

Tour Report

Nagarahole Tigers, Wild Dogs & Leopards

31 March - 7 April 2025

Crested Serpent Eagle



Royal Bengal Tiger



Royal Bengal Tiger



Osprey (with Tilapia kill)



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Monday 31 March 2025

Day 1:

Airport to Kabini River Lodge

Clear and warm

All the guests have arrived safely at the hotel. After breakfast and a small orientation and briefing, we headed towards Kabini. We got to see the rocky hills of Vulture Sanctuary and then straight to the Kabini River Lodge. After the check-in, we took some time to rest before lunch, because, it was a long day and not much rest.

Our first game drive into the Nagarhole Tiger Reserve started at 3 pm and we were all excited to explore the jungle. The first thing in the drive we got attracted to the fawns of a spotted deer. As we were spending some time there, there were a couple of distress calls from spotted deer and the calls were not very clear. As we went towards the Kabini reservoir, we got to see the beautiful tusker grazing along the river bank and we had a really good time watching his hard work to get some grass to feed on. After that, we were ready to explore the jungle, and the Osprey perch on a very tall tree took some of our time and we enjoyed it.

When we heard that there was a tiger sighting somewhere really far, we thought let's try to get there as soon as possible. We reached that area and started scanning everywhere and other vehicles were also present. At one point, we moved towards one of the waterholes. We got to know that the tiger was on the move. As we reached that spot, this tigress was walking on the safari track. We approached and stopped. She also stopped and was trying to hear the JCB machine noise. During this time she gave us a great time to capture some pictures and she kept moving slowly and sat down! She was trying to groom herself and she spent a few minutes there. After that, she walked into the water to quench her thirst and walked out again, marking her territory. We were also driving parallel to her. At one point, she sat on the bundh and didn't move at all. Since we had our share of the amazing sighting, we decided to move. Truly it was a visual treat to watch her behavior in front of all of us doing her stuff.

Tuesday 1 April 2025

Day 2:

Kabini River Lodge

Cloudy and pleasant

As we started our first early morning safari, all of us were happy to be in the jungle. It was a very pleasant morning and we kept exploring the jungle and got to see elephants and watched them for some time then we also got to experience the Sambar deer moving through the bushes. Got to hear some distress calls but, nothing came out.

The afternoon drive was hot when we started. As we were exploring the park, we heard some alarm calls and waited for a long time for the animal to come out of the bushes. As we were scanning the area where calls were coming from, we only got to see a couple of stripes between the bushes far away! Then all of us got to see and slowly the tiger started coming out of the bushes. Finally, she came out slowly to the watering hole, sat and drank water for some time and then she sat on the bundh of the lake. As we were watching her sitting, she suddenly started looking at the bushes and was very afraid of something. Then suddenly, got up and ran into the bushes. As we anticipated, a huge female elephant came out of the bushes with her calf and went into the water. Both of them enjoyed being in the water, drank and played for some time and then started moving out of the water.

Wednesday 2 April 2025

Day 3:

Kabini River Lodge

Cloudy and pleasant

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We started our day early today. We planned to look for different wildlife this morning and kept scanning the forest slowly moving to different places. We got to see a beautiful lone female gaur and watched her heading towards her herd. As we moved, we also got to see a pair of imperial pigeons on the tree and they gave us a good time to watch and click some pictures. A couple of times we heard some alarm call by spotted deer but nothing came out. As we were exploring the forest, we got to see some sambar herds and watch them moving slowly into the bushes. Finally, at one spot, we heard spotted deer and langur alarm calls. They were so intense and we thought some predator would come out but after waiting for a long time we had to move because the calls sounded like the leopard was moving and it sat down.

Today, we are going into the park looking for other wildlife and different parts of the park. We have got to spot some elephants moving and grazing and strip-naked Mangoos looking for prey all over. Then we also got to hear some distress calls where nothing came out of the bushes. Finally, as we were trying to head towards the exit, we saw three wild dogs moving in the open forested area. We were so happy and blessed with the sighting. All three of them sat down and started playing in the water while drinking and then two of them saw a herd of about 200 spotted deer running and they ran towards the deer. They were not in the hunting mood, but it was such a pleasure to watch them in action. Again all three of them came back and started grooming each other. They crossed the safari road to move into the other side of the park, and by that time it was time for us to leave the park.

Thursday 3 April 2025

Day 4:

Kabini River Lodge

Cloudy, windy, humid and warm

Today was a little warm in the morning when we entered the park and less mammal sightings. But we used this time to look for birds and their activities. We got to see many species of birds, like a crested serpent eagle, woodpeckers, cuckoos and rollers.

Today, we decided to go for a river safari on the Kabini River. We started cruising and as soon as we entered the park, we got to see a herd of elephants grazing on the bank. Enjoyed watching them, then after we saw another herd of elephants and then so many bird species to watch and photograph. As we moved into the forest area, we got to see so many species of birds, including a wooly-necked stork an open-bill stork, and the huge Indian spotted eagle feeding on a bird kill which was one of the highlights of the safari. The best part of the safari was the osprey with the kill. It was such an amazing sighting that the Osprey caught a fish which was pretty big and it was holding it with just one talen and sat on a tree top. It took about 20 minutes to start feeding and it was trying to balance on the tree top. Finally, it started feeding on the fish and we then had to leave the park since it was getting dark.

Friday 4 April 2025

Day 5:

Kabini River Lodge

Cloudy, humid and warm

This morning was a little cloudy and no sun at all... We were trying all over and nothing much was happening. We got to see some Sambar deer and other common species but nothing major was happening. However, we used this time to see birds and enjoy them.

Around 10:30 am, we decided to go for a short bird-watching trip on a boat. We had a fabulous time watching birds and photographing them. Finally, at a point, our boatman spotted a couple of otters. We went very slowly towards them and then we realized that there were about 11 of them. Many of them were feeding on the fish in the water and some of them came out and started marking their territory and playing with each other and grooming. It was fun and lucky to watch them without any disturbance.

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Afternoon we set out for the safari and as soon as we entered the park we got a message from the park authorities that a tiger was sitting in the water. We rushed to the place and got to see this beautiful tigress sitting in the water. We watched her for more than two hours, watching how she was moving in the water. She was trying to catch the flies and insects which were bothering her, then suddenly there was a crested hawk eagle that came perched on a tree. The bird also wanted to drink the water, but unfortunately, since the tigress was sitting in the water it didn't come for water. The hawk-eagle waited for some time and then it flew away to a different watering hole. After all this, the tigress started licking her paw and yawned a few times, which signalled that she was getting ready to move. As we anticipated, she got up and walked out of the water, crossed the road and disappeared into the bushes.

Saturday 5 April 2025

Day 6:

Kabini River Lodge

Little cloudy and and warm!

Our early morning drive was absolutely cloudy, we couldn't even see the sun. As we kept driving and enjoying the forest, we got to see lots of birds and gaurs. The best part of the drive was to explore the new areas of the park and take it easy. There were a couple of distress calls and beautiful pugmarks on the track, but nothing was moving out. At one point when we were moving suddenly, the herd of deer started running, but no calls. We rushed to that area and got to see three wild dogs moving. We were blessed with that sighting because, all of them sat next to the road, drank water and played for some time and then went into the bushes.

This afternoon's drive was a little hot and humid. We just enjoyed watching the birds. A good number of sambar deer and spotted deer and some gaurs with small calves. As the weather was getting cloudier and about to rain, we got a message that one of the shy male tigers was walking towards one of the safari tracks. We waited at the track almost for an hour. But no sign. Then, one of the spotted deer smelt something and ran away from that spot. We were eagerly looking in that direction. Then suddenly, our driver Anil, called out "Tiger"! This tiger quietly walked towards our vehicle, saw our vehicle and sat down in the bushes. However, we could see the tiger sitting as the head was visible. But at the same time, it started raining heavily! The tiger got up and started walking and we thought he would walk towards us, but instead, went inside, sat down and he never came out. This was the highlight of the afternoon safaris.

Sunday 6 April 2025

Day 7:

Kabini River Lodge

Foggy and pleasant

Since there was rain last night, the fog was so thick and we couldn't even see 50 metres distance from us. Somehow the park was quite dry and no major mammal sightings in the park apart from the deer species and a lot of birds.

This afternoon, we explored the village life and the farming area around the Kabini. It was such a pleasure to be in the village to see how life moves... got to taste Tendure coconut and jackfruit in the village.

This afternoon was a little warm in the park and we got to see a beautiful elephant and a calf. Both of them were very close to the road and relaxed and tried to feed on the young bamboo. It was one of the best sightings of this giant animal. Also excellent sightings of a gaur and Sambar deer during the drive. Overall the drive was good but unfortunately, we couldn't see any major predators.

Monday 7 April 2025

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Day 8:

Kabini River Lodge – Taj Yeshwantpur

Foggy and pleasant

This was our last drive for the trip and we were thrilled and looking for the opportunity to spot one of the predators. As soon as we entered the park, there were alarm calls of the sambar, spotted deer and langur, which meant it had to be a big predator moving in the area. We parked our vehicle and waited for a really long time, but nothing came out and we had to leave the spot. We were happy to see birds and other animals. We enjoyed and thanked the park for the beautiful drives and sightings and left the park.

Around 11:30 am, we left Kabini and reached Taj Yeshwantpur, Bangalore and settled down for the day.

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Checklist for Nagarhole's Tigers, Wild Dogs & Leopards



	Common Name	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
	MAMMALS								
1	Spotted Deer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Asian Elephant	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
3	Royal Bengal Tiger	✓	✓			✓	✓		
4	Sambar Deer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Southern Plains Gray Langur	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Wild Dogs	✓		✓			✓		
7	Wild Pigs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Bonnet Mecaque	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Gaur	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
10	Malabar Giant Squirrel		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Ruddy Mongoose		✓			✓			
12	Strip-necked Mongoose		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Flying Fox		✓				✓		
14	Three-striped Palm Squirrel			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
15	Black-naped Hare			✓					
16	Smooth-coated Otters					✓			
17	Asian Brown Bat					✓		✓	
18	Indian Pipistrelle						✓		
	BIRDS								
1	Rock Dove/ Pigeon	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
2	Black Kite	✓							
3	White-throated Kingfisher	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
4	Indian Peafowl	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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5	Jungle Babbler	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
6	Little Cormorant	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
7	Great Cormorant	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
8	Grey Junglefowl	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
9	Medium Egret	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
10	Cattle Egret	✓				✓			
11	Great Egret	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
12	Oriental Magpie-robin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
13	Common Myna	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
14	Jungle Myna	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
15	White-cheeked Barbet	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
16	Indian Pond Heron	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
17	Crested Serpant Eagle	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
18	Black Drongo	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
19	White-bellied Drongo	✓							
20	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
21	Indian Roller	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
22	Red-wattled Lapwing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
23	Common Hoopoe	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
24	Red-vented Bulbul	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
25	Plum-headed Parakeet	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
26	Osprey	✓	✓		✓				
27	Grey Heron	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
28	River Tern	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
29	Spot-billed Duck	✓		✓	✓	✓			
30	Spotted Dove	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
31	White-rumped Vulture	✓						✓	
32	Pied Bushchat	✓	✓			✓			
33	Western Yellow Wagtail	✓				✓			
34	Gray Francolin		✓		✓				
35	Laughing Dove		✓						
36	Yellow-footed Green Pigeon		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
37	Greater Coucal		✓	✓				✓	
38	Blue-faced Malkoha		✓			✓			

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39	Little Ringed Plover		✓			✓			
40	Common Sandpiper		✓	✓	✓	✓			
41	Oriental Darter		✓	✓	✓	✓			
42	Little Egret		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
43	Oriental Honey Buzzard		✓		✓	✓		✓	
44	Crested Hawk Eagle		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
45	Brown Fish Owl		✓		✓		✓	✓	
46	Indian Grey Hornbill		✓			✓			
47	Yellow-crowned Woodpecker		✓						
48	Scarlet Minivet		✓						
49	Black-hooded Oriole		✓		✓	✓		✓	
50	Ashy Wood-swallow		✓		✓		✓		
51	Bronzed Drongo		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
52	Large Billed Crow		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
53	Rufus Treepie		✓	✓		✓			
54	Cinereouse Tit		✓		✓		✓		
55	Brahminy starling		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
56	Chestnut-tailed starling		✓			✓			
57	White-rumped Shama		✓	✓	✓	✓			
58	Jerdon's Leafbird		✓						
59	Red-naped Ibis		✓		✓	✓			
60	Eurasian Callered Dove		✓	✓	✓				
61	Purple-rumped Sunbird		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
62	Common Tailerbird		✓					✓	
63	White-browed Wagtail		✓			✓			
64	Gray Wagtail		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
65	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater		✓						
66	Spotted Owlet		✓						
67	Wood Sandpiper		✓	✓	✓	✓			
68	White-bellied Woodpecker		✓	✓			✓	✓	
69	Black-rumped Flamback		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
70	Common Hawk-cuckoo		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
71	Coppersmit Barbet		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
72	Singing Bush Lark		✓			✓	✓		

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73	Marsh Sandpiper			✓		✓			
74	Brown-headed Gull			✓					
75	Black-winged Stilt			✓	✓	✓			
76	Asian Wolly-necked Stork			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
77	Black-headed Ibis			✓	✓	✓			
78	Brahminy Kite			✓	✓	✓		✓	
79	Ashy Prinia			✓				✓	
80	Puff-throated Babbler			✓	✓				
81	Red-wiskered Bulbul			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
82	White-breasted Waterhen			✓		✓			
83	Red-headed Vulture			✓	✓	✓			
84	Indian Cuckoo			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
85	Southern Hill Myna			✓	✓			✓	
86	Rose-ringed Parakeet			✓	✓	✓		✓	
87	Orange-headed Ground Thrush			✓			✓		
88	Oriental Scops Owl			✓					
89	Tickles Blue Flycatcher				✓				
90	Green Imperial Pigeon				✓			✓	
91	Straited Heron				✓				
92	Purple Heron				✓				
93	Common Snipe				✓				
94	Grey-headed Fish-eagle				✓		✓	✓	
95	Indian Spotted Eagle				✓				
96	Asian Openbill Stork				✓	✓			
97	Jungle Owlet				✓				
98	Common Kingfisher				✓	✓			
99	Small Minivet				✓		✓	✓	
100	Large Grey Babbler				✓				
101	Booted Eagle				✓				
102	Streak-throated Woodpecker			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
103	Green Bee-eater				✓	✓			
104	Little Pratincloe					✓			
105	Paddyfiled Pipit					✓			
106	Little Tern					✓	✓		

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107	Common Green Shank					✓			
108	Temminick's Stint					✓			
109	Thick-billed Flowerpecker					✓			
110	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch					✓			
111	Long-tailed Shrike					✓			
112	Common Iora					✓		✓	
113	Rufus Babbler					✓			
114	Indian Blackbird					✓	✓	✓	
115	Malabar woodshrike					✓			
116	Little Swift					✓			
117	Black-winged Kite					✓			
118	Fork-tailed Drongo Cuckoo					✓	✓		
119	Green Sandpiper					✓			
120	Indian Nuthatch						✓		
121	Indian Scimiter Babbler						✓		
122	Lesser Whit-throat						✓		
123	Alpine Swift							✓	
124	Red-rumped Swallow							✓	
125	Dusky Crag Martin							✓	
126	House Sparrow							✓	
127	Streak-throated Swallow							✓	
128	Chestnut-shouldered Patronia							✓	
	OTHER TAXA								
1	House Gecko	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
2	Bengal Monitor Lizard	✓	✓						
3	Hornet Wasp	✓	✓	✓					
4	Common Emigrant - Butterfly	✓	✓				✓		
5	Common Rose - Butterfly		✓						
6	Crimson Rose - Butterfly		✓					✓	
7	Common Crow - Butterfly		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
8	Common Grass Yellow		✓		✓	✓	✓		
9	Common Sailer - Butterfly		✓						
10	Blue Tiger - Butterfly		✓	✓				✓	

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11	Chocolate Pansy - Butterfly		✓						
12	Potter wasp		✓						
13	Mud Dobber		✓						
14	Common two tailed Spider		✓				✓		
15	Golden Backed Ant		✓						
16	Asian Weaver ant		✓				✓	✓	
17	Carpenter Beetle		✓			✓			
18	Soft shell Terripine		✓	✓				✓	✓
19	Marsh Crocodile		✓		✓				
20	Rat Snake		✓	✓					
21	Common Indian Toad			✓			✓	✓	
22	Wondering Glider/ Globe Skimmer			✓		✓		✓	
23	Skittering frog			✓					
24	Tilapia Fish				✓				
25	Plain Tiger -Butterfly					✓		✓	
26	Dung Beetle					✓	✓		
27	Forest Gecko						✓	✓	
28	Milipede						✓		
29	Ladybug Beetle						✓		
30	Tawny coaster							✓	
31	Danied Eggfly							✓	
32	Spotted Cockroach							✓	