



## INDIA ITINERARY

### DAY 1- NAGPUR/PENCH NATIONAL PARK

Take the morning flight to Nagpur where you will be welcomed by your charming driver for a 2-hour road journey to Pench National Park -A typical Central Indian teak jungle, Pench supports a rich variety of wildlife, including tiger, leopard, wild dog, gaur, sambar, chital and brilliant birdlife.

The team at &Beyond Baghvan Pench Jungle Lodge will be waiting to greet you with open arms for a two nights stay in a charming bungalow suite (fully inclusive).

### DAY 2- PENCH NATIONAL PARK

Discover the beauty of Pench National Park and learn about the rich biodiversity of Central India from an &Beyond-trained naturalist. Explore the reserve on early morning and evening game drives in a specially designed Tata open 4x4 safari vehicle, or on elephant-back (elephant rides cannot be guaranteed, however, as this depends on the successful tracking of the tiger by the mahouts/elephant handlers). Absorb the sights and sounds on a walk through a traditional Madhya Pradesh village, or follow the pug marks of a tiger in the nulla/dry riverbed. Visit either Pachdhaar village and try your hand at throwing a pot at the quaint local pottery or a nearby fruit bat nesting site.

### DAY 3 - PENCH NATIONAL PARK TO KANHA NATIONAL PARK

Head off on a 4-hour road adventure from Pench to Kanha National Park and the brand new &Beyond Banjaar Tola Kanha Tented Camp. Within weeks of its opening in February 2009, the camp not only delighted guests with incredible tiger sightings, but was also recognised by National Geographic Adventure magazine's in their Top 50 Ecolodges in the world.

Spend two nights at &Beyond Banjaar Tola Kanha Tented Camp in a luxury tented suite (all inclusive). The tented suites overlook the core area of the park and who knows you may spot a tiger coming down to the river just a few meters away.

### DAY 4 - KANHA NATIONAL PARK

Kanha National Park is one of India's largest parks and one of first nine tiger reserves established with the initial launch of Project Tiger in 1973, aimed at protecting tigers and their ecosystems. Kanha is prime tiger wilderness and also home to barasingha (unique to the Reserve) and gaur. Discover the park's great diversity of wildlife and bird species on early morning and evening game drives led by &Beyond-trained naturalists or on elephant-back

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## DAY 5- KANHA/NAGPUR

Indulge in a lazy breakfast in bed before heading to Nagpur airport to catch your onward flight.

\*\*\*\*\**End of services*\*\*\*\*\*

INCLUDES:

- Double accommodation
- All scheduled safari activities in Kanha & Pench
- Meals as specified
- Scheduled road transfers as specified by air conditioned vehicle.
- Mineral water & cold drinks on all vehicle transfers
- Travel Journal

EXCLUDES:

- Gratuities and all items of a personal nature
- Meals and drinks not specified above
- Camera fee wherever levied
- Any increase in taxes by the Government of India
- Airfares

The prices for Beyond/Taj Safaris Lodges are inclusive of :

- Accommodation per person per night
- Park fees
- Photographic fees (non-professional)
- Forest guide fees
- Elephant Safari fees
- Three meals daily (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)
- Soft drinks, House Wines, Local Brand Spirits and Beers
- Teas and Coffees
- Laundry
- 2 scheduled Safari activities morning and evening
- Refreshments on Game Drives
- Emergency medical evacuation insurance
- All applicable taxes

The prices are exclusive of:

- Telephone calls
- Safari Shop purchases
- Champagne, Cognacs, Premium Brand Spirits, Fine Wines and Cigars.
- Transfers (to and from the Lodge)
- Gratuities
- Any additional taxes

## **PROPERTIES:**

### **BAGHVAN-PENCH**

The name Baghvan draws its inspiration from one of India's iconic symbols, the Bengal tiger (Bagh - tiger and van - forest). Pronounced baagh-vun, this charming lodge is located on the edge of Pench National Park, which is a dry deciduous forest of predominantly teak trees. The twelve spacious stand alone suites have been totally rebuilt. The original guest areas remain and have been extensively renovated and enlarged, and a beautiful swimming pool added. From Baghvan to the park entrance is a mere 5-minute drive.

### **BAGHVAN GUEST ACCOMMODATION**

- Charming individual suites have a contemporary bungalow feel with a cheeky 50's ambiance
- Hues of copper and pale turquoise
- All suites comprise two inter-linked buildings accessed through courtyards
- Each has a spacious air conditioned bedroom with private shaded sit-outs
- Bedrooms all have a Jharokha (wooden latticed bay window) that filters the soft early morning light
- Cool pale cream cement screed floors
- Covered inter-leading link takes guests to generously proportioned bathrooms with double vanity, separate w.c, indoor and outdoor showers
- Stairs lead guests up to a Machan (pronounced machaan meaning jungle platform) a covered roof terrace above the bathroom for romantic sleepouts - with mosquito net, overhead fan and hookah pipes
- In warmer weather, the Machan will be cooled by traditional Khus screens through which water is dripped
- The breeze filtered through Khus (vetiver) emits a lovely fragrance

### **GUEST AREAS**

- Cool, airy and contemporary
- Spacious sitting room with deep welcoming sofas
- House party feel
- High ceilings, cement screed floors and overhead fans
- Huge windows to catch the jungle breeze
- Handmade Parsi tiles, woven hyacinth furniture, giant ebony chests
- Spacious shaded decks lead guests down from the sitting room to the nullah (dry riverbed)
- Interactive open kitchen that spills out into the dining area
- Guests encouraged to learn how to prepare traditional Indian dishes - recipes and spices provided!
- Tea served in the kitchen before the afternoon safari
- Browse peacefully in the lodge's Safari Shop
- Idle away the hours in the library
- Cool off in the swimming pool which contours along the nullah
- Guests arriving early or departing late can freshen up in the Goings & Comings room

### **DINING AT BAGHVAN**

- In-room breakfasts on cool private verandas
- Pool lunches on a shaded deck
- Dinner for two served on the deck overlooking the nullah or on your Machan
- Sunset cocktails under the Banyan tree whilst watching a giant squirrel perform acrobatics
- Picnics at Khoka Lake

### **BAGHVAN'S SAFARI EXPERIENCE**

- Discover the beauty of Pench National Park
- Learn about the rich biodiversity of Central India from a &Beyond trained naturalist
- Travel in comfort in a specially designed Tata open 4x4 safari vehicle
- View tigers whilst riding an elephant
- Twice-daily safaris in the reserve
- Tick off Pench's ten Star Birds (a unique Taj /&Beyond programme)
- Absorb the sights and sounds as you walk through a traditional MP village

- Foot safaris in the nullah
- Follow fresh tiger pugs
- Birding from the pool deck
- Nature walks in the buffer zone
- Visit Pachdhaar village and admire beautiful local pottery
- Visit a nearby fruit bat nesting site

### **BANJAAR TOLA - KANHA NATIONAL PARK**

Taj Safaris' third jungle safari lodge is situated along the banks of the Banjaar River, directly overlooking the heart of Kanha National Park. The lush forests and grassy meadows of Kanha provided inspiration to Rudyard Kipling for his "Jungle Book". Stringent conservation programs, make Kanha one of the most well maintained National Parks in India.

The luxurious, yet lightweight, ensuite tents have been designed in a contemporary style with pressed bamboo wall panels, gorgeous bamboo floors, and locally crafted furniture hewn from the timber of exotic Indian trees. The textiles have been designed in tones of delicate saffron and acid-washed green, with rich block-printed Madhya Pradesh cottons and silks. The atmosphere is light, ethereal and organic.

The camp will boast 2 elegant camps of 9 suites, each with its own intimate tented sitting area. The camp will have its own unique identity, celebrating the Bastar and Dogra art hailed from nearby Chattisgarh. Each camp also has its own comfortable guest sitting area with a spacious open-air dining area and interpretive library, as well as a refreshing swimming pool for relaxing afternoons between game drives.