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Jim Corbett Wildlife Sanctuary with its 600 sq km area and a core area of 322 sq km is possibly the best wildlife sanctuary in India. Situated about 1200 meter above sea level this sanctuary enjoys a temperate/cool climate throughout the year. Project Tiger was inaugurated on 01 April 1973 and the center of the tourist activity inside the park has always been Dhikala that is located inside the core area.

There are tigers and leopards as well as the lesser cats such as the jungle cat, the leopard cat and the fishing cat. One can see the sloth bear, the Himalayan black bear besides dhole and jackal, civet and mongoose and the common otter. There are porcupines, rabbits and elephants besides several species of deer and antelopes. Birdwatchers will be thrilled with the park's more than 500 species of birds that include the migratory birds such as graylag and the bareheaded goose that arrive during the winters and the local varieties such as darters, cormorants and herons.

There are reptiles too such as the long-nosed crocodile gharial, turtles, tortoises, pythons, vipers, cobras and the King Cobra. Anglers will not be disappointed here either. In order to enjoy all this there is a fine option of staying in one of the excellent Corbett hotels. These are the Corbett Hideaway, the River View Retreat and the Hideaway River Lodge. One has another option and that is to stay at the Corbett resort, Aranya Safari Resort, Corbett.

Of the three Corbett hotels, the Hideaway will give you the feeling of vast expanse and the ultimate in luxury. You will stay in air-conditioned cottages amidst verdant environment. You have a choice of deluxe cottages, Superior Cottages, Suites and the Family Cottage. You can enjoy river rafting and rock climbing, rappelling, fishing, abseiling/slithering, river crossing or cycling. Alternately, you can just relax and soak in the freshness.

The Riverview Retreat is a forest lodge where you can unwind in air-conditioned cottages that have a small kitchenette. These lodges come in different sizes to suit all requirements. The Hideaway River Lodge is the third among the Corbett hotels. It has luxury thatched roof tents pitched in a way that will bring you in communion with nature.

Aranya Safari Resort is a Corbett resort of great repute. The resort is situated idyllically on the outskirts of the Corbett Park. It is situated by the serene Kosi River and is surrounded by verdant vegetation and breathtaking sceneries. The Corbett resort offers exclusive villas with a garden and kitchenette, swimming pool and private sit outs. Barring extended weekends such as Easter and others there are excellent offers you can take advantage of in the various hotels in Corbett as well as the resort.

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