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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 -3 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**

2 standard rooms, 2 luxurious air-cooled tents, 8 superior rooms and 2 royal suites with private balcony. All rooms have ensuite

bathrooms. All rooms have either a stunning view of the river, a private balcony or a private garden. The suite is large and has a separate sitting room and a spacious balcony. The tents are large and comfortable and very private, being tucked away in the garden by the swimming pool. The rooms are prettily furnished in neutral, natural fabrics.

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.

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.

### **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

<b>When to go / Climate</b>	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.
<b>Opening and closing</b>	The hotel remains open 365 days per year.
<b>Pests</b>	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.
<b>Hotel facilities</b>	<p>NO money changing facility</p> <p>A large swimming pool (60ft x 30ft) (unheated as unnecessary)</p> <p>Internet access available in public rooms</p> <p>Shop selling excellent bits and pieces and clothes with overnight tailoring facility</p> <p>Nimad traditional massages are available</p> <p>Small conference hall</p> <p>Sitting room with television and games for relaxing</p> <p>Babysitting upon request</p> <p>Walled bio vegetable garden</p> <p>WI-FI</p>
<b>Hotel services</b>	<p>Sightseeing excursions and onward travel arrangements can be arranged on site by contacting the hotel reception</p> <p>Weddings and parties can be arranged</p> <p>Picnics can be arranged on river boats with floating diyas and musicians</p> <p>Boat trips to Baneshwar Temple in the middle of the river</p> <p>Birdwatching</p>
<b>Possible excursions</b>	<p>Visits to the historic, deserted city of Mandu</p> <p>Visits to the fort at Dhar</p> <p>Visits to the island temple of Omkareshwar</p> <p>Visits by boat to Baneshwar Temple</p> <p>Walks around the walled city of Maheshwar and the ghats</p> <p>Visits to the local handloom houses</p> <p>Visits to local schools</p> <p>Visits to the city of Indore</p> <p>Walks around the farm and vegetable garden</p> <p>Swimming in the river at the Thousand Waterfalls</p> <p>Luxury camping by the riverside</p> <p>Overnight boat trip</p>

Weavers/handloom tours  
Cookery lessons  
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 people stay a week and use it as an end of holiday switch off, instead of going down to a beach.

There is no minimum length of stay required

**Credit cards / currency** The resort accepts Visa and Mastercard. If paying in foreign currency, the resort accepts payment only in rupees. Travellers cheques are also accepted.

**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 Shailender Singh  
(The owning family resides here most of the time)