

## Tour Report

### Nagarhole's Tigers, Wild Dogs & Leopards

17 – 24 March 2025

Tiger



Tiger



Smooth coated otter



Tiger



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**Monday 17 March 2025**

**Day 1:**

Bengaluru to Nagarhole

*Cool morning with Rainy afternoon*

The group arrived early in the morning in Bengaluru. We started for a quick breakfast stop before our journey towards Nagarhole. We reached Kabini River Lodge around 12:30 pm. Post lunch we were excited for our first drive into the park. Though the rain clouds were looming our excitement was not dithered.

PM – Zone B

On our first drive, we explored Zone B. Although we did encounter a lot of rain this evening, we witnessed some good elephant behaviour. We saw a female with a calf using the rain to her full advantage by plastering herself with the wet mud almost like a spa treatment. We also caught a glimpse of a leopard perched on a branch deep in the jungle.

**Tuesday 18 March 2025**

**Day 2:**

Nagarhole/Kabini

*Foggy morning with a warm sunny afternoon*

AM – Zone A

We started our morning drive with a lot of fog. Although the morning drive was void of predators we did see two beautiful peacocks facing off with each other and fighting for territory among other birds.

PM – Zone B

The evening drive remained dry, both in terms of rain as well as predators! We did have a lovely sighting of a small pod of five to six otters playing by the water's edge.

**Wednesday 19 March 2025**

**Day 3:**

Nagarhole/Kabini

*Cool morning with a sunny afternoon*

AM - Zone A

We tracked a lot of strong warning calls given by the prey species for predators that eluded us even on this drive. We explored different areas of the jungle and added a few more species of birds and some mammals like the Malabar giant squirrel.

PM - Zone A

The jungle was testing our patience by now as we were still in search of predators with no luck. We did, however, see some good elephants as well as some interesting birds like the crested serpent eagle & blue-faced malkoha.

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**Thursday 20 March 2025**

**Day 4:**

Nagarhole/Kabini

*Cool morning with a sunny afternoon*

AM – Zone B

This morning we were finally lucky with our first tiger sighting! We saw a beautiful tiger tank female cooling off at a small water hole before getting up and making a slow retreat into the shaded part of a dry stream behind the waterhole.

PM – Zone A

We were planning to track the Magge female this afternoon and were rewarded with a beautiful long sighting of her initially half-submerged in the water to beat the heat. Later she emerged out of the water and sat by it to dry and clean herself for almost an hour.

**Friday 21 March 2025**

**Day 5:**

Nagarhole/Kabini

*Cool morning with a sunny afternoon*

AM – Zone B

We started off this morning with the knowledge that a forest department vehicle had seen the TT female tigress crossing towards the periphery of the park. We used this knowledge to go wait by the waterhole that she might have moved towards, only to be rewarded by her coming down to the water to quench her thirst, later crossing the road a little ahead of us to go back towards the jungle.

PM – Zone A

This evening was full of surprises! After learning that two male tigers were seen near a waterhole, we rushed toward the area to find one of them resting deep in the bush. After a long wait, we saw one of the males heading down to the waterhole to cool off. We realized that this could be two males facing off for territory and decided to wait while most of the vehicles left. We were finally rewarded with both the males at the same waterhole and later the bigger male snarling and pushing out the younger away from his territory.

**Saturday 22 March 2025**

**Day 6:**

Nagarhole/Kabini

*Cool misty morning with a rainy afternoon*

AM – Zone B

We were tracking the Magge tigress again this morning and were able to see her cross the road behind us before disappearing into the jungle. Later in the day we were tracking some warning calls being given by spotted deer and got an exclusive sighting of a young female leopard devouring the carcass of a spotted deer.

PM – Boat Safari

The boat safari was quite fruitful in terms of a big pod of ten otters, a massive tusker and a big mugger crocodile. We also managed to see a pack of four wild dogs (Dholes) on a distant bank. However, once the heavens opened up we had to head back to the lodge half an hour earlier than expected.

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**Sunday 23 March 2025**

**Day 7:**

Nagarhole/Kabini

*Cool misty morning with a cloudy/rainy afternoon*

AM – Zone A

We were quite happy to be back on the open jeep in the jungle. We had an absolutely stunning sighting of the Balle female tigress within ten minutes of entering the park. We had her exclusively to ourselves for about 15 minutes stalking deer on the other side before other vehicles came.

PM - Zone B

We started the drive well prepared for rain as there was a forecast for thunderstorms. We were, however, blessed with a beautiful leopard crossing the road before the rain came. Once the rain started, we explored other areas and saw a beautiful Malabar pied hornbill looking for figs on a tree.

**Monday 24 March 2025**

**Day 8:**

Nagarhole/Kabini

*Cool misty morning with a sunny afternoon*

Zone A

This was our last drive in the park before heading back to Bengaluru. We had a beautiful serene drive through the jungle which looked rejuvenated after the rains and looked greener already. We bid adieu to the jungle which had given us some fantastic sightings as well as memories to cherish!

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# Checklist for Nagarhole's Tigers, Wild Dogs & Leopards

**WILDLIFE** TRAVEL  
WORLDWIDE EXPERIENCE  
CONSERVE

	Common Name	Scientific Name	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
	<b>MAMMALS</b>								
1	Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	✓					✓	✓
3	Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
4	Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
5	Sambar	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
6	Spotted deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Barking deer	<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>				✓		✓	✓
8	South-Western Langur	<i>Semnopithecus hypoleucos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Malabar Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa indica</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
10	Bonnet Macaque	<i>Macaca radiata</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>			✓			✓	✓
12	Striped Necked Mongoose	<i>Herpestes vitticollis</i>				✓			✓
13	Three striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
14	Smooth Coated Otter	<i>Lutrogale perspicillata</i>		✓				✓	
15	Dhole	<i>Cuon alpinus</i>						✓	

BIRDS OBSERVED DURING THE ITINERARY		
1	Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>
2	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>
3	Red Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>
4	Gray Junglefowl	<i>Gallus sonneratii</i>
5	Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
6	Eurasian Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
7	Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>
8	Yellow-footed Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>
9	Green Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>

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10	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
11	Blue-faced Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>
12	Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>
13	Jerdon's Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus atripennis</i>
14	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>
15	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
17	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Thinornis dubius</i>
18	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>
19	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>
20	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>
21	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
22	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
23	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
24	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
25	Small Pratincole	<i>Glareola lactea</i>
26	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>
27	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>
28	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>
29	Asian Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
30	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>
31	Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
32	Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>
33	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
34	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>
35	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
36	Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>
37	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
38	Indian Pond-Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
39	Eastern Cattle-Egret	<i>Ardea coromanda</i>
40	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
41	Medium Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>
42	Gray Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
43	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
44	Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>

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45	Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>
46	Crested Serpent-Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
47	Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>
48	Indian Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga hastata</i>
49	Shikra	<i>Tachypiza badia</i>
50	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
51	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
52	Gray-headed Fish-Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>
53	Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>
54	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>
55	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>
56	Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>
57	Indian Gray Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>
58	Asian Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>
59	Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>
60	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
61	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
62	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
63	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>
64	White-cheeked Barbet	<i>Psilopogon viridis</i>
65	Common Flameback	<i>Dinopium javanense</i>
66	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>
67	Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>
68	White-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus javensis</i>
69	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
70	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>
71	Malabar Parakeet	<i>Psittacula columboides</i>
72	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
73	Orange Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
74	Indian Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>
75	Indian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus kundoo</i>
76	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>
77	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>
78	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>

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79	Bronzed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>
80	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>
81	Indian Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>
82	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>
83	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>
84	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
85	Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>
86	Asian Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>
87	Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>
88	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
89	Indian Scimitar-Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i>
90	Jungle Babbler	<i>Argya striata</i>
91	Indian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta castanea</i>
92	Southern Hill Myna	<i>Gracula indica</i>
93	Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>
94	Malabar Starling	<i>Sturnia blythii</i>
95	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
96	Jungle Myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>
97	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>
98	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
99	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>
100	Gray Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
101	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>
102	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>

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