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Wildlife Holidays in India!



TERRA PANTHERA

India, home to the largest variety of Alpha predators? Probably!

When wildlife enthusiasts and laypeople alike think of predators in India, their minds invariably visualise tigers. Rightly so. Indian tigers are graceful, nonchalant and hard to topple from the top of the food chain. But, India also happens to be home to other equally beguiling predators, such as panthers and leopards. Indeed, whereas tigers can mostly be found on the plains, panthers and leopards are a more versatile species. Indeed, a variant of the latter hunts unobstructed across India's high altitude terrain.

Tigers, leopards and panthers have learned to co-exist over millennia. Wary yet respectful of each other, aware that any brawl will be a fight to the finish for one and a Pyrrhic Victory for the other. One can't help but appreciate how apt the lyric "You can have anything you want, but you better not take it from me" (from Welcome To The Jungle on the Appetite For Destruction album) is to the hair-trigger relationship between tigers and leopards and panthers.

We hope this "mini-brochure" (focusing on panther and leopard habitats in north, eastern, south eastern, western and central India), dedicated to our occasionally overlooked - but no less deadly - felines piques your interest. Miaowwww!

As ever, we're very proud of India's flora and fauna and it's both an honour and pleasure for us to be able to promote wildlife tourism in India.

The Double Act

While northern and eastern India is predominantly "Leopard Country", the South is home of the leopard's alter-ego, the panther. Although, the leopard does pop up occasionally in the South (particularly in Karnataka), too!

Tiny Goa has for decades been associated with beaches and a laid-back lifestyle but it also happens to have a couple of National Parks (Mollem and Cotigao) that are populated by panthers.





The Green Team!

Neighbouring Karnataka, however, is a wildlife enthusiast's Utopia! there are at least EIGHT Parks/Reserves/Sanctuaries where one can spot panthers. You can choose from any one of the following – Anshi National Park, Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary, Brahmagiri Wildlife Sanctuary, Nagarhole National Park, Bandipur National Park, B.R. Hills Wildlife Sanctuary, and Bhanergatta National Park. Yes, we know: Karnataka's wildlife deserves a brochure of its own! We're working on it!

Deep South

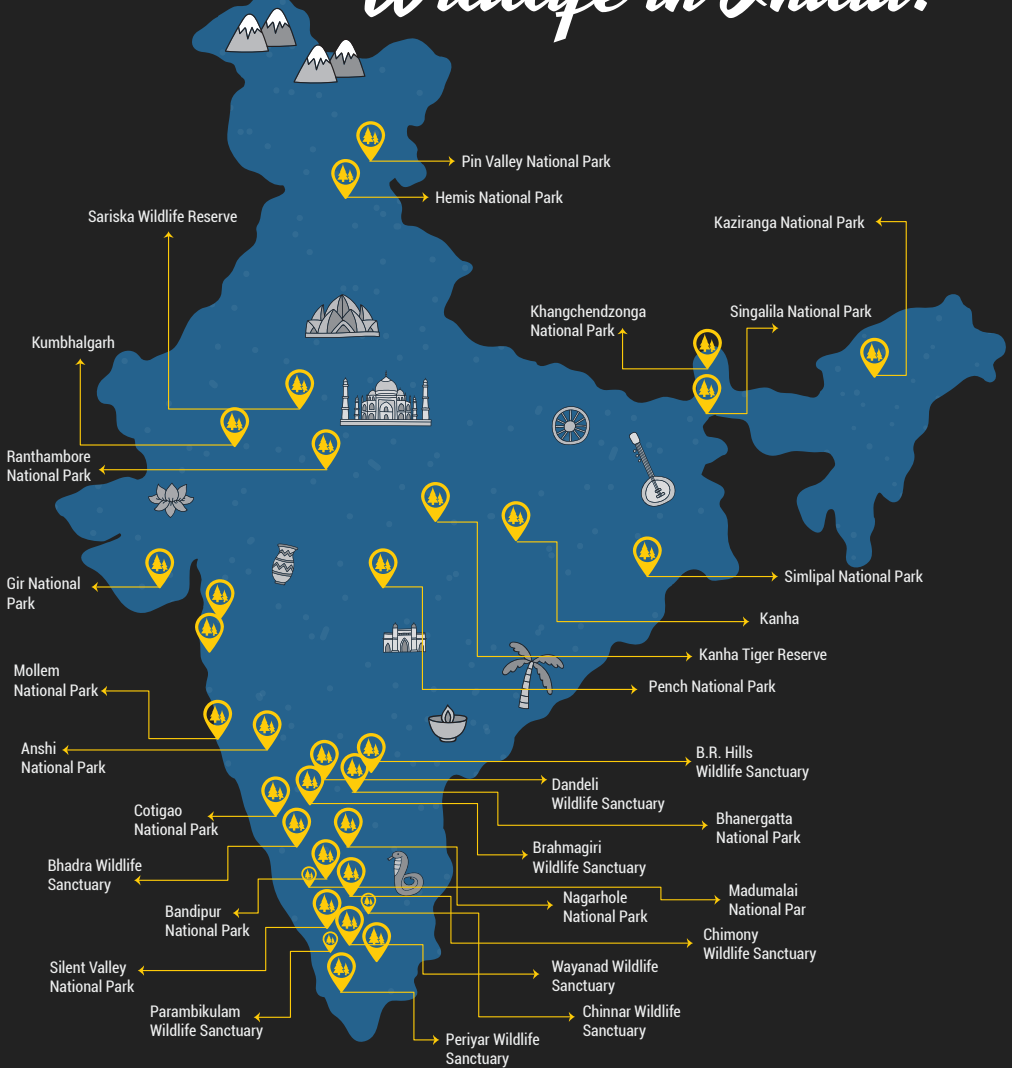
The deeper south you go the denser the jungles become. Kerala, *soi dissant* "God's Own Country", is home to many of God's creatures. You'll have no trouble spotting predators in Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary, Silent Valley National Park, Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary, Chimony Wildlife Sanctuary and Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary. Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, however, is the big draw in Kerala.



Next door, Tamil Nadu's Madumalai National Park shares its wildlife with Bandipur in Karnataka (you try telling predators they should stay within the state!). The Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary (Anamalai Tiger Reserve) offers further sightings of leopards although it's a tiger reserve. But, can you really tell a predator he's not invited to the party?



Wildlife in India!



Welcome to the Jungles!

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