



## DEPARTURES

2<sup>ND</sup> DEC TO 11<sup>TH</sup> DEC 2017

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## JUNGLES OF CENTRAL INDIA

Jungles of Central India offer one of the most unique and diverse experiences in the subcontinent. The parks offers a diversity like none other – with about 350 species of birds and the region is an ideal destination to look for the following key species – Tiger, Leopard, Sloth Bear, Dhole (Indian wild dogs), Gaur (Indian Bison), rusty spotted cat (the smallest wildcat in the world), Indian Skimmer and the Russell Viper to name a few.

This program is specially designed for wildlife enthusiast to learn not just about the iconic larger mammals but also get an insight into herpetology, entomology, birding and other lesser fauna that is often missed while exploring jungles of India. This JungleSutra program is designed to change the way wildlife experience in India is showcased.

- 🐾 How all life forms are interlinked.
- 🐾 Learning to identify Sights, sounds and smells of the forests, tracks and signs of animal presence with the help of a field guide. Measuring prints, identifying droppings and other jungle craft.
- 🐾 Wildlife of the region – Butterflies & Dragonflies, Snakes & Frogs, Birds, Lesser Mammals & Iconic Mammal species.



- 🐾 Our experience includes canoe safari, walking safari inside the park as well as a night drive to showcase different wildlife and to showcase different facets of an Indian jungle.
- 🐾 Village interaction – learn about people who co-exist with wildlife and its impact on their lives.
- 🐾 Oldest remains of man in the subcontinent – rock art within the jungles of Satpura.
- 🐾 Tips & Tricks about basic wildlife photography.



## ITINERARY

- Day 1: Arrive in Delhi | Overnight in Delhi
- Day 2: Morning flight to Nagpur | Transfer to Pench Tree Lodge | Lunch at the lodge | Afternoon Safari in Pench | Overnight in Pench Tree Lodge
- Day 3: Morning & Afternoon Safari in Pench Tiger Reserve | Overnight in Pench Tree Lodge
- Day 4: Morning & Afternoon Safari in Pench Tiger Reserve | Overnight in Pench Tree Lodge
- Day 5: Morning at leisure | After an early lunch transfer to Satpura Tiger Reserve | Overnight at Forsyth Lodge



- Day 6: Morning – Walking safari in Satpura | Village style lunch at the lodge | Canoe safari in the evening | Overnight at Forsyth Lodge
- Day 7: Full day jeep safari in Satpura (Churna) | explore insects, dragonflies and birds at Churna camp in the afternoon. Optional – explore cave shelters with rock paintings in hills surrounding Churna camp (if allowed) | Overnight at Forsyth Lodge
- Day 8: Morning Jeep safari in Satpura | Afternoon at leisure (alternatively guests can explore reptile, amphibians or birds on the lodge premises | Night safari | Bush Dinner | Overnight at Forsyth Lodge
- Day 9: After breakfast transfer to Bhopal | Enroute explore Bhimbetka Rock Shelters | Evening flight to Delhi | Overnight in Delhi
- Day 10: Time at leisure | Catch the connecting flight back home





## ITINERARY MAP

Delhi – Nagpur – PENCH Tiger Reserve – Satpura Tiger Reserve – Bhopal – Delhi – Fly Out

Fight Transfer



Road Transfer



## DRIVING DISTANCES

Nagpur Airport to PENCH Tree Lodge:

Road transfer 136 km (3.5 hours)

PENCH Tree Lodge to Forsyth Lodge (Satpura):

Road transfer 231 km (5 hours)

Forsyth Lodge to Bhopal Airport:

Road transfer 160 km (3.5 hours)

# PENCH TREE LODGE

Pench Tree Lodge is the refuge of the au courant, adventurous and eco sensitive 'Mowgli'. Their six well appointed tree houses are perched in the undisturbed 16 hectares of forested area in the small 'Sarrahiri' village of Pench in the Karmajhiri area. This is the first lodge to be set up in this underdeveloped zone and supports a conservation policy of not overcrowding areas and making them unsustainable with over exposure to tourism.

This luxurious abode in the jungle is perched on top of the Mahua trees and supported by stilts. Large French windows allow for an uninterrupted view of the deciduous forest and grassland and lets you observe the multitude of birds, butterflies and the wild animals at the lodge. Our guests have so far seen wild boars, civets, jungle cats, jackals and spotted deer as they sat sipping their morning tea or the evening sundowner on the private deck. Breaking away from the monotony of oft repeated safari lodgings, they have been designed with an eclectic mix of vintage and natural aesthetics.

## NATURALIST TEAM

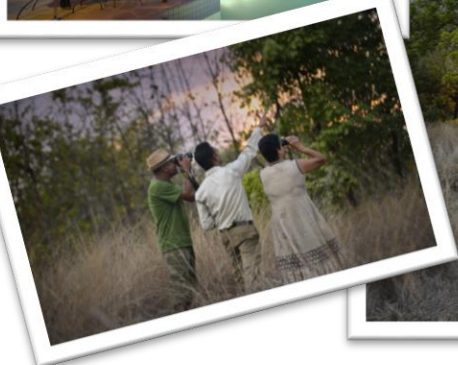
We strongly believe that a traveling naturalist is important to all wilderness programs in India. He is your storyteller, astronomer, interpreter, friend, he ensures that there is no repetition of information when you change lodges or destinations. He is your guardian who ensures an enriching and fun experience during your visit.

JungleSutra Traveling Naturalist for this experience : H.P. Ashwin

Always passionate about the wild, Ashwin started off as a birdwatcher and wildlife photographer. Delving into filmmaking and research, he made wildlife documentaries about king cobras and elephants. Ashwin is also interested in herping. Once a part of the Forsyth Lodge naturalist team, today he travels well beyond the jungles of Central India.

Pench Tree Lodge Naturalists:

Chinmay Deshpande, Naturalist - It's been eight years now that Chinmay has been handling snakes. He has been into conservation and snake rescue which brought him his winning and learning experiences. Giving up a handsome job of IT after graduating in Computers Chinmay is now working towards his dream to be associated with wildlife in every way possible. The great story teller that this man from Nagpur is, his affection towards animals can be felt in his conversations and even in his animal-sensitive humour!



# FORSYTH LODGE

Nestled in the midst of 44 acres of jungle at the end of the Satpura Tiger Reserve, Forsyth Lodge is your gateway into verdant surroundings coupled with the allure of natural living. Their focus lies in being able to deliver to you, a wholesome and sustainable wildlife experience. Through constant partnership with the park administration and the local community, they have crafted a bespoke wilderness experience that suits every need.

Forsyth's consists of 12 independent cottages built in an arc around the lodge building. The lodge is a two-storey building that opens out on to stunning vistas of the mountains while the cottages are built to offer unique vantage points into the landscape. Forsyth's makes every effort to tread as lightly as possible on the ecosystem while making an exciting encounter with Nature possible for the visitor. This is reflected in the care with which their buildings are constructed, and in the ways in which they manage and recycle water, and in the manner in which they cast about for better alternatives to existing technology —be it quieter engines or solar-powered motors—when it comes to everyday access to the Satpura Park

At Forsyth, they are a team of enthusiastic, dedicated and passionate individuals helping their guests explore the best of the wilderness at Satpura. It is because of their team's immense love for nature that they relentlessly strive to deliver an immaculate experience of the woodlands. Each of their team members is a distinctive nemophilist, who not only knows the ways of the wild but also knows how to make your experience memorable.

## FORSYTH LODGE NATURALISTS:

**Vineeth M, Naturalist** - An alumnus of the National Outdoor Leadership School, Vineeth's been trekking the Western Ghats since 1999. His love for nature has led him to track king cobras in a telemetry project and set up trekking models for the Eco trails Project. A skilled tracker and angler, his scientific approach towards storytelling lends an intriguing angle to wildlife and history.



**Bejoy Issac, Naturalist** - This life sciences graduate from Bangalore has a wanderlust who craves for scenic landscapes. Taking life one day at a time, he loves spending maximum time in jungles to gaze at all the wondrous transformations in life forms. He's really enthused about exploring Satpura on foot, elephant, canoe and jeep.

