

## **Ranthambhore Travel Guide**

### **1. Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve - Do's and Don'ts for tourists**

#### **Do's:**

1. Enter the Tiger Reserve with a valid ticket.
2. Take official guide with you inside the Tiger Reserve.
3. Drive slowly; maximum speed limit is 20 km/hr.
4. Always carry drinking water.
5. Maintain silence and discipline during excursions.
6. Allow the animals to have the right of the way
7. Wear colors which match with nature
8. Take care of your children.
9. Maintain safe distance from animals.
10. Follow the instruction given by park officials.
11. Park vehicles only in parking areas and road layoffs.
12. Report incidences of breaking of rules, forest fires and any damage to habitat or wildlife, if any, to the park officials.

#### **Don'ts:**

1. Don't get down, unless told by the guide.
2. Don't carry arms, explosives or intoxicants inside the Tiger Reserve.
3. Don't blow horn.
4. Don't litter with cans, bottles, plastic, bags etc.
5. Don't try to feed the animals or birds.
6. Don't smoke or lit fire
7. Don't tease or chase the animals.
8. Don't leave plastic/ Poly bags.
9. Don't swim or fish.
10. Don't play music or make noise
11. Don't use spot light or flash etc.
12. Don't smoke, light a fire or cook.
13. Don't take pets inside the park.
14. Don't do over speed, overtake or honk inside the park.
15. Don't encourage your driver to stay parked at one place. The entire park is exotic and tigers are found all over.

By order;  
Field Director  
Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve

## 2. Terms & Conditions for Park Visitors

Right of Admission is reserved with the Government of Rajasthan.

- Tiger Reserve may be closed without any prior notice to visitor.
- No refund / cancellation is permissible after confirmed booking.
- Bookings are non-transferable.
- Reserved seats cannot be resold / exchanged with any other visitor.
- Identity Proof is must before entry into the Tiger Reserve.
- Cost of ticket and other charge may change after booking and visitor will be liable to pay the difference at the time of entry into the Tiger Reserve in case of any revision in rates.
- The visitor is required to positively report for boarding Gypsy/Canter 15 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time of any designated boarding point.
- There are no charges for Still Camera.
- Under unavoidable circumstances, the entry/ excursions, or the use of any route or place by any person or by all persons can be prohibited.
- No person shall destroy, damage or deface any writing or signs etc. on any tree, bridge, rock, fence, seat, notice board, trash box or any other article or place, in any national park or sanctuary;
- No person shall be allowed to use spot lights inside National Parks/ Sanctuaries by anyone unless permitted in advance by the concerned Director/ Dy. Director/ DFO. Detailed guidelines for filming, trekking, camping and use of watch tower/ hides etc. will be issued by the Chief Wildlife Warden.
- The Field Director/Conservator of Forests can prohibit the use of mobile phones by visitors inside any national park /sanctuary.
- A minimum seat required for any canter dispatch in the park is 12 seats, in case the seats booked are less than minimum required quantity, Department reserves the right to cancel the booking.
- In case the passengers are less than the capacity of the vehicle than the difference of vehicle entry free applicable uniformly per person will be charged extra.
- Petrol/Deisel Canters can be interchanged by the authority without prior notice to visitor.

- All Information you fill during making the online reservation must be valid.
- Make sure that you fill correct name and fathers name as mentioned on your ID Proof.
- The ID Proof details like number/type etc mention during booking should be complete & correct and same as in your original ID Proof , since it is mandatory to be reproduced the same ID Proof at counter for collection of boarding pass.
- Booking made by incomplete/incorrect detail of ID-Proof will be treated as invalid.
- In case if the details filled while making online booking and in original ID don't match, department will not issue any boarding pass for such reservation, No refund will be made against such booking.

### 3. **Safari** **Time**

The National Park is open for visitors from the first October to the 30<sup>th</sup> June every year. There are two safaris a day from October to June. One starting in the morning and the other start in the afternoon. Generally speaking, the morning safari starts half an hour after sunrise and the evening safari finishes half an hour before sunset. As a result the timings change slightly every two months or so. Each safari is for a duration of thee to three and half hours. But it is time of pleasure and satisfaction for both eyes and heart.

#### **Mode**

There are two modes of transport for safaris in Ranthambhore – the 4 wheels drive jeeps called “Gypsy” which seat up to six visitors and 16 or 20 seats safari buses called c called “canter”. A maximum of 40 vehicles, 20 Gypsy and 20 Canters, are allowed in to the park at any one time. All these vehicales are attached to the Forest Department and owned and run by local people. Vehicles that are not attached to forest department are not permitted in to the park. Gypsy s and canters are booked in advance and visitors are strongly advised to book their safaris particularly Gypsy safari well in advance.

To book the safaris it needs the full names of all guests who would be going for the safari along with an identification proof. The only identification proof that is accepted for foreigners is the passport. For Indian nationals the identification proofs that are accepted are any one of the following – Voter ID/Passport/ Driving license / Pan card / school ID/ Government ID/ Employee ID. A copy of the identity proof is required to be submitted before every safari, so please carry multiple photocopies of the identification proof.

**Rides**

Rides are carried out at two times: 06:30 and 14:30. Each ride lasts for the about 3 hours. There are two options of vehicles for the safaris: 20 seats open top canter or 6 seats open top gypsy. Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve area has been divided in to several zones and the safari vehicles go on one of these zones. Since there is a good chance of not sighting a tiger in one outing, people usually take more than two rides to enjoy tiger's sight and natural beauty. There is a lot of quality resort on the way from Sawai Madhopur to the National Park.

**Zone**

There are different five zones for tourists inside the National Park and each one is numbered from 1 to 5. Beside these, there are four other zones numbered 6,7,8 and 9 in the adjoining Sawai Madhopur and Sawai Man Singh Sanctuary.

At the time of entry, each vehicle is allotted a zone and is not allowed to stray from their allotted zone. Within the zone, the vehicles can go anywhere in the net work of tracks that exist in the zone. The zone is allotted at time of booking of safari.

**Safari wear:-** Always Wear sober clothes that blend with the forest –khaki,brown, and olive green are ideal colours to wear in a national park.

**Game drive timings in RNP**

Visit Timings	
Oct 1-Oct 31	6.30am-10.00am & 2.30pm-6.00pm
Nov 1-Jan 31	7.00am-10.30am & 2.00pm-5.30pm
Feb 1-Mar 31	6.30am-10.00am & 2.30pm-6.00pm
Apr 1-May 15	6.00am- 9.30am & 3.00pm-6.30pm
May 16-Jun 30	6.00am- 9.30am & 3.30pm-7.00pm
<b>July 1 – Sep 30: Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve CLOSED</b>	

The Ranthambhore Fort is open from dawn to dusk. So, it's timings also very according the season, with the exit time set as per the time of the sunset during that time of the year.

**Note:** - It is highly recommended to check all the timings at the office before your first entry.

**Info online booking:-** [www.rajasthanwildlife.in](http://www.rajasthanwildlife.in)

**Best time to Visit:-** October to March



other major tourist spots. The travel time from Sawai Madhopur to Jaipur is approximately two hours and thirty minutes, to Delhi is 5 hours and to Mumbai is around fifteen hours.

**Distance by rail:**

Delhi - 362 km, Agra - 226 km, Bombay 1027 km, Kota - 108 km, Jaipur - 132 km

**Road:** Sawai madhopur is well connected by road to major cities .The drive from Jaipur to Ranthmbhore takes three and a half hours. The drive from Agra to Ranthambhore takes six hours. The drive from New Delhi to Ranthambhore via Jaipur, takes approximately eight hours. **Distance:** Jaipur- Sawai Madhopur via Tonk 180Kms, Jaipur- Sawai Madhopur via Dausa 160km, Sawai Madhopur- Kota 125kms, Sawai Madhopur-Agra-390 Kms, Sawai Madhopur-Delhi-450kms.

**Local Transport:** Un-metered taxis, auto-rickshaws and tongas available.

**5. Park & Figures:**

**Total Area:** 1394.47 sq.kms

Name of Division	Name of Unit	Area (sq.km)
Core division RTR, SWM	Ranthambhore National Park	282.03
	Sawai Man Singh Sanctuary	113.07
	Others	244.918
Buffer Division,RTR Karauli	Kela Devi Sanctuary	672.82
	Others	81.64
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1394.478</b>

**Altitude:** 215 to 505 meters above sea level

**Coordinates:** 26°3'0" N 76°26'7"E

**Population: ( of Sawai Madhopur) 1.338.114 (2011 census)**

**Language :** Hindi, English & Dhundhari

**Type of forest:** Dry deciduous and dry thorn forest. Most of the area comes under Annogeissus pendula forest

**Geography:** Ranthambhore tiger reserve has two hill systems that meet in the forest: **Aravalli & Vindhya ranges.**

**Fairs and Festivals:** Ganesh Mela, Mahashivrati, Chouth Mata Mela, Chamatkarji Mela.

**General Information:**

Climate	: Mean max	Mean Min
Summer	: 45.0 C	23.0 C
Winter	: 29.0 C	5.0 C
Annual Rainfal	: 75 cms	
Rainy Season	: July to September (the park is closed)	

Best season : October- March  
Clothing : Summer: Light Tropical  
: Winter: Light Woollen

6. **Community Facility:** Communication facilities are good at Ranthambore. Most resorts offer facilities of their own with which you can inter state or overseas. If their phone lines do not have the overseas dialing facility, most of them have tie ups with the local phone booth operators to get your call through using the conference utility. Even if all these options are not available, the nearest phone booth with an overseas dialing facility will only be a maximum of a 10 or 15 minutes walk from wherever you may be located.