Popular Central Indian Safari Destinations

Call of The Wild
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Wildlife tourism in India, is gaining immense popularity with a lot more people wanting to visit the gorgeous Indian jungles, and understand wildlife in its natural habitat. Booking a safari holiday, is usually quite different from a regular holiday and everything must be planned to perfection. Therefore, in this guide we have given you some useful tips that will help you plan your ideal safari trip.

India is a country that boasts of extremely diverse wildlife. Having a variety of incredible animals such the stunning ‘Royal Bengal Tiger’, the magnificent ‘Asiatic Lion’, the elusive ‘Leopard’, the rare ‘One Horned Rhinoceros’, the powerful ‘Indian Elephant’ and numerous beautiful birds, India truly offers a great safari experience for everyone.

India has several national parks, each with their own unique characteristics and beauty. It therefore, becomes difficult to choose one national park from the other. In this guide, we have chosen just a few safari destinations from the many to help you pick your best option.
Suggested Itinerary in the Wild
(6 Nights) ex Nagpur

We would suggest the following itinerary, in each of our recommended national parks.
This would give you a diverse and complete wildlife experience of the Indian jungles, with each of these parks having their own unique flora and fauna.

**Suggested Itinerary**
- 3 nights in Pench National Park
- 3 nights in Tadoba – Andhari Tiger Reserve

*The Itinerary can be fully customized as per your requirements*
Pench National Park (3 Nights)

Pench National Park, is nestled in the lower southern reaches of the Satpura hills and is named after the Pench River that meanders through the park from north to south. The National Park extends into two states Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

Pench, is fast becoming a popular safari destination with the tiger population growing steadily and their sightings increasing. Pench, also has a variety of different animals and birds.

Beyond Tigers
The area is especially famous for its large herds of “Gaur” (Indian Bison) and the tiger is the key predator here. Other animals include Sloth Bear, Chousingha, Chinkara, Barking Deer, Jackal, Fox, Palm Civet, Small Indian Civet, Jungle Cat, Hyena, and Porcupine etc.

Pench Tiger Reserve is also among the best areas for bird watching. Four species of the now endangered vultures white-rumped, long billed, white scavenger and king vulture can be seen in good numbers in the Reserve.

The Jungle Lodge We Recommend in Pench National Park
“Baghvan” by Taj Safaris

Located just 100 kms away from Nagpur, a two hour drive brings you to Baghvan, which literally means the ‘tiger forest’. Only a few minutes from the national park entrance these 12 charming stand-alone bungalows are built alongside a picturesque ‘nullah’ (dry
riverbed), that demarcates the lodge premises from the national park. Each bungalow comes with its own rooftop machan, indoor and outdoor shower areas and a private sit-out surrounded by the woods. A colonial theme is nuanced in the guest areas with a vintage radio, crystal candelabras on the dining table and metal chandeliers. Delicate Parsi tiles on the live food counter, woven hyacinth furniture and giant ebony chests add to the elegance of the hall. The Taj Safari Lodge in Baghvan has a delightful infinity pool shaded by trees and overlooking the forest. A tiny cottage across the safari shop houses a small library, computer and a television for guests, with the adjacent room being a tasteful serene space for massage treatment.
The Tadoba – Andhari Tiger Reserve, is one of the largest national park in the state of Maharashtra and covers an area of about 625 square kilometres. This includes the Tadoba National Park, which was created in 1955 with an area of about 116 square kilometres and the Andhari Wildlife Sanctuary created in 1986 with an area of about 509 square kilometres.

With a high density of tigers in this national park, it has become very famous amongst tourists because of its frequent tiger sightings.

**Beyond Tigers**

Frequent tiger and other predator sightings have made Tadoba a popular safari destination.

Some of the other animals found at the park are Leopards, Sloth Bears, Spotted Deer, Nilgai, Barking Deer, Sambar Deer, and Wild Dogs.

Paradise Flycatcher, Green Bee Eater, Peacock, Changeable Hawk Eagle, Jungle Owlet, Indian Roller are just a few among the many birds found at this park.
The Jungle Lodge We Recommend in Tadoba – Andhari Tiger Reserve
“**The Bamboo Forest Safari Lodge**”

What for many would sound like a fabulous, other-worldly fantasy is the way and reality of life at The Bamboo Forest Safari Lodge (BFSL) at the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) near Chandarpur, Maharashtra. All the villas at the resort are ingeniously crafted with all the luxuries you’d expect back home. An eco-tourism destination unlike any other, it allows you to get back into the lap of nature and far from the madding crowd, but never too far from comfort. The dramatic emergence of TATR on the centre stage of tiger tourism to rank as world’s premier tiger reserve and India’s best has brought in its fold new challenges of creating eco-friendly and eco-sensitive tourism infrastructure. The new global traveller is a discerning one, and demands luxury in wilderness. Herein, lays the genesis of The Bamboo Forest Safari Lodge, offering the wilder side of ultimate luxury.
Villa - Room

Villa - Bathroom
Wildlife Package Details

TOTAL PACKAGE COST: INR 299,500
(For 2 Adults on Double occupancy basis)

Inclusions:
- All meals
- Applicable Taxes
- 2 Safari game drives during your stay in Pench National Park
- 20% discount on spa treatments
- 4 Safari game drives in Tadoba - Andhari Tiger Reserve
- Services of an expert naturalist/guide on all the game drives
- All road transfers in an air conditioned Toyota Innova ex Nagpur

Exclusions:
- Air / Raiway Tickets
- Gratuities
- Camera fees
- Soft Beverages, Liquor
- Any Sight - seeing
Things to Keep in Mind for an Indian Safari

- Book everything well in advance, as there are limited safaris available and get sold out very quickly.

- Copies of your identification, are required to book safaris and the originals of the same identifications, should be carried with you on safari.

- The colours of the jungle are naturally pleasing to the eye and so blending in only seems correct. Therefore, neutral coloured clothing would be appropriate.

- Animals do not understand waving, jumping, human chatter or fancy cell phone ring tones. Therefore, silence, goes a long way in the jungle.

- Animals are very non-fussy, carefree models, so be sure to carry your camera to capture their candid moments.

- Occasionally, animals and birds prefer to keep their distance from you and so a pair of binoculars is very handy.

- A good safari hat, a nice pair of sunglasses and a strong sun block will help you from “sizzling in the sun”.

- Please carry your regular supply of medicines and mosquito repellents.

- Respect the jungle, Do Not litter.
See What Our Clients Have To Say

Chris Barrie

I have been lucky enough to travel around the world and see so many beautiful places and experience some amazing things but, nothing will ever compare to the incredible experience of taking a safari in the Kanha National Park with "CALL OF THE WILD"

They had everything you would ever need thought out and then some. The accommodation and food were fantastic and the staff even better. Our naturalist (guide) was so knowledgeable and friendly and showed us how there was so much more to this beautifully diverse area of India. Our days were tailored to our specific wants and needs and they didn’t fail to deliver on what can only be described as a holiday of a lifetime. My experience with "CALL OF THE WILD" has kept me coming back from Scotland again and again.

Hardik & Riddhi Doshi

We have always been wildlife enthusiasts and travelled to several national parks across the country using many travel agencies. The insight and recommendations that Call of The Wild provided significantly exceeded my expectations. We used their services to plan my Kanha trip this April. Their enthusiasm and love for the wild could be seen in their conversations with me while planning the trip. The trip went off very smoothly from the time we were picked off from the airport to the time we were dropped there. The Royal Tiger resort that we stayed at was very comfortable and the food was outstanding. Thanks to their close relationship with the manager, we got great service and also enjoyed insightful conversations with him over the bonfire in the evening. We would highly recommend Call of the Wild for any of your wildlife adventures given their deep knowledge of the various destinations and tailoring trips as per your requirements.

www.callofthewild.in
I have travelled extensively throughout the world but knew India would present many challenges along with its beauty. Working with an enthusiastic local agent like Shaurya at Call of The Wild made all the difference. Courteous drivers were always waiting for me as planned. Hotels always knew I was coming and met or exceeded my expectations for quality accommodations. Shaurya personally handled whatever I needed to be dealt with while I was in India.

Spending time with Shaurya and Anvi while in Mumbai provided a unique travel experience not found in any guidebook.

India is truly an exceptional place and should be on every traveler's bucket list.

Dan Osborne, USA, February 2014
Next Steps

We hope that this guide has been helpful. When selecting a safari destination, it is worth knowing that each resort and safaris have their own unique characteristics and rules.

When contacting us, we will inform you of all the different options so you may make an informed choice. Also, if you have specific requirements, then we can match these up with what’s offered.

The best way to get hold of us, call the number below or drop us a brief email about what you are looking for, and we promise to get back to you as soon as possible. (If you prefer, we have a Live Chat facility on our website, where we are available during normal working hours in India.)

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