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BIG CATS — OF — INDIA

India's wild landscapes are as diverse as its cultures, and at the heart of this wilderness roam the mighty big cats—symbols of power, mystery, and survival. From dense forests and open grasslands to icy mountain ranges, India offers one of the most incredible opportunities on the planet to observe big cats in their natural habitats.



The Striped Royalty of India

The Bengal tiger, a global icon of strength and beauty, holds center stage in Indian wildlife. Perhaps the most famous sighting grounds are in Jim Corbett National Park in Uttarakhand—the first national park in India and a part of the Project Tiger initiative. In Ranthambhore (Rajasthan), tigers stroll past ancient ruins, while Bandhavgarh, Kanha, and Pench in Madhya Pradesh provide some of the most reliable tiger sightings due to high densities and accessible terrain. In southern India, Nagarhole and Bandipur are equally thrilling, where the forest often echoes with alarm calls—hinting at a tiger's approach.

The Asiatic Pride of Gir

The Asiatic lion—once spread from the Mediterranean to India—now survives only in Gir Forest National Park, Gujarat. Smaller than their African cousins but no less regal, these lions are a symbol of resilience and conservation success. Gir's dry forests and open scrublands offer a unique setting to observe the only wild population of Asiatic lions left on Earth.



The Masters of Stealth

India's leopards are widespread, yet rarely seen—true masters of camouflage and stealth. However, certain regions offer excellent chances to spot them, including Jhalana Leopard Reserve and Bera in Rajasthan, where leopards often coexist with human settlements. In the south, the forests of Kabini, Wayanad, and the Western Ghats shelter both regular leopards and the rare, striking black panthers.

Ghosts of the Himalayas

High above the tree line in Ladakh, Spiti Valley, and parts of Uttarakhand, the elusive snow leopard silently stalks its prey across snow-covered ridges. Known as the "ghost of the mountains," it is perhaps the most challenging big cat to spot, but also the most rewarding. Hemis National Park is a hotspot for those willing to brave the cold and altitude in hopes of a glimpse.



Beyond the Big Cats

While big cats steal the spotlight, India's wild places offer much more. In Kaziranga National Park, one-horned rhinoceroses graze peacefully. Elephants roam in herds in southern and northeastern reserves. Sloth bears, Indian bison, and a stunning variety of birds complete the experience. Every Indian jungle has its own rhythm—where drama, survival, and beauty unfold every day.

'Big Cats' celebrates not only the majesty of India's feline predators but also the rich, interconnected ecosystems they rule. From the thunderous roar in a central Indian jungle to the silent stare of a snow leopard in the Himalayas, India's big cats continue to captivate the hearts of wildlife lovers around the world.

NEW HOTEL OPENINGS



Ran Baas, The Palace

Where? Patiala, Punjab

What is unique?

Welcome to Ran Baas, The Palace, a distinguished Relais & Châteaux gem nestled in the heart of Patiala. Set within the historic Qila Mubarak, this 10-acre palace complex is not just a place to stay—it's a journey through Punjab's rich cultural tapestry. As Punjab's first luxury palace hotel, it features 35 suites that offer a unique experience of living history, bringing the Qila back into the urban fabric and imageability of Patiala.

Begin your stay by discovering expansive suites, terraces, and courtyards, each designed to bring together the palace life, and modern living. Savour global cuisine at Neel, an all-day dining restaurant and raise a glass at The Patiala – a bar that pays homage to the iconic 'Patiala Peg', and houses a selection of rare malts. Slow down by the full-sized pool with views of the majestic Qila ramparts at Aura Spa, in Lassi Khana.

Why Choose Ran Baas, The Palace?

Ran Baas, The Palace offers a perfect balance of royal heritage and modern luxury. The sumptuous banqueting hall, The Darbar, along with expansive open-air venues, offers you ideal settings for both intimate celebrations and large gatherings. With a prime location just minutes from Patiala's key attractions, including the Sheesh Mahal and Bir Moti Wildlife Sanctuary, you are perfectly placed to explore the city while basking in royal comfort.

Discover Patiala as you have never seen it before – through immersive palace living shaped by THE Park Hotels' signature eclectic use of craft, art, stories, architecture – and its hospitality, all of which are Anything But Ordinary.

The Leela Hyderabad

Where? Hyderabad, Telangana

What is unique?

Located in the prestigious Banjara Hills, The Leela Hyderabad is a landmark of refined elegance, inspired by the city's regal past and vibrant present. Designed in a graceful Indo-Persian architectural style, the hotel is a cultural tribute that seamlessly blends tradition with contemporary luxury. Guests are welcomed into an environment where art and heritage are celebrated—starting with an iconic M.F. Husain painting in the lobby and the evocative Wall of Heroes, honouring legends from the Deccan region. These thoughtfully curated design elements create not only visual appeal but a meaningful connection to India's cultural narrative. The hotel features eight categories of rooms and suites, each offering timeless design, intuitive technology, and premium amenities tailored for both business and leisure travellers. It is also home to Hyderabad's first pop-up studio in a luxury hotel, designed for curated cultural experiences. A serene Tea Lounge offers rare blends from Assam and Darjeeling in an atmosphere of calm sophistication. For an elevated dining experience, the iconic Library Bar includes a refined Private Dining Room—perfect for exclusive gatherings and discreet conversations. A holistic wellness sanctuary rounds off the offering, featuring signature spa therapies, salon services, and treatments designed to rejuvenate mind and body.

Why Choose The Leela Hyderabad?

Strategically located, the hotel offers convenient access to commercial hubs, consulates, lifestyle destinations, and cultural landmarks. It caters to corporate, leisure, and MICE segments with flexible event spaces, state-of-the-art meeting rooms, and a distinctive F&B narrative that showcases both global and regional cuisines. The Leela Hyderabad is a modern embodiment of Indian luxury—defined by architectural excellence, curated art, immersive experiences, and intuitive service. Whether for a board meeting, weekend escape, or international delegation, it delivers thoughtful, elevated hospitality without compromise.



Gokulam Grand, Kozhikode

Where? Kozhikode, Kerala

What is unique?

Gokulam Grand, Kozhikode distinguishes itself with its prime location in the heart of Kozhikode's central business district. Tucked behind a prominent shopping mall, the hotel provides easy access to vibrant shopping, entertainment, and dining options. The modern, expansive lobby with its sleek glass and chrome design, paired with elegantly furnished accommodations, offers a luxurious setting for guests. The rooms and suites boast panoramic city views and are equipped with state-of-the-art amenities. Guests can unwind by the rooftop pool or indulge in delightful cocktails at the poolside bar, Mananchira, with stunning vistas of the city. The hotel's architecture and interior design are carefully crafted, blending contemporary aesthetics with the city's historical charm.

Why Choose Gokulam Grand, Kozhikode?

Gokulam Grand, Kozhikode is an exceptional choice for both business and leisure travellers. Its strategic location in Kozhikode makes it a perfect base for exploring the city's rich history, bustling markets, and beautiful beaches. The hotel caters to business needs with versatile banquet and conference facilities that offer both luxury and functionality. The hotel's culinary offerings are impressive, with 'My Place' serving a delightful mix of multi-cuisine and Pan-Indian dishes, and the 360 Degree bar offering an elegant setting for signature cocktails and fine spirits. Grand Cafe, with its youthful ambiance, serves light snacks and beverages round the clock. The hotel also prioritizes wellness, featuring a state-of-the-art spa and fitness center. Whether you're here for business or leisure, Gokulam Grand offers a luxurious and convenient experience in Kozhikode.

Sadar Manzil Heritage By Atmosphere, Bhopal

Where? Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

What is unique?

Sadar Manzil Heritage by Atmosphere offers an exclusive luxury experience, marking the brand's first hotel launch in India. Nestled in the historic Old City of Bhopal, it's a serene adults-only retreat, offering a blend of Nawabi grandeur and modern boutique-style service across just 22 rooms. This intimate property is designed to transport guests into a royal past while ensuring modern comforts. The Grand Durbar Hall, a regal space once frequented by Nawabs and Begums, reflects the hotel's deep connection to the city's rich heritage. Every corner of the property, from its traditional architecture to its curated cultural experiences, honours Bhopal's royal legacy. The hotel also features a unique female-led hospitality team, adding a contemporary touch to its classic roots.

Why Choose Sadar Manzil Heritage By Atmosphere, Bhopal?

Choose Sadar Manzil for its rare combination of history, luxury, and exclusivity. The boutique setting guarantees privacy and personal service, with curated experiences such as the Champagne Heritage Walk and the Begums' Drive through Bhopal's Lake City. The Begums' Plan(tm), an all-inclusive offering, includes airport transfers, gourmet meals, high tea, and champagne tours, ensuring a seamless and indulgent stay. Enjoy bespoke dining at Diwan-e-Khas and unwind with evening cocktails at Madhushala. For romance and relaxation, private dinners under the stars and rejuvenating treatments at ELENA Ayur Spa await. The hotel's close proximity to heritage sites offers the perfect blend of relaxation and exploration, making it ideal for couples seeking an unforgettable, luxurious escape. Sadar Manzil Heritage is not just a stay; it's an experience to cherish forever.



FORT HOUSE, DIU - IHCL SELEQTIONS

Where? Diu, Dadra and Nagar Havel

What is unique?

Perched on the edge of the Arabian Sea, Fort House, Diu - IHCL SeleQtions is a coastal sanctuary where timeless heritage meets tranquil luxury. Wrapped in Diu's storied Portuguese legacy, the property is designed as a refined tribute to the island's seafaring past, offering an immersive experience that blends old-world charm with contemporary sophistication. With just 33 tastefully designed rooms and suites, every accommodation opens up to panoramic views of the sea, the historic Panikotha fortress, and the iconic Diu Fort. The architecture and interiors are inspired by Indo-Portuguese influences, exuding understated elegance through spacious balconies, arched windows, and thoughtful detailing.

Guests can savour the coastal breeze at the hotel's signature multicuisine restaurant and bar, where indoor and alfresco dining spaces overlook an endless horizon. Whether it's a sun-drenched breakfast or a twilight cocktail, each moment is elevated by the setting. Beyond its picturesque ambience, Fort House features a serene wellness zone—complete with a sea-facing spa and a state-of-the-art fitness center, making it a destination for both rest and renewal. Curated local experiences transport guests from sun-kissed beaches to centuries-old forts, offering a deeply rooted sense of place.

Why Choose Fort House, Diu?

Opening soon in the serene enclave of Diu, Fort House is perfectly poised for travelers seeking a quiet escape infused with cultural richness. Its strategic location offers direct access to the region's most iconic landmarks, while the hotel's design language evokes a warm nostalgia for Diu's layered history. Whether you're planning a quiet getaway, a creative workcation, or an intimate celebration, the hotel offers versatile event spaces tailored for modern needs. Personalized service, culinary craftsmanship, and immersive experiences make Fort House a distinctive destination under the SeleQtions brand. Here, time slows down and hospitality takes on a heartfelt rhythm—where every stay is a serene interlude crafted with care, elegance, and soul.

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Woods at Sasan, Gir

Woods at Sasan is the flagship retreat of 1000 Island Hotels and Resorts—a biophilic retreat nestled within an eight-acre mango orchard, offering 38 keys that reflect comfort, wellbeing, and purposeful design. Inspired by nature and rooted in local culture, the retreat blends seamlessly into the Gir forest, a sanctuary for the Asiatic lion in Gujarat. Its architecture follows the land's natural contours, retaining dense tree cover and ensuring minimal footprint (12-17%). No trees were cut in construction, honoring the orchard's integrity through the lens of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK).



Local culture deeply influenced the design. Materials like Bela stone, lime plaster for natural cooling, and handcrafted bamboo and reclaimed wood furniture elevate both sustainability and aesthetic value. Over 32 local artisans collaborated to integrate terracotta, macramé, and handcrafted decor, creating a distinct sense of place. Expansive windows, open spaces, and fluid transitions between indoors and outdoors promote natural light, ventilation, and circadian balance—hallmarks of biophilic design.

Our curated low carbon impact experiences—silent starlit dinners, bonnet breakfasts with Gir's panoramic views, nature walks, and pottery workshops that foster mindfulness and connection. At SOM, our holistic wellbeing space, guests access tailored healing experiences.

Sustainability is embedded in both operations and philosophy. With a regenerative approach, we track annual progress through sustainability reporting, focus on low-impact infrastructure, and grow 8-10% of our own ingredients, targeting 15%. We've also seen a 30-40% increase in local employment, furthering community well-being and economic resilience.

A focus on intimacy, immersion, and purpose defines the experience—where each element is crafted to foster a deeper connection with nature and self. The design reflects a quiet sense of dignity and flows in harmony with the surrounding environment, offering guests a space that feels both meaningful and rooted.

Contact Your Relationship Manager For Bookings!

LEADER LENS

Mr Dorjay Namgyal Bilupa, who is host, team lead tracker, naturalists & and local wildlife expert. With decades of field experience, he's the kind of guide who can read the mountains like a book.

"I believe that no one knows the mountains of Ladakh as we do, as our ancestors have walks the mountains and sailed the river for their livelihood"

Chasing Shadows: A Wildlife Expedition Through Ladakh's Frozen Frontiers

If there's one place that truly humbles you, it's Ladakh in winter. Wind-swept, stark, and eerily silent, it's also where the wildest creatures walk unseen. Over the past few seasons, I've been leading wildlife expeditions across this high-altitude desert, hoping—always hoping—to catch a glimpse of Ladakh's most elusive residents.



Mr Dorjay Namgyal Bilupa
Local Wildlife Expert

Our journey started in Bilupa Mountain Lodge, Chushot, just outside Leh. Tucked in upper Chushot area, it's a lesser-known snow leopard habitat, quieter than the popular spots, which makes it perfect for intimate tracking experiences. With help from sharp-eyed local spotters, we trailed a female leopard and her cub for three breathless days. One morning, we found fresh tracks in the snow winding toward the cliffs—and then, as if by magic, she appeared, surveying the valley like a queen. Next, we headed to Matho, home to dramatic terrain and ancient monasteries perched above steep gorges. Here, sightings are harder-earned. We camped for hours in the biting wind, scanning the ridgelines. Just when we thought we'd struck out, she emerged at sunset—elegant, confident, and utterly wild. Uley was our next base. It's a hotspot for snow leopards and one of my favourite spots in Ladakh. We stayed at Snow Leopard Lodge, a cosy, family-run homestay that combines warm hospitality with deep conservation roots. Mornings were filled with stories, scope setups, and butter tea, and evenings often brought sightings across the valley—silent, powerful moments under a frozen sky.



But it wasn't just about snow leopards.

In Sakti village, I had my first brush with a lynx—a rare and magical encounter. We followed faint tracks through juniper-dotted slopes, and just before dusk, there it was: a sleek shadow moving silently through the scrub, vanishing almost as soon as it appeared.

Then Summers, there was Hanle, far in the southeast, near the Changthang plateau. It's a place that feels like the edge of the world. Here, amidst the flatlands and endless skies, we found the grumpiest little predator of them all: the Pallas's cat. Furry, wide-eyed, and wonderfully weird, it peeked out from behind a rock, gave us a look of utter disdain, and disappeared.



Wildlife tracking in Ladakh is not easy. The cold bites, the altitude tests you, and the animals don't always show up. But when they do, it changes you. It teaches patience, respect, and a kind of reverence for the wild that's hard to shake. If you're planning a trip, opt for Bilupa Mountain Lodge in Chushot, Matho, Sakti, and Hanle all have wonderful options that support conservation and give you a true taste of Ladakhi life.

This isn't just a trip—it's a connection. To the land. To the people. And to the wild things that still roam free.

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