



CORBETT TIGER RESERVE, UTTARAKHAND

Jim Corbett National Park or Corbett Tiger Reserve (CTR) is the oldest national park in India. The park, named for the hunter and conservationist Jim Corbett who played a key role in its formation, was established in 1936 as Hailey National Park. Situated in Nainital District of Uttarakhand, the park acts as a protected area for the endangered Royal Bengal Tiger of India, the secure survival of which is the main objective of Project Tiger.

Corbett National Park is India's first national park which comprises hills, riverine belts, marshy depressions, grass lands and a large lake. Dense moist deciduous forest mainly consists of sal, haldu, pipal, rohini and mango trees, and these trees cover almost 73 per cent of the park and 10 per cent of the area consists of grasslands. Corbett hosts around 500 tree species, 55 species of mammals, 620 bird species and 25 reptile species.

Area & History:

Total Area of the Corbett Tiger Reserve: 1,320 sq km

Corbett National Park 520 sq km, Sonanadi Wildlife Sanctuary 330 sq km, Reserve & Buffer Forest at the Corbett Park 470 sq km

Altitude of the Corbett Park: 400 mt – 1200 mt

Milestones:

1936 – Hailey National Park; Original Core Forest Area 325 sq km

1954 – Ramganga National Park

1957 – Jim Corbett National Park

1974 – Project Tiger launched

1991 – Core Forest Area 520 sq km, Buffer & Reserve Forest Area 800 sq km

CTR Zones & Entry Gates for Jeep Safaris:

** Jeep Safaris: 6 Seater Open Gypsy with 1 Forest Guide (+2 kids allowed, duration 3.5 hours)*

Jhirna & Dhela Zone – Dhela Gate 6 km / 10 min – Open all year, subject to rainfall in monsoon

Bijrani Zone – Aamdanda Gate 8 km / 15 min – Open 15 Oct to 30 Jun

Domunda Zone – Durgadevi Gate 40 km / 45 min – Open 15 Nov to 15 Jun

** Canter Safaris: 16 Seater Open Mini Bus with 1 Forest Guide (1 seat per pax, duration – 6 hours)*

Dhikala Zone – Dhangari Gate 30 km / 35 min – Open 15 Nov to 15 Jun

Jeep Safari Timings & Allocations:

SAFARI SLOTS / SEASON	WINTERS	SUMMERS
Early Morning	0630 to 1015 hrs	0545 to 0930 hrs
Afternoon	1330 to 1715 hrs	1445 to 1830 hrs