



Guided Walking Safari
Corbett National Park and Binsar
Wildlife Sanctuary

Barking Deer
(*Muntiacus muntjak*)

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	Kalagarh Tiger Reserve (Division Corbett Tiger Reserve) & Binsar (Almora), Uttarakhand	
Landscape		Buffer-forests of Corbett National Park & Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary.
Best Time		October till April.
Wildlife Expected		Sambhar, Cheetal & Barking Deer, Goral (Mountain Goat), Asian Elephants, Wild Boar, Jackal, Yellow Throated Marten. Otters, Golden Mahseer and Giant Goonch (Catfish).
		Great & Oriental Pied Hornbill and about 500 bird species including about 50 species of Bird of Prey.
Wildlife Reported		Tiger, Leopard, Asian Elephant, etc.

DAY 01, 02, 03 & 04 - JIM CORBETT NATIONAL PARK | DAY 05, 06 & 07 - VANGHAT | DAY 08, 09 & 10 - BINSAR |
DAY 11 - BHIMTAL - SATTAL



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Overview

Guided Wildlife trek in some of the richest forests of the Western Himalayas, based out of iconic and remote lodges of the area. A few nights at community-run homestays adds remarkable local flavor to this walking holiday.

Starting from Asia's first National Park (Corbett National Park), known for its highest Tiger density and diverse flora and fauna, you will explore its Sal dominated broad-leafed forest, riverine, and the Shivalik range of the Himalayas on the first half of your journey. This will include a wildlife safari on a 4X4 and several walking safaris and nature treks in the buffer areas of the reserve. Apart from sighting big wild animals, you will be thrilled to have found rich diversity of resident and migratory birds. The walking trails are rarely trekked and not affected by development! Experienced naturalists and local jungle folks will guide you through the forests and create the most adventurous and meaningful learning opportunities for you. Traditional medicinal plants and ecologically important ancient rituals will leave you in wonder how the world sustained for centuries without disturbing the eco- system.

The remaining half will be spent in the middle range of the Himalayas. From Almora, the cultural capital of the state, where you will visit a unique and architecturally important group of Shiva temples in Jageshwer, you will be taken to Binsar, another beautiful wildlife sanctuary, for wildlife treks and walks to some remote villages inside the sanctuary. Manual farming and cattle- based communities will enrich your experience with ancient cultural practices, which have almost been lost in many parts of the country. The self-sufficient sustainable hillvillages still have hidden treasures and many lessons to offer to the modern world.



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Operational Itinerary

DAY 01: JIM CORBETT NATIONAL PARK

Activity

Arrive at Jim Corbett National Park

Gradient

Gentle

Detail

Arrive at Jim Corbett National Park post lunch.

Overnight at a lodge located in the peripheral of Corbett Tiger Reserve. (B, L, D)



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DAY 02: CORBETT NATIONAL PARK

Activity	Corbett National Park - Wildlife Safari on 4 X 4.
Gradient	Gentle
Detail	<p>Morning and evening game viewing drive in Bijrani range of Corbett National Park. We make an entry from the Amdanda gate of Bijrani zone. This area is dominated by hilly landscape with several small streams surrounded by woodlands, grasslands and marshes with a healthy population of birds and animals.</p> <p>Corbett today takes pride in the fact that it is home to the highest tiger density in the world. Tiger sightings since 2017 has been quiet encouraging, thanks to the awareness shown by the locals and better conservation efforts by the authorities .</p> <p>Overnight at a lodge located in the peripheral of Corbett Tiger Reserve. (B, L, D)</p>



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DAY 03 & 04: CORBETT NATIONAL PARK (KALAGARH TIGER RESERVE)

Activity	Nature Trek in the buffer forest of Corbett Tiger Reserve.
Gradient	Uphill climb
Detail	<p>This is an uphill hike through forests of the Corbett landscape. You start from Mohan near the Kosi River and start climbing steadily along a path that is used occasionally by the few villagers in the area. As you climb higher, the views open up and you enjoy stunning vistas of the Kosi River & the forested valley below.</p> <p>As with all the walks in the area, this trail offers ample opportunities for birding and the chance to spot other animals. Our expert naturalist(s) will accompany and lead you through the hike. They will also carry a simple packed lunch for you to enjoy at a scenic spot, whilst soaking in the sounds of the jungle.</p> <p>Overnight at lodge overlooking the Koshi valley. (B, L, D)</p>



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Barking Deer
(*Muntiacus muntjak*)

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Asian Elephant
(*Elephas maximus*)

Anuradha Marwah

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DAY 05: VANGHAT

Activity Vanghat – Walking Safari in the buffer forest of Corbett Tiger Reserve.

Gradient Undulating terrain

Detail After breakfast transfer to Vanghat.

An internationally acclaimed eco lodge far from any human habitation, Vanghat is nestled deep in the awe inspiring Ramganga valley. Exclusively crafted for wildlife enthusiasts, anglers, bird watchers and nature lovers. The envious location of the lodge affords long walks in the wild country and unexplored territories, the experience of which is enhanced by some of the finest and most experienced naturalists. Keeping in mind the needs of an international traveller, each cottage is designed with modern interiors to ensure maximum comfort. Each mud cottage and trappers hut (stone cottage) has a spacious bedroom and attached toilet facilities. Please note that the hike to Vanghat is about 1.8 kms. This walk through the village of Baluli and riverine forest is an excellent introduction to the valley, and can prove to be the most personally satisfying way of reaching the Lodge. Porters are provided however guests are requested to travel light. Average fitness and good walking shoes are vital.

Check into the lodge. Evening nature walk alongside Ramganga river.

Overnight at the Lodge. (B, L, D).



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DAY 06 & 07: VANGHAT

Activity Vanghat Nature Trek

Gradient Undulating terrain

Detail We start our day around the camp and return to the camp for breakfast. The trek from Vanghat to the village is a beautiful walk through the forest and river. We might see animals and birds during this walk and might have to cross the river at 2-3 places. We arrive at the camp around lunch time and relax in the lodge. Look for some birds in the property and animals down the Ramganga as they come to drink water during day time. Vanghat echos with alarm calls of prey species at twilight hours indicating the presence of carnivore. Nights are spent looking at the stars in the clear and unpolluted environment.

Overnight at Vanghat. (B, L, D).



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DAY 08: BINSAR

Activity Vanghat to Binsar (160 Km distance)

Gradient Gentle

Detail After breakfast drive towards Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary. Today we will be resting the night at a lodge in Binsar. In the evening we will be exploring beautiful trails inside the sanctuary.

Overnight at a lodge in Binsar.



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DAY 09 & 10: BINSAR

Activity Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary (Nature Trek)

Gradient Gentle

Detail Nestled in the lesser Himalayan region of Kumaon, this pristine forest sanctuary is a haven for nature lovers. Panoramic views of the Himalayan peaks, the bio-diversity of the place, local culture and history of the place are sure to enthrall you. What's more – the place is easily accessible as it is only 31 km away from the nearest town, Almora.

Binsar is home to 180 species of resident and migratory birds such as tits, forktails, nuthatches, blackbirds, parakeets, laughing thrushes, magpies, monal, woodpeckers and jays. A variety of trees, shrubs and grasses, and a large variety of reptiles and butterflies are also found here. The larger mammals found in the sanctuary include leopard, barking deer, wild boars, black bear, red fox, red giant flying squirrel and monkeys.



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First day, we hike up to the zero point, known as Jhandidhar. It is the highest point of the sanctuary from where you have a majestic view of Greater Himalayas. Birding through a mixed forest of oaks and rhododendron, we walk down to Dallar village, a small hamlet in the midst of a pine forest. The charming home-stay at Dallar has 3 clean rooms and can comfortably accommodate 6 people. If there are more people in the group, they can be accommodated in tents.

Overnight at a homestay in Dallar.

Next day, we trek to another beautiful village – Katdhara, where you will experience a community living of a remote village, with manual terrace farming of millets, cattle-grazing, bee-keeping and various sustainable practices.

Passing through a dense rhododendron and oak forest, walking over several varieties of ferns carpet on the forest floor, we get back to Dallar homestay by the evening. Spotting barking deer, wild pigs and several lesser mammals is not uncommon on this trek.

Overnight at a homestay in Dallar.



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Himalayan Goral
(*Nemorhaedus goral*)

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Vanghat Lodge

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DAY 11: BHIMTAL

Activity	Jageshwar Temples and Bhimtal
Gradient	Gentle
Detail	<p>We drive to Jageshwar temples. A group of over 100 ancient temples built between 7th to 12th centuries are largely dedicated to Lord Shiva and some to Lord Vishnu, The Sun and Goddess Shakti too. Along with a small beautiful stream – Jataganga, the temples are surrounded by old Deodar trees.</p> <p>After having a brief introduction to the architectural and spiritual aspects of ancient India, we drive towards Bhimtal. If time permits, we also get a chance to stop over at ‘Women Weavers of Kumaon’ (a weaving unit and a shop of hand-woven clothes).</p> <p>Reach Bhimtal by the evening.</p> <p>Overnight at a hotel in Bhimtal.</p>



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DAY 12: BHIMTAL - SATTAL

Activity Bhimtal, Sattal and Kathgodam

Gradient Gentle

Detail Early morning hike to Sattal lakes, a birding paradise of western Himalaya. After breakfast, will visit the Butterfly Research Centre in Bhimtal followed by an interaction with a renowned entomologist.

Drive to Kathgodam after lunch and board train for journey onwards.



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Nanda Devi Range

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Binsar

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Tour inclusions:

- Accommodation for 11 nights at hotels and homestays mentioned above on twin share basis.
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary as B, L, D (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner).
- 02 Game drives by open Gypsy. (Up to 03 guests in 1 gypsy)
- Service of English speaking local naturalist.
- All payable Tiger Reserve fees.
- Train journey between Kathgodam/ Delhi on A/C Chair Car.
- Services of Naturalist tracker during trek.



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- Porters wherever needed.
- 4 X4 and taxi transfers.
- All applicable taxes at the time of quoting.

Tour exclusions:

- Any expenses of personal nature such as telephone calls, tips, use of payable items in room mini bar, any kind of alcoholic non-alcoholic beverages (unless specified).
- Air Fare.
- Cost incurred in obtaining visa, insurance etc.
- Cost incurred in case of hospitalization or evacuation.





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- Tips gratuities given to drivers/ guides, restaurant waiters etc.
- Train journey between Kathgodam/ Delhi on A/C Chair Car.
- * Please note that in case of any revision in government tax structure or substantial fuel hike we reserve the right to revise the tour cost. However, marginal difference will be absorbed by us.

Important:

- In case of any price hike by the Corbett Tiger Reserve you'll be duly informed and the deference will be shared equally.
- Itinerary order may change however number of days and general programme will remain the same.



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BOOKING & CANCELATION POLICY

Booking Conditions:

A 50% advance confirms your trip with us. Balance needs to be deposited at least 30 days before trip date.

Cancellation Policy:

- Less than 15 days before the arrival date - no refund
- Less than 20 days before the arrival date - 60% refund
- Less than 25 days before the arrival date - 75% refund
- No refund in case of road block, accident, no show etc.



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- The tour price is quoted as a package. No partial refunds or credit will be given for services not used. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance upon booking.
- It is mandatory for guests to present valid photo identification at the time of check-in.
- The inclusion of extra bed with a booking is facilitated with a folding cot or a mattress as an extra bed.
- Early check-in or late check-out is subject to availability and may be chargeable by the lodge. The standard check-in time is 1 PM and the standard check-out time is 11 AM.
- The room tariff includes all taxes. The amount paid for the room does not include charges for optional services and facilities (such as room service, mini bar, snacks or telephone calls). These will be charged at the time of check-out.
- The hotel/lodge reserves the right of admission. Accommodation can be denied to guests posing as a couple if suitable proof of identification is not presented at check-in. Rural Traveller will not be responsible for any check-in denied by the hotel/lodge due to the aforesaid reason.



Important Note:

In case of any revision in government tax structure or fuel prices, Rural Traveller reserves the right to revise the tour price.

However, marginal revision in tour price will be absorbed by us.

- To book the above tour, please write to Sumantha Ghosh at *vanghat@gmail.com*. We will be happy to tailor - make a bird tour to suit the number of days that you may have.
- Do write to us if you want us to pick you up from Delhi airport, make arrangements for accommodation in Delhi, taxi and organize guided tours in Delhi or Rajasthan.



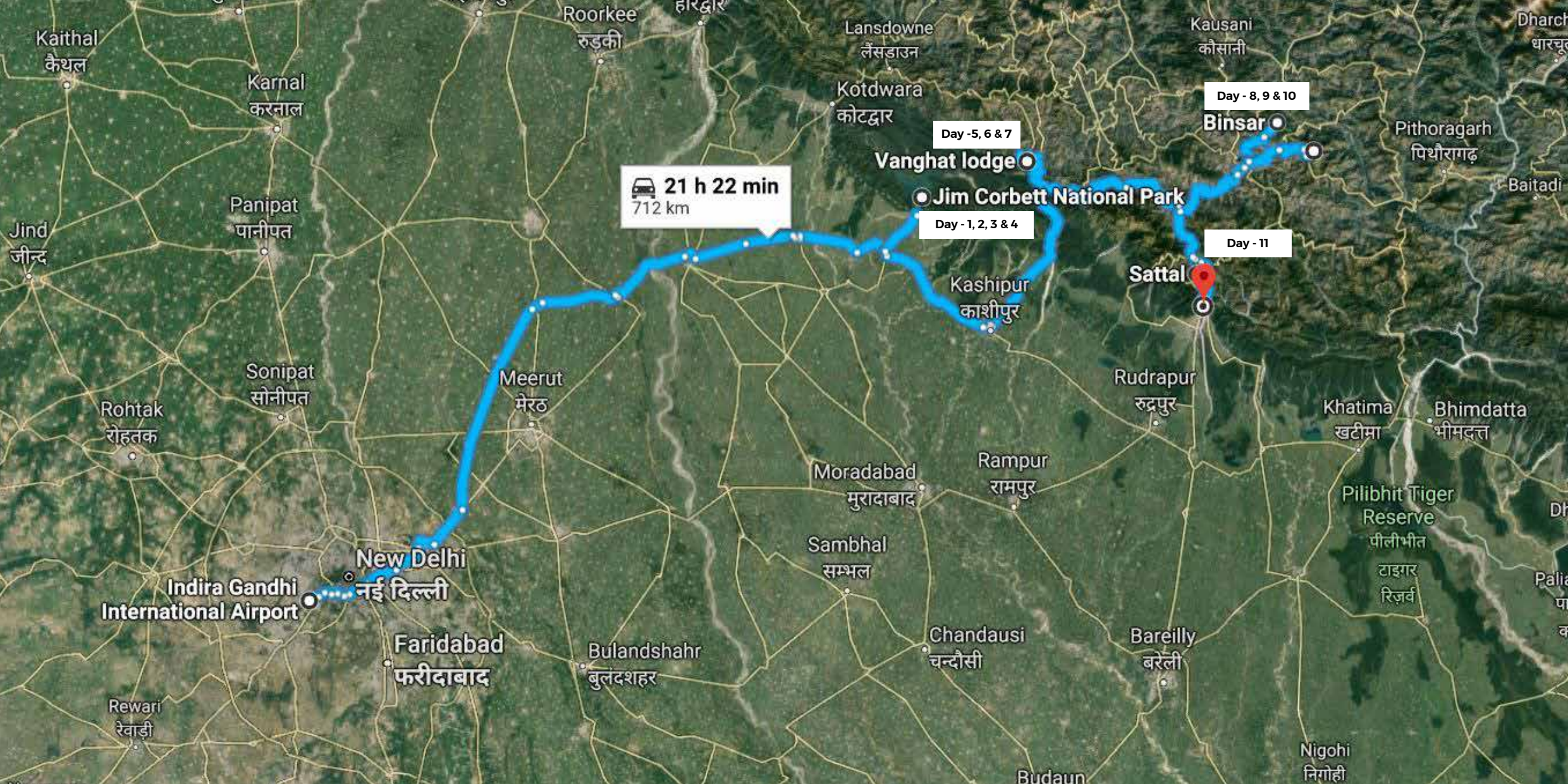
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Things To Carry:

Binoculars, personal medicines, insect repellent, camera, film rolls, batteries, flashlight, clothing in Jungle colors such as beige, brown, khaki and green as they are least disturbing to the environment, shoes made for easy walking and sandals for wading in the river, sun hats, sweaters and heavy jackets for the winter months, light cottons for the summer months, rain gear for monsoons.



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