

YOUR ULTIMATE GUIDE TO

PENCH NATIONAL PARK

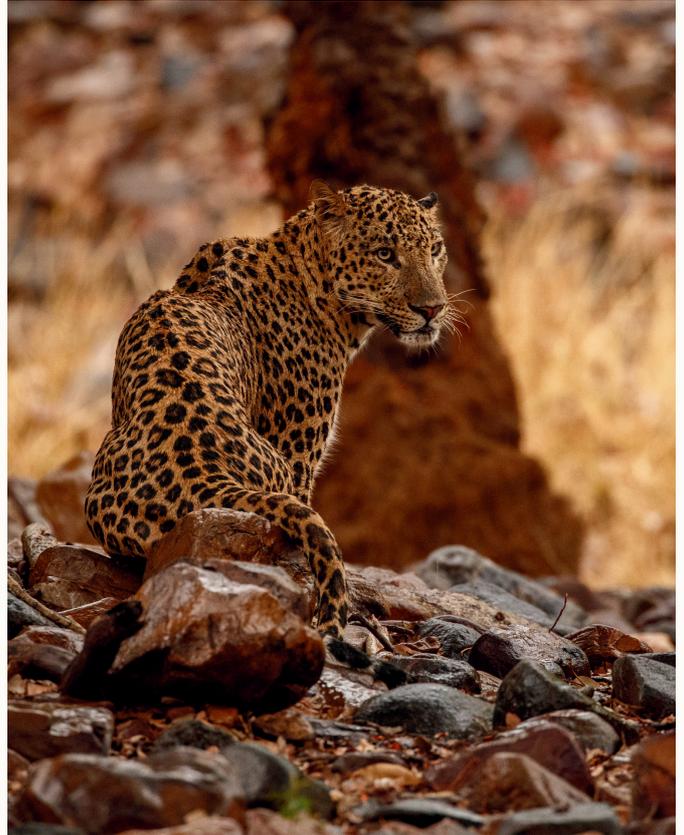


ABOUT PENCH NATIONAL PARK

Named after the pristine Pench River that meanders through it, Pench National Park is one of India's premier tiger reserves and a proud part of the Project Tiger initiative since 1992. The landscape is a beautiful blend of teak forests, open grasslands, and rocky hills, making it rich in biodiversity.

Fun Fact:

Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book* is said to be inspired by Pench!



WILDLIFE YOU CAN SPOT

- **Tigers:** Pench has a healthy tiger population; sightings are frequent, especially in summer.
- **Leopards:** Elusive and graceful, leopards are often spotted near rocky outcrops.
- **Wild Dogs (Dholes):** Often seen in packs, a true highlight!
- Sloth Bears, Jungle Cats, Indian Gaur, and Hyenas
- **Birds:** Over 250 species including peafowls, hornbills, kingfishers, and migratory species.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

- **October to June:** Park is open.
- **March to May:** Best for tiger sightings (dry season).
- **November to February:** Pleasant weather, lush scenery, good for bird watching.

(NOTE: THE PARK REMAINS CLOSED DURING THE MONSOON - JULY TO SEPTEMBER.)



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PARK ZONES

Madhya Pradesh Side:

- **Turia Zone:** Most popular; known for frequent tiger sightings.
- **Karmajhiri Zone:** Less crowded, great for birding and peaceful safaris.
- **Jhamtara Zone:** Remote, scenic, offers exclusive wildlife experiences.
- **Rukhad Buffer Zone:** Good sightings with less touristy vibe

Maharashtra Side:

- **Sillari Zone:** Excellent infrastructure, ideal for families.
- **Khursapar Zone:** High tiger and leopard activity.
- **Kolitmara Zone:** Lesser-known, quieter safaris.

HOW TO REACH

By Air:

- Nearest Airport: Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport, Nagpur (approx. 90 km).

By Train:

- Nearest Railway Station: Nagpur (connected to major cities).

By Road:

- Good road connectivity from Nagpur (approx. 2-hour drive).

SAFARI TIMINGS

- Morning Safari: 6:00 AM – 10:00 AM
- Evening Safari: 3:00 PM – 6:30 PM



SAFARI BOOKING

- **Advance Booking:** Highly recommended, especially for core zones.
- **Required Documents:** ID proof (Aadhar, Passport, Driving License).
- **Safari Types:** Jeep safaris (6-seater gypsy), Canter safaris (shared bus).

PRO TIP:

CHOOSE WEEKDAY SAFARIS FOR A QUIETER, MORE INTIMATE JUNGLE EXPERIENCE!

ESSENTIAL TIPS

WHERE TO STAY

- **Pench offers a variety of stay options:**
- **Luxury Resorts:** Taj Baghvan, Pench Tree Lodge, Jamtara Wilderness Camp
- **Mid-Range:** Tuli Tiger Corridor, Pench Jungle Camp
- **Budget Lodges:** Mowgli's Den, Village Machaan
- Many resorts offer nature walks, village visits, and night safaris too!

PENCH HIGHLIGHTS YOU SHOULDN'T MISS

- **The historic Baghin Nala** — hotspot for tiger sightings.
- **Wolf Sanctuary (Karmazhiri side)** — great chance to spot Indian Wolves.
- The charming village markets for local **handicrafts**.
- **Nature walks** around Pench's eco-zones.

- **Dress Comfortably:** Wear neutral colors (khaki, olive, beige).
- **Photography Gear:** Telephoto lenses (300mm+) for wildlife shots.
- **Silent Mode:** Keep phones on silent during safaris.
- **Respect Nature:** No littering, feeding animals, or loud talking.

