

Tiger's Den Bandhavgarh – Fact Sheet



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Location

Tiger's Den Bandhavgarh is located in Tala Village which is the entrance of Bandhavgarh National Park, Madhya Pradesh, India.

Hotel opening and closure

Tiger's Den Bandhavgarh remains open from 16 October to 30 June every year.

Transportation

By Air

To Jabalpur (JLR) Airport from Delhi, Gwalior, or Indore, followed by 200 km car journey.
To Khajuraho (HJR) Airport from Delhi, Varanasi followed by 280 km car journey.

By Train

Various Express trains operate from major cities.

Train schedule from Delhi:
Delhi/Agra to Umaria: Kalinga Utkal 12:50/16:00-06:30* hrs
Umaria to Delhi: Kalinga Utkal Exp 19:40 - 13:15* hrs
Umaria is 65 km away from Bandhavgarh.

Delhi/Agra to Katni: Gondawa Exp 14:30/16:57 - 03:40* hrs
Umaria to Delhi: Katni Exp 17:15 - 07:20* hrs

Katni is 95 km away from Bandhavgarh. * = arrives next day.
Various other trains operate from/to Varanasi, Kolkata, Mumbai, and Bangalore via Jhansi.

By Road

Jabalpur (200 km), Khajuraho (280 km), Kanha (266 km), Katni (95 km) and Satna (112 km), Umaria (35 Km).

Transfers

The hotel can arrange transfers (at extra cost) from Jabalpur, Khajuraho, Umaria, Katni, and Kanha.

Arrival Information

Check-In and Check-out

Check-in: 1200 Noon. Check-out: 1000 hrs

Parking

Complimentary Parking is available for guests.

Hotel Details

Accommodation

26 Cottages

The 26 elegant independent cottages with verandas are spacious and well maintained. They offer views of the gardens and the gigantic hills of Vindhya ranges in the far distant. These marble floored cottages are elegantly appointed with a sitting area, one king-size or two twin beds and luxurious bathroom with shower/hot/cold running water.

General Suite Amenities

- Air-conditioning
- Overhead fans
- Bathroom with bath tubs and shower cubicles
- Telephone

Amenities on Request

The following amenities may be available on request

- Hair dryer
- Rollaway (extra charge)

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Restaurants & Lounges

Restaurants

Sita Madhi

Sita Madhi the multi-cuisine restaurant offers Indian and Continental cuisine. The professional team of Chef's are well-known for their variety of mouth watering menus and great care is taken to cater for the most discerning guests. Learn how to cook with the team or get your special request made to order to suit your taste buds.

Hours of Operation:

- Breakfast- 6:30 a.m. to 10: 30 a.m.
- Lunch - 12:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Dinner - 7: 30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Bar

The bar remains open 7 days a week.

Hours of Operation:

- Monday – Sunday from 6:00 p.m. to Midnight

Gazebo BBQ

Enjoy open-fire barbecues by the bon-fire in the evenings at Gazebo.

Aangan Amphitheatre

Open in the evenings visit Aangan amphitheatre to watch slides shows, wildlife films, and tribal dance.

Guest Services

- Travel Services
- Currency Exchange
- Laundry
- International telephone and fax facilities at reception
- Physician on call
- Library
- Souvenir shop

Recreation Facilities

- **Wildlife safaris** by jeep accompanied by a naturalist
- **Elephant safari's in Bandhavgarh National Park**
- Walks around the gardens accompanied by a resident naturalist, Tiger's Den Resort has over 60 varieties of trees, each know for its medicinal benefits.
- Tiger tales around a **bon-fire**
- **Shows** -Wildlife film shows and slide shows
- **Tribal dance** show

Local attractions, possible excursions, and combinations

Bandhavgarh National Park

Park Season

Bandhavgarh National Park generally remains open from 15 Oct – 30 Jun. Subject to monsoon conditions.

Opening hours:

Vary according to the sunrise and sunset.

Winter Timings:

Morning Safari: 0730 hrs – 10:30 hrs

Evening Safari: 1500 hrs – 17:30 hrs

Summer Timings:

Morning Safari: 0630 hrs – 09:30 hrs

Evening Safari: 1600 hrs – 18:30 hrs

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

This relatively small park has a high concentration of tigers, and in the last few years had become one of India's prominent parks. 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.

Bandhavgarh National Park Safaris

There are three ways one can enjoy a wildlife safari at Bandhavgarh National Park

- **Own vehicle** – preferably a 4 x 4 vehicle is permitted in the national park, however it is mandatory to be accompanied by a authorized guide
- **4 x 4 jeep safari** – Tiger Den's Bandhavgarh offers jeep safaris accompanied by resident naturalists.
- **Elephant Safaris** – Elephant back safaris are offered by the Bandhavgarh National Park, these must be booked on the day and subject to availability.

Tiger Show

Start the safari in your vehicle accompanied by an authorized forest guide, once tigers are sighted by the the forest department in the mornings. the morning accompanied by naturalists to source the locations of the tigers. Once the location of tigers is known, the vehicle 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.

Places to visit at the Park: Bandhavgarh was the seat of ex-rulers of Rewa State and its history dates back to 3rd Century A.D. Myth logically, the fort on Bandhavgarh hill is said to have been built by Lord Rama for his brother Laxman, during the Ramayana period. There are a number of man-made caves (35) in Bandhavgarh with inscriptions and carvings, which date back to 129-168 A.D. There are statues that date back to 10-11 century. Visit Sidhababa, Chakradhara meadow, Gopalpur for bird watching, Shesh Shaiva the source of River Charanganga and the reclining statue of Lord Vishnu, Bari Gufa cave and other strategic view points

Bandhavgarh Fort Trek: The oldest fort in India is more than 2500 years. One-hour trek up to the fort is worth the effort. The charm of this trek lies in discovering these monuments in

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the jungle, unspoiled and unexplored. Some of the statues lie off the main path and so it is best to take a guide. Apart from the avatars, well worth seeing are three small temples of around the 12th century. These temples are deserted but the fort is still used as a place of worship. Kabir Das, the celebrated 16th century saint, once lived and preached here. The natural ramparts of the fort give breathtaking view of the surrounding countryside. Vultures wheel around the precipice which also attracts blue rock thrushes and crag martins. The fort still belongs to the Maharaja of Rewa and permission is required to visit it. However permission is available locally and no trip to Bandhavgarh is complete without making an effort to climb up the fort. The staff of the resort carries your lunch while you are busy negotiating the trek up to the fort. Supplement charged

Bird watching: Over 250 species of birds have been spotted at Bandhavgarh National Park. The main birds here are white browed fantails, steppe eagles, green pigeons, grey Malabar hornbills, black and white Malabar hornbills (quite a rare sighting), blossom headed parakeets, parakeets, blue bearded bee eaters, green bee eaters, white bellied drongos, owls, Jerdon's and gold fronted leaf birds, minivets, wood shrikes and the lovely paradise flycatchers.

Village Tala: To view a day in the life of an Indian village, where the pace of life is still measured by the rhythm of the seasons. The humble dwellings, the mud clustered houses, the elders smoking hookahs sitting on a cot, are some of the common scenes which signify that the time stands still in certain areas of the world even today.

Baghel Museum: Located only 100 metres from the resort, it houses certain precious belongings of the Maharaja of Rewa who maintained Bandhavgarh as his Shikargah, or a game preserve, a stuffed white Tiger still stands in the museum amidst certain personal belongings of the Maharaja.

Bhamera Dam: 20 km from the resort, huge water bank in the neighbouring Panpatha Sanctuary, good place for water birds.

Gharpuri Dam: 10 km from the resort, adjoining on the outskirts of Bandhavgarh National Park Good Place for Water birds.

Chenchpur Waterfall: 44 km from the resort.

Madhya Pradesh

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

- a) Kanha National Park located 270 km away.
- b) The famous 25 temples of **Khajuraho** with their outstanding erotic sculptures, fascinating friezes, and superb stone carvings.
- c) Great Buddhist Stupa at Sanchi
- d) The romantic 15th – 16th century citadel in Mandu
- e) The magnificent Gwalior Fort and Jai Vilas Palace, Tomb of Tansen the famous singer and Tomb of Mohammed Ghaus in Gwalior
- f) The temples, cenotaphs and tiered palaces of Orchha, a perfect example of Bundelkhand architecture
- g) The impressive Bhujeshwar Temple in Bhojpur
- h) The Hindola Mahal (Palace) and Jahaz Mahal (Palace) in Mandu.

Madhya Pradesh is 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 Tiger's Den Resort, Bandhavgarh is from Nov to Feb. However, for animal sightings the months of April, May, and June are better. During the winter months it can be slightly cold in the mornings and evenings 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.

Clothing

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 clothing depends upon the season you are visiting. The temperatures during the morning drive can be freezing cold (December-February) so do carry some warm clothes, jackets, gloves etc. Layer your clothes as this keep you warmer.

During the summer months the April to June the weather is very hot and very uncomfortable with temperatures between 35 and 47 degrees centigrade most of the day. Do include a cap and dark glasses.

Outdoor shoes for game viewing are recommended.

Mobile Telephones

Mobile telephone network service is available at the resort.

Children

Children below 5 stay free when sharing with parents. Children 5 years and above will be chargeable when accommodated in their parent's room.

Maximum 1 child per room when sharing with 2 adults.

Length of stay

2 to 3 nights stay is recommended as there is plenty to do in the surrounding areas and also to relax and enjoy the peaceful Tiger's Den Resort, Bandhavgarh.

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Payment/Cancellation Policy

50% Pre-payment is compulsory for confirmed advance reservations. Full payment is required 30 days prior to arrival. Cancellation charges apply if cancelled within 7 days of check-in.

Packages/Surcharges

There are no surcharges for stays over peak periods.

Taxes

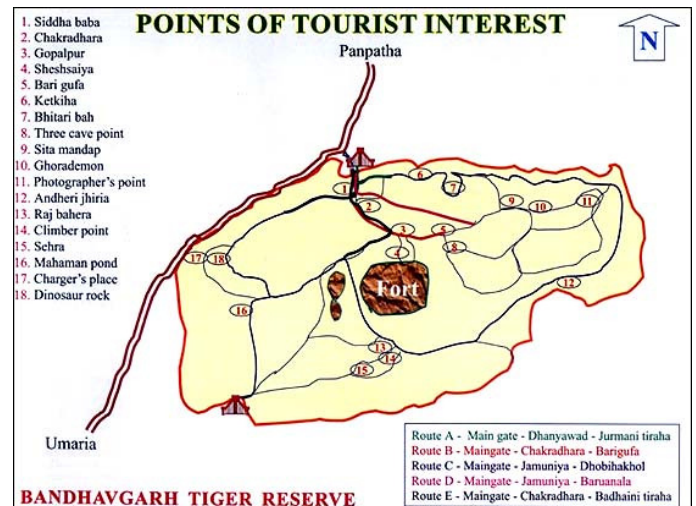
Government taxes are applicable on room and food & beverage are included in the room rates.

Responsible tips whilst in the Park

- Keep outside influences, as far as possible, outside the park. Transistors, tape recorders, blowing the car horn and loud conversations are taboo in a national park. You will observe more wildlife if you are quiet.
- Wear colours that blend with the forest - khaki, brown and olive green are ideal colours to wear in a national park. Animals might get frightened when they see bright colours since they are not used to them.
- Do not feed any wild animals. They have plenty of natural food in the forest and do not need any junk food. By feeding them you are changing their habits.
- Do not litter the place with polythene bags, tetra packs and other such materials. They not only spoil the beauty of the park, but also may harm the animals. Take them back with you to be disposed off properly.
- Keep reasonable distance from all the animals. Approaching too closely will disturb them. Do not stand up when you are close to tigers - a large animal might see it as a threat and may be provoked to strike back.
- Do not wear perfumes or any other strong smelling substances. The animals are sensitive to smell and it may arouse their curiosity.
- Do not collect any plants or animals. They belong to the forest and not in your gardens.
- Animals are generally shy and tend to hide when they see a human being. Please do not attempt to lure them out by throwing stones or other objects. Leave them in peace.
- Take strict precautions to guard against accidental fires caused through carelessness. Smoking and flash photography is prohibited in the park.
- All drivers and guides are given a set of instructions regarding the speed of the vehicle, the route to be followed, the distance to be kept from other vehicles and wild animals and time guidelines. Never encourage your driver to break these rules.

- You should not deviate from the allotted routes or leave the road and drive cross-country, enter without proper tickets, enter before sunrise or stay after sunset.
- You can play an important role in the conservation of the park by giving your valuable suggestions. You should report errant drivers or if you see people violating the rules of the park. Sightings of poachers should also be reported to the Field Director of the National Park.
- Important: Do not forget to carry A mosquito repellent, sunscreen, antiseptic cream, hat, socks and shoes, binoculars, camera, extra film rolls, water bottle, warm clothing in winters.

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