

FACT SHEET

BANJAAR TOLA

KANHA TENTED CAMP

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

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LOCATION

In the central state of Madhya Pradesh, Banjar Tola is situated on the edge of the Banjar River and overlooks the core area of Kanha National Park on the opposite bank. The lush forests and grassy meadows of Kanha provided inspiration to Rudyard Kipling for his "Jungle Book". Successful conservation programs, make 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
- **andBEYOND** 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 floating veranda
- Beautiful views of the river
- All tents have baths and showers.

GUEST AREAS

- Safari Shop and intimate cafe 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 Central Indian jungle from **andBEYOND** trained naturalist
- 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.

KANHA NATIONAL PARK

Kanha National Park is one of India's largest parks, covering 1 945 km² 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 for 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 birdwatcher's paradise - species include storks, teals, pintails, pond herons, egrets, peacock, pea fowl, jungle fowl, spur fowl, partridges, quails, green pigeons, cuckoos, rollers, bee-eater, hoopoes, drongos, warblers, kingfishers, woodpeckers, finches, 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, the last 1.5 hours is a game drive.

From Mumbai

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

- Charter a flight 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.

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 en-suite tents
- All scheduled safari activities (including tiger viewing from elephants)
- 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.

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

Banjaar Tola is situated in a low risk malaria area, the necessary precautions should be taken. Insect repellent will be provided in your suite

Children

Children are welcome. Regretfully, 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 Lodge Manager's discretion.

Ratio of Guests to Staff

1 : 2.5

Camp Closure

1 July to 30 September annually

National Park Fees

Included in price

Number of Suites	18 (9 per camp)
Maximum Guests	36 (18 per camp)
Children	Yes
Triples	1 (one triple per camp per night)
Twin Beds	Yes on request
Air Conditioning	Yes
Ceiling Fans	Yes
Swimming Pool	Yes
Bath	Yes
Indoor Showers	Yes
Outdoor Showers	No
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
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