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Extension to Udaipur, Bera Leopard Country (Rajasthan), Agra and Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary

Dec 9 - 15, 2023 - 6 Days

The extension trip starts on the day the India Birding and Wildlife Trip concludes i.e. on Saturday Dec 9th. It takes you to Udaipur, leopard country of Bera, Agra and Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary.

Dec 9 – Saturday- Arrive at Udaipur. (L, D)

Udaipur, called the White City, is the jewel of the Rajasthan region.

Known for its incredible Rajput-era palaces, interspersed among lakes and cobbled streets, the city is filled with beauty and charm.



We shall fly into Udaipur from Bangalore. After checking into the hotel and lunch we shall go on a tour. We shall visit City Palace which is a monumental complex of 11 palaces, courtyards and gardens, famed for its intricate peacock mosaics. We shall also go for a boat ride on the scenic Pacholi lake. We'll have dinner either at the hotel or a restaurant with an ethnic ambience. Night stay at Udaipur

Dec 10 – Sunday- Bera (Leopard Country) – By Car- 2 hours



Bera, a village in Rajasthan is a special place where leopards roam free in the surrounding country and man-animal conflict is largely absent.

Along the village flows the river Jawai, with the Jawai Dam built on it. And the resulting beautiful lake is home to some of the biggest crocodiles.

We shall be hosted by Thakur Baljeet Singh at Castle Bera, the ancestral haveli of the descendants of Rana Pratap's fourth son, Rana Shekha. The four bedrooms, the dining room and the reception all contain relics of princely nostalgia.

We shall go for 2 safaris – evening and morning. The landscape accommodates several other wild mammals—hyenas, foxes, nilgai, sloth bears. Night Stay at Bera.

Dec 11– Monday– Udaipur

After a morning safari exploring the koppies nearby, we shall return for breakfast to Bera Castle and then head back to Udaipur. (Approx 2 hours).

At Udaipur, after lunch we shall tour few more places we didn't have time to see on day 1. We shall visit Saheliyon Ki Bari which is a garden with extraordinary architecture. It has a beautiful lotus pool with elephants standing on corners spurting water from their trunks. After that we shall visit the bazaar for some shopping or visit the Monsoon palace for the sunset. Night stay at Udaipur

Dec 12 – Tuesday - Taj Mahal



Today, we shall head to Agra to visit the iconic Taj Mahal-with its incredible lacy white grandeur and loveliness.

The Taj Mahal is perhaps the most perfect architectural building in the world. Emperor Shahjehan constructed this incomparable palace in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal.

The Taj Mahal is amazingly graceful from almost any angle and it is the close-up detail, which is really astounding. We shall visit the Taj either in the evening today or the next depending on the time we arrive in Agra. Night stay in Agra.

Dec 13 Wednesday- Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary



This morning, after a morning visit to Taj Mahal and a late breakfast, we shall head to Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary, an amazing birding destination. The sanctuary has some 230 resident birds and is also an important stopover spot for migrants. Night Stay at Birders Inn, Bharatpur.

Dec 14 - Thursday - Bharatpur Sanctuary and back to Delhi



Created more than 250 years ago, Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary was once the hunting grounds of the royals, but since 1985, it has been a World Heritage Site and hunting is banned.

We shall go for some early morning birding again and then return to the hotel for breakfast and check out.

We must now pack up and drive to Delhi. Night stay in Delhi at a hotel close to the airport. BLD.

Dec 15 – Friday - Departure from Delhi

Most flights depart early in the morning. Your transfer to the airport even if it does not match with the group transfer timing is included.

NOTE: The order and sites visited may vary due to weather, road conditions, and other factors beyond our control

Cost per person: \$1800 per person in twin room sharing.

Single Supplement: \$600

A \$500 deposit will be required for this extension.

Included:

- All lodging
- All Inter and Intra city by car/train
- All meals, tips for meals
- 2 Leopard Safaris at Bera
- Rickshaw Safari in Bharatpur
- Sight Seeing and Entry fees in Udaipur
- English speaking guides in Udaipur and Agra
- Airport transfers

Not Included:

- Domestic flight from Bangalore to Udaipur.
- Beverages
- Fees for video cameras/DSLRs at historic sites and NP (not phones)
- Items of a personal nature
- Tips. Suggested tips- guide \$7-10 per person per day