



WILD EXPLORATIONS — TADOBA ANDHARI & UMRED KARHANDLA

DATES: 9TH – 17TH FEBRUARY 2025
GROUP SIZE: 8 GUESTS



INTRODUCTION

This program is a bit unique as it introduces to you the first nature conservancy project in the country. Community Owned Community Operated Nature (COCOON Conservancy) Conservancies are critical rewilding initiatives undertaken outside India's Protective Area Network. The project is based on an innate belief that communities living closest to our most biodiverse wonderlands deserve to be the primary beneficiaries and custodians of our vanishing biodiversity. The effect of this initiative is to expand the size and improve the quality of habitat available to wildlife by encouraging local communities to convert their own marginal and failed farms back to their natural wild state. The landholding will continue to be in the hands of the community but would serve as biodiverse nature refuges capable of offering communities assured livelihoods and economic security in an era of climate change. COCOON Conservancies serve to act as effective buffers to absorb the biodiversity that spills over from protected core areas, thus reducing human-animal conflict. By locating such conservancies in corridors, the objectives of widening and refreshing the gene pool is also met.

Umred Karhandla Paoni Wildlife Sanctuary makes for a perfect location for such a project as for years this wonderful sanctuary has been a little pocket of heaven for wildlife moving in between Nagzira - Navegaon Tiger Reserve, Bor tiger Reserve and Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve. Tigers have been recorded moving from the above-mentioned parks to Umred and then continuing onwards on their journey. Needless to say, some make this place their home while other are just passing through. In this program we have combined a visit to Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve along with Umred so that one gets a more in-depth understanding of the landscape, wildlife migrations and most importantly about the people who share this habitat with these wonderful big cats.

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9 FEB 25:

Arrive in Delhi. You will be received at the airport by our office representative and shall be taken to your hotel. You have the day/evening at leisure. Overnight will in Delhi.

10 FEB 25:

Today you make your way to central India to begin your adventure in the jungles of India. A morning flight from Delhi gets you into Nagpur from where you will transfer by road to Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve. You will take your first safari this afternoon. Overnight will be at the Bamboo Forest Safari Lodge.

11-13 FEB 25:

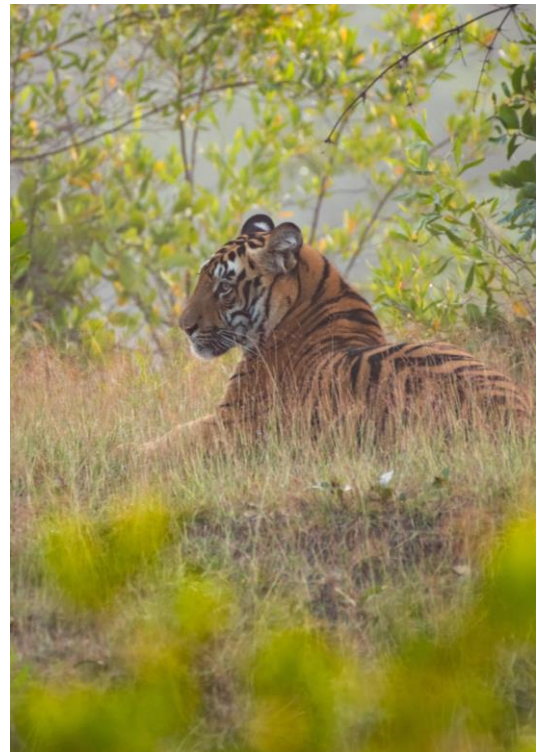
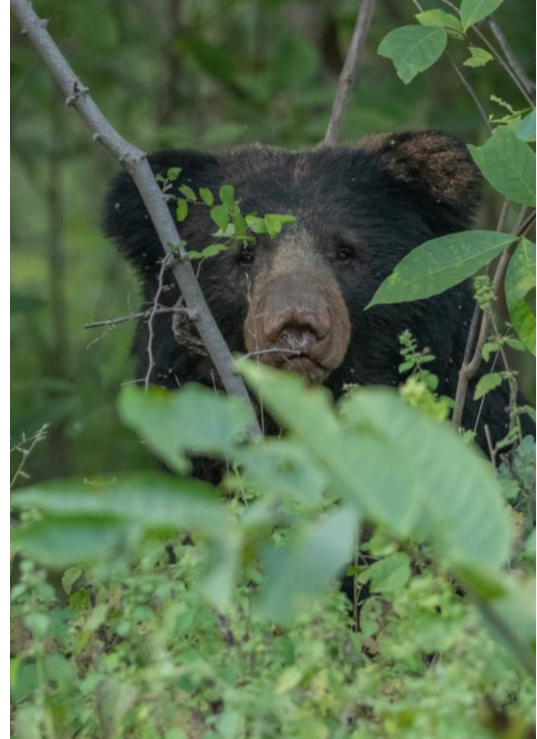
These three days will be dedicated to exploring Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve. This park came into prominence about a decade ago as tiger sightings in the park went on a rise. Today the park is an example for wildlife conservation as it has increased its buffer forests and wildlife has expanded into these spaces. It is perhaps one of the few parks in the country where tiger sightings in the buffer zones can often be much better than the core zone. Overnight will be at the Bamboo Forest Safari Lodge.

14 FEB 25:

This morning after a hearty breakfast make your way to Bamboo Forest Nature Conservancy in Umred Karhandla WLS. Since you have been on back-to-back safaris this afternoon we recommend and exploration of the backwaters that surround the 250 acres of conservancy at the edge of the park. These water offer amazing birding opportunity, and, on many occasions, you can find herds of deer as well as tigers in this landscape. Overnight will be at Bamboo Forest Conservancy.

15 FEB 25:

On this day we have planned a full day safari in Umred. The park has three zones, and this safari will give you full access to all the areas. At the same time should you want to return to the lodge for



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some rest or a meal you can come back to the lodge and return to the park. The time from 9:30am to 3.30pm the park becomes exclusively yours as morning safari vehicles have returned and they only come back in the afternoon post 3:30pm. There will be plenty of lime water, water, tea and coffee along with cookies and snacks that will be with you in your vehicles as well. If one finds a big cat - it is an amazing experience to spend this time along with the feline. Overnight will be at Bamboo Forest Nature Conservancy.

16 FEB 25:

Having spend such a long time in the park the previous evening we thought that today you should do morning and afternoon drives and in between the drives enjoy the wonderful experiences at the lodge. The conservancy has a wellness centre, alternately for those of you who would like to enjoy a little down time this too should work well. Overnight will be at Bamboo Forest Nature Conservancy.

17 FEB 25:

For those who enjoy yoga we have planned an early morning yoga session overlooking the wonderful backwaters. After a hearty breakfast check-out and make your way back to Nagpur airport from where you catch your flight back to Delhi / Mumbai and connecting flight to onwards destination.

END OF THE TOUR



BAMBOO FOREST SAFARI LODGE, TADOBA ●



BAMBOO FOREST SAFARI LODGE, TADOBA

The Bamboo Forest Safari Lodge stands out as the premier accommodation choice in Tadoba today, seamlessly blending luxury with the untamed wilderness. Recognizing the unique challenges of offering opulence in a natural setting, they've embarked on numerous initiatives to harmonize the experience. Firm in their commitment, they prioritize collaboration with the local community, aiding in both lodge operations and sustainable tourism ventures. They staunchly support the forest department's conservation efforts, not only financially but also through hands-on projects aimed at expanding the park's reach. Pioneers in eco-friendly practices, they introduced electric safari vehicles and boast a stellar team of naturalists and safari drivers, making them the preferred destination for discerning guests and celebrities alike.

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BAMBOO FOREST NATURE CONSERVANCY (COCOON)

Bamboo Forest has spearheaded an innovative approach with their "Community Owned Community Operated Nature Conservancy's (COCOONs)" model, which rejuvenates farmlands along wildlife migratory routes, transforming them into rewilded havens. Utilizing their CSR funds, they establish upscale, environmentally conscious eco-wildlife tourism accommodations for local farmers, who retain ownership of both land and tourism infrastructure. Their latest endeavor at Umred Karhandla Paoni Wildlife Sanctuary covers 250 acres, encircled by water on three sides and bordered by the park on the fourth. Elevated on stilts to safeguard wildlife corridors, the lodge offers unparalleled opportunities for encountering diverse wildlife, including tigers. Guests enjoy seamless access to the park directly from the property, bypassing safari entry queues. Additionally, a splendid wellness center has been integrated into the lodge, providing a serene retreat for rejuvenation after exhilarating days of exploration.

BENGAL TIGER ●



KEY —

SPECIES TO SEEK OUT

Even though we seek to find and photograph the tiger there are many wonderful species that call these forests home. Some interesting species to photograph when in Central India are:



DHOLE



SLOTH BEAR



LEOPARD



LANGUR



GAUR



SAMBAR



CHITAL



JUNGLE CAT



GOLDEN JACKAL

PRICING



PRICE:

Price per person for 2-8 guests travelling (double / twin): USD 4490 | GBP 3575
Single Room Supplement (depending on availability): USD 2120 | GBP 1690

HOTELS:

Delhi	Roseate House	1-nights	Premier Room
Tadoba	Bamboo Forest Safari Lodge	4-nights	Chalet Room
Umred	Bamboo Forest Nature Conservancy	3-nights	Luxury Nest

INCLUSIONS:

- o Accommodation in India for eight (8) nights.
- o Full board meal plan at both the lodges. Only breakfast is included in Delhi.
- o Travelling Naturalist from Nagpur to the wildlife parks back to Nagpur.
- o Seven (7) private jeep safaris into Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve.
- o One (1) Full day private jeep safari in Umred Karhandla Paoni Wildlife Sanctuary.
- o Two (2) private jeep safari in Umred Karhandla Paoni Wildlife Sanctuary.
- o One exploration of the conservancy with a focus on birding and learning about the COCOON Concept introduced by Bamboo Forest.
- o One yoga session with a specialist for the group.
- o All transfers shall be in an air-conditioned Toyota Innova Crysta. Each vehicle seats 3 guests comfortably. We shall use three (3) vehicles for the group.
- o Domestic flights from Delhi to Nagpur and back to Delhi in economy class.
- o All currently applicable taxes.

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NOT INCLUDED:

- Any international flights or visa fee.
- Any expense of personal nature including alcoholic beverages as well as soft drinks.
- Any camera fee. Tadoba & Umred both attract a camera fee.
- Any unusual escalation of taxes, permit costs, fuel costs or major fluctuation in foreign exchange.

PAYMENT & CANCELLATION POLICY:

- 30% advance is required on confirmation along with the passport copy of the guests. This amount is for booking flights and safaris.
- Balance payment needs to be made 2 months before the date of arrival.
- Safari permits once bought are not editable or refundable.
- The amount is 50% refundable if cancellation 45 - 30days before the date of travel.
- The amount is non-refundable if cancelled less than 30 days for the date of travel.