

# Wildlife Safari Across Central India

📅 11 Nights / 12 Days

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## Overview

Start your thrilling 12-day wildlife expedition through India's most renowned national parks – Bandhavgarh, Kanha, Pench, and Tadoba. This immersive journey is perfect for nature lovers and photography enthusiasts seeking close encounters with tigers and diverse wildlife.

Starting from the heart of India, the tour takes you through dense sal forests, bamboo groves, and vast meadows, home to majestic tigers, leopards, barasingha, wild dogs, and over 300 species of birds. Experience exhilarating jeep safaris, scenic drives through rural Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, and the captivating wilderness that inspired 'The Jungle Book'.

Stay in handpicked jungle lodges, enjoy warm hospitality, and return with unforgettable memories of India's wild heartlands.

## Highlights

- 🚐 Multiple jeep safaris across Bandhavgarh, Kanha, Pench, and Tadoba National Parks.
- 🌅 Sunrise and sunset safari experiences with expert naturalists.
- 🏡 Stay in premium wildlife resorts offering authentic jungle vibes.
- 🐾 Capture sightings of tigers, leopards, barasingha, sloth bears, and over 300 bird species.
- 🛣️ Scenic road trips through rural landscapes and forested hills.
- 📖 Explore Pench – the original setting of Rudyard Kipling's 'The Jungle Book'.
- 🔥 Evening bonfire sessions with storytelling at jungle lodges.
- 🌿 Experience the raw beauty and cultural history of Central India's forests.

## **Detailed Itinerary**

### **Day 1 - Delhi - Jabalpur - Bandhavgarh**

Early morning, transfer to the domestic terminal for your flight to Jabalpur. Upon arrival, enjoy a delicious group breakfast before setting off on a scenic 5.5-hour drive to Bandhavgarh National Park. Travel through undulating landscapes and rural life. Reach your forest lodge by afternoon, nestled in the heart of the jungle. Relax amidst serene surroundings and cap the day with a starlit dinner accompanied by jungle sounds.

### **Day 2 - Tiger Safaris in Bandhavgarh**

Set out for morning and afternoon jeep safaris in Bandhavgarh's sal forests and rolling terrain. This park has one of India's highest tiger densities. Alongside tigers, look for spotted deer, langurs, wild boars, and vibrant birdlife. Return to the lodge to unwind, share sightings, and savor hearty local cuisine.

### **Day 3 - Explore Bandhavgarh - Tiger & Heritage**

Continue morning and evening safaris in Bandhavgarh. Between drives, discover the region's royal history—once hunting grounds of the Maharajas of Rewa and birthplace of the rare white tiger. Explore ancient caves, temples, and learn folklore linked to the forest. Evening at leisure with a cultural show or wildlife documentary.

### **Day 4 - Bandhavgarh - Kanha**

After breakfast, drive (~6 hrs) to Kanha National Park. En route, enjoy views of rural settlements and lush farmland. Arrive at your forest retreat by afternoon. After settling in, head out for your first safari in Kanha's legendary terrain. Wind down with jungle tales around a bonfire under the open sky.

### **Day 5 - Jungle Safaris in Kanha**

Morning and afternoon game drives in Kanha. Known for its diverse topography—meadows, sal and bamboo forests, and ravines—this park is home to

barasingha (swamp deer), wild dogs, leopards, and tigers. Spot wildlife, track fresh pugmarks, and listen to jungle alarm calls in an immersive safari experience.

### **Day 6 - More Wildlife at Kanha**

Another thrilling day in the wild with two safaris. Look out for sloth bears, gaurs, jackals, and birds like Indian rollers and serpent eagles. After sunset, relax by the lodge fire and exchange safari stories with fellow guests.

### **Day 7 - Kanha - Pench**

Post breakfast, drive (~4 hrs) to Pench National Park, famously known as the setting of The Jungle Book. Upon arrival, check into your jungle lodge and head out for an evening safari. Spot elusive leopards, tigers, and herds of deer as dusk paints the forest gold.

### **Day 8 - On Safari in Pench**

Explore Pench on morning and afternoon game drives. Its dry deciduous forests, grasslands, and serene water bodies are teeming with wildlife. Watch for jackals, langurs, wild boars, and over 250 bird species. Enjoy the magic of a forest Kipling once wrote about.

### **Day 9 - Pench - Tadoba**

After breakfast, drive (~5 hrs) to Tadoba National Park—Maharashtra's oldest and most thrilling tiger reserve. After lodge check-in, venture out for your first safari in this wild and rugged jungle famed for tiger sightings and raw terrain.

### **Day 10 - Tiger Tracking in Tadoba**

Morning and evening jeep safaris in Tadoba's rich landscape—dense teak forests, bamboo groves, and lakes. Track tigers, sloth bears, marsh crocodiles, and countless bird species in one of India's most action-packed tiger habitats.

### **Day 11 - Tadoba - Nagpur - Delhi**

After breakfast, drive (~3.5 hrs) to Nagpur Airport. Fly to Delhi, where you'll have a short layover near the airport to freshen up before your international flight or further travel plans.

## **Day 12 - Departure from Delhi**

After a life-changing wildlife journey through India's iconic forests, board your return flight home or continue your Indian adventure.

## **Accommodation Used**