

# Chitvan Jungle Lodge, Fact Sheet



## Chitvan Jungle Lodge

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## Location

Kanha National Park, Madhya Pradesh, India. There are 2 entrances to Kanha National Park, namely Kisli and Mukki. Chitvan Jungle Lodge is only 3.5 km from the Mukki gate. Chitvan Jungle Lodge shares the boundary with the core zone of this beautiful forest.

## Hotel opening and closure

Chitvan Jungle Lodge remains open from 16 October to 30 June every year.

## Transportation

### By Air

To Jabalpur (JLR) Airport from Delhi, Gwalior, or Indore, followed by 180 km (4 hours) car journey. To Raipur Airport (RPR) from Delhi, Hyderabad, Indore, Mumbai, Bhopal or Kolkata followed by 200 km (5 hours) car journey. From Nagpur (NAG) Airport from Mumbai, Hyderabad, Raipur, Delhi, Pune or Indore followed by 250 km (6 hours) car journey.

### By Train

To Jabalpur from Delhi or Agra, followed by 180 km (4 hours) car journey. To Nagpur from Delhi followed by 250 km (6 hours) car journey. The train journey is usually overnight between 17 to 18 hours.

## By Road

Nagpur via Balaghat (297 km), Jabalpur via Mandla (180 km), Bilaspur (190 km), Raipur (200 km) and Balaghat (100 km).

## Transfers

The hotel can arrange transfers (at extra cost) from Jabalpur, Raipur, Gondia and Bandhavgarh.

## Arrival Information

### Check-In and Check-out

Check-in: 1200 Noon. Check-out: 12000 hrs

### Parking

Complimentary Parking is available for guests.

## Hotel Details

### Accommodation

Accommodation at Chitvan consists of 12 luxurious and well appointed suites with large windows offering views of the adjoining forests, farms, and hills. The theme here is inspired by the 5 elements in nature, i.e. Agni (Fire), Prithvi (Earth), Jal (Water), Vayu (Wind), Akash (Ether), each having a surreal effect on the mind, body, and soul.

The suites are designed with open facades so that guests have uninterrupted view of the forest and farmland in front from the bed. Facilities include sit outs with day beds, open showers (ground floor suites), and private terraces for that quite candle lit dining experience as you listen to the sounds of the forest

### 4 Prithvi (Earth) Suites:

With a big Saja tree in the centre of the block, the Prithvi Suites stand tall, and grand. Each Suite is 900 sq. ft. and feature spacious sitting area with sofa bed, work area with attached terrace overlooking Maikal hills. The bedroom features a king-size bed with lush linens, woollen / feather blankets, and pillow-top mattress. Decor includes warm yellow and sage green tones, accenting room amenities such a separate dressing area with lot of space to keep personal belongings in the almirah (wardrobe), spacious bath with rain shower heads in a glass cubicle and bath tub with shower. Additional open shower's in ground floor suites.

### 4 Akash (Ether) Suites

Located next to the organic farms in Chitvan, the spacious Akash Suites have captivating views of the Maikal Hills from its terrace and the dense Sal forest of Kanha from suite windows.

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Each suite has a separate living room and a work table overlooking the fields and lush green Sal forest. The ground floor suites feature bay windows, whilst the first floor suites have terraces, which are all designed to enjoy total peace, and serenity. Enjoy the views of the forests right from the bed through the suites wall size windows. Specially made large twin beds (6.5 X 4 feet size), twin counters in the bathroom (to saves guests time in the morning, when going for safaris), a rain shower head inside a shower cubicle and bath tubs completes the Akash Suites. For the more adventurous the ground floor suites also feature open shower's to feel the nature in totality. Have romantic private dinners on the terrace under star-lit skies.

## 3 Jal (Water) Suites

Sharing the border with Kanha Forest the Jal Suites are decorated in colours to suit the theme. All suites have similar high standard of décor as the Akash and Prithvi suites.

## Mahasagar Suite – 2 bedroom suite

Suited in the Jal block which shares the boundary with Kanha forest, the Mahasagar Suite (1500 sq feet) is a grand and luxurious suite, suitable for the most discerning client. This is a two bedroom suite, with a separate living room and 6 private balconies to enjoy views of the forest, farms, lodge, and the Maikal hills. Have a private meal in the balcony next to the forest, or enjoy breakfast on the terrace surrounded by the sounds of chirping birds, and the morning sun with rays looking at you through the tall Sal trees. Just next to the Jal block is a small water body, which attracts some wild and bird life. The suite has large glass widows and Chitvan's comforts and unique décor.

## General Suite Amenities

- Air-conditioning
- Overhead fans
- Separate living area
- Bathroom with bath tubs and shower cubicles (additional open showers in ground floor suites only). Amenities from Forest Essentials
- Bathrobes and slippers
- Tea and Coffee maker
- Complimentary mineral water
- Telephone
- Beside alarm clock
- Mini refrigerator
- Internet connectivity
- Work area with table and desk

## Amenities on Request

The following amenities may be available on request

- Hair dryer
- Crib
- Rollaway (extra charge)
- DVD player

## Restaurants & Lounges

### Restaurant

#### Agni (Fire) Restaurant

A unique multi cuisine restaurant, with swimming pool on one side, and the organic farms on the other. Have breakfast in the verandas while viewing the local community working in the farms or at the deck on the mezzanine floor, with its 270 degree view of the local village, swimming pool, and Kanha forest. This is an excellent place for candle-lit dinners.

## Hours of Operation:

- Breakfast- 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Lunch - 12:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Dinner – 7.00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

## Pick & Cook Concept

Chitvan Jungle Lodges offers a truly unique meal concept – Pick & Cook. Guest may pick themselves anything fresh from the hotels organic farms and cook it themselves with assistance in the kitchen, alternatively get it cooked by the Chef.

## Private Dining

Various locations around the hotel, depending upon group sizes.

## Lounge

The relaxing lounge is located in Vayu (Wind) the main reception block.

## Guest Services

- Concierge/Travel Service
- Currency Exchange
- Laundry & Dry Cleaning
- International telephone and fax facilities
- Physician on call
- Library
- Souvenir shop
- Internet facilities

## Recreation Facilities

Recreation facilities at Chitvan is actually **Re-Creation**. Any holiday is incomplete if it does not have time for leisure, and learning. Chitvan ensures that you have plenty of both, should you be inclined for the same.

The 4 R's are the focus of activities at Chitvan, namely: **Re-creation, Re-generation, Re-formation, Re-storage**

Every activity at Chitvan will ensure the above four focuses are implemented. Some of them to keep you busy are:-

- Organic Farming
- Milking of Cows
- Teaching at Local School
- Grinding to make flour for your own bread
- Tree Plantation
- Pottery demonstration and doing it yourself
- Working in Kitchen garden
- Learning development of Dairy products
- Indian Cooking Demonstration
- Paddy Husking
- Hand grinding of Wheat into flour and porridge
- Oil Ghani (extracting oil from Sun Flowers and Mustard seeds)

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- Visit to Local Village Market
- **Swimming pool** – The large swimming pool at normal temperature. It is open for use from 0730 hrs to 1900 hrs.
- **Massages** - Ayurvedic and Thai massages, from 07:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- **Wildlife safaris** by jeep in Maruti Gypsy onwards by elephants through the National Park. See below.

## Local attractions, possible excursions and combinations

### Kanha Tiger Reserve

#### Park Season

Kanha Tiger Reserve generally remains open from 01 Nov – 30 Jun. Subject to monsoon conditions.

#### Opening hours:

01 Nov – 15 Feb: Sunrise to 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. to sunset

16 Feb – 30 Apr: Sunrise to 11 a.m. & 4 p.m. to sunset

01 May – 30 Jun: Sunrise to 10 am & 5 p.m. to sunset

Subject to weather conditions and the strict adherence to closing times.

Often described as India's finest game sanctuary and a model for wildlife conservation, the magnificent landscape combines hills with meandering streams, grassy meadows, and deciduous forests. This is the setting for Rudyard Kipling's famous Jungle Book. Kanha is an important Project Tiger Reserve and one of the best places to spot these elusive creatures. The rich variety of wildlife found on the 1,954 sq km (754 sq mile) park includes deer, leopard, hyena, sloth bear, pythons, and nearly 300 species of birds.

Visitors are not permitted to walk in the park and guides are compulsory.

#### Tiger show

Safaris in Kanha are usually in open 4 x 4 vehicles called Maruti Gypsy, seating 4 to 5 persons. Accompanied by a licensed driver and certified forest guide, Kanha has unique way of spotting tigers called 'Tiger show'. The forest department owns domesticated elephants; these are dispatched early in the morning accompanied by naturalists to source the locations of the tigers. Once the location of tigers is known, the jeep drivers are informed. Guests then disembark their vehicles at the nearest convenient location and mount the elephants and travel onwards to get closer to the tigers. On some occasions the tigers do move on before the guests get there. However, during a 3 to 4 night stay the chances of getting closer to a tiger are pretty good, but never guaranteed. Safaris can be booked through Chitvan Jungle Lodge.

#### Bird watching

Over 300 species of birds have been spotted at Kanha Nature Reserve. Ranging from Black Ibis, Lesser Whistling Teal to Shoveller. Special viewing platforms are located within the park.

#### Bandhavgarh National Park

Bandhavgarh National Park sprawls across an area of 625 sq km (241 sq miles) and apart from being home to some 50 tigers, the park's wildlife includes 250 species of birds, leopards, deer, jungle cats, and packs of Indian wild dogs (dhole). The picturesque hilltop fort with fine sculptures, forests, marshes, and meadows makes Bandhavgarh one of India's most scenic areas.

### Madhya Pradesh

Kanha may be combined with various other destinations within the state of Madhya Pradesh.

- a) The famous 25 temples of **Khajuraho** with their outstanding erotic sculptures, fascinating friezes, and superb stone carvings.
- b) Great Buddhist Stupa at **Sanchi**
- c) The romantic 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> century citadel in **Mandu**
- d) The magnificent **Gwalior** Fort and Jai Vilas Palace, Tomb of Tansen the famous singer and Tomb of Mohammed Ghaus in Gwalior
- e) The temples, cenotaphs and tiered palaces of **Orchha**, a perfect example of Bundelkhand architecture
- f) The impressive Bhujeshwar Temple in **Bhojpur**
- g) The Hindola Mahal (Palace) and Jahaz Mahal (Palace) in **Mandu**.

Madhya Pradesh is also an ideal combination with the Bastar district in the newly created Chhattisgarh, predominantly occupied by tribal people.

### When to go/Climate

Madhya Pradesh has distinct seasons - summer, winter and monsoons.

November to February is winter; April to May summer and June to October is usually the monsoon period.

The best time to visit Chitvan National Park is from Nov to April. However, it can be slightly cold in the mornings and evenings during the winter period and warm clothes are necessary at these times. The daytime it is lovely, warm, and sunny.

NOTE: It is cold in the early mornings when going game viewing during the months of late November to February and warm jackets are essential at this time.

### Mosquitoes

Due to the tropical climate mosquitoes are not a problem but they do tend to come out in the evenings and early mornings, throughout the year and particularly in the warmer months. The hotel provides mosquito nets, mosquito coils and repellents in the rooms to combat this and when dining outside.

### Dress code

There is no official dress code and it is extremely relaxed here. However, when out game viewing, dark and muted clothing (i.e. Shades of Khaki and Green) that will not show up too much against the vegetation are suggested. The temperatures during the morning drive can be cold (December-January) so do carry some warm clothes. Tough, outdoor shoes for game viewing are recommended.

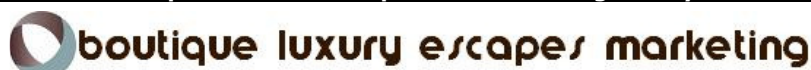
### Mobile Telephones

Mobile telephones network service at the resort.

### Children

Children below 5 stay free when sharing with parents. Children 5 years and above will be chargeable when accommodated in

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their parent's room. Maximum 1 child per room when sharing with 2 adults.

## Length of stay

3 to 4 nights stay is recommended as there is plenty to do in the surrounding areas and also to relax and enjoy the peaceful Chitvan Jungle Lodge.

## Payment/Cancellation Policy

Full advance pre-payment is compulsory for confirmed advance reservations. Cancellation charges apply if cancelled within 7 days of check-in.

## Packages/Surcharges

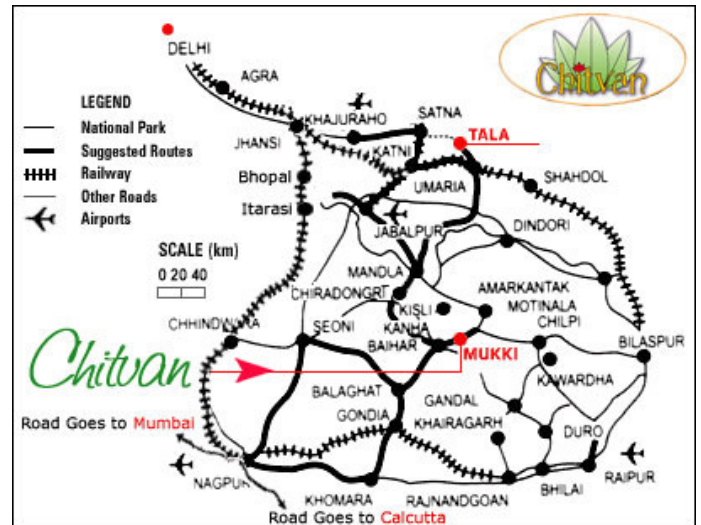
There are no surcharges for stays over peak periods.

## Taxes

Government taxes are applicable on room and food & beverage.

## Responsible Tourism

Chitvan Jungle Lodge conducts their business in a manner to develop the local community, and provide an alternate economy for them. Until recently they were dependent solely on the forest, and now Chitvan Jungle Lodge is converting their dependence on tourism in the area, and also teaching them to depend on agricultural produce for their livelihood. Small scale industries are also being developed along with regular activities at the lodge. Chitvan Jungle Lodge firmly believes in taking good care of the local community who in turn will take care of the forest.



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