



## DAY 1-KANHA NATIONAL PARK

Take the morning flight to Nagpur where you will be welcomed by your charming driver for a 5-hour road trip 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 2 -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 (elephant rides cannot be guaranteed, however, as this depends on the successful tracking of the tiger by the mahouts/elephant handlers).

## DAY 3- KANHA /BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK

The adventure continues with a 6-hour road journey through the beautiful countryside of rural Madhya Pradesh from Kanha to Bandhavgarh National Park - one of India's great tiger reserves.

Spend two nights at &Beyond Mahua Kothi in an intimate kutiya or jungle suite (all inclusive). Happily the lodge is only 10 minutes from the park entrance!

## DAY 4- BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK

Bandhavgarh supports one of the highest densities of tiger on the subcontinent. The Park is also home to a large variety of mammals: leopard, chital (spotted deer), sambar deer, nilgai, wild boar, chinkara, sloth bear, rhesus macaque and jungle cat to name a few. Explore this beautiful jungle on twice-daily game drives in the Reserve led by &Beyond-trained naturalists, or on an elephant-back safari looking for tigers amongst other wildlife (elephant-back safaris cannot be guaranteed, as they are subject to availability from the forest department). Absorb the sights and sounds while cycling through a traditional Madhya Pradesh village.

## DAY 5- BANDHAVGARH /JABALPUR/DELHI

This morning you will be driven to the Jabalpur airport (4 hours) to connect to the scheduled flight to Delhi

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

INCLUDES:

- Double accommodation
- All scheduled safari activities in Kanha& Bandhavgarh
- 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
- Sightseeing and excursions other than those specified
- 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 and levies

## PROPERTIES:

### MAHUA KOTHI- BANDHAVGARH

The name Mahua Kothi draws its inspiration from one of India's most beautiful trees, the Madhuca Indica, or as it is commonly known, the Mahua or butter tree. Pronounced ma-hoo-a, this tree with its fleshy off-white flowers plays a central role in festivals and rituals, as the vitamins, minerals and sugar-rich flowers are used in a number of ways. The twelve charming suites or Kutiyas (jungle village huts) are newly built in the 40 acre grounds of the renowned tented camp formerly known as Churhat Kothi. The original Kothi (homestead) comprising the guest areas remains and has been extensively renovated, but the guest accommodation is all brand new.

#### MAHUA KOTHI'S GUEST ACCOMMODATION

- Charming individual Kutiyas built in the vernacular style of Central India
- Each is accessed through private courtyards with shaded seating, traditional swings and traditional mud floors
- The architectural style is affectionately known as MP chic (MP being the state of Madhya Pradesh)
- Wooden shutters, tapered mud-coloured walls (finished by hand) in lime and earth washes, open rafters with roughly-hewn wooden beams, handmade pottery roof tiles, floors dressed in Katni stone strips set in lime mortar
- Ensuite bathrooms with twin hand basins mounted on a wooden log, indoor shower, bath, separate w.c. and house gowns in traditional MP cloth
- Richly coloured local textiles in shades of rust and burnt orange
- Roll-down mats to keep the early morning sun out
- Ceiling fans and air conditioning
- Built-in seating in yellow situ (local cement screed)
- Yoga amenities in a basket (complete with instructions)
- Traditional Indian games of marbles and Chaupad
- Hand-blended natural guest amenities from Jiva Spa - all made from pure Indian herbs and

- essential oils
- In-room Ayurvedic massage
- Rose and Khus (Verbena) sherbets and pitchers of iced water for guests to mix themselves
- Kettles of boiling water on Chulhas (charcoal burners) are brought out with early morning tea to the Kutiyas
- Beautiful terracotta roof that floats over the Kutiya - MP style
- Bicycles for every guest parked in the Kutiya courtyards

#### MAHUA KOTHI GUEST AREAS

- High ceilings, terracotta floor tiles, overhead fans, fireplace, and traditional sit areas and window seats
- An enormous 600 sq ft veranda runs the length of the building with generous built-in seats for star gazing
- Beaten Bastar metal and hand-blown glassware
- Huge windows to catch the jungle breeze
- Open kitchen that welcomes guest upon arrival - watch butter being churned, Masala being grounded by hand, garden fresh vegetables being chopped using traditional sickles, and Rotis being prepared on a Chulha
- Browse peacefully in the lodge's Safari Shop, idle away the hours in the library or beat the midday heat in the swimming pool
- Guests arriving early or departing late can freshen up in the Goings & Comings room

#### DINING AT MAHUA KOTHI

- Bullock cart breakfast in the Baghiya (traditional garden)
- Picnic lunches under the Mahua tree
- Chowki roof dinners under a star strewn sky
- Moonlit dancing at the lake
- Discover fresh lime, exquisite teas and fine Indian wines.

#### MAHUA KOTHI'S SAFARI EXPERIENCE

- Discover the beautiful jungle of Bandhavgarh National Park
- Learn about the rich biodiversity of Central India from the &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 Bandhavgarh's ten Star Birds (a unique Taj & the &Beyond programme)
- Absorb the sights and sounds as you walk through a traditional MP village .

## 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.

Kanha is one of India's largest national parks, covering 1945 km<sup>2</sup> and is located in the Maikal Hills of the Satpura Hill range in the south eastern part of the state of Madhya Pradesh. The park has beautiful areas of Sal forests, large bamboo stretches and lush green meadows. In 1973, when Project Tiger was launched to save the tiger, Kanha was one of nine reserves selected for the project. It is prime tiger country and is the project's star success story.

Herds of animals are found in the central parklands where approximately 22 animal species are regularly spotted, including the more unique species such as the three-striped palm squirrel, common langur, jackal, wild pig and black buck. Striped hyena, leopard, mouse deer and porcupine also reside here, as do the chinkara and ant-eating pangolin. It is also home to the highly endangered deer, the hardground barasingha, as well as sambar, chital and gaur. Kanha features approximately 70 tree species and is a bird watcher's paradise with over 200 recorded bird species.