

# बिहारीवन

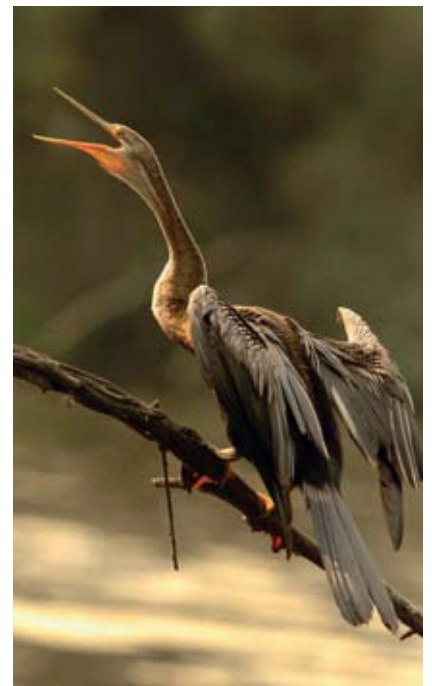
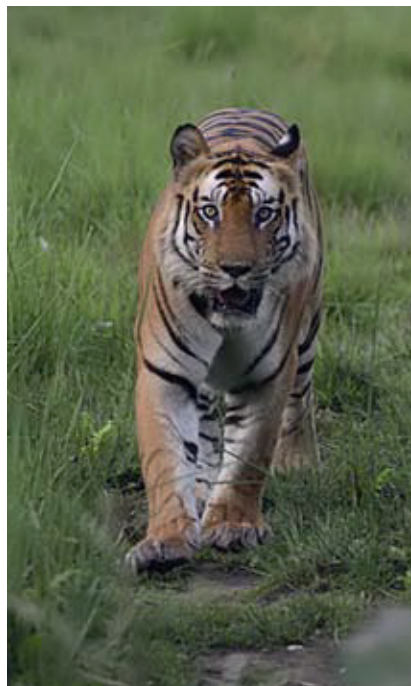
## PENCH NATIONAL PARK

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#### OVERVIEW

Situated in the Seoni District of southern Madhya Pradesh, Pench National Park runs in continuation with neighbouring Maharashtra. Pench National Park is dominated by hills, forests and valleys; it derives its name from the Pench River, which meanders its way through the entire stretch of the 757 km park. Kala Pahar, the park's highest hill, reaches 650 m above sea level.





#### UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

- Twice - daily jungle safaris • trained naturalists
- Taj trained hospitality staff • Elephant back safaris (subject to availability) • Guided nature walks • Cultural walks
- Birdwatcher's paradise • Intimate safari lodge

#### THE LODGE

- Baghvan draws its inspiration from one of India's iconic symbols, the Bengal tiger (bagh - tiger and van - forest) • Located on the edge of Pench National Park • Twelve spacious stand alone suites • Beautiful swimming pool • From Baghvan to the park entrance is a mere 5-minute drive • Safari Shop

#### GUEST ACCOMODATION

- Charming individual suites have a contemporary bungalow feel with a cheeky 50's ambience • Hues of copper and pale turquoise • All suites comprise of two interlinked buildings accessed through courtyards • Each has a spacious air-conditioned bedroom with private shaded sit-outs Cool pale cream cement screed floors • Covered passage inter-linking takes guests to generously proportioned bathrooms with double vanity, separate WC indoor and outdoor showers • Stairs lead guests up to a Machan, a covered jungle rooftop platform for romantic sleepouts with mosquito net and overhead fan

#### GUEST AREAS

- Cool, airy and contemporary • Spacious sitting room with deep welcoming sofas • High ceilings, cement screed floors, and overhead fans • Huge windows to catch the jungle breeze • Handmade Parsi tiles, woven hyacinth furniture, giant ebony chests • Spacious shaded decks lead guests down from the sitting room to the nullah (dry riverbed) • Interactive open kitchen spills out into the dining area • Guests encouraged to learn how to prepare traditional Indian dishes - recipes and spices provided! • Tea served in the kitchen before the afternoon safari • Browse peacefully in the lodge's Safari Shop • Idle away the hours in the library • Cool off in the swimming pool overlooking the nullah.

#### DINING

- In-room breakfasts on cool private verandas • Pool lunches on a shaded deck • Dinner for two served on the deck overlooking the nullah or on your Machan • Sunset cocktails under the Banyan tree whilst watching a giant squirrel perform acrobatics • Picnics at Khoka Lake.

#### SAFARIS

- Discover the beauty of Pench National Park • Learn about the rich biodiversity of central India from a 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 Pench's ten Star Birds (a unique Taj programme) • Absorb the sights and sounds as you walk through a traditional MP village • Foot safaris in the nullah
- Follow fresh tiger pugs • Birding from the pool deck • Nature walks in the buffer zone • Visit Pachdhaar village and admire beautiful local pottery • Visit a nearby fruit-bat nesting site • Elephant Back safari (subject to availability)

#### PENCH NATIONAL PARK

Located on a lovely stream surrounded by forest, Baghvan offers a beautiful experience of one of India's rich yet lesser-known parks, Pench National Park. This is a typical Central Indian teak jungle, with hilly terrain and several jungle streams, and it supports a rich variety of wildlife, including the tiger, leopard, wild dog, gaur, sambar, chital and brilliant birdlife. The Park's open habitat not only lends well to wildlife viewing, but it also offers striking views of the area's sheer beauty.

#### FLORA

The forested area is a blend of southern tropical dry deciduous forest and tropical moist deciduous forest, along with other beautiful species of shrubs, trees and climbers. Pench national park's diverse flora includes: Teak, Mahua, Tendu, Bija, Amaltas and Palas. Bamboo occurs mostly in the valleys and along the water courses.



## FAUNA

Pench national Park is rich in fauna, and is home to a number of endangered species. The tiger is the dominant predator here in these prey-rich forests. Other predators include leopard, dhol (Indian Wild Dog), wolf, hyena, jackal, and jungle cat. The prey species of chital, sambhar, muntjac, gaur, wild boar, langur and rhesus macaques. There is a rich birdlife with over 300 recorded bird species. Fascinating birds include parakeets, hornbills, kingfisher, barbets, minivets, orioles, wagtails and a host of raptors including the crested serpent eagle, crested hawk eagle and white-eyed buzzard.

## ACCESS

Baghvan is conveniently situated near major airports: Nagpur (90 kms), and Jabalpur (192 kms). Bandhavgarh National Park is 330 kms

### From Delhi

Fly to Nagpur; drive from Nagpur to the lodge is approximately 1.5 hrs 90 kms

Fly to Jabalpur; the drive from Jabalpur to the lodge is approximately 3.5 hrs 192 kms

### From Mumbai

Fly to Nagpur and drive to the lodge

Pick-ups and transfers - Skilled drivers in air-conditioned luxury 4x4 sedans will transfer guests from the closest airports and railway stations. Please note all road transfers are to be booked by your preferred Indian ground handler.

## CONSERVATION

Baghvan's community project involves selling school satchels filled with stationery at the lodge. Guests can purchase the bags, which are then distributed to the neighbouring community schools. To date, many classrooms have been supplied with much needed stationery.

## POWERFLY

Powerfly combines the aircraft, aviation and hospitality expertise of Taj Air and Business Jets to provide flexible options through which our customers can access jets, turboprops and helicopters from any part of the country to reach our wilderness lodges. Our aircraft bases are at Bangalore, Bhubaneswar, Delhi, Jammu, Kolkata and Mumbai.

Powerfly Fleet: Jets – Citation CJ 2, Hawker 850XP, Falcon 2000. Turboprop – Pilatus PC-12, Kingair B200, P180 Avanti II and Helicopters – Bell 206, Bell 407, AS 350 B3, AS 355 F1 and Bell 230

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

- At the Lodge: Pathways are lit to guide guests to their rooms, along with a security escort; intercoms are used for emergencies
- In the Park: Naturalists are trained in animal behaviour, first aid and outdoor emergencies
- Doctor is available on call.

## BAGHVAN AT A GLANCE

Weather: Tropical – hot during the day.

Summer (April-June) temperatures can get as high as 43-44°C, while early mornings and evenings are pleasant (18-24°C). Night time winter (October - March) temperatures vary between 02-20°C, whereas days are sunny and pleasant.

Rainfall: Heavy in the monsoon season (mid-June to September) and average rainfall is 1400 mm.

Best Time to Travel: October to June when game viewing is at its best.

Malaria: Though Baghvan is situated in a low risk malaria area, necessary precautions should be taken. Insect repellent will be provided in your suite.

Lodge Closure: 1st July to 15th October



Number of suites	12	Personal bars	Yes
maximum Guests	24	Intercom	Yes
Children	Yes	Hairdryers	Yes
Triples	1( one per night in camp)	Laundry included	Yes
Twin beds	All convertible to double (matress only)	Suitable for disabled guests	Yes with assistance
Air Conditioning	Yes	Distance between rooms	10m
Ceiling fans	Yes	Check-in	12h00
Swimming Pool	Yes	Check-out	13h00
Bath	No	Power	DG Backup 220 AC
Indoor Showers	Yes	Private 4x4 Safari Vehicle	Available at extra cost
Private wc	Yes	Childminding	Yes
In room safe	Yes	Credit cards	Visa, MasterCard, Amex



#### Drive time to the lodges

**Baghvan, Pench National Park**  
2hrs. drive from Nagpur

**Banjaar Tola, Kanha National Park**  
4hrs. drive from Jabalpur  
4hrs. drive from Raipur

**Mahu Kothi Bandhavgarh National Park**  
4hrs. drive from Jabalpur  
5hrs. drive from Khajuraho

**Pashan Garh, Panna National Park**  
45 mins. drive from Khajuraho

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