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Extension to Udaipur, Bera Leopard Country (Rajasthan), Agra and Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary

November 20-25, 2019 - 6 Days

The extension trip starts on the day the India Birding and Wildlife Trip concludes i.e on Wednesday Nov 20. It takes you to Udaipur, leopard country of Bera, Agra and Bhartpur Bird Sanctuary.

# Nov 20- Wednesday- Arrive at Udaipur. (L, D)

Udaipur, called the White City, is the jewel of the Rajasthan region.

Known for its incredible Rajput-era palaces, interspersed among lakes and cobbled streets, the city is filled with beauty and charm.



We shall fly into Udaipur from Bangalore. After checking into the hotel and lunch we shall go on a tour. We shall visit City Palace which is a monumental complex of 11 palaces, courtyards and gardens, famed for its intricate peacock mosaics. We shall also go for a boat ride on the scenic Pacholi lake.

We'll have dinner either at the hotel or a restaurant with Indian ambience. Night stay at Udaipur

#### Nov21-Thursday- Bera (Leopard Country) - By Car- 2 hours



Bera, a village in Rajasthan is a special place where leopards roam free in the surrounding country and man-animal conflict is largely absent.

Along the village flows the river Jawai, with the Jawai Dam built on it. And the resulting beautiful lake is home to some of the biggest crocodiles.

We shall be hosted by Thakur Baljeet Singh at Castle Bera, the ancestral haveli of the descendants of Rana Pratap's fourth son, Rana Shekha. The four bedrooms, the dining room and the reception all contain relics of princely nostalgia.

We shall go for 2 safaris – evening and morning. The landscape accommodates several other wild mammals—hyenas, foxes, nilgai, sloth bears. Night Stay at Bera.

#### Nov 22-Friday- Udaipur

After a morning safari exploring the koppies nearby, we shall return for breakfast to Bera Castle and then head back to Udaipur. (Approx 2 hours).

At Udaipur, after lunch we shall tour few more places we didn't have time to see on day 1. We shall visit Saheliyon Ki Bari which is a garden with extraordinary architecture. It has a beautiful lotus pool with elephants standing on corners spurting water from their trunks. After that we shall visit the bazaar for some shopping or visit the Monsoon palace for the sunset.

## Nov 23 - Saturday - Delhi

After breakfast we shall head to the airport to fly to New Delhi.



In Delhi we shall visit the Himayun's Tomb, built in 1570, it is of particular cultural significance as it was the first garden-tomb on the Indian subcontinent. It inspired several major architectural innovations, culminating in the construction of the Taj Mahal.

After visiting the Himayn Tomb, we shall visit the India gate and time permitting the Rashtrapati Bhavan (President's Palace). Night stay in New Delhi.

### Nov 24-Sunday- Taj Mahal and Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary



Today we shall visit the iconic Taj Mahal-with its incredible lacy white grandeur and loveliness.

The Taj Mahal is perhaps the most perfect architectural building in the world. Emperor Shahjehan constructed this incomparable palace in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal.

The Taj Mahal is amazingly graceful from almost any angle and it is the close-up detail, which is really astounding.

After lunch, we shall head to Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary, an amazing birding destination. The Sanctuary has some 230 resident birds and is also an important stopover spot for migrants. Night Stay at Birders Inn, Bharatpur.

## Nov 25-Monday- Bharatpur Sanctuary and back to Delhi



Created more than 250 years ago, Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary was once the hunting grounds of the royals, but since 1985, it has been a World Heritage Site and hunting is banned.

We shall go for some early morning birding again and then return to the hotel for breakfast and check out.

We must now pack up and drive to Delhi to catch our flights back home. Most flights depart late in the evening, midnight or a few hours before or after. Day rooms may be available at additional cost.

NOTE: The order and sites visited may vary due to weather, road conditions, and other factors beyond our control

Cost per person: \$1800 per person in twin room. A \$500 non-refundable deposit will be required for this extension. Final payment due August 15, 2019.

#### **Included:**

- All lodging in 4 star/heritage hotels
- All Inter and Intra city by car/train, flight transportation (including flight from Udaipur to Delhi)
- All meals, tips for meals
- 2 Leopard Safaris at Bera
- Rickshaw Safari in Bharatpur.
- Sight Seeing and Entry fees in Udaipur.
- English speaking guides in Udaipur and Agra.
- Airport transfers

#### **Not Included:**

- Domestic flight from Bangalore to Udaipur.
- Beverages
- Fees for video cameras/DSLRs at historic sites and NP (not phones)
- Items of a personal nature.
- Tips. Suggested tips- guide \$7-10 per person per day, driver \$3-5 per person per day