

CENTRAL INDIA

Wildlife Safari

Pench & Tadoba · 6 Nights, 7 Days

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THE JOURNEY

The Ultimate Central India Safari: A 6-Night Itinerary Through Pench & Tadoba

Planning a wildlife trip to India usually brings two legendary parks to mind: Pench and Tadoba. Connected by a vital wildlife corridor, these two reserves offer completely distinct ecosystems.

Pench, with its open, dramatic teak canopies that inspired *The Jungle Book*, and Tadoba with its rugged, dry deciduous forests famed for incredible tiger densities.

This curated 6-night, 7-day itinerary lets you experience both at an unhurried pace, staying at two of the region's finest sustainable properties: Pench Tree Lodge and Waghoba Eco Lodge.

THE NEW RULE OF THE FOREST: NO PHONES ON SAFARI

Following a Supreme Court of India directive, mobile phones are completely banned inside the safari zones of all major Central Indian tiger reserves.

This rule was introduced to stop 'tiger jams,' where drivers would alert each other via phone, causing dozens of jeeps to crowd a single animal.

Because you cannot use a smartphone camera inside the parks, a proper camera setup is essential. Your lodge can coordinate rentals if needed.



THE ITINERARY AT A GLANCE



DAY	DESTINATION	KEY HIGHLIGHTS	STAY
DAY 1	Nagpur → Pench	Private transfer, evening forest walk & bush dinner	Pench Tree Lodge
DAY 2	Pench National Park	Core zone safari, afternoon at the underground Kipling Hide	Pench Tree Lodge
DAY 3	Pench National Park	Morning & afternoon core safaris tracking tigers & dhole	Pench Tree Lodge
DAY 4	Pench → Tadoba	Scenic road journey through the wildlife corridor, hill trek	Waghoba Eco Lodge
DAY 5	Tadoba Tiger Reserve	Core zone tracking via Khutwanda or Moharli Gates	Waghoba Eco Lodge
DAY 6	Tadoba Tiger Reserve	Core morning safari, afternoon high-activity buffer zone drive	Waghoba Eco Lodge
DAY 7	Tadoba → Nagpur	Relaxed lakeside breakfast, private transfer to airport	Return Transit



DAY-BY-DAY ON THE TIGER CIRCUIT



Day 1: Into the Teak Forests of Pench

Your journey begins in Nagpur with a private transfer north into Madhya Pradesh. Check into Pench Tree Lodge — a luxury treehouse elevated over forty acres of forest. End the day with a guided nature walk and bush dinner under the stars.

Days 2 & 3: Deep Core Tracking & The Kipling Hide

Early mornings through Karmajhiri Gate into Pench's core zone tracking Bengal tigers, dhole, and gaur. Midday at the Kipling Photography Hide — an underground bunker at eye-level with a reflection pond. Afternoons back in the core as golden light breaks through the trees.



Day 4: Across the Corridor to Tadoba

Drive south through the Pench-Tadoba wildlife corridor — a crucial strip allowing genetic movement between tiger populations. Arrive at Waghoba Eco Lodge and trek Jamunbudi Hill for sweeping views over the Tadoba landscape.



Day 5: The Pure Sounds of Tadoba

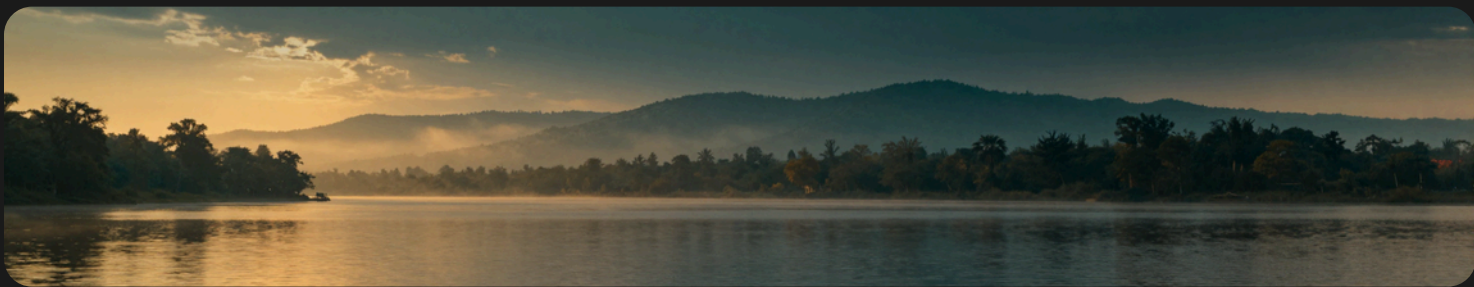
Enter through Khutwanda or Moharli gates, relying on your naturalist's ears to track big cats. Listen for the sharp alarm calls of langurs and spotted deer signalling a tiger or leopard on the move.

Day 6: The Secret Value of the Buffer Zones

Morning tracking along Tadoba's core lake perimeters. Afternoon in high-performing buffer zones like Devada-Adegaon — uncrowded predator action rivalling the core. Celebrate with fiery Vidarbha cuisine.

Day 7: Heading Home

A quiet breakfast overlooking Waghoba's lodge pond, then a private transfer back to Nagpur for your flight home.



CHOOSING YOUR BASE: WHERE TO STAY

THE PENCH ALTERNATIVES



BAGHVAN, A TAJ SAFARI — Ultra-Luxury

Colonial bungalows near Turia Gate. White-glove service, private salas, exceptional dining.

JAMTARA WILDERNESS CAMP — Luxury Tented

Sleek safari tents near Jamtara Gate. Famous for Star Beds on raised platforms.

PENCH JUNGLE CAMP — Premium Value

50-acre property near Turia Gate. Stone cottages and tents at a gentler price.

THE TADOBIA ALTERNATIVES



BAMBOO FOREST SAFARI LODGE — Eco-Luxury

On Maasal Lake near Kolara Gate. Standalone villas with private gardens and open-air bathtubs.

SVASARA JUNGLE LODGE — Photographer's Choice

300m from Kolara Gate. Wildlife-first lodge focused on optimizing park time.

TADOBIA JUNGLE CAMP — Classic Eco-Luxe

Elevated cottages from local materials, perfect for Moharli and Khutwanda zones.

SMART VALUE ALTERNATIVES

TIGER N WOODS (Pench) — 1km from Turia Gate. Machan-style rooms, pool, friendly atmosphere.

IRAI SAFARI RETREAT (Tadoba) — Near Irai Lake, 3km from Moharli Gate. Tents, cottages & pool.

TSW Note: Mid-budget properties generally do not include dedicated naturalists. Safaris rely on park-assigned local forest guides.

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