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PENCH NATIONAL PARK

A TAJ SAFARI

WHERE TIMELESS EXPERIENCES MEET UNMATCHED HOSPITALITY



INTRODUCTION

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.



DINING

POOLSIDE DINNER

Dinner by the poolside is one of the most tranquil experiences at this safari lodge. The crisp night air is pleasant and the lanterns cast a reflection on the water adding to the charm of the evening. Tables for each set of guests are placed around the pool and served by attentive butlers. It is an unhurried experience as guests enjoy a sumptuous meal ending with traditional Indian desserts and soothing camomile tea.



MAHUA DINNER

A large old Mahua tree with sprawling branches provides a perfect canopy for a lantern lit dinner. crackling bonfire. Live food counters are placed in a semi-circle and whiffs of delicate aromas rise from the grill. Guests enjoy delicious canapés and swap stories with an eclectic mix of guests from around the world, before settling down to an elaborate dinner under the stars.





DINING

INTERACTIVE DINNER ON THE DECK

A covered wooden deck along the dry river bed running parallel to the Pench national park is one of the most exciting dining venues. One can often spot deer and jackals that use the riverbed as a pathway. An array of Indian street food is served from a hand cart for appetisers, while hot breads are served directly from the tandoor to pair with succulent kebabs, curries and lentils. Chefs explain the dishes and the therapeutic effects of various ingredients. Guests are thrilled to hear night jars or the occasional hoot of a barn owl from the jungle while dining in the safety of the deck.



BONNET BREAKFAST

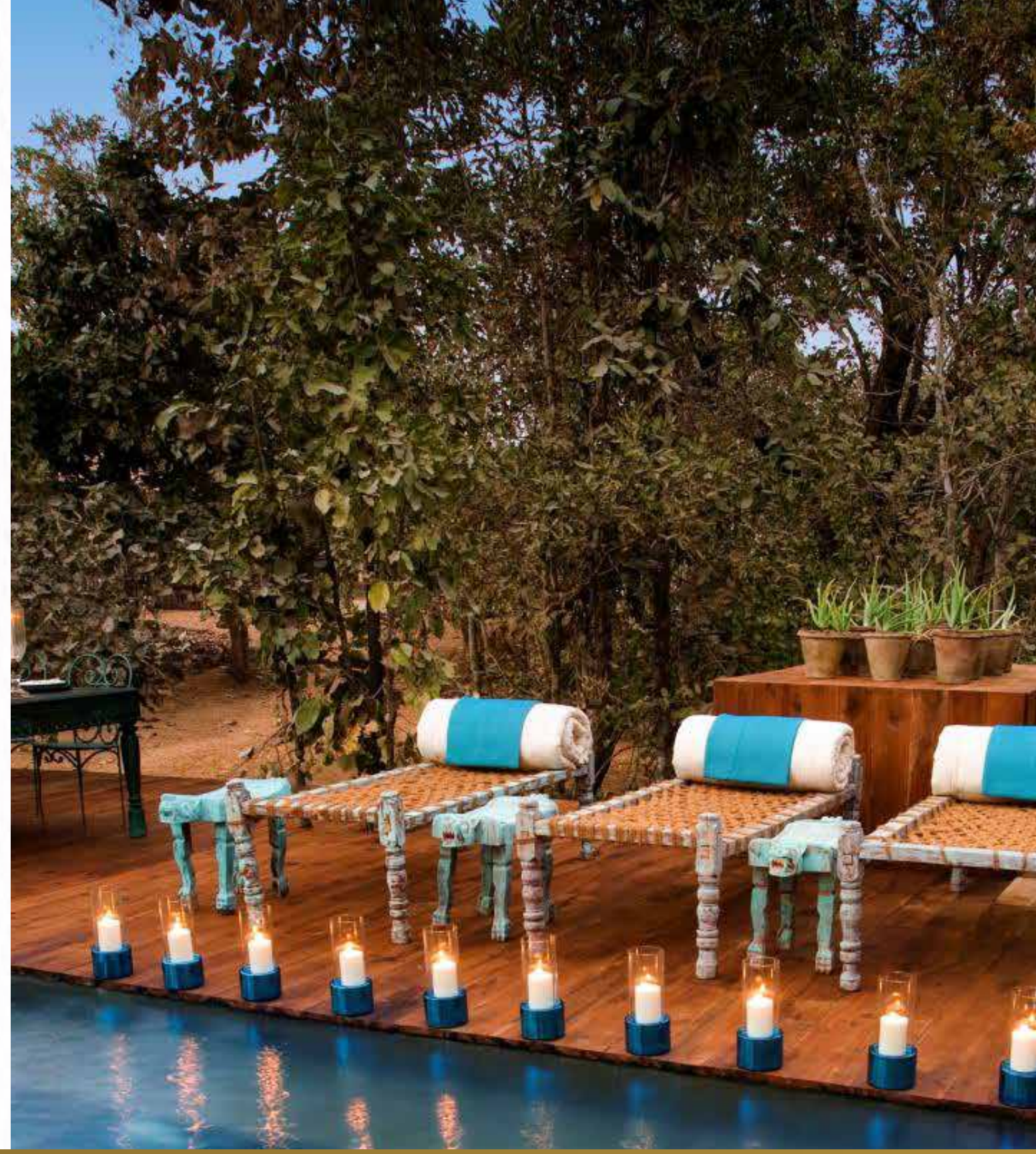
A sumptuous breakfast is set up on the safari vehicle bonnet deep in the jungle. Freshly baked muffins and cookies along with sandwiches, fresh fruit and hot kathi rolls are washed down with freshly plunged coffee and a selection of teas. A perfect refuelling for the rest of the morning safari.

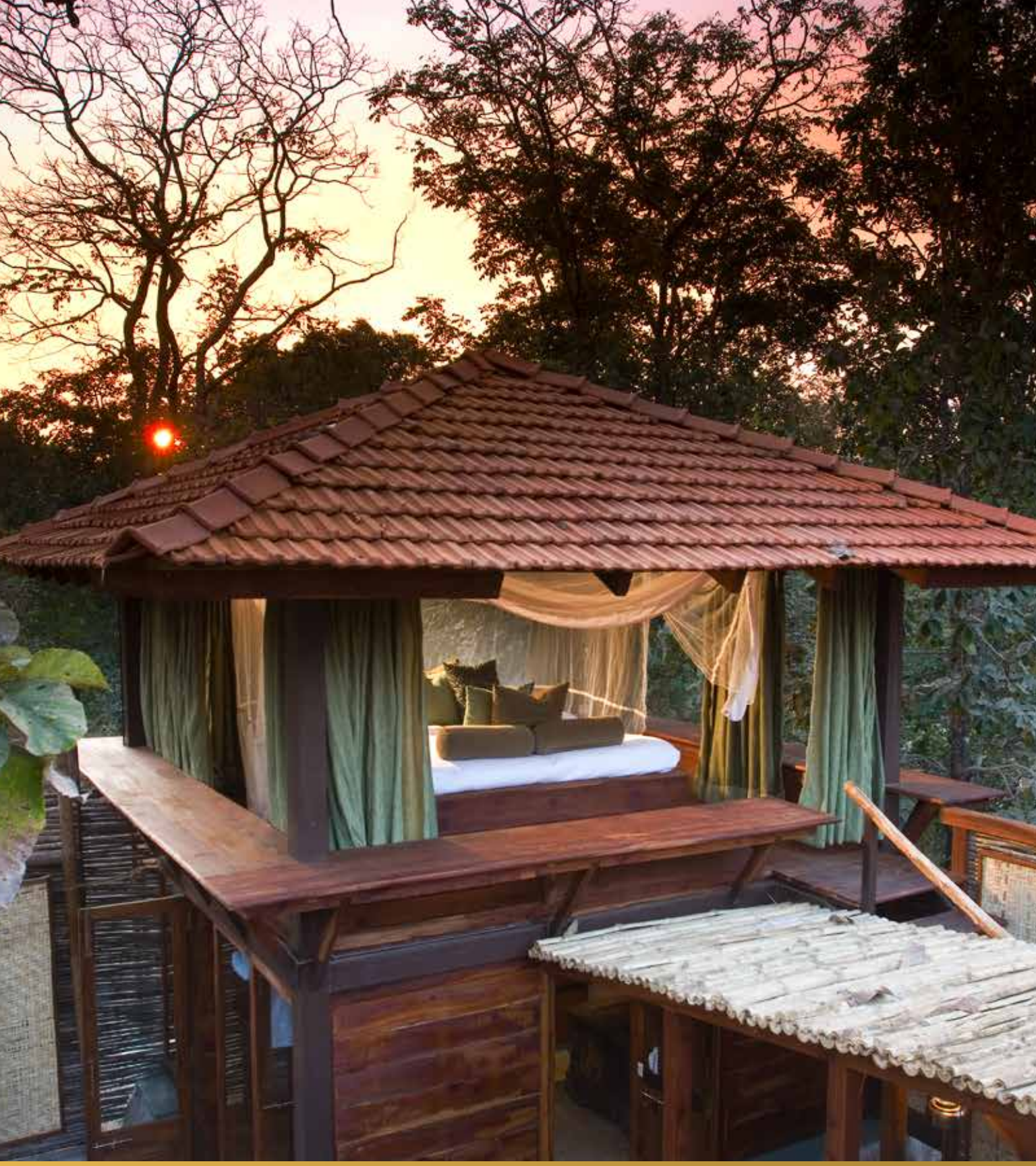


DINING

PRIVATE DINNER

A romantic dinner at Baghvan is a phenomenon best experienced. Each Guest bungalow has an open wooden deck overlooking the forest, forming an intimate spot for a romantic dinner. A table for two is laid out complete with a snowy table cloth and tea light candles. Service by a private butler is efficient yet unobtrusive. A perfect evening of peace, excellent service and delicious fare with no time frame for guests to savour the experience.





ACCOMMODATION



Each spacious bungalow has a 1950s ambience with indoor and outdoor shower options. Pale cream cement screed floors against the contrasting hues of indigo, green and turquoise lend a cool tranquil affect. A life sized portrait of a traditionally attired Indian lady dominates the wall behind the bed. A small alcove forms a perfect reading nook guarded by two forest angels carved in wood. The bedroom opens out into a veranda beyond which is an open wooden deck. A metal vintage toy car sits atop dark wood chest and gives this outdoor space an element of fun. A cushioned swing for two with the teak trees in the background makes for a perfect picture.

COLONIAL BUNGALOWS WITH MACHAAN

Your spacious air-conditioned bungalow complete with a private shaded sit out, and soothing turquoise and copper interiors.



EXPERIENCES

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

We adopt a range of conservation efforts to give back to the local community at Pench.

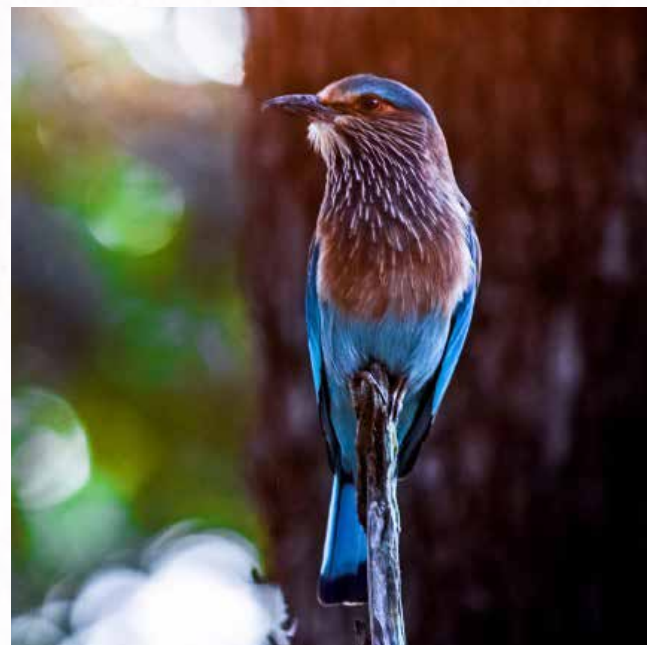
NATURE TRAILS

A Nature Trail in the wilderness is ideal for adventurers looking for a closer communion with nature.



BIRD WATCHING

A stop on the migratory route of several waterfowl, Pench is a bird-watcher's delight. Over one hundred and seventy species of resident and migrant birds have been recorded here – spotted owlets blink in tree hollows, ospreys and eagles swoop about, and the wetlands are thick with little grebes, darters and herons.





EXPERIENCES

SAFARI DRIVES

Twice daily safaris are conducted by expert naturalists in specially designed 4X4 vehicles with theatre style seating.



JUNIOR NATURALIST PROGRAMME

For the adventurous youngsters with a love for all things wild, our Budding Naturalist Programme is an interactive curriculum. Usually spanning three to four days, the programme can be tweaked depending on the duration of stay. From early morning nature walks and safaris to late evening 'frogging' and star gazing sessions, this program covers as many aspects of the wild to get the young brigade on the go early on. At the end of the programme, the children go back with a new appreciation of the natural world, a certificate, a plethora of adventure stories and a feather in their hats.



EXPERIENCES

VILLAGE VISIT

The dominant tribal community around Pench are the Gond, who dwell in immaculate little hamlets comprising wooden structures plastered with cow dung and clay. A leisurely stroll in the villages of Kohka or Khambrit allows guests a peek into an idyllic rural life.



STARGAZING

The Taj Safari lodge in Baghvan is located in pristine jungle environments, where guests have the luxury of viewing a vast expanse of very starry skies. After a day of adventure and excitement in the jungle, watching the brilliant night sky is a very relaxing activity. The constant North Star and the Milky Way are especially exciting to young guests. Listen to interesting trivia and stories as naturalists acquaint you to the life of the night sky.





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