

# Mantra Wild Himalaya Elements

~ 10 Days of Bliss ~

“I have found the Perfect  
Guru, through great good  
fortune; He has given me the  
Mantra of the Lord's Name,  
and my mind has become  
quiet and tranquil.”

~Quote from Guru Granth  
Sahib (Sikh Holy Book)

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**MANTRA WILD ADVENTURES**  
TRAVEL ON PURPOSE

# Highlights

**Delhi...** Enjoy the best Homestays in Delhi with the comforts of a hotel and the warmth of local Indian hospitality. Tour through the 8 cities that make up Delhi. Cycle-rickshaw through the alleys of Old Delhi, discover Qutub Minar, Humayan's Tomb and India Gate.

## Corbett Tiger

**Reserve ...** Spend a night at

picturesque Riverview Retreat with a game drive into Corbett Tiger Reserve. ...

Spiritual Encounters with 4 nights at

## secluded Vanghat Lodge

on the banks of Ramganga River with daily Yoga, Hypnotic Meditation, Hiking, Chanting and music workshops with Australia's most respected Indian Classical Vocalists – Hari Bhakti Dey.

## Nandadevi Estate...

at an altitude of 7500ft, the estate is surrounded by the Mighty Himalayas. Spend a

luxurious night at this exclusive estate in the heart of Binsar Sanctuary.. An unforgettable place...

# Fact Sheet

For the first time, Mantra Wild Adventures is offering an exclusive wellness experience in the heart of the Kumaon Jungle in the Himalaya state of Uttarakhand.

Many travellers go to Ashrams and yoga retreats to find stillness and discover who they are. There is no better place to discover yourself than in the wilderness that India has to offer. This part of India is often referred to as "Land of the Gods".

You will experience the stillness and serenity of India's Premiere National Park – Corbett Tiger Reserve staying at the secluded Vanghat River Lodge, on the banks of Ramganga River. The river Ramganga is a tributary of the Ganges. It is home to animals of the jungle including tigers, leopards, monkeys and over 200 species of birds.

Our guests will experience an overnight trip to Binsar Sanctuary (2800m), staying at the exclusive Nandadevi Estate with views of Nandadevi – India's highest point and surrounding Western Himalaya range. The nearest neighbour is 2km away, giving our guests a total sense of isolation.



# Our Special Guest - Hari Bhakti Dey



Mantra Wild Adventures is pleased to have special guest Hari Bhakti Dey join our experience with night performances and chanting at Vanghat Lodge. Group workshops will take place throughout the programme to get a deeper understanding of chanting and how the history of Indian Classical music

## Bio

Since the age of five Haribhakti Dey has been learning Indian Classical singing. He first became a student of Pt. Pradeep Gosh for six years in Calcutta. When he was fourteen, he moved to Mumbai and continued his Shikshya (learning) from Pt. Rattam Mohan Sharma, who is one of the most distinguished vocalists of Hindustani classical. When Hari Bhakti was 16 he performed at the opening of Pt. Hariprasad Chourasia's Music school. He has since then performed numerous concerts throughout India as a solo artist, as well in company with Hema Malini, Anup Jalota, Minu Purushotam and Anuradha Padwal.

When Anup Jalota heard him sing he said "This boy has the causeless mercy of Mother Saraswati and is a new hope for Bhajan Sangeet (Devotional Music) to continue". Hari Bhakti has since taken Bhajan Sangeet to the world stage performing sell-out concerts in Canada, England and is currently both residing and performing in Australia. His pulsating rhythmic play and the cascades of his powerful lightening swift Taans are wonderful. His deep rich and sonorous voice is quite remarkable. His virtuosity, sensitivity, light singing, Alaap, slow and fast tempo, and total control of Sur (Melody) and Taal (Rhythm) have the captivating ability to touch the listener's heart and soul. Hari Bhakti Dey is one of the most remarkable vocalists of a new generation of upcoming stars.



Spiritual encounters  
in lush forests.... life  
inspiring abundance of wildlife...  
backdrop of the Sacred  
Himalayas and  
ancient shrines that dot our  
region offers an ideal environment in  
which to relax, restore and  
revive the body and the  
soul. This region has long been  
known as Gods Abode  
(Dev Bhumi) and inspired  
by abundance and  
grandeur of nature must  
have been the setting of the origination  
of Yoga about 5000 years ago.

# What is the Programme?

Your inner journey begins at Corbett Tiger Reserve, Vanghat Lodge. Nothing is forced, you pick what you would like to do!

Your programme consists of:

- Daily yoga classes
- Guided hiking and bird watching with expert naturalist
- Guided hypnotic meditation
- Chanting and music workshops
- Evening performance programme with Hari Bhakti Dey
- Personal I on I consultation with Qualified Hypnotherapist.
- Overnight trip to Nandadevi Estate for solitude.



# Itinerary



## Day 1 **Delhi**

Arrive in Delhi.

Meet and greet at airport. Transfer to Homestay.

Delhi is the capital of India, and it's also the travel hub of northern India. Discover the inner peace of a city rich with culture, architecture and human diversity, deep with history and totally addictive to epicureans.

Overnight in Homestay.

## Day 2 **Delhi (B)**

Breakfast at Homestay

After breakfast, we depart for a visit to some of the fascinating sites of Old Delhi including the Red Fort and Jama Masjid. We'll wander through some of the crowded alleyways of Old Delhi to absorb the sights, sounds and fragrances. Explore old Delhi lanes on an Eco friendly Rickshaw.

After lunch we'll depart for a tour of New Delhi visiting several of its attractions including Raj Ghat - the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi, India Gate (War Memorial Arch), the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Qutub Minar and Humayun's Tomb and other locations. We'll also drive past President's House, Parliament House, Government Secretariat buildings and Connaught Place.

Overnight in Homestay.

## Day 3 **Delhi/Corbett (B,L,D)**

Morning breakfast. After breakfast proceed to Corbett National Park, by Toyota Innova. (approx 4-6 hour drive)

Arrive at Corbett at Lunch. After lunch, you have free time to relax.

Evening guided walk along in the surrounding forest and riverside to observe flora and fauna in the area.

Dinner and overnight stay at Riverview Retreat.

## Day 4 **Corbett/Vanghat Lodge (B,L,D)**

Morning Breakfast. After breakfast go for Game drive in the National Park.

After Game Drive, proceed to Vanghat Lodge. Lunch at Vanghat.

Afternoon briefing of programme and rest of the day to relax.

Evening programme begins at 5:30pm featuring Hari Bhakti Dey.

Dinner



# Itinerary continued...

## Day 5 Vanghat Lodge (B,L,D)

Morning Yoga Class then breakfast

Programme begins

Lunch

Afternoon Programme with Hari Bhakti

Dinner and Overnight at Vanghat.

## Day 6 Vanghat/Nandadevi (B,L,D)

Morning Yoga class then Breakfast

Morning Programme/Group I departs for Nandadevi Estate

Lunch

Afternoon Programme with Hari Bhakti

Dinner and Overnight at Vanghat.

## Day 7 Vanghat/Nandadevi (B,L,D)

Morning Yoga class then Breakfast

Morning Programme/Group 2 departs for Nandadevi Estate

Lunch (group 1 arrives)

Afternoon Programme with Hari Bhakti

Dinner and Overnight at Vanghat/Nandadevi.

## Day 8 Vanghat (B,L,D)

Morning Yoga class then Breakfast

Morning Programme

Lunch (group 2 arrives)

Afternoon Programme with Hari Bhakti

Dinner and Overnight at Vanghat/Nandadevi.

## Day 9 Vanghat/Delhi (B)

Morning Breakfast

Leave Vanghat Lodge for Delhi

Overnight at Delhi Homestay

## Day 10 Delhi (B)

Morning breakfast, check out and proceed to

International airport for onward journey.



# Inclusions



Package includes:

- ❖ Accommodation in all homestay/B&B in Delhi (3 nights) and Riverview retreat in Corbett (1 night), Vanghat Lodge (4 nights), Nandadevi Estate (1 night) on twin sharing. Triple room may be used in Vanghat cottage.
- ❖ Daily breakfast in Delhi Homestay. All vegetarian meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) at Riverview retreat, Vanghat lodge, Nandadevi estate.
- ❖ All transfers to or from hotels, airport, drives by air conditioned Toyota Innova (6 seater SUV) with basic English speaking driver, including road tax, toll tax, driver's allowance, parking etc.
- ❖ 1 Jungle safari in shared jeep (subject to availability) with naturalist and park entrances.
- ❖ Guided evening forest walk in surrounding area at Riverview retreat.
- ❖ Daily Yoga classes, bird watching and hiking, guided meditation classes as per programme.
- ❖ Evening Performance and chanting by Hari Bhakti at Vanghat Lodge.
- ❖ I-on-I hypnotherapy consultation
- ❖ All prevailing taxes like Luxury tax in all hotels and Service tax wherever applicable.
- ❖ \$50 donation to Mahseer Conservancy to support conservation of the golden mahseer in Ramganga River.
- ❖ Package is for group of 8-10 only.
- ❖ Memories of a lifetime.

**Exclusions: All camera fees, Airfares, Tips & Gratuities & personal expenses, Visa Fees & Airport tax or Airport improvement fees, Travel Insurance, All Expenses other than mentioned in What Price Includes.**

**\$3599AUD per person based on twin/triple\* share.** \*Triple share may be used in Vanghat Lodge

**Single Supplement: \$500AUD**

**(\$500 deposit to secure placement, final payment by 5<sup>th</sup> January or payment plan option available)**

# Accommodation Gallery



Above: Delhi Homestay



Vanghat Lodge,  
Corbett

Below: Riverview  
Retreat, Corbett

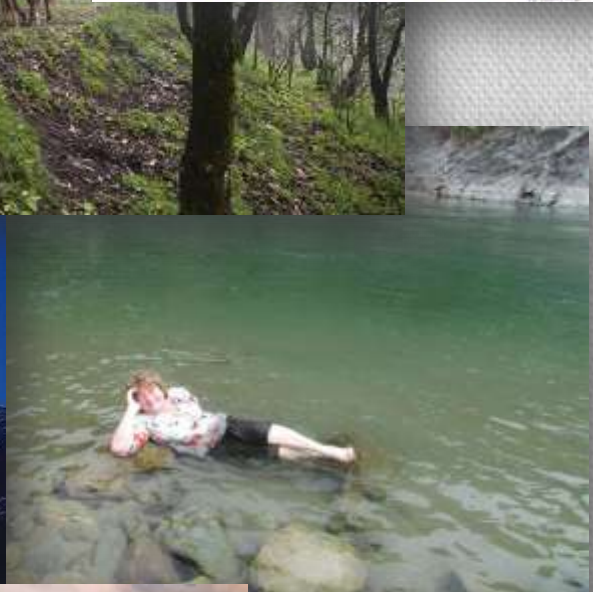


Below: Nandadevi Estate





# Gallery – Corbett and Kumaon Region



# TRAVEL NOTES



For all you need to know on tipping, money changing, bargaining and visa information:

[www.mantrawild.com.au/traveltips/](http://www.mantrawild.com.au/traveltips/)

Mantra wild Adventures is a Responsible Tourism Operator. \$50 of your tour goes to support The Mahseer Conservancy

[www.mahseerconservancy.org/](http://www.mahseerconservancy.org/)



## Weather

It will be approaching Summer time in March – April, with average temperature at 30 -40 degrees in the day. Most activities will happen early - mid morning and late afternoon. The Ramganga River is the perfect location to cool off during the hot days.

## What to bring

Insect repellent, Hiking boots\* , Light Hiking clothes in natural colours (no bright colours, especially for Safaris), Layers of clothing, jacket, sunscreen, swimming costume, toilet/baby wipes during travels, feminine hygiene products like tampons (not sold in India), hat, sunglasses, small torch, sense of adventure.

*\*There is a 3km hike from the road drop off point to Vanghat Lodge if the River is too high. The hike is through thick forest, with steep incline going down and coming back up. It's advised to wear good hiking shoes on the way to Vanghat Lodge.*

## Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is mandatory for this tour. Contact Mantra Wild Adventures for a quote.

## Take Care

Please remember Corbett National Park is a protected area. There are wild animals such as tigers, leopards, deer, monkeys near Vanghat Lodge. The Ramganga River has the endangered Golden Mahseer. Respect of surroundings is appreciated.

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Wildlife shots – Upjeet Singh, Hari Bhakti – Hari Bhakti

# The Onsite Team



**Reena Tory – Founder and Senior Consultant** has spent over 7 months in depth travelling around India's wilderness, spiritual, and cultural heritage areas. Reena has a background in Zoology with a post grad focus on Community involvement in Wildlife Management and Conservation. Reena is also of Indian background and is passionate about India and tigers! Reena will be joining the tour for support and guidance.



**Ekta Capor – Operations Director.** Ekta works very closely with Reena to cover operations on the ground in India. Ekta shares a deep passion for India which is rare to find. Ekta will be on the ground and available to our clients. No question is too hard for Ekta!



**Nick Terrone – Registered Hypnotherapist.** Nick Terrone will be our resident hypnotherapist and will be providing personal consultations with our guest as well as guided hypnotic meditation classes. Nick Terrone has a degree in psychology and post graduate diploma in applied psychology.

# Booking Form



Please print this booking request form, complete, sign then forward to Mantra Wild Adventures, (Well Connected Travel Pty. Ltd. tour division), 67 Ferguson St. Forestville NSW 2087 Australia by mail; by fax (call +61 2 9975-2355 first) or scan and email to [info@mantrawild.com.au](mailto:info@mantrawild.com.au)

**Title Surname (on passport) Given name/s D.O.B. Sex Birth country Passport No. + expiry date + issuing country**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Post code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home tel.** \_\_\_\_\_ **MobileNo.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work tel.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

I / We require travel insurance

I / We already have adequate travel insurance

If neither of the last two boxes are marked, it is understood that travel insurance is not required. I understand & accept the quoted prices, schedule of fees, terms of trade and special conditions as set out in this brochure and hereby authorise Mantra Wild Adventures. to make travel and tour arrangements, as per the information supplied.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dated

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed on behalf of all the above clientele

I authorise Mantra WildAdventures to charge the amount of AUD \_\_\_\_\_ against my Visa / Master-card /  
/American Express / Diners, credit card number \_\_\_\_\_  
expiry date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Name of cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Cardholder \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

2% surcharge applies to Visa & Master-card transactions; 3% surcharge applies to Diners Club transactions & 3.17% surcharge applies to AMEX transactions.

# Terms and Conditions



## Terms and Conditions

Please read these terms of trade very carefully as they form the basis upon which bookings are accepted by Mantra Wild Adventures, tour division of Well Connected Travel Pty. Ltd. 67 Ferguson St. Forestville NSW 2087 Australia. ABN49069387480, Lic.2TA4224, Tel: 612 9555 2997 [www.mantrawild.com.au](http://www.mantrawild.com.au) [info@mantrawild.com.au](mailto:info@mantrawild.com.au)

Our professional services are available for the purchase of travel and ancillary services, however the following terms of trade apply:-

1. Deposits and Final Payments: Mantra Wild Packages, payment is required within 10 business days of invoice issuance.

2. Late Bookings (within 30 days of the tour departure date): Full payment required with booking.

3. Fees:

(i) Itinerary planning fee: Should a detailed itinerary/quote be requested with flight times and availability, a non-refundable planning fee will be charged per itinerary. This is payable prior to commencement. If you proceed with booking the quotation, the fee will be credited against the total cost...AUD50.00 per itinerary, per person.

(ii) Air booking fee: This is payable over and above the quoted airfare, taxes and surcharges. The fee may be applied, depending upon the commission offered to Well Connected Travel Pty. Ltd. by the airline/s used in the booking. The fee is based upon each sector booked. It is to be paid at the same time as airfare, taxes and surcharges...AUD20.00 per sector, per person.

(iii) Air ticketing fee: Varies. Payable over and above the quoted airfare, taxes, surcharges & booking fee. The fee may be applied, depending upon the sectors & the carrier being ticketed. This fee, if applicable, will appear on your invoice. It is to be paid at the same time that airfare, taxes, surcharges & booking fee payment is made...AUD30.00 per ticket, per person.

(iv) Air taxes & surcharges; Air/Land/Sea packages; Tours, Cruises : No booking fees are levied.

(v) Accommodation bookings in isolation - a booking fee of AUD\$50.00 per service, per participant, may be applied depending upon the commission offered to Well Connected Travel Pty. Ltd. by the suppliers used in the booking. (vi) Amendment fee: Changes made to a confirmed itinerary after it has been accepted by the client will attract an AUD\$50 amendment fee, per booking, per amendment, plus any communication costs in securing further confirmations.

(vii) Visa procurement fee: Visas may be procured when in-conjunction with the purchase of travel arrangements made by Well Connected Travel Pty. Ltd. This fee is exclusive of registration, postage and/or courier charges and is payable in addition to any Consular or Government charge. If the consulate is Sydney based, a fee of AUD40.00 applies. If the consulate is based elsewhere in Australia, a fee of AUD80.00 applies. If the consulate is based outside Australia, reimbursement of costs incurred plus a fee of AUD80.00 applies.

(viii) Courier or personal delivery fee: Cost plus AUD20.00 fee..

(ix) Cancellation fees: If you cancel your booking of your own accord, the following cancellation charges apply to the tour

(a) Up to 60 days prior to the tour departure date ... loss of 50% payment, This does not include Ground Operator Terms and Conditions for Tours.

b) From 60 days to 30 days prior to the tour departure date ... loss of 70% of the total tour price.

(c) Less than 30 days prior to the tour departure date ... loss of 100% of the tour price.

Please note that air travel is treated separately and cancellation conditions relating to airfares vary according to the type of ticket purchased.

**COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL INSURANCE COVERING CANCELLATION CHARGES IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. HEALTH INSURANCE COVER IS MANDATORY.**

x) Card Transactions Fees: Transactions via Visa and Master-Card incur a 2% surcharge, Diners Club incurs a 3% surcharge, American Express incurs a 3.178% surcharge. 4. Refunds: In the unlikely event that the tour that you are booked on, is cancelled, we will endeavour to offer you an alternate departure date. If the new date is unacceptable or we cannot offer you another departure date, all monies paid will be refunded to you.

Where a refund is applicable to other travel arrangements made in conjunction with the tour, it may take several months to process due to established procedures and the billing cycles of airline, accommodation and other service providers. Please note that refunds are not applicable to all airlines, nor are they applicable to all types of airfares.

5. Travel Insurance\* : We strongly recommend that at the time of your booking you purchase comprehensive travel insurance of your choice. Mantra Wild Adventures can provide you with the necessary coverage utilizing Sure-Save Travel Insurance, underwritten by Lloyds of London. Note that health cover is mandatory for this tour.

6. Changes in Prices and Itineraries: Prices are based on tariffs and airfares current as at the date of the invoice. In the event of fluctuations or increases in the price we pay for transportation, accommodation, and services generally, we reserve the right to adjust our prices as may be necessary at any time up to and including the day of departure even though the balance payment may have been made. If we are forced to change your booking due to circumstances beyond our control, we will do all possible to minimise inconvenience and provide alternative/s acceptable to you. We reserve the right to vary your itinerary and will give you notice, including any consequent change in price. In the event that any change, or series of changes, to your itinerary

demonstrates that your trip has become materially different from that contemplated prior to the change/s being effected and in respect of which we have already accepted your deposit or balance payment, you have the right to ask for a re-arrangement or to withdraw from the trip and monies already paid will be refunded less any charges levied by suppliers. It is essential to check whether any such changes have occurred before you complete your booking.

7. Not Included in the Cost of the Journey: Passports; visas; airport taxes (where applicable); items of personal nature such as laundry, taxis outside of regular transfers that are provided;

telephone calls; excess baggage charges; personal and baggage insurance; portage; postage; facsimiles; e-mail; telegrams; cables; drinks; room service; meals (unless specified) and tips.

8. Pre-Departure Contact: It is essential you advise a telephone number where you can be reached during the 24 hours prior to your departure from Australia.

9. Immigration & Health: Passengers should familiarise themselves with any visa or health requirements that may be applicable to the area they intend visiting, and shall be responsible for all entry, exit, health or other documents required by laws, regulations, orders, demands or requirements of the countries visited or transmitted. Each person should carry a valid passport at all times. Persons residing in Australia who do not hold an Australian passport will require an Australian Re-Entry Visa. Kindly note that compliance with prescribed regulations pertaining to passports, visa/s, travel documentation, vaccination/s and customs, are your responsibility and we are not liable for any loss or expense due to non-compliance.

10. Baggage: On the Eastern Hemisphere (EH), Trans Siberian (TS) and African (AF) airline routings, checked baggage in economy class is limited to 20kgs and business class is limited to 30kgs. On North and/or South America (AP) airline routings, checked baggage maximum is set at two pieces of 32kgs each, however, it is recommended that the weight of each bag is not more than 23kgs, due to some countries/airlines imposing their own baggage handling restrictions, where bags exceeding 23 kgs each, are either not processed in the usual manner or are

rejected . Hand luggage (cabin) is not to exceed 5kgs–7kgs and certain size regulations apply. Variations may apply to the preceding general conditions. 11. Liability & Responsibility: (a) All invoices, receipts, coupons, vouchers and tickets are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers. .(b) Mantra Wild Adventures are not themselves carriers or hoteliers, nor do we own aircraft, hotels or tour operations. We exercise every care in the selection of reputable airlines, hotels, tour operators and other suppliers of the various travel services which are used in our itineraries. It is important to note that all bookings with Mantra Wild Adventures are subject to the terms and conditions and limitations of liability imposed by airlines, tour operators, hoteliers, rail, car hire, shipping and other service providers, whose services we utilise, some of which limit or exclude liability in respect of death, personal injury, delay and loss or damage to baggage. (c) No airline will incur responsibility or liability to any person named in the booking aside from that liability which may be incurred as a carrier. (d) We always do our best to make sure that your travel arrangements are satisfactory and we accept liability for, but only to the extent of, any loss or damage sustained by you as a result of our negligence or that of our employees, associates, or agents. However we cannot accept liability of whatever nature for the acts, omissions or default, whether negligence or otherwise, of those airlines, tour operators, shipping companies, hoteliers or other persons providing services in connection with your trip pursuant to a contract between themselves and yourself (which may be evidenced in writing by the issue of a coupon, voucher, ticket, or the like) and over whom we have no direct or exclusive control. (e) We do not accept any liability in contract or tort for injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expenses or inconvenience based directly or indirectly by force majeure or other events which are beyond our control, or which are not preventable by reasonable diligence on our part, including but not limited to war, civil disturbance, fire, floods, unusually severe weather, acts of God, acts of Government or of any authorities, accidents or failure of machinery or equipment, or industrial action (whether or not involving our employees & even though such action may be settled by acceding to the demands of a labour group). 12. Law of Contract: The contract is governed in all aspects by the law of the State of New South Wales, Australia and any legal action arising under the contract shall be litigated only in the appropriate court having jurisdiction in that State, except that certain consumer claims may be brought before the Consumer Claims Tribunal having jurisdiction in respect thereof or similar Tribunals in other States or Territories of Australia.



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