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Tour Report
Wild Karnataka
1 – 10 March 2026

Mugger crocodile



Asian elephant



Bengal tiger



Dhole



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Monday 2 March 2026

Day 1:
Bangalore to Kabini
Cool morning with sunny afternoon

After receiving the group early in the morning at the Bangalore airport, we headed straight to the hotel for breakfast before our journey to Kabini. We reached the lodge at Kabini around 12:30 pm. On our first safari in the park, we saw a small herd of elephants, and some vultures and crocodiles at the water's edge. We had a good sighting of a male tiger cooling off in the water for a long time.

Tuesday 3 March 2026

Day 2:
Kabini
Cool morning with warm sunny afternoon

AM
Though this drive was void of predators, we did see some lovely herds of elephants and some interesting birds.

Wednesday 4 March 2026

Day 3:
Kabini
Overcast morning with sunny afternoon

AM
We again saw some herds of elephants among other species of herbivores and birds.

PM
We went on our first boat safari this afternoon and had great sightings of birds and elephants. The highlight of the boat safari was a lovely pod of otters with young ones resting on the banks of the backwater!

Thursday 5 March 2026

Day 4:
Kabini
Overcast morning with sunny afternoon

AM & PM
We did some good birding and managed to see a pair of striped-necked mongooses, which was a new mammal for the trip. We had a good birding session even as other predators continued to elude us.

Friday 6 March 2026

Day 5:
Kabini
Cool misty morning with sunny afternoon

AM
We ended our last safari on the Kabini side with a BANG!! Saw a beautiful female tigress crossing the road and disappearing into the thickets. We were the only vehicle at the sighting. We also managed to track and see a pack of eight dholes (Indian wild dogs), including six pups, for over 30 minutes!

Post-safari, we packed up and started for our next destination on the other side of Nagarhole at around

11:00 AM

PM
Machaan – Nagarhole
We Reached Machaan around 1:00 pm. After a quick but delicious lunch, we headed for our first drive on this side of Nagarhole.

We had a lovely afternoon drive filled with elephants!

Saturday 7 March 2026

Day 6:
Machaan - Nagarhole

AM & PM
We tracked signs and calls but were not blessed by the big cats. We did see more elephants and explored different areas of the beautiful forest cover on this side of Nagarhole.

Sunday 8 March 2026

Day 7:
Machaan - Nagarhole
Cool misty morning

AM
We did some good birding on this drive. We also saw some elephants in the water holes feeding on water weeds. We saw a monitor lizard basking in a hollow tree as well.
PM
Had a lovely sighting of a tigress on the other side of a watering hole after tracking calls for over 20 minutes. On the way out of the park, we also managed to see a sloth bear fleeing into the forest.

We went on a lovely night walk within the property to see some interesting insects as well as scorpions.

Monday 9 March 2026

Day 8:
Machaan - Nagarhole
Cool misty morning with sunny afternoon

AM
Had a lovely last drive in the jungle. Though we did not see any predators on this drive, we managed to see some elephants and barking deer.

Post-safari, we packed up and started for our drive back to Bangalore.

Though we did not see any Leopards on this trip, it was a wholesome trip with a lot of biodiversity and a few good sightings of the tiger, dholes, elephants, and other denizens of the Nagarhole jungles.

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Checklist for Natural Wonders of Nagarhole

	Common Name	*Scientific Name*	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9
	MAMMALS										
1	Bengal tiger	*Panthera tigris*	✓				✓			✓	
2	Asian elephant	*Elephus maximus*		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
3	Gaur	*Bos gaurus*		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
4	Sambar deer	*Rusa unicolor*		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
5	Spotted deer	*Axis axis*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Barking deer	*Muntiacus muntjac*		✓	✓				✓	✓	
7	South-Western langur	*Semnopithecus hypoleucos*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Malabar giant squirrel	*Ratufa Indica*			✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
9	Bonnet macaque	*Macaca radiata*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Ruddy mongoose	*Urva smithii*	✓		✓						
11	Striped necked mongoose	*Herpestes viticollis*			✓					✓	
12	Three striped palm squirrel	*Funanbulus palmarum*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Dhole	*Cuon alpinus*					✓				
14	Smooth coated otters	*Lutra perspicillata*			✓						
15	Sloth bear	*Melursus ursinus*								✓	
	BIRDS										
1	Indian spot-billed duck	*Anas poecilorhyncha*		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
2	Indian peafowl	*Pavo cristatus*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
3	Gray junglefowl	*Gallus sonneratii*	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
4	Rock pigeon	*Columba livia*	✓	✓							
5	Eurasian collared-dove	*Streptopelia decaocto*			✓	✓					
6	Spotted dove	*Spilopelia chinensis*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Yellow-footed green-pigeon	*Treron phoenicopterus*	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
8	Greater coucal	*Centropus sinensis*		✓		✓	✓		✓		✓
9	Common hawk-cuckoo	*Hierococcyx varius*						✓			

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10	Crested treeswift	*Hemiprocne coronata*			✓		✓				
11	White-breasted waterhen	*Amaurornis phoenicurus*		✓	✓				✓	✓	
12	Little ringed plover	*Thinornis dubius*		✓	✓	✓					
13	Yellow-wattled lapwing	*Vanellus malabaricus*				✓	✓		✓	✓	
14	Red-wattled lapwing	*Vanellus indicus*	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
15	Common snipe	*Gallinago gallinago*					✓				
16	Common sandpiper	*Actitis hypoleucos*					✓				
17	Green sandpiper	*Tringa ochropus*					✓				
18	Wood sandpiper	*Tringa glareola*					✓				
19	Common greenshank	*Tringa nebularia*				✓					
20	Small pratincole	*Glareola lactea*			✓	✓	✓				
21	River tern	*Sterna aurantia*		✓	✓	✓				✓	
22	Asian openbill	*Anastomus oscitans*				✓	✓				
23	Black stork	*Ciconia nigra*			✓						
24	Asian woolly-necked stork	*Ciconia episcopus*						✓		✓	
25	Painted stork	*Mycteria leucocephala*	✓	✓						✓	
26	Oriental darter	*Anhinga melanogaster*		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
27	Little cormorant	*Microcarbo niger*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
28	Great cormorant	*Phalacrocorax carbo*			✓	✓	✓				
29	Indian cormorant	*Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*		✓			✓				
30	Black-headed ibis	*Threskiornis melanocephalus*			✓	✓					
31	Red-naped ibis	*Pseudibis papillosa*					✓	✓	✓	✓	
32	Little egret	*Egretta garzetta*			✓	✓	✓	✓			
33	Striated heron	*Butorides striata*					✓				
34	Indian pond-heron	*Ardeola grayii*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
35	Eastern cattle-egret	*Ardea coromanda*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
36	Great egret	*Ardea alba*			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
37	Medium egret	*Ardea intermedia*		✓	✓						
38	Gray heron	*Ardea cinerea*		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
39	Osprey	*Pandion haliaetus*		✓		✓	✓				
40	Oriental honey-buzzard	*Pernis ptilorhynchus*			✓		✓		✓	✓	
41	Red-headed vulture	*Sarcogyps calvus*	✓				✓				
42	White-rumped vulture	*Gyps bengalensis*						✓			
43	Crested serpent-eagle	*Spilornis cheela*	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	
44	Changeable hawk-eagle	*Nisaetus cirrhatus*			✓						

45	Indian spotted eagle	*Clanga hastata*				✓					
46	Shikra	*Tachyspiza badia*						✓	✓		
47	Black kite	*Milvus migrans*	✓								✓
48	Brahminy kite	*Haliastur indus*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
49	Gray-headed fish-eagle	*Icthyophaga ichthyaetus*		✓	✓	✓				✓	
50	Indian scops-owl	*Otus bakkamoena*						✓			
51	Jungle owlet	*Glaucidium radiatum*		✓				✓	✓		
52	Eurasian hoopoe	*Upupa epops*		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
53	Indian gray hornbill	*Ocyceros birostris*	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
54	Asian green bee-eater	*Merops orientalis*				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
55	Blue-tailed bee-eater	*Merops philippinus*			✓						
56	Common kingfisher	*Alcedo atthis*			✓	✓					
57	White-throated kingfisher	*Halcyon smyrnensis*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
58	Indian roller	*Coracias benghalensis*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
59	Coppersmith barbet	*Psilopogon haemacephalus*		✓							
60	White-cheeked barbet	*Psilopogon viridis*				✓				✓	
61	Brown-capped pygmy woodpecker	*Yungipicus nanus*			✓						
62	Rufous woodpecker	*Micropternus brachyurus*								✓	
63	Black-rumped flameback	*Dinopium benghalense*			✓	✓	✓				
64	Streak-throated woodpecker	*Picus xanthopygaeus*		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
65	White-bellied woodpecker	*Dryocopus javensis*			✓			✓			
66	Rose-ringed parakeet	*Psittacula krameri*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
67	Plum-headed parakeet	*Psittacula cyanocephala*			✓	✓					
68	Malabar parakeet	*Psittacula columboides*						✓		✓	
69	Small minivet	*Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*		✓		✓					
70	Orange minivet	*Pericrocotus flammeus*				✓	✓				
71	Indian cuckooshrike	*Coracina macei*		✓	✓				✓		✓
72	Indian golden oriole	*Oriolus kundoo*		✓			✓				
73	Black-hooded oriole	*Oriolus xanthornus*		✓	✓			✓			
74	Common woodshrike	*Tephrodornis pondicerianus*							✓	✓	
75	Black drongo	*Dicrurus macrocercus*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
76	White-bellied drongo	*Dicrurus caerulescens*			✓		✓				
77	Bronzed drongo	*Dicrurus aeneus*		✓		✓					
78	Greater racket-tailed drongo	*Dicrurus paradiseus*			✓	✓	✓				

79	Indian paradise-flycatcher	*Terpsiphone paradisi*		✓							
80	Long-tailed shrike	*Lanius schach*			✓	✓	✓				
81	Rufous treepie	*Dendrocitta vagabunda*	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
82	House crow	*Corvus splendens*	✓						✓		
83	Large-billed crow	*Corvus macrorhynchos*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
84	Asian tit	*Parus cinereus*		✓		✓					
85	Red-whiskered bulbul	*Pycnonotus jocosus*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
86	Red-vented bulbul	*Pycnonotus cafer*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
87	Jungle babbler	*Argya striata*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
88	Velvet-fronted nuthatch	*Sitta frontalis*		✓		✓					
89	Indian nuthatch	*Sitta castanea*				✓	✓			✓	
90	Southern hill myna	*Gracula indica*			✓	✓					
91	Brahminy starling	*Sturnia pagodarum*					✓	✓	✓		✓
92	Chestnut-tailed starling	*Sturnia malabarica*			✓	✓	✓				
93	Common myna	*Acridotheres tristis*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
94	Jungle myna	*Acridotheres fuscus*			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
95	Orange-headed thrush	*Geokichla citrina*		✓	✓						
96	Oriental magpie-robin	*Copsychus saularis*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
97	White-rumped shama	*Copsychus malabaricus*				✓					
98	Tickell's blue flycatcher	*Cyornis tickelliae*						✓	✓	✓	
99	Gray wagtail	*Motacilla cinerea*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
100	Western yellow wagtail	*Motacilla flava*			✓		✓				
101	White-browed wagtail	*Motacilla maderaspatensis*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			