



# Hard Facts



Tigers have disappeared from 40% of their range in just the last ten years.



Three of the eight subspecies of Tigers have already become extinct, and the other populations are at very high risk. Today there could be as few as 1500 wild tigers left in India.



20% of the world's total population live in or near the range of Asia's elephants.



Did you know that India has the 'Big Six'? Elephant, lion, buffalo, leopard, rhino and tiger.



There are in fact 29 Project Tiger reserves in India.



Only 4.5% of the India's geographical area is protected, much less than is required to ensure ecological security for its future. The aim is 10%.



The Indian Forests are a home to about 17,000 flowering plants and over 8,100 faunal species.

# TRAVELLER'S CODE

Visitors to India's wild places will help to conserve the natural environment and assure their safe and enjoyable stay by following these simple rules:



Ask your lodge if they offer guided walks or hire bicycles. It's an excellent way to explore the area, instead of a game drive.



Ask to see any local arts and crafts in the area. Buying local produce and handicraft benefits the area.

- Do not disturb wildlife or ask your guiding staff, mahout or driver to get you closer than is necessary or advisable to wild animals. Off road driving is illegal in the parks.
- Make as little noise as possible when in park areas, especially while watching wildlife.
- Avoid litter at all times
- Use water sparingly and do not pollute with harmful detergents.
- Turn down or switch off your lights, air conditioning or heating when leaving your room to go into the park.
- Ask for and experience other activities offered by the lodge, including walking trails, bike rides, village visits or overnight camping.



Most local people live on 10 litres of water a day. Please consider others when using scarce water here.



The average income of rural people is just 100 rupees a day. Responsible tourism can help reduce poverty through regular employment and enterprise.

- Dress appropriately and in subdued colours when wildlife watching.
- Do not be intrusive when taking photographs and always ask permission.
- Endeavour to learn a few key phrases of the language of your hosts. It'll make everyone smile!
- Do not buy, collect or trade in wildlife products. It is frequently illegal and can lead to prosecution.
- Adhere to national and local regulations both inside and outside protected areas.
- Your park guide is local and knowledgeable. Please ensure your driver obeys him, as he is enforcing the park laws.

**Have a pleasant stay!**



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