

KANHA NATIONAL PARK

Kanha's wide grasslands offer top-notch photo opportunities despite its size, while kullu, or Indian ghost trees, lurk in its forests. Go November-February

☁ July-October

Area: 940 sqkm Tigers: 96 🐾🐾🐾🐾

Look out for Munna, a large male tiger with 'CAT' written in his head stripes. Likely to see gaur, mouse deer, pythons, water birds, jungle fowl, and hoopoe.

wildlifeworldwide.com

BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK

One of the most popular parks, with a 2,000-year-old fort, chains of rocky hills and grassy valleys fed by thousands of streams and swaths of tropical forest.

Go July-October ☁ June-September

Area: 446sq km Tigers: 63 🐾🐾🐾

Trivia: One of the highest tiger densities in India. Large numbers of leopards and muntjac deer.

rainbowtours.co.uk

TADOBA ANDHARI TIGER RESERVE

Surrounded by villages with a sacred lake at the centre, a fast-growing tiger population has made this former royal hunting ground one of Project Tiger's rising stars.

Go February-May ☁ June-September

Area: 625 sqk m Tigers: 96 🐾🐾🐾

Named after local god Taru, killed by a tiger in mythology, and the Andhari river. Open throughout monsoon season. Good chance of seeing black-naped hares and flying squirrels.

theultimatecompany.co.uk

PENCH TIGER RESERVE

Rippled with little hills and folds, the park flattens out near the Pench River.

A mix of tropical forest and deciduous woods means the stunning biodiversity.

Go February-April ☁ June-September

Area: 293sqk m Tigers: 25 🐾🐾🐾

Trivia: Said to have inspired Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book*. Look for porcupines, monkeys, birds, chital, sloth bears and barking deer.

wildlifewilderness.com

NAGARHOLE TIGER RESERVE

The lake created by the Kabini dam dries up during Nagarhole's dry season, leaving precious green grass which attracts wildlife from all over the reserve.

Go February-May ☁ June-September

Area: 644 sqk m Tigers: 75 🐾🐾🐾

World's largest population of Asiatic elephants. Good for leopards, dhole, hyenas and endangered birds.

greavesindia.co.uk

BANDIPUR

Conveniently close to Bangalore and Mysore, Bandipur is full of rushing rivers, waterholes and protected sandalwood trees.

Go January-April ☁ June-September

Area: 874 sqk m Tigers: 65 🐾🐾

Tigers are spread out over a large area and hard to find – you need a skilled guide. Look out for elephants, gaur, chital and wild boar.

audleytravel.com

Chance of tiger spotting

Low 🐾 Good 🐾🐾 High 🐾🐾🐾

Monsoon ☁



MANAS NATIONAL PARK

Historically the major tiger corridor between Bhutan and India, Manas spans open grasslands and Himalayan forests. Famous for being home to several animal species that exist nowhere else on earth.

Go November - April ☁ June - September

Area: 500 sqkm Tigers: 60 🐾 🐾 🐾

Only place in the world where the Assam roofed turtle, golden langur, and pygmy hog can be found in the wild. Ideal for elephant safari tours.

thegreatindianelephantsafari.com

KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK

A wide plain on the edges of the Himalayas, lush with elephant grass and dotted with swamps and forests.

Go March-April ☁ May-October

Area: 430sqkm Tigers: 125 🐾 🐾

Known for large numbers of one-horned rhinos and India's last herds of wild buffalo. Highest tiger density in India, but they are extremely elusive.

wildlifetrails.co.uk

NAGZIRA TIGER RESERVE

Small and hidden with imposing views of the mountains and lush teak forests.

Go March-June ☁ June-September

Area: 152sqk m Tigers: 20 🐾 🐾 🐾

Great for bird-watching, with several lakes and over 166 species. Also good for deer, hyenas, leopards and jackals.

coxandkings.co.uk

SUNDARBANS TIGER RESERVE

Explore this cluster of mangrove islands in the Bay of Bengal by boat to see the huge variety of wildlife. Go November-February

☁ June-September

Area: 2,585 sqk m Tigers: 80 🐾 🐾

The only place in the world where tigers live in mangroves. Likely to see Gangetic dolphins, king cobras, estuarine crocodiles, pangolins and fishing cats.

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Tiger, tiger, burning bright

One hundred years ago, according to the World Wildlife Fund, there were 100,000 tigers in the wild. Today, there are fewer than 3,200. Half of the 12 tiger 'landscapes' that the WWF has identified as habitats in which to focus on increasing tiger populations are in India. By visiting these responsibly, you will support the local economy and at the same time, provide a reason to preserve the valuable ecosystems of some of Asia's great forests