

WILDLIFE OF CENTRAL INDIA

The central Indian forests has inspired many writers over the centuries including Kipling and Forsyth to name a few. Amidst the thrill of tracking predators such as big cats or wild dogs on game drives, the contrast in habitat from bamboo forest, to teak dominated landscapes and a mixed variety of vegetation in the three different parks adds to the diversity of flora and fauna. Exploring this well- kept tiger reserves include a canoe on the river, walking inside the core jungles, and jeep safaris. This journey will allow the traveller to get a deeper insight into the central Indian wilderness at the heart of India - the popular, well-explored Kanha that features on every wildlifer's list, the Pench corridor that forms a continuum with Kanha, and the offbeat Satpura National Park that is emerging as a veritable sanctuary for wildlife today, each with their own stories.

Each of these jungles is a mixed habitat of forest and grassland, plateaus and ravines, with watering holes and rivers, with its rich variety of wildlife. While the most-sought after creature in Indian forests is the Royal Bengal Tiger, perhaps these stories and places will inspire you to discover the wide range of other endemic mammals and birds, insects and reptiles that make tropical jungles so diverse. Walk on the Wild Side with Travel Scope and discover the lore of the jungle!

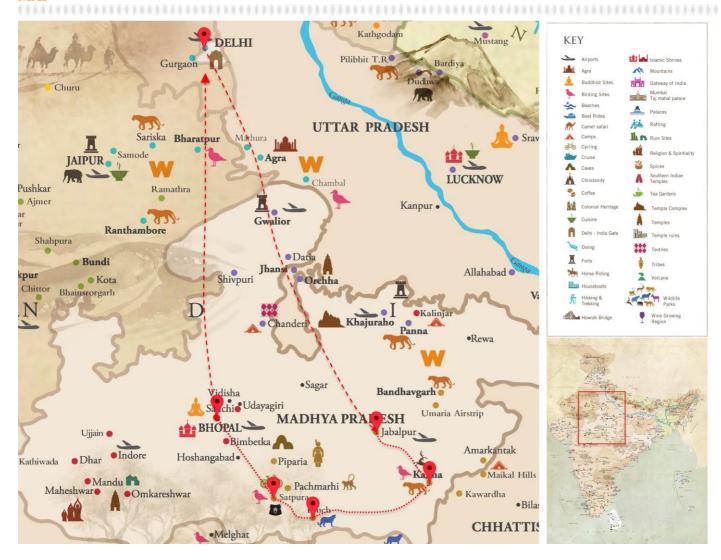
TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Central India's rich wildlife including mammals and variety of birds
- Look for predators such as Tiger's Leopards, Wild Dogs on Jeep Safaris
- Relive Mowgli's days in the Kanha and Pench forests with glimpses of the incredible wildlife that featured in the Jungle Book films

- Canoe or Kayak along the Denwa backwaters that cuts through the jungles for a quiet, unhurried, unobtrusive look at wildlife and water birds.
- Stay amidst the wilderness at some of India's top wildlife lodges.

JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

| DAY OF TRAVEL | DESTINATION | HOTEL | ROOM CATEGORY | DURATION OF STAY |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Day 01 | Delhi | Novotel | Standard | 1 night |
| Day 02 & 03 | Kanha | Kipling Lodge | Deluxe room | 2 nights |
| Day 04 & 05 | Kanha | Singinawa Jungle Lodge | AC Cottage | 2 nights |
| Day 06 & 07 | Pench | Jamtara Wilderness Camp | Luxury Tent | 2 nights |
| Day 08 to 10 | Satpura | Reni Pani Jungle lodge | Luxury room | 3 nights |
| Day 11 | Departure from Delhi | | | |



PERIOD OF OPERATION

The pricing for this itinerary has been worked out on the basis of rates for the period of operation from 01 OCT'2020 Till 31 Mar'2021 with exceptions as mentioned below.

- 1: Please note Diwali & Holi Festival, Park is closed for full days.
- 2: Please note that on Wednesday, Central India's wildlife park's are closed for afternoon safari.
- 3: There might be mandatory festival supplement for Diwali (13/14 Nov'2020) & Holi Festival (28/29 Mar'2021) & on Dussehra (25 Oct 2020). Hotels generally finalize it closer to date. Supplement if any will be advised at the time of request

GROUND TRANSPORT

Ground transportation will be provided using Deluxe Air-Conditioned Toyota Innova - For 02 paying participants Air-Conditioned Tempo Traveller - For 04 Paying Participants

Our vehicles are equipped with cold water and soft drinks, wet and dry tissues, hand-sanitizers.

DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

DAY 01: ARRIVE DELHI

Meals Included - None

Namaste and Welcome to Delhi!

Upon arrival at the Indira Gandhi International airport terminal a BLUE DOT TRAVEL representative will receive you at the visitor's lounge, with a paging sign bearing your name.

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You will then be escorted to your hotel in a private vehicle.

Your stay in Delhi

Novotel Aerocity – It is ideally located at Aerocity, in close proximity to the IGI Airport. The hotel offers an array of food & beverage options and leisure facilities include a fully equipped health club and outdoor swimming pool and bar

Website: Novotel Aerocity

DAY 02: DELHI – JABALPUR – KANHA

Journey Time: 4.5-hours drive

Meals Included - Breakfast, Packed Lunch & Dinner

Fly from Delhi to Jabalpur by Indigo flight 6E212 departing at 09:15 / arriving at 10:15.

You will be received at the airport and escorted to your vehicle. A 4.5 hour drive will take you to Kanha. Upon arrival, check in at your wildlife lodge.

Spend the day, planning your safaris and other activities at Kanha with your naturalist.

Kanha National Park

A mixed forest bamboo and sal, of grassy meadows and winding ravines, Kanha National Park was one of the first areas in India to fall under the Project Tiger conservation program to save the Royal Bengal Tiger. Kanha boasts abundant mammal populations and diverse bird life, and it offers sanctuary for the endangered barasingha (12-horned) deer, the black buck, lesser florican among others. The deep, dark jungles of Kanha inspired Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book, and gave us a slew of immortal characters from Mowgli to Sher Khan, Bagheera to Baloo.

Your stay in Kanha

Kipling Camp lies at the edge of the Kanha National Park, and was established by a family of wildlife conservationists, Bob and Anne Wright and their daughter Belinda Wright. Belinda Wright. The owner of Kipling Camp, Belinda Wright, a keen crusader for tiger conservation, also supports the Gond and Baiga artists and has created a co-operative to sustain their arts, craft and traditions. The ideals of her family, today, have made Kipling Camp one of the finest wildlife camps in the country.

Website: Kipling Camp

DAY 03: KANHA

Meals Included - Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Included activities:

Jeep safari: Explore Kanha's beautiful forests - watch predators coming home from a night hunt and the symphony of birdsong echoes through the woods

Time with Tara: Meet the resident elephant Tara, walk with her down to the river Banjar for her leisurely bath

DAY 04: KANHA - KANHA

Journey Time: 1-hour drive

Meals Included - Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Early morning, head out for a jeep safari with your naturalist.

Return to the lodge for a hearty breakfast, followed by a check-out.

A one-hour drive from Kipling Camp will bring you to the Singinawa Jungle lodge located at Mukki gate – at the other side of Kanha.

Check-in on arrival.

Included activities:

Jeep safari: venture back into the park for your afternoon safari.

Your other stay in Kanha

Singinawa Jungle Lodge offers a unique experience of the jungles of central India with all the comforts of a world-class lodge. The lodge offers the chance to not only learn about the tiger and its habitat but to also experience ecologically responsible tourism and see conservation at work benefitting local communities and the tiger reserve.

Website: Singinawa Jungle Lodge

DAY 05: KANHA

Meals Included - Breakfast / Lunch /Dinner

Included activities:

Jeep safaris: Morning and afternoon safaris inside the park

DAY 06: KANHA - PENCH

Journey Time: 4.5-hours drive

Meals Included - Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

This morning, drive to Pench and upon arrival check into your lodge.

Spend the rest of the day at leisure exploring the premises of the property or on birdwatching trails with a naturalist.

Your other stay in Pench

Jamtara Wilderness Camp: At the Pench National park's northern periphery lies the Jamtara Wilderness Camp, so named after a nearby village. The Jamtara Wilderness Camp is a luxury tented camp that strives to provide the perfect balance between a rustic, wilderness experience and a comfortable stay.

Website: Jamtara Wilderness Camp

DAY 07: PENCH

Meals Included - Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Pench National Park: Named after a river that flows through the region, the Pench district hosts one among many patches of Central India's forests – and the Pench National Park is a corridor for wildlife across this diverse habitat of forest and grassland. The rich biodiversity of the area had been recorded in an ancient official document of the emperor Akbar, a Mughal ruler and the park continues to support large populations of herbivores, creating a favourable environment for carnivores – the most-sought after being the Royal Bengal Tiger. Forming a continuum with the Kanha forest, Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book is often attributed to this jungle as well.

Included activities:

Jeep safari: Discover Pench's wildlife in morning & afternoon jeep safaris.

DAY 08: PENCH - SATPURA

Journey Time: 6.5 hours drive

Meals Included - Breakfast / Packed Snack Lunch / Dinner

Start early morning drive to Satpura and upon arrival check into your lodge.

Your other stay in Satpura

Reni Pani Jungle Lodge is Located in the heart of Satpura National Park, Reni Pani's luxurious accommodation is the perfect end to days out in the wilderness. Named after the 'reni' tree that grows rampantly in the vicinity, Reni Pani is set in a landscape of teak forests interspersed with agricultural lands, which draw herbivores like sambhar, chital, barking deer, nilgai among others - and occasionally, their big cat predators. The property is also home to a diversity of birds and smaller creatures allowing for a round-the-clock safari experience.

Website: Reni Pani Jungle Lodge

DAY 09: SATPURA

Meals Included - Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Satpura National Park

The Satpura region is named after a west-to-east running hill range that divides India into two sections: the northern river plains and the mountains, and the southern peninsula. Part of the mosaic of central Indian forests, Satpura hosts a wide variety of biodiversity and provides a corridor between other stretches of forests for species like the Royal Bengal

Tiger, the Asiatic Elephant, the Indian bison or gaur, the sloth bear, among others. The area is also a haven for bird life, with forest-dwelling and river-dependent species and rich diversity of raptors.

Included activities:

Jeep safari: Explore the forests on Jeep Safari at dawn

Walking Safaris - Experience the thrill of watching animals behaviour upclose on jungle walks in the safety of your naturalists as they guide you through the buffer forests.

DAY 10: SATPURA

Meals Included - Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Jeep safari: head out for another Jeep Safari in the morning

Canoe safari: along the Denwa river, for the unhurried wildlifer, who would like to experience the forest pulse at its most languid.

Overnight - Reni Pani Jungle Lodge.

DAY 11: DEPARTURE FROM - DELHI

Journey Time: 3.5-hours drive Meals Included - Breakfast

Pack your suitcases with the souvenirs you picked up along the way.

Drive to Bhopal airport to board your flight to Delhi by Air India AI482 departing at 14:40 / arrival 16:00

Connect your international flight. The memories of the trip will keep you company on the long flight back home.

This itinerary has been put together by Travel Scope India for Blue Dot Travel. You must read Blue Dot Travel's terms and conditions before making a decision to travel. You must complete a Blue Dot Travel booking form before we can accept any booking.

TABLE OF PRICES

| Tour Cost | Price in Australian Dollars Per Person | |
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| Land Cost on Sharing Twin or Double | | |
| 02 Paying Participants | AUD 5900 Per Person | |
| 04 Paying Participants | AUD 4990 Per Person | |
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| Supplement for staying in Single Occupancy | AUD 2350 Per Person | |
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| Domestic Air (Delhi – Jabalpur & Bhopal - Delhi) in Economy Class (Subject to Change) | ТВА | |
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All costs exclude international & domestic airfares as these are highly variable depending on the timing of flight bookings

Inclusions to Land Cost:

- 1. Accommodation for a total of 10 Nights as per hotel list and room category given below.
- 2. All meals except on Day of arrival & Day of departure.
- 3. Ground Transportation by Air Conditioned vehicle as specified.
- 4. Jungle safari's inclusive of services of English speaking Naturalist and Park entrances.
- 5. Mineral Water and Soft Drinks in the vehicles.
- **6.** Still Camera Fee
- 7. Tip for baggage at hotel, Airport, Naturalist, Driver & paid meals.

Exclusions to the Land Cost

- 1. International & Domestic Air Fare.
- Personal nature like Laundry, Telephone, Internet, and Drinks etc.
 All alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.
- 4. Travel and medical Insurance.
- 5. All expenses arising out of voluntary or involuntary re-routing of the program.
- 6. Video Camera fees during sightseeing & safari's.

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