

Indian Wildlife Tour : Pre Tour to visit the Indian Lion National Park at Gir

Day 01 Arrive Mumbai

Upon your arrival in Mumbai our representative holding a placard with your name, will meet you in the arrivals area and will transfer you to your hotel for check in.

The rest of the day is free at leisure.
Overnight at Hotel

Day 02 Mumbai / Rajkot / Sasangir

Today morning you will be transferred to airport to board your flight to Rajkot.

Depart Mumbai	by Jet Airways 3409	at 0525 hrs
Arrive Rajkot		at 0645 hrs

Upon arrival at Rajkot you will be met and from here start your drive to Sasangir which is 158 Kms away and shall take 03 ½ hrs to drive.

On arrival at Sasangir check in at your hotel and later enjoy a evening game drive to the national park.

The National Park was established on 18th September, 1965, as a Forest Reserve, primarily to conserve the Asiatic lion-classified as one of the World's most threatened species. Now Gir National Park is the only remaining place in the world, where one is likely to see the Asiatic Lion. The sanctuary covers a total area of 1,412 sq. km of which 258 sq.kms at the core forms the National park. Permits are required to enter this part of the sanctuary.

The land is rugged with deep ravines, steep rocky hills and plenty of rivers. The vegetation, mainly along the main rivers and streams is mixed deciduous, with Teak, Acacia, Jamun, Tendu and Dhak trees, interspersed with large patches of grasslands and offers the visitor long pleasant drives, through the thick forest cover. These trees are mostly broad leaved and evergreen, giving the area a cool shade and moisture content. The Gir forest is dry for most of the year with scrub trees, like babul and few flowering trees. Prosopis and Casuarina have been planted in the coastal border as part of the aforestation plan.



The Asiatic lion once had a wide range in natural territory running from NW India through Persia to Arabia. But unfortunately hunted as a coveted trophy item during the British Raj era, it is now only found in the Gir forest of Gujarat. The famine of 1899 so decimated the Asiatic lion population that Lord Curzon cancelled his shoot at Gir, where he was staying as the guest of Nawab Junagadh. Curzon persuaded the Nawab to protect the remaining lions. In 1965, the India Government declared this place as a National park. The lion



population which had sunk to an alarming two dozen in the early 20th century has slowly climbed over the years since, and now numbers about 300.

Overnight at Hotel

Day 03& 04 Sasangir

Morning and evening enjoy game drives at the park.

Overnight at Hotel

Day 05 Sasangir / Rajkot / Mumbai

Today after the morning game drive in the National park; day is free and later you will be driven to Rajkot Airport to board your flight to Mumbai.

Depart Rajkot	by Jet Airways 2010	at 2030 hrs
Arrive Mumbai		at 2125 hrs

Upon arrival at Mumbai you will be met and transferred to hotel for checking in and from here you will join the main tour.

Overnight at Hotel

Price per person: £989.00 (min 2 persons sharing)