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NATURE PAINTING IN THE WILD

CENTRAL INDIA

ESCORTED TOUR - 12 nights / 13 days in INDIA
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Jabalpur – Bandhavgarh – Khajuraho – Orchha - Gwalior

Madhya Pradesh, a large state in central India, retains landmarks from eras throughout Indian history. Begun in the 10th century, its Hindu and Jain temples at Khajuraho are renowned for their carvings of erotic scenes, most prominently Kandariya Mahadeva, a temple with more than 800 sculptures. The eastern Bandhavgarh and Kanha national parks, noted Bengal tiger sanctuaries, offer guided safaris.

Wildlife lovers find **Bandhavgarh** to be an exceptional and interesting destination, providing a chance to observe some of India's most distinguished and endangered creatures in their natural surroundings. It is renowned for its abundant Royal Bengal tiger population. Bandhavgarh National Park is also home to Asiatic Elephants, Indian Wild Boars, Sloth Bears, Sambar Deer, Nilgai, Jackals, foxes and many more other wildlife. This park features a range of avian species, including vultures, eagles, and a variety of migratory birds that come to the park during the colder months.

Khajuraho is a UNESCO World Heritage site globally renowned for its medieval Hindu and Jain temples. Built between 950 and 1050 AD by the Chandela dynasty, the complex is famous for its breathtaking Nagara-style architecture and intricate, erotic stone carvings

DEEKSHA CHAUHAN - your wildlife painting instructor



Deeksha Chauhan is a self-taught wildlife artist based in Uttar Pradesh, India who specializes in realistic and hyperrealistic paintings of wild animals. Although her art journey started when she was 5 years old, she began following her creative pursuit professionally in the year 2020 after taking a 'life-changing' decision of transition from engineering to art after acting on her inner calling.

Art is something that has always come naturally to her, like it's her way of living. Having no formal or informal training in arts, she follows her intuition as her guide to create these artworks. Her practice includes self-studying the subjects of her painting, experimenting with her own techniques and a lot of practice. Her main goal behind creating every art piece is to express bits of her own personality with a slight touch of conceptions of her imagination while keeping the essence of the subject intact and alive.

And while following her passion for arts, she advocates for the protection of wildlife and nature through her paintings and also contributes for animal welfare on personal level by rescuing and nursing local wildlife and stray animals and donates to individuals who are doing the same from her earnings.



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Step into the world of fine wildlife art with Deeksha Chauhan, a self-taught wildlife artist from India, specialised in realism and hyperrealism. Join in for an immersive artistic experience where realism is simplified into clear, easy-to-follow process. You will learn •How to create realistic fur texture •Understanding light, shadow and depth •Blending techniques for a smooth transitions •Fine detailing for natural finish
No advanced experience required, just your passion to create.
Optional activities are available for tour members who are not keen on painting.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Delhi
Arrive Delhi. Met on arrival and transfer to domestic airport to connect your onward flight to Jabalpur. Welcome dinner. Overnight in Jabalpur.

Day 2: Jabalpur



Jabalpur is a land of historical diversity and a number of prominent kingdoms like Mauryas, Guptas, Hahayas, Rashtrakuts and Satavahans have ruled over it. The British took over Jabalpur in 1817 and their imprint is visible in the cantonment, colonial-style residences and barracks. Located on the shores of River Narmada, the city is an important administrative and commercial centre famous mainly for the "Marble Rocks"- the most mysterious natural wonders of India. Excursion to Bhedaghat (approx. 45-minute drive one way) to visit Marble rocks by boat. Overnight in Jabalpur.

Day 3: Jabalpur to Bandhavgarh
Bandhavgarh National Park is amongst the most popular Tiger Reserves in India. The Park is extremely popular because of its high density of Tiger population, being a relatively smaller park. There is also a lovely fort in the middle of the park, which doubles its charm. The park has a huge biodiversity. Bandhavgarh National Park also has a huge breeding population of leopards, Jungle cats, Rhesus macaques, hyenas, blackbucks and various species of mammals and 250 species of bird.
Afternoon participate in the introduction class of Nature painting workshop.
Optional activity: Sundowner at Machan followed by Hi-tea - A sundowner in the jungle is an experience that is hard to beat. With the colors of the sky and the sounds of the forest creating an atmosphere that is both serene and awe-inspiring. A must-do activity that will leave you feeling relaxed, rejuvenated, and inspired.
Breakfast, lunch and dinner included (beverages on direct payment)
Overnight in Bandhavgarh.

Day 4: Bandhavgarh
Morning proceed for game drive into Bandhavgarh National Park by exclusive jeep. Post lunch, indulge yourself in a Nature painting workshop.
Optional activity: Nature walk in buffer zone- (Complimentary)- Nature walks are an entirely different experience from the game drives. Guests are led on trails in and around the lodges and the buffer areas. During a walk one has an opportunity to observe some of the smaller flora and fauna.
Breakfast, lunch and dinner included (beverages on direct payment)
Overnight in Bandhavgarh.





Day 5: Bandhavgarh
Morning indulge yourself in a Nature painting workshop. Post lunch, afternoon proceed for game drive into Bandhavgarh National Park by exclusive jeep.
Optional: Village Visit (Complimentary on foot and chargeable if using jeep). Non participants in painting workshop may opt to visit the villages nearby and experience the lifestyle of the village people. You can also get a chance to understand the culture of the region as well.
Breakfast, lunch and dinner included (beverages on direct payment)
Overnight in Bandhavgarh.

Day 6: Bandhavgarh
Morning proceed for game drive into Bandhavgarh National Park by exclusive jeep. Post lunch, indulge yourself in a Nature painting workshop.
Optional: Bird watching in buffer zone (Complimentary). Bird watching can be a rewarding and relaxing activity that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities. The jungle is a particularly rich and diverse environment for bird watching, with hundreds of species that can be seen and heard.
Breakfast, lunch and dinner included (beverages on direct payment)
Overnight in Bandhavgarh.



Day 7: Bandhavgarh to Khajuraho
Khajuraho was once the capital of the Chandela Rajput's of Bundelkhand. It is the dwelling place of the World's famous 10th century Khajuraho Temples. These temples have attractive and erotic rock carvings and the carvings symbolize some of the beautiful specimens of the medieval Hindu architecture and sculpture in the country.
Overnight in Khajuraho.

Day 8: Khajuraho



Tour of Khajuraho temples. The Eastern group of temples includes the Lakshmi and the Varaha Temple, the Lakshmana Temple, the Kandariya Mahadev, the Mahadeva Temple, the Devi Jagadamba Temple, the Chitragupta Temple and the Vishwanath Temple. The Eastern Group of temples houses the Parasvanath Temple, the largest and finest Jain temple in the city as well as the Adinath Temple, the Shantinath Temple, the Ghantai Temple, the Javari Temple, the Vamana Temple and the Brahma and Hanuman Temple. The Western group of temples includes the Matangesvara Temple, the only temple in Khajuraho where the daily rituals still takes place and the Chausath Yogini Temple, the temple which is in ruins now and is believed to be the oldest temple in Khajuraho. Evening enjoy the sound and light show at Western group of temples.
Overnight in Khajuraho

Day 9: Khajuraho to Orchha

Drive to Orchha and check into hotel.
The sleepy town of Orchha beside the Betwa River, with its medieval palaces and temples, was once the capital of the Bundela rulers. Captured in stone and frozen in time the rich legacy of this medieval city still remains. The palaces and the temples built in the 16th and 17th centuries still retain much of their pristine perfection. Jahangir Mahal, the most impressive of the three palaces, was built for the Mughal Emperor, synthesizing Muslim and Hindu architectural styles. The imposing Chaturbhuj Temple dominates the town and the 15 Royal Chhattris beside the river house the tombs of the former rulers. In 1783, the Bundela kings moved to Tikamgarh and, subsequently, Orchha, (meaning 'hidden city'), fell into decline and was shortly abandoned. Rest of day at leisure. Overnight in Orchha.

Day 10: Orchha



City tour of Orchha. Ram Raja Temple of Orchha is a must-visit place in the town. According to folklore, the queen of Orchha, Ganesh Kunwari, was an ardent devotee of Lord Ram and went to Ayodhya with a wish to bring her admired deity to the town. Pleased by her prayers, Lord Ram agreed to come on the condition that once he was set down, he would not move again. However, the grand temple meant for him was still being built, and so Rama was installed temporarily in Rani Mahal. And the deity stayed put, taking over the place for himself. This is the only temple in India where Lord Rama is worshipped as a king.
Overnight in Orchha.

Day 11: Orchha to Gwalior



Enroute, visit Datia. Datia lies 24 kilometres from Jhansi. The main interest of the town lies in the palace and cenotaphs of its former ruling family. The palaces at Datia are the best surviving examples of architectural style which arose, in the late 16th and early 17th centuries. Situated on an outcrop of rock, the multistoried palace is known as Narsingh Dev Palace (Govind Mandir). The facades enriched with bracketed balconies, kiosks and arcades, affording delightful vistas dappled by patterns of light and shade.
Overnight in Gwalior.

Day 12: Gwalior



City tour of Gwalior. Visit Jai Vilas palace, Gwalior fort and Sasbahu temple. Jai Vilas Palace is still the residence of the royal family of Gwalior. Some 35 rooms have been made into the Scindia Museum. The Scindia Museum offers an unparalleled glimpse into the rich culture and lifestyle of princely India. Jai Vilas is an Italianate structure which combines the Tuscan and Corinthian architecture modes. The imposing Durbar Hall has two central chandeliers, weighing a couple of tonnes, and hung only after ten elephants had tested the strengths of the roof. Ceilings picked out in gilt, heavy draperies and tapestries, fine Persian carpets, antique furniture from France and Italy are some features of these spacious rooms.
The majestic Gwalior Fort still stands tall on an isolated rock, overlooking the Gwalior town, and contains a number of historic buildings. Each and every corner of the fort has seen the change of fate of many powerful dynasties. The fort's history relates to two parts namely, the main fort and the Gurjari Mahal and the Man Mandir palace. The first part was built during the early Tomar rule, while the second part, the Gurjari Mahal (now a Museum) and the palace, was constructed by Raja Man Singh Tomar in the 15th century for his favourite queen, Mrignayani.
Overnight in Gwalior.

Day 13: Gwalior to Delhi

Check out and flight to Delhi and transfer to International airport to connect to onward flight back home. If you choose the Golden triangle extension option in addition to this tour, you will proceed to hotel in Delhi and check in.

Hotels envisaged

Jabalpur	ITC Welcomhotel
Bandhavgarh	Bagh Tola
Khajuraho	Radisson
Orchha	Amar Mahal
Gwalior	Radisson City Center

Hotel accommodations are subject to availability at the time of booking. Equivalent hotels may be used if necessary due to unavailability etc.
Hotel Check-In time is 14:00 hrs & check out time is 1200 noon.

Tour prices

Twin share – Aus Dollars 6450 (Land costs) per person
Single supplement – Aus Dollars 1400 per person
Not included in holiday price:
International flights, airport taxes, costs of passports, visas, travel and other insurances. Immunisation, excess baggage, meals (excluding breakfasts and two dinners), tips to tour guides, items of personal nature such as phone calls, taxis, laundry, room service, drinks, minibar, camera/video camera fee at monuments, medical expenses, optional activities for non-photographers.

Tour inclusions

Land transportation using a suitable air-con vehicle.
Accommodation on twin sharing bed & breakfast basis.
Train and domestic flight tickets
Fully escorted tour and local English-speaking guides in all cities
Sightseeing tours
Entrances to the monuments
Pre-tour meeting in Sydney and tour notes
Welcome and farewell dinners, breakfast all days, all three meals in Ranthambore (beverages excluded)

Tour notes

The itinerary is subject to changes if necessary
Hotel Check-In time is 14:00 hrs & check out time is 1200 noon.
This tour will involve extensive walking in all the cities visited.
Adequate shopping stops will be provided
Optional activities will be available.
Tipping is essential - the tour leader will collect money from the group at the beginning of the tour and organise group tipping for the entire trip
Dress in a modest and respectful manner for temple visits. Avoid sleeveless tops, deep-neck dresses, shorts, mini-skirts, tight or revealing clothes, transparent or flashy outfits. No footwear is allowed inside the temple premises. Footwear stands are available near major entrances. Socks can be worn. Entry to main sanctum-Sanctorum area is prohibited for non- Hindus in most temples. Photos and videography are subject to permission, check with guide / follow the temple instructions.

OPTIONAL TOUR EXTENSION

You can choose to start with an optional Golden Triangle (Delhi-Agra-Jaipur) tour extension 6 nights / 7 days from March 18 to March 24, 2027 with a full moon viewing of the Taj Mahal on Mar 22, 2027. Ask for brochure.







Deeksha will provide a list of required art materials to the tour group. Alternatively, art kits will be available for purchase if required. You can choose your own subject for painting. Painting workshops will be conducted indoors in the resort. The tour will provide ample opportunity for drawing, sketching and painting before and after the Bandhavgar safari resort stay as you explore the architecture, landscape and village scenes in the other cities you visit.

This tour is positioned in end March to increase opportunities for wildlife sightings as animals are drawn to water bodies. Temperatures can often reach 40°C, it is essential to be well-prepared for your safari. It is essential to carry sufficient water, wear light-colored clothing, and use caps, hats, and sunglasses to protect yourself from the intense heat.

Tour conditions for Nature painting in the Wild in Central India tour

These terms and conditions must be read before making a booking. They form part of your booking contract with Boutique Travel Services, Sydney and Darshan Events, Sydney.
This tour itinerary and cost is based on conditions and transportation, land costs and exchange rates as of June 2026 and is subject to currency fluctuations, local Government taxes and increases in fuel prices.
Darshan Events and Boutique Travel Services, Sydney reserve the right to vary the itinerary, accommodation or price due to reasons outside their control.
Darshan Events and Boutique Travel Services, Sydney reserve the right to cancel the tour if the minimum requirement of numbers (10) is not met. This will be decided before final payment is due and your deposit will be refunded.
Where possible, we will attempt to match singles willing to share. However, this cannot be guaranteed, and the single supplement will apply should no match be possible.
A service fee may be incurred for individual alterations to the group tour arrangements in addition to fees and charges levied by our suppliers which are listed under main T&Cs and will be provided before deposit payment.

Booking:
To reserve your place please forward a) your completed booking form, b) Boutique Travel Services (Hello World) Terms and Conditions duly acknowledged and signed and c) a non-refundable deposit of Aus $750 per person before 7th November 2026. Receipt of the deposit indicates that the passenger has read and is in agreement of all the proposed travel arrangements and all the terms and conditions set forth in this brochure and in the Boutique Travel Services (Hello World) terms and conditions. The balance must be received on or before close of business 22nd November 2026. If the balance is not received by the due date, we reserve the right to regard the booking as cancelled and to apply the appropriate cancellation fees.
Bookings made after 22nd November will be subject to availability of safari bookings. A late booking fee of Aus $150 will be charged to cover communication costs.

Payment:
For payment of deposit by credit card please use link below and advise once you have made the payment by email.
https://pay.travelpay.com.au/BOUTIQUET
For payment by bank transfer and to avoid credit card charges, please use our account details below and send us a copy by email:
Bank: Australian Mutual Bank (Cuscal Ltd);
Name: Lovan Pty Ltd
BSB: 611-100 Acc No: 100114849 Ref: (your last name)

Cancellations:
#CANCELLATION POLICY: LAND ARRANGEMENTS
Cancelled before 22nd November 2026: Loss of deposit
Cancelled between 23rd November 2026 and 22nd December 2026: 20% of total cost
Cancelled between 23rd December 2026 and 22nd January 2027: 40% of total cost
Cancelled between 23rd January 2027 and 22nd February 2027: 60% of total cost
Cancelled on or after 23rd February: 100% of the tour cost
There will be no refund for any unavailed tours, accommodation or other services.

Not included in holiday price:
International flights, airport taxes, costs of passports, visas, travel and other insurances, immunisation, excess baggage, meals (excluding breakfasts, welcome and farewell dinners), tips to tour guides, items of personal nature such as phone calls, taxis, laundry, room service, drinks etc.

Visas:
Australian citizens can obtain e-visas for travel to India upon payment of the appropriate fees. Other nationalities need to check online their eligibility for e-visas. Please visit https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/ for further information and to apply for e-visa.

Baggage allowance:
The free baggage allowance for passengers on tour in India is 20 kilos per person and 7 Kg cabin baggage. Any charges for baggage in excess will be at the passenger's expense.

Insurance:
Travel in this tour group will not be permitted without adequate travel insurance for the full duration of the travel arrangements in respect of illness, injury, death, loss of baggage and personal items, cancellation and curtailment and will be issued by Boutique Travel Services, Sydney.
If insurance cover/policy is obtained through channels other than Boutique Travel Services, Sydney, details of such must be provided at the time of paying the final balance. Please check with your credit card issuer if you have travel insurance cover attached to the card as that would be beneficial.

Health and Immigration:
It is the responsibility of the passenger to ensure the validity of the passport and obtain the necessary visas for travelling in India. It is also the responsibility of the passenger to complete all medical vaccinations and immunisation as recommended by the Australian authorities for travel to India / return to Australia, prior to departure.

Authority of Tour escort:
At all times before and after the commencement of the tour, the decision of the tour escort will be final on all matters pertinent to the safety and wellbeing of the tour participants.
#At all times, the laws, customs, currency and drug regulations of all countries visited must be strictly complied to. Failure of this or interference with the well-being of the group may result in the tour escort asking the party to leave the tour and, in that event, all rights to any refund from Boutique Travel Services, Sydney or any other recourse will be forfeited.

Disclosure of Medical conditions:
You are required to make full and true disclosure in the Booking form of all ailments and physical or psychological impairments of which you are aware that may affect in any way your ability to undertake the tour without endangering your health or the health or safety of the other tour participants or the orderly progress of the tour. If necessary, we may ask for a medical report at your cost from a medical practitioner nominated by us concerning your physical and psychological medical condition prior to making the full payment. Upon production of the report, we may at our discretion, terminate your booking without being bound to provide reasons for the same. If your booking is terminated by us under these circumstances the deposit paid by you towards booking fees will be refunded to you in full. If due to other circumstances you are unable to travel due to health reasons, all cancellation terms will apply and you may submit your claims to your travel insurance.

Responsibilities:
Bookings are accepted subject to the following conditions:
Boutique Travel Services, Sydney is the Licensed Travel agent who will issue all international air tickets and travel insurances for the tour group from Australia and coordinate payments between clients and the Indian tour operators. They act as coordinator for all persons in the tour group with the tour operator in India in respect of all transportation, sightseeing and hotel accommodations. Darshan Events is the Tour consultant of the tour operations and is responsible for finalizing itineraries, liaising with the Indian tour operator, selecting tour escorts and for the marketing of the tours. TransIndia Holidays is the India tour operator.
Boutique Travel Services and Darshan Events finalise all arrangements for this tour upon the express condition that they shall not be liable for any injury, damage or loss arising directly or indirectly from accidents, inadvertent errors in the bookings, delays in general, transport failures, strikes, wars or natural disasters or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason of any default in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft or through the acts of default of any company or persons engaged in conveying or accommodating passengers or in the carrying out of arrangements of the tours or otherwise in connection therewith.
Boutique Travel Services and Darshan Events will endeavour to operate the tour as described. However, they reserve the rights in any way they see desirable or necessary to alter or substitute routes, timetables, itineraries, schedules, carriers, and accommodation. No refund will be made for any unused services which are included in the tour price.
Boutique Travel Services and Darshan Events further reserve the right to cancel or withdraw the tour or holiday organised by them or to decline to accept any person on any such tour or holiday and disclaim all responsibility for any losses occasioned by the foregoing.
Boutique Travel Services and Darshan Events shall not be responsible for any loss or injury of whatever description howsoever arising (whether through negligence or otherwise) which you may suffer in the course or consequence upon your travel arrangements.
All exchange orders, receipts, coupons, contracts and tickets are issued subject to any and all the tariffs, terms and conditions specified by the suppliers and all services are subject to the laws of the country where the services are provided.
Boutique Travel Services and Darshan Events shall not be responsible for any acts by any group member contrary to the laws of Australia or any other country during the course of the tour and is not obliged to provide legal or any other form of assistance to the said member.

Laws of New South Wales:
This contract is subject to the laws of New South Wales and is to be interpreted in accordance with that Law.

DISCOUNTS (Choose any one of the following!)

Are you a returning customer? Tell us which Darshan Events 'A Glimpse of India tour' you had joined and avail a $50 discount.
Are you travelling with your spouse / partner? We are happy to give a discount discount of $50 per person.
Introduce a friend and when they join the tour, you will get a $50 discount.