



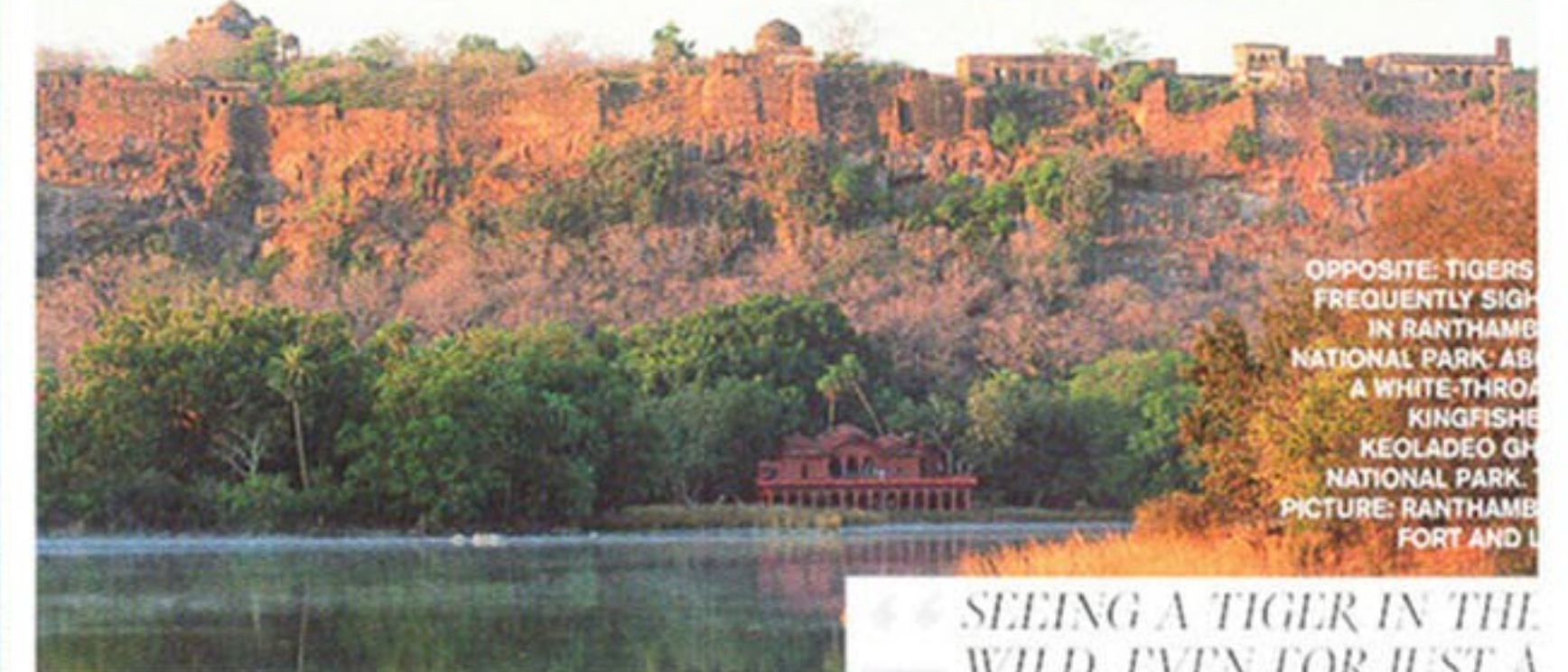
SIGHT

India has unforgettable sights, from the legendary Taj Mahal to rare tigers in the wild

The electric blue flash of a kingfisher, the iridescent hues of a peacock's tail, the golden gleam of a tiger's gaze or the soft grey sheen of a bathing elephant – India is home to an extraordinary range of exotic wildlife.

**Ranthambore National Park** in Rajasthan is wild and romantic, with gorges, lakes, ravines and ancient temples overgrown with vines. Tiger sightings are frequent and there is a wealth of other wildlife. Seeing a tiger in the wild, even for just a split-second glimpse, is an unforgettable thrill. As India's most popular tiger reserve, it has a superb choice of accommodation ([ranthamborenationalpark.com](http://ranthamborenationalpark.com)).

**Aman-i-Khas** is where Armani would stay if he went camping. The spacious tents are a designer's dream of sleek minimalist space punctuated by



OPPOSITE: TIGERS FREQUENTLY SIGHT IN RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK; ABOVE: A WHITE THROAT KINGFISHER KEOLADEO GH NATIONAL PARK; PICTURE: RANTHAMBORE FORT AND I

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contemporary furnishings. There's also a spa tent for post-safari treatments, a step well bathing pool and an excellent library ([amanresorts.com](http://amanresorts.com)).

**Oberoi Vanyavilas** is consistently voted one of the best resorts in India, and rightly so. Guests stay in elegant tented cottages done in classic colonial style, within a serenely beautiful garden. Activities include spectacular game viewing and scenic elephant rides. A swimming pavilion and easily the best spa in the area gives it all the comforts of a top resort ([oberoihotels.com](http://oberoihotels.com)).

**At Sher Bagh**, an authentic and luxurious camp, guests stay in handsome tents originally commissioned for the Maharajah of Jodhpur. The recent makeover has added a swimming pool, cosy

bar and tented massage suite. Expert guides offer an in-depth introduction to the region's wildlife ([sujanluxury.com](http://sujanluxury.com)). Also in Rajasthan is **Keoladeo Ghana National Park**. It's a twitche paradise, with over 300 species of beautiful and exotic birds including the rare Siberian crane.

Further afield is the **Corbett Tiger Reserve** Uttarakhand (formerly Uttaranchal), founded in 1936 as India's first national park ([corbettpark.com](http://corbettpark.com)). A great way to experience the rugged beauty of the reserve is by horse safari, organised by Cor



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