

EXTENSION

INDIA

Ranthambore



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“Classic Journeys provides unbeatable access to experiences around the globe.”

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India's Tiger Sanctuary

Extend your time in India with a stay at Ranthambore. This three-day extension in the National Park includes wildlife safaris, jungle excursions and fantastic birding opportunities. Besides Tigers, animals in the reserve include leopards, hyenas, jackals, marsh crocodiles, wild boar, bears, and several species of deer. Get a close-up view of the exotic wildlife in Ranthambore National Park, one of the finest tiger reserves in India nestled in the Aravallis.

DAY 1

UDAIPUR / RANTHAMBORE

- Fly from Udaipur to Jaipur
- Enjoy the incredible landscapes as we travel to Sawai Madhopur by vehicle

After the main India program, you will take an included non-stop flight from Udaipur to Jaipur. Upon landing at the Jaipur Airport mid-morning, you will transfer by vehicle to Ranthambore National Park. The drive time is approximately four hours. A hunting lodge, Sawai Madhopur, is our base for walks and game drives at Ranthambore National Park, the world's best-known tiger preserve.

At 400 square kilometers, the ruggedly beautiful park contains the Great Boundary fault where the Vindhaya plateau meets the Aravali range. Unlike terrain you've seen before, it includes forests, rivers and open grasslands. An eminent naturalist joins you this evening to discuss local conservation efforts.

OVERNIGHT: RANTHAMBORE
MEALS: L, D

DAY 2

RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

- Marvel at the wildlife during pre-dawn and afternoon safaris in a world-renowned tiger preserve
- Linger at the lodge where the 12 acres of gardens surround a very inviting swimming pool

At your option, you can join a pre-dawn safari to experience the jungle as the sun rises. This is truly one of the world's great wildlife experiences as you go in search of the tiger. Each vehicle has its own guide who interprets the sights and looks for signs that improve your odds of spotting wildlife.

The tigers may be the stars of this visit, but there are plenty of other memorable opportunities as well. The birdwatching is excellent. Other animals in the reserve include leopards, hyenas, jackals, marsh crocodiles, wild boar, bears, and several species of deer, including the Barasinga that is a main food source for the tigers. After this interesting safari, you return to the hotel for breakfast.

This afternoon, you'll return to the park for another safari. Or, if you prefer, you can linger at the lodge where the 12 acres of gardens surround a very inviting swimming pool.

OVERNIGHT: RANTHAMBORE
MEALS: B, L, D

DAY 3

RANTHAMBORE / JAIPUR

- Enjoy a guided walking tour of Ranthambore Fort
- Transfer by vehicle to Jaipur Airport or post-tour hotel (flights and hotel on own arrangement)

This morning you'll enjoy a walk to Ranthambore Fort. The fort is said to have got its name from two adjoining hills - Rann and Thambhore. It lies on the Thambhore hill, overlooking the Rann and offers some breathtaking views of the park. The walls of the fort are about 7 kilometers in length and include an area of nearly four square kilometers. All around the fort, one can see many old ruins, including palaces, temples, cenotaphs, step-wells and houses.

After the walk, you'll transfer to Jaipur Airport where you'll bid farewell to your guide. If you opt to stay the night in Jaipur, we can transfer you to your post-tour night hotel.

MEALS: B, L



Tour Hotels



Taj Sawai Madhopur

Located amidst 12 acres of lush gardens, this 70-year-old hunting lodge exudes a rustic, earthy charm and an air of history. Long-ago ministers as well as royals accompanying the Maharaja 'roughed it' in these spacious and comfortable rooms.

OVERNIGHT: SAWAI MADHOPUR | NIGHTS: 2

Tour Dates & Prices

Tour Dates	Price per Person	Price per Person
	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
March 12-15, 2020	\$1,895	\$2,390
November 27-29, 2020	\$1,595	\$2,090
Jan 31-Feb 2, 2021	\$1,695	\$2,190
Mar 31-Apr 2, 2021	\$1,695	\$2,190
November 17-19, 2021	\$1,695	\$2,190

Want a different date? Or your own date? Visit [CLASSICJOURNEYS.COM/PRIVATE](https://www.classicjourneys.com/private) to learn more about private journeys.

INTERNAL AIRFARE

The extension includes one internal flight at a supplement cost. We will arrange and ticket the flight between Udaipur and Jaipur for approximately \$125 per person.

Trip Essentials

TRIP LENGTH: 3 Days, 2 Nights

START: Lobby of Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur, India

END: Jaipur Airport, Jaipur, India

TERRAIN: Easy to moderate on good trails and jungle paths.

What's Included

- Memorable accommodations for 2 nights
- 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide
- Gratuities for hotels, meals, and baggage
- All land transportation during the trip

Above & Beyond Benefits

- **Privileged Access Events**

READY TO BOOK?
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AMBASSADOR CLUB

As a Classic Journeys guest, you are invited to join the Ambassador Club after your first Classic Journeys tour. As a member, you'll have access to a [whole suite of Ambassador benefits](#) you can use immediately and as often as you like.

ENJOY THE UNEXPECTED

When you travel with Classic Journeys, you can expect handcrafted surprises built into every trip, but some things just can't be anticipated. Unusual weather, a once-a-year festival or an unscheduled site closing will inspire us and your local guide to improvise and modify this itinerary. Likewise, the hotels named here are used on the majority of our trips, but occasionally one of them can't accommodate us. If that happens, you can count on us to let you know before departure and make sure you're in a hotel of equal or better quality. It's our goal to make your trip exceptional!

**Any discount offered cannot be combined with other offers, and only applies to published (regularly scheduled public) departure dates in our catalogs or on our website.

“Enthusiasm is Contagious”

AS TRAVEL + LEISURE NAMES CLASSIC JOURNEYS THE WORLD'S BEST TOUR OPERATOR FOR 2019, FOUNDER EDWARD PIEGZA REVEALS HOW IT FEELS. ENTHUSIASTICALLY.



EDITOR'S NOTE: Just before publication of this issue, Travel + Leisure magazine announced that its readers have voted Classic Journeys the World's Best Tour Operator for 2019. It's the second time Classic Journeys has won that recognition and the 14th consecutive year the company has been in the Top 10.

Congratulations! How did you get the news?

I received a top-secret email and phone call from the editor of *Travel + Leisure* a few weeks ago with orders not to tell ANYONE. Friends and neighbors must have wondered why my smile has been so extra big lately. Now they know.

And how does it feel to be the World's Best Tour Operator again?

Awesome. Humbling. So, so satisfying. Deeply gratifying to learn that we have achieved what we set out to do which is to handcraft trips of a lifetime for every guest who travels with us. I'm known as long-winded, so I could probably come up with 10 or 15 more ways to describe it if you want me to keep going.

Why do you think *Travel + Leisure* gave you this recognition?

Actually, it isn't the *T+L* editors who make the decision. That's the best part. Their readers cast the votes. So the people who do the traveling, the guests who explore the world with us and our competitors — they are the ones who raised their hands to tell *T+L* that Classic Journeys is the World's Best Tour Operator based on their own experiences. Let me say it right here: "To all of you who voted for us, you are the World's Best Guests!"

What do you think makes your guests the World's Best Guests?

That's easy. They are curious. They care about connecting with people of different cultures and immersing themselves in the world. They treasure experiences more than things. Like the old ad slogan went, they go for the gusto and crave the chance to have one-of-a-kind moments. They are incredibly interesting and interested people, and all of us at Classic Journeys count it as a real privilege to share in their passion for travel. And we feel that way on the

other 364 days of the year when we're not celebrating recognition like this.

I guess this is what you meant when you told me that "Enthusiasm is contagious."

Absolutely. That's not our official motto, but it could be. We love what we do. We enjoy helping guests figure out how to invest their precious time and budget. I can honestly say that all of us feel that way — the Guest Services folks who interact with you while you're planning your trip, the Tour Operations team members who plan all of the logistics, the local guides who lead each one of our trips full time. There's just a huge amount of positive energy in what we do, and I think it truly is hard to resist. We'd climb into every one of our guest's suitcases and go along with them if we could. Because we can't, we call each guest while they're on tour just to be sure they are having a trip of a lifetime.

Has anyone ever called Classic Journeys obsessive?

I hope so, because we are. Everything is in the details. For instance, we've created a special tour for the total eclipse of the sun which is going to pass over parts of South America in 2020. We've already analyzed likely traffic patterns in the most remote areas and figured out how to structure our itinerary so that our guests will be in place in the path of totality while the people who don't plan ahead will be stuck in jams on remote dirt roads. We enjoy obsessing about details like that so that our guests never have to.



How can you top this?

Oh, we never let ourselves think of it that way. We just continue to approach every single guest on each and every departure like the most important guest we've ever had. It seems to be working! Of course, we keep looking for new ways to win more converts. For 2019, we've launched a new series of Classic Journeys that are based from

"I voted for you!"

We've heard that expression so many times lately from guests who registered their votes with *Travel + Leisure*. Given the results, we know it's true ... and you know that your votes really count!

STAFF AND GUIDES

"I always feel like I'm traveling with a best friend. I prefer your local guides to the ones that other companies fly in."

ITINERARIES AND DESTINATIONS

"If it's on my bucket list, you always seem to go there. Of course, with so many options you always seem to make my list longer and longer!"

ACTIVITIES

"On your trips, I've cooked with Michelin chefs, sung songs with Quechua schoolchildren, and walked on glaciers with the descendants of Vikings. Fun doesn't begin to describe it."

ACCOMMODATIONS

"How you manage so many 5-star properties on these trips shocks me. But please, please, please keep it up!"

FOOD

"I have never eaten so well so often so happily. When you people claim that you are foodies, you aren't kidding."

OVERALL VALUE

"We have never had a better vacation at any price."

river cruise boats. On a different note, seeing how many travelers can't always find as much vacation time as they really want, we have developed a series of 6-day or shorter quick trips that go as far afield as Iceland, the Galápagos and Morocco.

Final thoughts?

It's always an honor to win recognition. But, for all of us at Classic Journeys, the biggest privilege is to share the dreams of our guests and make those dreams come true. That connection is the best feeling of all.