Rajasthan
- Arrive at the lodge in time for a brief rest before heading out for an evening safari in the rocky landscape around Jawai Dam

First Safari — Bera

- The evening safari introduces you to Bera's extraordinary landscape — granite outcrops rising from the plains, the Jawai reservoir glittering in the fading light and the first search for leopards on the rocks
- Bera's leopards are habituated to human presence and are regularly seen resting on rocky outcrops, hunting at dusk and moving through the village at night

About Bera

- Bera is unlike any other wildlife destination in India — not a jungle or a national park, but a working cultural landscape where common leopards live in complete harmony with the local Rabari shepherd community, without conflict
- India's first leopard conservation reserve, Bera is also home to 15-foot Marsh Crocodiles, Blue Bull, Striped Hyena, Pelican, Flamingo, Demoiselle Crane and Bar-headed Goose

Overnight

- Bera





DAY 08 / 09

Bera — Full Days of Leopard Safaris & Village Life

Two full days so morning and afternoon safari in and around Bera—searching the granite outcrops and reservoir edges for leopards, crocodiles and the remarkable bird life of this unique landscape. Your naturalist knows the individual leopards by name and can read the rocky terrain with extraordinary precision.

The Safari Rhythm

- Each day follows a morning and afternoon safari pattern — the early morning is the best time to find leopards active on the rocks before the heat of the day, while the late afternoon brings them out again as the temperature drops
- Your naturalist positions the vehicle with expert precision, using knowledge of individual leopard territories and behaviour built up over years of working in this landscape

The Crocodiles of Jawai

- The Jawai reservoir is home to some of the largest Marsh Crocodiles in India — 15-foot giants that bask motionless on the sun-warmed granite rocks, perfectly camouflaged against their surroundings
- These ancient reptiles are a spectacular sight, and the reservoir's calm waters attract an impressive array of waterbirds throughout the year

Wildlife Regularly Encountered

- Common Leopard (excellent chance— Bera has one of the highest leopard sighting rates in India), Marsh Crocodile, Blue Bull (Nilgai), Striped Hyena, Jackal and Indian Fox
- Birdlife includes Pelican, Flamingo, Demoiselle Crane, Bar-headed Goose, Graylag Goose, Robin Accentor and numerous raptors

Village Life

- Between safaris, there is the opportunity to walk through the village with your guide and experience the extraordinary relationship between the Rabari community and their leopard neighbours — one of the most remarkable examples of human-wildlife coexistence anywhere in the world

Overnight

- Bera (2 nights)





DAY 10 / 11

Bera to Ahmedabad to Sasan Gir – Last Refuge of the Asiatic Lion

A morning safari in Bera before driving to Ahmedabad—a 290km journey of approximately five to six hours. Overnight in Ahmedabad before an early start the following morning for the 350 km drive to Sasan Gir National Park – the last place on earth where the Asiatic lion survives in the wild.

Bera to Ahmedabad (Day 10)

- A final morning safari in Bera before checking out and driving 290 km south to Ahmedabad – approximately five to six hours through the Rajasthani and Gujarati countryside
- Arrive in Ahmedabad in the evening. The city is Gujarat's largest and a fascinating blend of Mughal and colonial heritage, with a vibrant old city quarter and outstanding street food

Ahmedabad to Sasan Gir (Day 11)

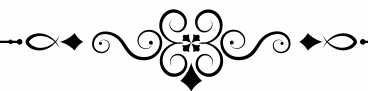
- A nearly start for the 350 km drive southwest to Sasan Gir National Park – approximately six to seven hours through the plains of Gujarat
- Arrive at the lodge in time for lunch before heading out for an afternoon jeep safari into the park – your first encounter with the Asiatic lion

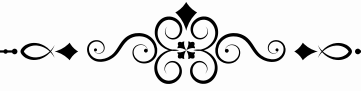
About Sasan Gir

- Sasan Gir is the last refuge of the Asiatic lion – a subspecies once found across southwest Asia, now surviving only in this single forest in Gujarat. The park's conservation story is one of the greatest in wildlife history: from fewer than 20 individuals in the early 20th century to over 800 lions today
- The park's dry teak and acacia forests also support Leopard, Chinkara, Four-horned Antelope, Marsh Crocodile and over 300 bird species

Overnight

- Ahmedabad (Day 10) / Sasan Gir (Day 11)





DAY 12 / 13

Sasan Gir — Full Days with the Asiatic Lion

Two full days of morning and afternoon jeep safaris through Gir National Park—searching the dry teak forest for the pride of the Asiatic lion. Gir's lions are well-habituated to safari vehicles and are regularly seen resting in the shade, patrolling the territories and, if fortune favours, hunting in the golden light of early morning or late afternoon.

The Safari Rhythm

- Each day follows a morning and afternoon jeep safari pattern — the early morning is the best time to find lions active before the heat of the day, while the late afternoon brings them out again as the temperature drops
- Your expert naturalist guides you through the park's best zones for lion sightings, drawing on deep knowledge of individual pride territories and seasonal movement patterns

The Asiatic Lion

- The Asiatic lion is slightly smaller than its African cousin, with a distinctive fold of skin along the belly and a less developed mane. Gir's lions are remarkably relaxed around safari vehicles, often allowing very close approach
- Prides of five to fifteen individuals are regularly encountered — a spectacular and deeply moving wildlife experience

Wildlife Regularly Encountered

- Asiatic Lion (excellent chance — over 800 individuals in the Gir landscape), Leopard, Chinkara (Indian Gazelle), Nilgai, Chital, Sambar, Four-horned Antelope and Marsh Crocodile
- Birdlife includes Sarus Crane, Indian Courser, Crested Serpent Eagle, Indian Roller, Painted Sandgrouse and over 300 recorded species

Overnight

- Sasan Gir (2 nights)





DAY 14

Gir to Rajkot to Delhi – Farewell to the Lions

A final morning jeep safari in Gir before driving 180km to Rajkot Airport to catch an internal flight back to New Delhi. On arrival in Delhi, your Epic Indian Travel representative meets you and transfers you to your hotel—the evening is free to rest and prepare for the second chapter of the expedition: the Snow Leopard quest in Ladakh.

Final Safari & Departure

- A last morning jeep safari in Gir – one final opportunity to encounter the Asiatic lion before checking out and driving 180 km to Rajkot Airport
- Catch an internal flight from Rajkot to New Delhi. On arrival, your Epic Indian Travel representative meets you at the airport and transfers you to your hotel

Delhi – Preparing for Ladakh

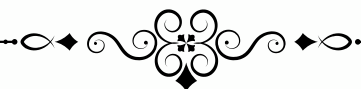
- Tomorrow's flight to Leh involves a dramatic altitude gain of over 3,000 metres in a matter of hours – your guide will brief you on acclimatisation this evening
- A good night's sleep in Delhi is the best preparation for the extraordinary high-altitude landscape that awaits in Ladakh

Looking Ahead – Ladakh

- The second chapter of the expedition takes you to the high Trans-Himalayas of Ladakh – one of the most dramatic and remote landscapes on earth, and home to the Snow Leopard, Tibetan Wolf, Ladakh Urial and Asiatic Ibex
- Ulley, your base for the Snow Leopard search, sits at over 4,000 metres above sea level – a world of frozen cliffs, vast silence and extraordinary wildlife

Overnight

- New Delhi





DAY 15

Delhi to Leh – Arrival in the High Himalayas

A nearly morning flight from Delhi to Leh—one of the most spectacular flights in the world, with the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas filling the windows as you descend into the Indus Valley. Leh sits at 3,500 metres above sea level, and the first day is dedicated entirely to acclimatisation.

Delhi to Leh

- An early morning flight from Delhi to Leh – approximately one hour, with extraordinary aerial views of the Himalayan peaks. Leh's airport is a military facility; photography is not permitted on arrival
- Your representative transfers you to your hotel – just 30 minutes from the airport – where the first day is dedicated entirely to rest and acclimatisation

Acclimatisation – Essential Guidance

- The jump from Delhi's altitude to Leh's 3,500 metres is significant. Rest quietly, drink plenty of water and avoid strenuous activity on the first day. Do not shower on arrival day
- A gentle stroll is fine, but the body needs time to adjust to the reduced oxygen levels. Your guide will monitor your wellbeing and is experienced in managing altitude-related issues

About Leh & Ladakh

- Leh is the capital of Ladakh – a high-altitude desert region in the western Himalayas, bordered by Tibet to the east and Pakistan to the west. Its culture is deeply Tibetan Buddhist, with ancient monasteries, prayer flags and whitewashed chortens dotting the landscape
- The Indus River flows through the valley below Leh, and the surrounding mountains rise to over 6,000 metres – a landscape of extraordinary scale and beauty

Overnight

- Leh





DAY 16

Leh — Culture, Monasteries & Birdwatching on the Indus

A full day in Leh—combining further acclimatization with cultural exploration and bird watching. The morning begins with a visit to Thiksey Monastery, the largest in Leh, before an afternoon on the banks of the Indus River — a birdwatcher's paradise and home to the rare Ibisbill.

Thiksey Monastery

- Thiksey Monastery is the largest monastery in Leh — its tiered white buildings rise dramatically above the Indus Valley in a striking resemblance to the Potala Palace in Lhasa, Tibet
- The monastery's halls and courtyards are filled with Tibetan Buddhist art, ancient thangkas, butter lamps and the scent of juniper incense. Entrance fees are included in your expedition package

Birdwatching on the Indus

- The afternoon is spent on the banks of the Indus River — a birdwatcher's paradise at this altitude. The rare Ibisbill is regularly seen on the river's shingle banks alongside Ruddy Shelduck, Common Merganser and various waders
- The Indus Valley's dramatic landscape of ochre cliffs and turquoise water is one of the most beautiful settings for birdwatching anywhere in the world

Leh Market & Evening

- The evening is free to explore Leh's market — a fascinating blend of Ladakhi, Tibetan and Central Asian culture, with stalls selling handmade jewellery, pashmina shawls, Buddhist artefacts and local produce
- Your guide is on hand to recommend the best local restaurants and teahouses for an evening in this remarkable high-altitude city

Overnight

- Leh





DAY 17

Leh to Ulley – Into Snow Leopard Territory

After a leisurely start, the expedition drives two and a half hours from Leh to Ulley—a tiny settlement of just six households perched high in the Trans-Himalayan landscape, and one of the most reliable snow leopard destinations in the world. The drive passes through the spectacular Sangam confluence before climbing into the high-altitude valleys.

Leh to Ulley

- Depart Leh after a leisurely breakfast for the two-and-a-half-hour drive to Ulley. The route passes through the spectacular Sangam — where the turquoise Zaskar River meets the grey-green Indus — one of the most photogenic spots in Ladakh
- The road climbs steadily into the Trans-Himalayan landscape, passing through Ladakhi villages and military bases before reaching the lodge at Ulley

Arrival & First Afternoon

- Arrive at the lodge and settle in over tea and coffee before heading out with the trackers to explore the immediate surroundings — scanning the vast cliffs and ridgelines for snow leopard activity
- Ulley's dedicated team of local trackers goes out every morning before dawn to locate snow leopards. Any sighting is immediately communicated to the lodge and the team moves swiftly to position guests

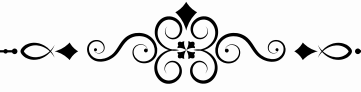
About Ulley & the Snow Leopard

- Ulley is a tiny settlement of just six households at over 4,000 metres above sea level — one of the most reliable snow leopard destinations in the world. The surrounding cliffs and valleys are home to a resident population of snow leopards that the trackers know individually
- The Snow Leopard's spotted grey coat is a masterpiece of camouflage against the rock and snow — finding one requires patience, skill and the intimate knowledge of the landscape that only Ulley's trackers possess

Overnight

- Ulley





DAY 18 / 19 / 20 / 21 / 22

Ulley — Five Days on the Snow Leopard Trail

Five extraordinary days in the high Trans-Himalayas — the rhythm of the expedition settles into a deeply satisfying pattern of pre-dawn tracker briefings, full-day searches across the frozen landscape and evenings spent sharing sightings around the lodge fire. Nothing is pre-arranged on this expedition — everything unfolds according to what the Snow Leopard chooses to reveal.

The Daily Search

- Each morning, the trackers are out before first light, scanning the vast cliffs of Ulley and the neighbouring settlements of Saspoche and Hemis Shukpachen with spotting scopes. When a snow leopard is located, the team moves immediately to the best viewing position
- Sometimes the viewing point is roadside; sometimes it requires a short hike across the frozen terrain. Get ready to do some hiking — and to be rewarded with one of the most extraordinary wildlife encounters on earth

The Snow Leopard

- The Snow Leopard's spotted grey coat is a masterpiece of camouflage against the rock and snow. Viewing is typically done with a spotting scope — and if they are close enough, with binoculars or the naked eye
- A mobile phone holder for the spotting scope allows clear images to be taken. Ulley's trackers have an exceptional sighting success rate built up over decades of working in these mountains

Beyond the Snow Leopard

- A small pack of five to eight Tibetan Wolves roams the valleys between Saspoche and Hemis Shukpachen — one of the most exciting additional wildlife encounters of the expedition
- Ladakh Urial and Asiatic Ibex pick their way across the frozen ridgelines. Golden Eagle and Lammergeier (Bearded Vulture, wingspan up to 2.83 metres) patrol the thermals overhead. Himalayan Snowcock, Chukar Pheasant, Red-billed Chough and Robin Accentor add colour to the frozen landscape

Overnight

- Ulley (5 nights)





DAY 23

Ulley to Leh – Farewell to the Snow Leopard

The final morning in Ulley—one last pre-dawn search with the trackers before checking out and beginning the drive back to Leh. The road back winds through the same spectacular Trans-Himalayan landscape, and the team continues to watch for snow leopard activity en route. Arrive in Leh by early evening.

Last Morning in Ulley

- Rise early for one final search with the trackers – this is your last chance to see the Snow Leopard on this expedition, so don't miss it. Join the team as they scan the cliffs and ridgelines in the pre-dawn light
- If a sighting is found, you can delay departure for Leh – but the lodge must be vacated before dark. The team also watches for wildlife on the drive back

Drive Back to Leh

- The two-and-a-half-hour drive back to Leh retraces the spectacular route through the Trans-Himalayan landscape – passing the Sangam confluence and the dramatic Zaskar gorge
- Arrive in Leh in the early evening with time to browse the market for souvenirs and reflect on an extraordinary week in the high Himalayas

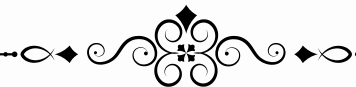
Leh – Final Evening in Ladakh

- Leh's market is a treasure trove of Ladakhi crafts, Tibetan jewellery, pashmina shawls and Buddhist artefacts – a perfect place to find souvenirs of the expedition
- The evening is free to explore at your own pace – a final taste of this remarkable high-altitude culture before tomorrow's flight back to Delhi

Overnight

- Leh





DAY 24

Leh to Delhi – Return from the Himalayas

After a leisurely morning in Leh, transfer to the airport for the flight back to New Delhi. The spectacular aerial views of the Himalayan peaks on departure are a fitting farewell to one of the world's most dramatic landscapes. On arrival in Delhi, your Epic Indian Travel representative meets you and transfers you to your hotel.

Leh to Delhi

- A leisurely morning in Leh before transferring to the airport for the flight back to New Delhi – approximately one hour, with extraordinary aerial views of the Himalayan peaks on departure
- On arrival in Delhi, your Epic Indian Travel representative meets you at the airport and transfers you to your hotel for a final night in India

Delhi – A Night to Reflect

- The evening is yours – a chance to rest, revisit your photographs and relive the extraordinary wildlife encounters of the past three and a half weeks
- From Ranthambore's bold tigers to Bera's rock-dwelling leopards, Gir's majestic lions and the ghostly Snow Leopard of Ulley – this has been a journey through the full spectrum of India's big cat heritage

Looking Back

- The Big Cats of India Expedition has taken you to four of India's most extraordinary wildlife destinations – each one unique in its landscape, its wildlife and its atmosphere
- The memories of these encounters – the tiger in the ruins, the leopard on the rock, the lion in the teak forest, the Snow Leopard on the frozen cliff – will stay with you for a lifetime

Overnight

- New Delhi



DAY 25

Delhi – Fly Home

The final morning of the expedition. After all surely breakfast in Delhi, transfer to Indira Gandhi International Airport for your onward flight home. Your Epic Indian Travel representative is on hand to assist with check-out and airport transfer, ensuring a seamless end to an extraordinary journey through the big cat heartlands of India.

Departure

- After a leisurely breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer to Indira Gandhi International Airport. Your Epic Indian Travel representative accompanies you to the airport and assists with check-in
- Departure times vary – your representative will ensure you arrive at the airport with plenty of time for your international flight home

Until Next Time

- From the ancient ruins of Ranthambore to the frozen cliffs of Ulley, from the rocky outcrops of Bera to the teak forests of Gir – this expedition has taken you to the four corners of India's wild landscape in pursuit of the world's most magnificent predators
- We hope the memories of India's big cats stay with you for a lifetime, and that the road leads you back to India again soon

Extend Your Expedition

- Your BigCatsOfIndiaExpedition can be extended to include Kaziranga National Park for the Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros and Asian Elephant, Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary, or the Golden Triangle cultural circuit
- Speak to your Epic Indian Travel representative about combining this expedition with other India wildlife or cultural experiences

Contact Us

- To book your Big Cats of India Expedition or to discuss a bespoke itinerary, write to us at epicindiantravel@gmail.com
- We will put together a personalised expedition proposal tailored to your travel dates, group size and wildlife priorities

Tour Route: 24 Nights / 25 Days • Delhi [1N] – Agra [1N] – Ranthambore [3N] – Jaipur [1N] – Bera [2N] – Ahmedabad [1N] – Gir [2N] – Delhi [1N] – Leh [2N] – Ulley [6N] – Leh [1N] – Delhi – Fly Home



Why Choose Epic Indian Travel for Your Big Cats Expedition?

Epic Indian Travel is India's premier specialist wild life expedition operator 4 trusted for the quality of our naturalists, the intimacy of our lodge selections and our deep commitment to responsible wildlife tourism. Our Big Cats of India Expedition is designed for the serious wildlife enthusiast who demands the very best in guiding, access and conservation ethics.



Big Cats Specialist Focus

We specialise in India's finest big cat destinations 4 from Ranthambore's bold tigers and Bera's rock-dwelling leopards to Gir's Asiatic lions and Ulley's Snow Leopard 4 with dedicated trackers, exclusive jeep safaris and a network of local naturalists maximising every chance of a sighting



Expert Trackers & Naturalist Guides

Our trackers bring extraordinary knowledge of Snow Leopard movement in Ulley, tiger territory in Ranthambore and lion behaviour in Gir 4 helping you read the landscape and get the most from every safari session



Small Group Expeditions

We keep our expeditions intimate and unhurried, ensuring more personal attention, better viewing positions and a calmer, more respectful presence in the field across all four big cat destinations



Responsible Wildlife Tourism

We work closely with local communities in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Ladakh and conservation partners to support responsible travel and the long-term protection of India's big cat habitats and prey ecosystems

Book Your Big Cats Expedition

Getting started is simple 4 just follow these steps and we'll handle everything else.

01

Send Us an Email

Write to epicindiantravel@gmail.com with your details: number of participants and preferred travel dates in October 3 April

02

Receive Your Itinerary

We'll put together a personalised expedition itinerary tailored to your big cat priorities, fitness level and preferred lodge options across all four destinations.

03

Customise to Your Needs

Review and let us know any changes 4 we'll refine the routing, lodge selection and activity mix until it fits your plans perfectly

04

We Share the Costs

Once finalised, we'll send you a detailed cost breakdown including wildlife entry fees, lodge stays, transfers and specialist tracking services.

05

Confirm and We Book

On your approval, we secure all permits, lodge bookings and ground arrangements 4 including the best available tracker teams for your dates

06

Combine Other Destinations

Your expedition can be extended to include the Golden Triangle, Kaziranga Rhino Safari or Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary, creating a wider India wildlife journey

07

Conservation Partnerships

We work closely with conservation-focused partners and local communities to support responsible travel and long-term protection of India's extraordinary big cat ecosystems

