

बान्जार तोला

KANHA NATIONAL PARK

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OVERVIEW

Located in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, Banjaar Tola is set along the edge of the Banjaar River and overlooks the core area of the Kanha National Park on the opposite bank. Successful conservation programs have made Kanha one of the best maintained National Parks in India.





UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

- 90 acre private concession • Overlooking the core zone of Kanha National Park • Prime tiger wilderness
- Twice-daily game drives • Over 300 bird species
- trained naturalists • Taj trained hospitality staff • Tented camp with a light footprint • Proximity to Park entrance.

THE LODGE

- Two intimate camps of just 9 tented suites each • Celebration of Bastar artworks including famous Bell metal figurines • Chic, glamorous camping style • Woven textures and textiles in shades of bleached saffron, forest greens and earthy cinnamon.

GUEST ACCOMODATION

- Each tented suite features bamboo floors, canvas roof and walls • Glass doors leading out onto a floating veranda • Beautiful views of the river • All tents have baths and showers.

GUEST AREAS

- Safari Shop at the lodge entrance • Each tented guest area has a small library and interpretive space • Dining decks with dramatic river views • Swimming pool.

DINING

- Jungle dinners in the Sal forest • Pool deck dining • In-room or private deck dinners.

SAFARIS

- Discover the beautiful Kanha National Park • Learn about the rich diversity of the Central Indian jungle from a trained naturalists • Travel in comfort in a specially designed Tata open 4x4 safari vehicle • Birdwatcher's paradise, spot the Star Birds of Kanha • Prime tiger wilderness • Rich diversity of wildlife including barasinghas which are unique to Kanha • Great gaur viewing • View tigers whilst riding an elephant (Elephant back safaris - subject to availability).

KANHA NATIONAL PARK

Kanha National Park is one of India's 2 largest parks, covering 1945 kms of pristine Indian wilderness. Situated in the Maikal Hills of the Satpura range, Kanha boasts a spectacular landscape of vast Sal tree forests, interspersed with flourishing green meadows and beautiful stretches of lush bamboo growth. This national park is one of the first nine tiger reserves established with the initial launch of Project Tiger in 1973, aimed at protecting tigers and their ecosystems. Kanha is prime tiger wilderness, and it remains Project Tiger's success story.

FLORA

The forest is mixed and given the high rainfall precipitation one finds extensive stretches of sal, Crocodile Bark, Madhuca Indica, Arjun (distinct or its pale bark and thick girth), Axle wood (locally referred to as Dhaoda) and Flame of the forest or Palas a glorious sight in the drier season when flowering. Evergreen trees like Mango and Jamun are also found. Bamboo thickets are common and rolling meadows of grass and grassy plateau are integral for the herbivore population.

FAUNA

Kanha National park is one of India's largest parks and has a rich variety of wildlife such as tiger, gaur, sambhar, chital, barasingha, barking deer, chousingha, nilgai, sloth bear, jackal fox, porcupine, hyena, jungle cat, python, pea fowl, hare, monkey, mongoose, tiger and leopard.

With over 300 recorded bird species. Kanha is a bird watcher's paradise – species include storks, teals, pintails, pond herons, egrets, peacocks, pea fowl, jungle fowl, spur fowl, partridges, quails, green pigeons, cuckoos, rollers, bee-eater, hoopoes, drongos, warblers, kingfishers, woodpeckers, finchs, orioles, owls and fly catchers.

ACCESS

Banjaar Tola is easily accessed from Delhi via Jabalpur (175 km), or Mumbai via Nagpur (266 km).

From Delhi

Fly to Jabalpur followed by a 5 hour chauffeured road journey

From Mumbai

Fly to Nagpur, followed by a 5 hour chauffeured drive to the lodge

Charter a flight from Nagpur to Birwa (45 minutes) followed by a 20 minute 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.

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.

RATES

Please contact your travel agent or tour operator for more details.

BANJAAR TOLA AT A GLANCE

Weather: The climate of this region is tropical. Summers are hot and humid with a maximum of 40°C and minimum temperature of 23°C. Winters are pleasant with an average maximum and minimum temperature of 23°C and 11°C, respectively. The park is closed from July to early-October during monsoon.

Rainfall: The annual rainfall is approximately 152 cm. Heavy rain in the monsoon (mid June - September).

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

Malaria: Though Banjaar Tola 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	18 (9 per camp)	Personal bars	Yes
Maximum Guests	36 (18 per camp)	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	10m
Ceiling fans	Yes	Check-in	12h00
Swimming Pool	Yes	Check-out	13h00
Bath	Yes	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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