

Wildlife Excursions
Dudhwa-Sattal-Corbett
Vanghat
guided by experienced naturalists.

Greater
one horned Rhino
(*Rhinoceros unicornis*)

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Guided Excursion to Wildlife Sanctuary & National Parks

	Kishanpur WS, Dudhwa NP, Sattal, Vanghat, Corbett and Rishikesh
Landscape	Broad-leafed & riverine hill forest and river valleys of Vanghat - Ramganga Valley - Corbett National Park - Hills.
Best Time	November to May
Wildlife Expected	Greater One Horned Rhinoceros, Tiger, Leopard, Fishing Cat, Leopard Cat, Jungle Cat, Elephant, Goral (Mountain Goat), Swamp Deer, Sambar Deer, Spotted Deer, Barking Deer, Hog Deer, Sloth Bear, Python, Gharial, Otter. Over 600 species of Birds, including - Bengal Florican, Great Slaty Woodpecker, Sarus Crane, Painted Stork, Pochards, Mallard, Grebes, Pintail, Shoveler, Swamp Francolin and several species of Birds of Prey.

DAY 01 - KISHANPUR WILDLIFE SANCTUARY | DAY 02 & 03 - DUDHWA NATIONAL PARK | DAY 04 & 05 - SATTAL |

DAY 06, 07, 08, 09 & 10 - JIM CORBETT NATIONAL PARK | DAY 11 & 12 - RISHIKESH



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Overview

Combined with 2 most diverse and wildlife rich national parks – Dudhwa & Corbett, Freshwater lakes of Sattal, Riverine of Ramganga, Kosi and Ganges, this trip will offer fantastic wildlife, birding and adventure experiences.

Dudhwa National Park, along with Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary, represents the best natural forests and grasslands in the Terai region of Uttar Pradesh. Set amongst dense forests of oak and pine trees, Sattal's unpolluted lakes are a paradise for migratory birds.

Corbett's magical landscape is well-known for its tiger density and bird diversity. The northern division of Corbett's buffer area, known as Kalagarh Tiger Reserve offers unique Walking Safaris through a jungle based eco-lodge – Vanghat.

The trip ends at the sacred banks of Ganges in Rishikesh, also known for adventure sports like Rafting, Kayaking, Rock Climbing, Rappelling, Hiking etc.

Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary:- The Sanctuary is a part of the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve near Maillani in Uttar Pradesh, India. Located some 30 kms from Dudhwa National Park, this sanctuary spreads over 203 sq kms and lies along the banks of the Sharada river. The forests of Dudhwa National Park and Kishanpur wildlife Sanctuary are not contiguous and there is agricultural land in between. Kishanpur's vegetation resembles Dudhwa's with dense riparian forests and moist deciduous trees like Sal, teak and Jamun. The open meadows dotted with Tal and perennial streams attract a variety of animals and birds. An enviable 450 resident and migratory bird species visit Dudhwa Tiger reserve and plenty of these can be spotted at Jhadi Tal, the premier water body of the Kishanpur Sanctuary. The Common, Red-crested and White-eyed Pochards, Mallard, Dabchick, Grebes, Pintail, Shoveller, River Tern, Spoonbill, Egrets, Snakebird, Herons, Back-necked Stork and many other avian species frequent the tal. Visitors have frequently spotted herds of Cheetal, Barasinga or playful Otters prancing about Jhadi Tal. It is the Tiger that often elusive and although Sharada Beat, around Jhadi Tal, is a known hotspot, a glimpse of this majestic striped cat is entirely a matter of chance.

Five species of deer can be seen frisking about in the Wildlife Sanctuary of Kishanpur, Katarniaghat and Dudhwa National Park. Swamp deer or Barasingha the state animal of Uttar Pradesh, lives mostly on marshlands.



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Dudhwa National Park:- The only National Park in U.P, Dudhwa lies in the Terai Arc region on the Indo-Nepal border. Dudhwa is the home for Tiger, Leopard, Rhinoceros, Elephant, Swamp deer, Sambar, Cheetal, Hog deer, Kakar (Barking deer), Wild boar, Blue bull, Rhesus monkey, Langur, Sloth bear, Porcupine, Otter, Monitor lizard, Turtles, Python, Mugger, Gharial etc.. Of the nearly 1300 Birds found in the Indian Subcontinent, over 450 species can be seen in the reserve forest. These include Hornbill, Red Jungle Fowl, Peafowl, Bengal Florican, Fish eagles, Serpent eagles, Osprey, Woodpecker, Shama, Indian Pitta, Paradise flycatcher, Orioles, Emerald Dove etc. During winter the vast and varied water bodies attract a large number of migratory birds making the reserve a favourite haunt of bird watchers hence making Dudhwa an ideal place for Wildlife Photographers & Wildlife enthusiasts.

Corbett Tiger Reserve:- One of the closest Tiger reserves to the International Airport of Delhi lies Asia's Oldest protected forest a landscape which today boasts of the highest Tiger densities anywhere on planet amidst spectacular landscape and other wildlife. Established in 1936 and named after the celebrated hunter turned naturalist, Jim Corbett who immortalized the area through his famous and bestselling books 'The Man-eaters of Kumaon'.

Geographically hemmed between the Himalayan foothills and the Indo-Gangetic plains, the Corbett area along with the adjoining hills and the wetlands is definitely one of the richest bird habitats of Asia and boasts a bird count of over 600 species including long distance and altitudinal migrants. Our birding tour covers the diverse habitats of grasslands, broadleaf tropical forest, riverine and high altitude forest of conifers and oak with a backdrop of the mighty Himalayas. Birdwatchers will encounter Pale arctic and altitudinal migrants like Siberian Rubythroat, Ibisbill and Wallcreeper, whereas summer visitors (April- September) will encounter Cuckoos, Indian & Hooded Pittas and the gregarious Chestnut-tailed Starling.

Accompanied by experienced guides you spend the maximum time in the field rather than travelling from lodge to bird sites and so forth. This tour aims to base you at all birding spots of the area, ensuring that your birding starts the moment you wake up, and you fall asleep to the calls of Owls or Thick-knees.

Rafting Camp:- Rafting Camp is located at Byasi close to the bank of River Ganga. It is 30Km passed Rishikesh on Badrinath Highway and takes about an hour by car.



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Rafting Camp is surrounded by lush green teak forest where you can feel the fresh air of mountains. We have very professional and dedicated staff at the camp to make sure that we meet all your expectations as an adventure camp. Here you can enjoy adventure activities like White Water rafting, Rappelling, Rock climbing, Kayaking, Hiking etc. We can also provide yoga and meditation classes within the camp on special requests.

Rafting Camp is a great place to be with Mother Nature, living close to the banks of India's greatest river where you can re-charge your inner batteries through adventure activities, as well as yoga and meditation.



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Operational Itinerary

DAY 01: KISHANPUR WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Activity Delhi - Rudarpur - Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary

Gradient Gentle

Detail Post early breakfast and tea/ coffee depart by Shatabdi to Rudarpur. Refreshments and breakfast will be served in the Train.

Arrive Rudarpur and transfer to Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary. Evening safari in KWS.

Overnight at a lodge in Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary (B, L, D).



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Swamp Deer
(*Rucervus duvaucelii*
duvaucelii)

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DAY 02: DUDHWA NATIONAL PARK

Activity Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary - Dudhwa National Park

Gradient Gentle

Detail After an early breakfast, we will drive onwards to Mandal toward Chopta. Dense temperate forest and numerous icy streams gushing down from the dominating mount
Morning Safari at Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary after Breakfast drive to Dudhwa National Park. Evening Jeep safari in Dudhwa National Park.

Overnight at a Forest Rest House in Dudhwa (B, L, D).



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DAY 03: DUDHWA NATIONAL PARK

Activity	Dudhwa National Park jeep safari.
Gradient	Gentle
Detail	Morning jeep safari with one elephant ride and comeback for breakfast, Evening Jeep safari inside the Dudhwa National Park.

Overnight at a Forest Rest House in Dudhwa (B, L, D).



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The Bengal tiger in
Dudhwa landscape
(*Panthera tigris tigris*)

Sidharth Singh

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DAY 04: SATTAL

Activity	Dudhwa - Sattal.
Gradient	Gentle
Detail	Post breakfast drive to Sattal, Lunch on the way. Arrive Sattal check in room. Evening rest.

Overnight at a hotel in Sattal (B, L, D).



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DAY 05: SATTAL

Activity Sattal birding and photography.

Gradient Gentle

Detail Morning and Evening Himalayan birding and photography.

Overnight at a hotel in Sattal (B, L, D).



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Himalay mountain view

Nishit Gupta

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DAY 06: JIM CORBETT NATIONAL PARK

Activity Sattal- Vanghat.

Gradient Gentle

Detail Morning birding in Sattal, After breakfast drive to Vanghat.

Overnight at Vanghat (B, L, D).



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Himalayan black-lored
tit
(*Parus xanthogenys*)

Kalyan Singh Sajwan

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DAY 07: JIM CORBETT NATIONAL PARK

Activity Walking Safari at Vanghat.

Gradient Gentle

Detail Morning and Evening walking safari/ birding .

Overnight at Vanghat (B, L, D).



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DAY 08: JIM CORBETT NATIONAL PARK

Activity Walking Safari at Vanghat.

Gradient Gentle

Detail Morning and Evening walking safari/ birding .

Overnight at Vanghat (B, L, D).



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Elephants in Corbett
grassland
(*Elephas maximus*)

Anuradha Marwah

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DAY 9: JIM CORBETT NATIONAL PARK

Activity Vanghat - Jim Corbett National Park

Gradient Gentle

Detail Morning birding at Vanghat. After breakfast drive to Jim Jungle Retreat evening walking around campus.

Overnight at a lodge in Jim Corbett National Park (B, L, D).



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Gharial
(*Cavialis gangeticus*)

Gerard David
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DAY 10: JIM CORBETT NATIONAL PARK

Activity Jim Corbett National Park

Gradient Gentle

Detail Morning and evening Jeep safari inside the Corbett National Park.

Overnight at a lodge in Jim Corbett National Park (B, L, D).



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Himalayan brown goral
(*Naemorhedus goral*)

Bruce Oswald
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DAY 11: RISHIKESH

Activity Jim Corbett National Park - Rishikesh

Gradient Gentle

Detail Post breakfast drive to Rishikesh. Arrive at Rafting Camp for lunch. Once you reach the campsite, you will be received with a warm welcome by our Camp staff. After you take in the view of our camp surroundings, you will be given a short briefing by our camp Manager. He will provide you all the details about do's and don'ts during your camping stay. After that you can have your Lunch and check into your tents. Lunch will be served at the dining area. After you finish your lunch, you can take a break, relax at the campsite and watch Mother Ganga passing by. We have activities which cater to interests of every kind of guests. Those who are in no mood to relax can play beach volleyball, do a bit of kayaking or just take a nice and easy stroll at the beach. We also have activities for folks who are more into adventure sports. There is rock climbing and rappelling available in the camp. Try your hand in the activities according to your interests. In the evening campfire will be there. Campfire session is a fun-time as you get to meet people from different walks of life and you get to share your stories with them. The fun-filled evening will be followed by a whole-some dinner.

Overnight stay at a rafting camp along the Ganges in Rishikesh (B, L, D).



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Vanghat Trapper Hut

Sunal Kumar
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DAY 12: RISHIKESH

Activity Marine Down Rafting at Rishikesh

Gradient Gentle

Detail Wake up early in the morning to enjoy the fresh breeze. Tea/coffee is served at dining area at 7:00 onwards. After breakfast, you are ready for rafting. You will be picked up from the camp vehicle and transported to Marine Drive where the rafting stretch starts. You will be provided all rafting gear (life jacket, helmet & Paddle), safety briefing by your guides and then we raft down the Ganga River. This is grade III, III+ rafting stretch and usually takes about 2-3 hours on the river (in Dec & Jan, it takes 3-4 hrs) and has about ten rapids including small and bigger ones.

Some of the good rapids we run on this stretch are called Three blind mice (III+), cross fire (III), Roller coaster (III+), golf Course (III+), Clubhouse (III). Rapids are safe to raft though there are some big waves and hydraulics. We raft down to Rishikesh which is 26 Km and go over rapids like Three Blind Mice, cross Fire, Body surfing, Return to Sender, Roller Coaster, Golf Course and lots more. We also provide you some snacks and soft drinks on the way. It is 2-3 hours fun on the river with some good splashes and big hits. Body surfing and cliff jumping is a part of the rafting package.

We end the trip near Laxman Jhula. Drive 45 minutes back to camp for hot lunch. Afternoon kayaking, volleyball or hike to nearby village. Later campfire with snacks & dinner

Overnight stay at a rafting camp along the Ganges in Rishikesh (B, L, D).



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Rafting

P.O Johonsan
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DAY 13: RISHIKESH

Activity	Rishikesh - Journey onwards
Gradient	Gentle
Detail	Morning drive from Rishikesh to journey onwards.



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Tour inclusions:

- Accommodation for 12 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).
- 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.
- Porters wherever needed.
- 4 X4 and taxi transfers.
- All applicable taxes at the time of quoting.



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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.
 - 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:

- 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.



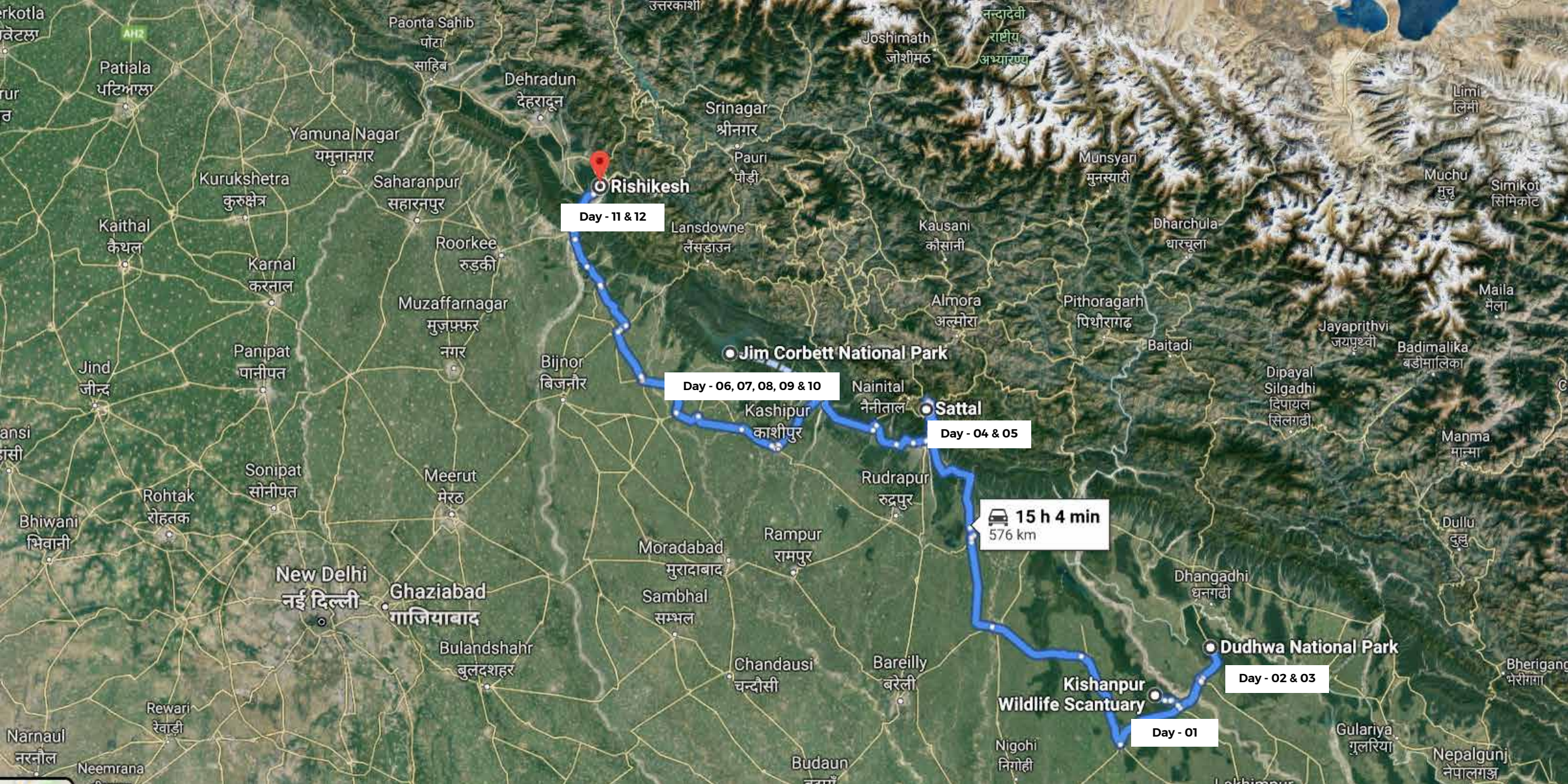
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Things To Carry:

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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Day - 11 & 12

Day - 06, 07, 08, 09 & 10

Day - 04 & 05

15 h 4 min
576 km

Day - 02 & 03

Day - 01

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Dudhwa landscape

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