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Fact Sheet

Resort Address

Ahilya Fort
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Location

The 250 year old Ahilya Fort has what is possibly the most dramatic, unique and glorious setting of any Indian hotel. Perched on the edge of a cliff, enclosed within the massive walls of the fort, Ahilya fort has staggering views over the sacred Narmada River and the ghats immediately below. Within the fort there are pretty courtyards and verandahs on different levels and linked by stone walkways. There's a large garden, plenty of hidden terraces and turrets, a swimming pool and it's a huge place to wander around. It is an extraordinary and unusual place where you really can get away from it all and experience a very different side of India, all the while being looked after in true style by your genial host, Richard Holkar (should he be in residence), whose family the fort belongs to.

Accessibility

By air: To Indore (91 kms) from Bombay, Delhi and Bhopal, followed by a 2 ½ hour drive.

By train: To Barwah (39 kms), Khandwa (110 kms), Indore (91 kms) and Mhow.

By road: An easy drive from Indore, Dhar, Mandu, Omkareshwar, and Mhow. A longer drive from Bhopal and Ujain.

Transfers: The hotel is happy to arrange transfers (at extra cost) from either the airport or the railway station to / from the hotel.

Accommodation

There are four 'suite' category rooms and 8 deluxe rooms. All rooms have ensuite bathrooms. All rooms have either a view of the river, a private balcony or a private garden. The suites are large and spacious, fresh and airy, with balconies and sitting rooms. One of the suites is The Royal Tent which has a

wonderful private garden and plunge pool and faces directly onto the temple and down to the ghats and river. The rooms are prettily furnished in neutral, natural fabrics and are in the main section of the fort.

All rooms have en suite bathrooms (showers), plenty of hot water (provided by geyser), overhead fans, air coolers, tea & coffee making machines (in royal rooms only), hair dryers (on request), hot water bottles / heaters in the colder months, televisions, bathrobes, mosquito nets. Unlimited mineral water is provided free of charge. Interconnecting rooms are available. Hair dryers are provided on request. Due to the rambling nature of the fort and with rooms being scattered all around it, this is not suitable for wheelchair access.

Dining

A Table d'hote Menu is offered but a la carte is also available for anyone with specific requests. The Chef produces delicious continental and Indian food. There is no formal dining room. Breakfast tends to be a buffet served on the ramparts of the fort, overlooking the river. Lunch is served in a shady, leafy courtyard or on the patio. Candlelit dinners are served in the garden by the pool or on the terrace. Guests tend to dine together in the evenings but you may request to eat privately should you wish to.

Ahilya Fort is an all inclusive hotel so all meals, soft drinks, alcoholic drinks and all snacks are included, along with all excursions. Excluding imported alcohol.

Meal Times:

Meal times are not strictly adhered to but tend to be:

Breakfast 08.00 – 10.30am
Lunch 13.00 – 15.00pm
Tea 17.00 – 18.00pm
Cocktails 19.30 – 20.30pm
Dinner 21.00 – until guests finish

No room service is available

Children

The resort accepts children of all ages. Children / extra beds cannot be accommodated in their parents' bedroom. There is a baby-sitting / child care service available upon request..

Dress code

There is no official dress code at Ahilya. However, you may wish to change into something a little tidier for dinner. It is all extremely relaxed and informal.

Check-in / out time

Check in is flexible and check out is by 2pm.

Electricity

220 volts. The standard two round pin adaptors work.

Mobile telephones

Mobile telephones work on the GSM network

When to go / Climate

Madhya Pradesh has some major climactic fluctuations. During December, January and February, it can be cold in the mornings and evenings and warm clothes are necessary at these times. During the daytime it is lovely and warm and sunny. March and April are getting fairly hot and it begins to get humid in May and June and temperatures can rise to an intense and uncomfortable heat and humidity. The monsoon breaks in June and lasts until early September. October and November are still warm but not cold or wet. The best time to visit is from October to early April. It is generally a dry heat with very little humidity.

Opening and closing

The hotel remains open 365 days per year.

Pests

Due to the dry heat of Madhya Pradesh, mosquitoes are not a major problem. However, due to the riverside position, they do tend to come out in the evenings and early mornings, throughout the year and particularly in the warmer months. The hotel advises mosquito repellent is used to combat this. It is not advisable to leave windows open that do not have mesh insect protection, when your lights on as bugs will tend to fly in. Due to its riverside location, bugs can be about on occasion.

Hotel facilities

NO money changing facility
A large swimming pool (60ft x 30ft) (unheated as unnecessary)
Internet access in the office
Shop selling excellent bits and pieces and clothes with overnight
Tailouring facility
Nimad traditional massages are available
Small conference hall
Sitting room with television and games for relaxing
Babysitting upon request
Walled bio vegetable garden
WI-FI in some public areas and bedrooms

Hotel services

Sightseeing excursions and onward travel arrangements can be arranged on site by contacting the hotel reception
Weddings and parties can be arranged
Picnics can be arranged on river boats with floating diyas and musicians
Boat trips to Baneshwar Temple in the middle of the river
Birdwatching

Possible excursions

Visits to the historic, deserted city of Mandu
Visits to the fort at Dhar
Visits to the island temple of Omkareshwar
Visits by boat to Baneshwar Temple
Walks around the walled city of Maheshwar and the ghats
Visits to the local handloom houses
Visits to local schools
Visits to the city of Indore
Walks around the farm and vegetable garden
Swimming in the river at the Thousand Waterfalls

Luxury camping by the riverside
Overnight boat trip
Weavers/handloom tours
Wedding parties

Average length of stay	Three or four nights. There is so much to see and do in the area that it is a good idea to allow enough time to explore the area and also enough time to switch off and just enjoy being there. Many stay a week and use it as an end of holiday switch off, instead of going down to a beach.
Credit cards / currency	The resort accepts Visa, Mastercard and Amex. If paying in foreign currency, the resort accepts payment only in rupees. Travellers cheques are also accepted.
Reservations	By telephone +91 11 4155 1575/1055, email info@ahilyafort.com or via the website www.ahilyafort.com .
Packages	There are no special packages available.
Seasonal surcharges	There are no seasonal surcharges.
Government Taxes	No taxes applicable as it is an all inclusive hotel.
Owning Company	Khasgi Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar Charities Trust
Management	General Manager Aimee Junker (The owning family resides here much of the time)