

FACT SHEET

BAGHVAN

PENCH JUNGLE LODGE

OPERATOR: An **andBEYOND** and Taj Hotels Resorts & Palaces joint venture (Indian Hotels Company Limited)

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LOCATION

Situated in the Seoni District of southern Madhya Pradesh, Pench National Park runs in continuation with Pench National Park in neighbouring Maharashtra. Dominated by hills, forests and valleys, this national park derives its name from the Pench River, which meanders its way through the entire stretch of the 757 km² park. Kala Pahar, the park's highest hill, reaches 650 m above sea level. This national park received international recognition from Rudyard Kipling's classic tale, the Jungle Book.

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

- Twice-daily jungle safaris • **andBEYOND** trained naturalists • Taj trained hospitality staff • Elephant safaris • Guided nature walks • Cultural walks • Birdwatcher's paradise • World class intimate safari lodge

THE LODGE

The name Baghvan draws its inspiration from one of India's iconic symbols, the Bengal tiger (bagh – tiger and van – forest). Pronounced baagh-vun, this charming lodge is located on the edge of Pench National Park, which is a dry deciduous forest of predominantly teak

trees. The twelve spacious stand alone suites have been totally rebuilt. The original guest areas remain and have been extensively renovated and enlarged, and a beautiful swimming pool added. From Baghvan to the park entrance is a mere 5-minute drive.

GUEST ACCOMODATION

- Charming individual suites have a contemporary bungalow feel with a cheeky 50's ambiance • Hues of copper and pale turquoise • All suites comprise two inter-linked buildings accessed through courtyards • Each has a spacious air conditioned bedroom with private shaded sit-outs • Cool pale cream cement screed floors • Covered inter-leading link takes guests to generously proportioned bathrooms with double vanity, separate w.c, indoor and outdoor showers • Stairs lead guests up to a Machan (pronounced ma chaan) a covered jungle rooftop platform above the bathroom for romantic sleepouts – with mosquito net, overhead fan

GUEST AREAS

- Cool, airy and contemporary • Spacious sittingroom with deep welcoming sofas • House party feel • High ceilings, cement screed floors and overhead fans • Huge windows to catch the jungle breeze • Handmade Parsi tiles, woven hyacinth furniture, giant ebony chests • Spacious shaded decks lead guests down from the sitting room to the nullah (dry riverbed) • Interactive open kitchen spills out into the dining area • Guests encouraged to learn how to prepare traditional Indian dishes – recipes and spices provided! • Tea served in the kitchen before the afternoon safari • Browse peacefully in the lodge's Safari Shop • Idle away the hours in the library • Cool off in the swimming pool overlooking the nullah • Guests arriving early or departing

DINING

- In-room breakfasts on cool private verandas • Pool lunches on a shaded deck • Dinner for two served on the

deck overlooking the nullah or on your Machan • Sunset cocktails under the Banyan tree whilst watching a giant squirrel perform acrobatics • Picnics at Khoka Lake

SAFARIS

• Discover the beauty of Pench National Park • Learn about the rich biodiversity of Central India from a **andBEYOND** trained naturalist • Travel in comfort in a specially designed Tata open 4x4 safari vehicle • View tigers whilst riding an elephant • Twice-daily safaris in the reserve • Tick off Pench's ten Star Birds (a unique Taj & **andBEYOND** programme) • Absorb the sights and sounds as you walk through a traditional MP village • Foot safaris in the nullah • Follow fresh tiger pugs • Birding from the pool deck • Nature walks in the buffer zone • Visit Pachdhaar village and admire beautiful local pottery • Visit a nearby fruit bat nesting site

PENCH NATIONAL PARK

Located on a lovely stream surrounded by forest, Baghvan offers a beautiful experience of one of India's rich yet lesser-known parks, Pench National Park. This is a typical Central Indian teak jungle, with hilly terrain and several jungle streams, and it supports a rich variety of wildlife, including the tiger, leopard, wild dog, gaur, sambar, chital and brilliant birdlife. The Park's open habitat not only lends well to wildlife viewing, but it also offers striking views of the area's sheer beauty.

FLORA

The forested area is a blend of southern tropical dry deciduous forest and tropical moist deciduous forest, along with other beautiful species of shrubs, trees and climbers. Pench National Park's diverse flora includes: Teak, Mahua, Tendu, Bija, Amaltas, and Palas. Bamboo occurs mostly in the valleys and along the water courses.

FAUNA

Pench National Park is rich in fauna, and is home to a number of endangered species. The tiger is the dominant predator here, and there are an estimated 25 of them in these prey-rich forests. Other predators include leopard, dhole (Indian Wild Dog), wolf, hyena, jackal and jungle cat. The prey species comprise of chital, sambhar, muntjac, gaur, wild boar, langur and rhesus macaques. There

is a rich birdlife with over 300 recorded bird species. Fascinating birds include parakeets, hornbills, kingfisher, barbets, minivets, orioles, wagtails, and a host of raptors including the crested serpent eagle, crested hawk eagle and white-eyed buzzard.

ACCESS

Baghvan is conveniently situated near major airports: Nagpur (90 km) and Jabalpur (192 km), as well as Bandhavgarh National Park (330 km)

From Delhi

- Fly to Nagpur (Indian Airlines); the drive from Nagpur to the Lodge is approximately 1.5 hours 90 km
- Fly to Jabalpur (Deccan Airways); the drive from Jabalpur to the Lodge is approximately 3.5 hours – 192 km

From Mumbai

- Fly to Nagpur (Indian Airlines/Jet Airways), and 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.

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

RATE

- **High season**
(16 October 2010 --- 15 April 2011)
INR 32,000 per person per night sharing
- **Low season**
(16 April 2011 --- 30 June 2011)
INR 20,000 per person per night sharing

RATE INCLUSIONS

- Luxury accommodation in air conditioned suites • All

scheduled safari activities (including elephant safaris)

- All meals • Soft drinks, house wines, house spirits and local beers • Laundry • Emergency medical evacuation
- All park fees and government taxes.

RATE EXCLUSIONS

- Transfer to and from the lodge • Fine wines and spirits, cigars, etc. • Gratuities, Safari Shop purchases, telephone calls, etc.

BAGHVAN – AT A GLANCE

Weather

Tropical – hot during the day. Summer (April-June) temperatures can get as high as 43-44°C, while early mornings and evenings are pleasant (18-24°C). Night time winter temperatures vary between 02-20°C, whereas days are sunny and pleasant (October-March).

Rainfall

Heavy in the monsoon season (mid June to September) and average rainfall is 1400 mm.

Best Time to Travel

October to June when game viewing is at its best.

Malaria

Baghvan is situated in a malaria free zone, however the necessary precautions should be taken.

Children

Children are welcome. Regrettably, children 5 years and younger cannot participate in game drives. Childminders can be arranged at an additional cost. An extra bed can be arranged for children 12 years and younger sharing with their parents (no more than one triple in camp per night). Children aged 6 to 12 years are accommodated on game drives at the Lodge Manager's discretion.

Ratio of Guests to Staff

1 : 1.5

Camp Closure

1 July to 30 September annually

National Park Fees

Included in price

Number of Suites	12)
Maximum Guests	24
Children	Yes
Triples	1 (one triple per camp per night)
Twin Beds	Yes all convertible to double
Air Conditioning	Yes
Ceiling Fans	Yes
Swimming Pool	Yes
Bath	No
Indoor Showers	Yes
Outdoor Showers	Yes
Private w.c.	Yes
In Room Safe	Yes
Personal Bars	Yes
Telephone	Yes
Hairdryers	Yes
Laundry Included	Yes
Suitable for Disabled Guests	Yes with assistance
Distance Between Rooms	10m/33 feet
Check In	12h00
Check Out	13h00
Power	DG Backup 220 AC
Private 4x4 Safari Vehicle	Available at extra cost
Childminding	Yes
Credit Cards	Visa, MasterCard, Amex