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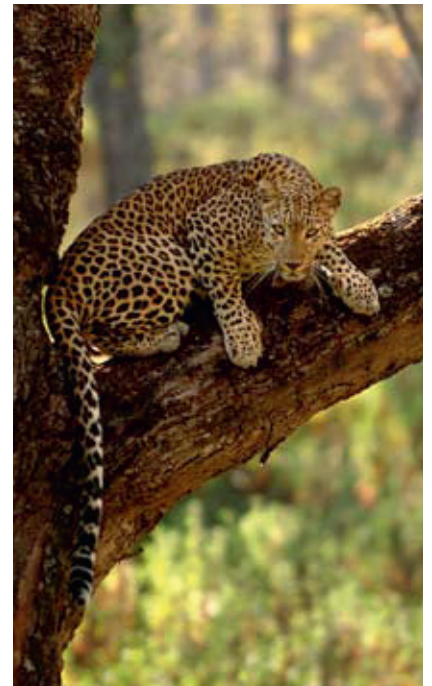
PANNA NATIONAL PARK

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OVERVIEW

In the central state of Madhya Pradesh, situated in the Vindhya Hills along the pristine Ken River. The lodge is a mere 50 km from Khajuraho, a famous World Heritage Site, renowned for its 85 sandstone temples that date back a thousand years.





UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

- Close to the temples of Khajuraho • Well known National Park • Twice daily jungle safari • Proximity to park entrance • Over 250+ bird species • and BEYOND trained naturalists • Taj trained hospitality staff at the lodge

THE LODGE

- 12 Luxury Stone Cottages with dry packed stone in local Panna style • 200 acres of private jungle, guided bird walks on property • Tucked into a rocky outcrop with views of the Vindhya Hills.

GUEST ACCOMODATION

- 12 Luxury stone cottages, located a mere 12 kms from the park entrance • All suites have private veranda & gazebo, luxurious bathrooms with huge central showers, twin hand basin • The overall design is stony and rough hewn, with white marble, leather, ebony and chocolate highlights.

GUEST AREAS

- Intimate sitting room with shady deck, interactive kitchen • Safari shop with intimate library and guest computer.

DINING

- Delicious Indian fare, prepared by expert chefs • In-room service discreetly delivered using butler hatches • Eat where you want when you want • Palanquin dining (bush dinner on a ox cart) • Haandi dinner served in earthenware pots • Alfresco pool lunches.

SAFARIS

- Rich diversity of wildlife • Birdwatcher's paradise - over 250+species • Tick off Panna's 10 Star Birds (a unique Taj programme) • Learn about the forest from an andBEYOND trained naturalist • Travel in comfort in a specially designed Tata open 4x4 safari vehicle • Elephant Back safari (subject to availability)

PANNA NATIONAL PARK

It is a vast plateau dominated by tropical forests, deep ravines, cascading waterfalls and thick teak forests. The terrain is largely rocky with mixed dry deciduous forests. Panna National Park is the most important protected area in the north central highlands as it links the eastern and western populations of resident wildlife, and can be a base to explore Khajuraho. Panna is located a mere 12 kms from Khajuraho.

KHAJURAHO

Set against the backdrop of the jagged Dantla hills, Khajuraho, approximately 45 km away (a 1-hour drive) from the lodge has immaculately restored temples and monuments that exemplify the glory of days gone by.

The temples built of sandstone subtly change hues until they glow white when the moon is out in the evenings. With its delicate sensuality, the sculptures showcase exquisite intricacy reflecting the incredible skills of the artisans. While only twenty-five of the estimated eighty-five temples built remain standing, there is an air of timelessness about the place. Built between the tenth and twelfth centuries AD during the Chandella dynasty, the temples of Khajuraho beckon.

The village of Khajuraho, which is dotted with hotels and little trinket shops, quietly basks in the shadow of the temples. While Khajuraho certainly is the main attraction near Pashan Garh, another place to enjoy spending leisurely afternoons is Panna town. Famous for its diamond mines, Panna is home to innumerable historic temples that strike a fine balance between Hindu and Islamic influences. Far removed from the hustle and bustle, Panna is a quaint old town of little bazaars where locals trade adding to the charm of the place. The temples, Khajuraho village and Panna town are certainly some of the places to visit while at Pashan Garh.

FLORA

Dry, hot climate and shallow windhyan soils gives rise to dry teak and mixed forest. The dominating vegetation type is dry, deciduous forest interspersed with grassland areas. Other major forest types are riverines, open grasslands, open woodlands with tall grasses and thorny woodlands. Beautiful bamboo also occurs on the hilly slopes and gorges.

FAUNA

Panna is home to the majestic Bengal Tiger, as well as the sloth bear, leopard, wolf, hyena, jackal, wild dog and crocodile. The reserve is also well known for sightings of nilgai, sambar, chital and wild boar. There are over 250 species of birds, including a host of migratory birds. One can see white necked stork, head fish eagle, honey buzzard, king vulture, blossom headed parakeet, paradise flycatcher, Peregrine Falcon Areal to name a few.

ACCESS

Pashan Garh is a one hour drive from Khajuraho and 12 km from the Park Entrance.

From Delhi and Mumbai

Fly to Khajuraho followed by a 60-minute chauffeured journey by road to the lodge.

Chauffeured Transfers: Skilled drivers in air conditioned luxury 4x4 sedans will transfer guests from the closest airports and railway stations.

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, Bhubaneshwar, 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.

RATES

Please contact your travel agent or tour operator for more details

PASHAN GARH AT A GLANCE

Weather: The climate of this region is tropical. Summers are hot, though this is the time when one has the best chance of encountering wildlife in the park. Winters are cold and crisp.

Rainfall: 1500mm - Heavy rainfall in monsoon (July to mid September).

Best Time to Travel: October to March when game viewing is at its best. April to June is warmer however game sightings are good.

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

Lodge Closure: 1st June 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	Yes on request	Suitable for disabled guests	Yes with assistance
Air Conditioning	Yes	Distance between rooms	35m
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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