



JAMTARA  
WILDERNESS CAMP



Situated in the Village of Jamtara, near Pench National Park, Jamtara Wilderness Lodge is a 12 room luxury tented property in the heart of rural Pench. Surrounded by tall Arjuna Trees and an ancient Banyan rooted on a dry riverbed, each tented room overlooks the forest which sets the perfect background to this jungle experience.

Driving further into the village of Jamtara you will find traces of modern India slowly disappear. The humble village is the perfect place for unwinding, relaxing and a little adventure. This is exactly what the British had in mind when they set up Getaway bungalows around the country. As you drive up to Jamtara Lodge, you feel the calmness that will surround you for the next few days of your stay, with lush jungles surrounding you and the minimal use of concrete, the city life is left behind.

With tented Lodging, we try to bring the lightness and airiness of the nature surrounding you into your rooms and remind you to keep a look out for wildlife. Decorated in safari colonial style, you will be transported back in time with hardwood flooring under your feet and wooden furniture at your fingertips. With these natural pieces the rooms are

warmed up with soft browns of wood and leather, tans and whites from the canvas and bedding, but with a touch of masculinity in design and heavy, chunky latches. Just outside of the bedroom area or we can say behind the curtain, is a spacious patio for you to relax and take a nap, spend the afternoon soaking in some nature or sun, or use this beautiful landscape as inspiration or even have a refreshment before your meal. Each bedroom has its own private patio which is at least 8' x 16', allowing for guests sharing a room to not step on each other's toes. The patios face a riverbed which may be lightly flowing during October, where wildlife may come to quench their thirst. And during the rest of the months the river dries up allowing for wildlife to meander through.

As you step into the bathroom of the tents, you will the openness of the outside come in, with enough windows for you to always keep your eyes open for wildlife and bringing in natural light. Once again the color scheme of dark woods, light canvas and white tent continues into the bathroom, keeping nature in mind.

Wildlife is probably the main reason you are here, so let us remind you that we are the **only lodge** located near our Pench National Park Gate entrance, which is only a 2 minute drive from the lodge, therefore you will have exclusivity to this end of the park. Also, since we are set up on the periphery of the jungle and there is no actual fence enclosing the park, wildlife is free to roam wherever it likes, so we are able to take our guests on guided walks and drives while the park is closed. And another added bonus, a pack of Wild dogs have made a den near the lodge, which gives us the opportunity to observe them during the afternoons while the park is closed or even for those of you who wish to take an afternoon off. Along with this, other wildlife wonder on to the land, so you may be able to spot them while sitting out on your patio or while you look out of the bathroom window. Many of these include different types of deer, jungle cat, leopard and even a tiger sometimes. The birding just around the camp can take up half of your day. Oh and one of the features on our lodge is a beautiful ancient Banyan tree surrounded by large rocks, making a great place for a Sundowner after an adventurous drive in the park.

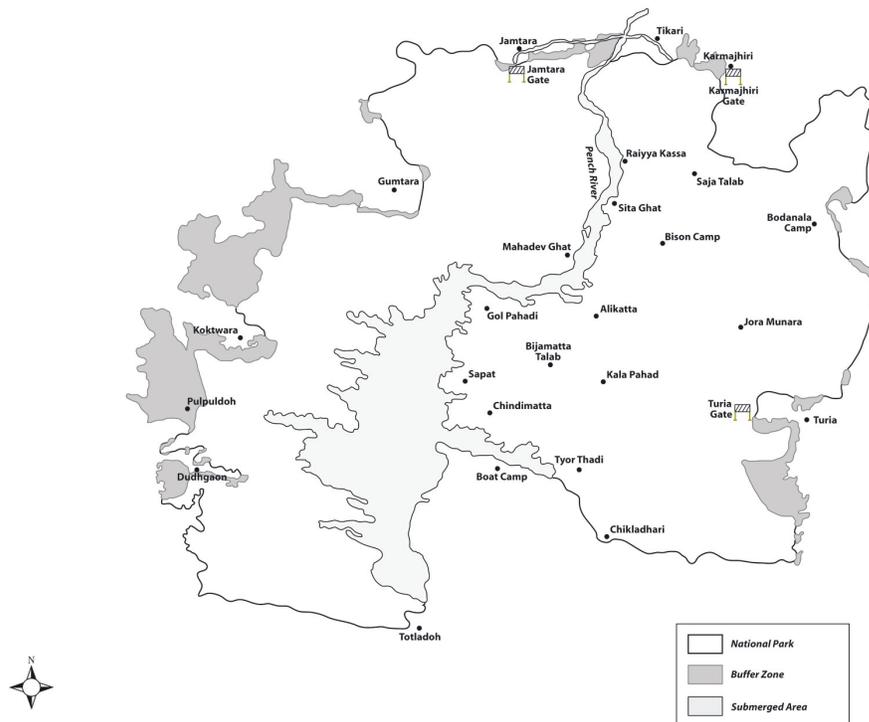
Since we have chosen such a beautiful village to house our lodge in, a visit to Jamtara Lodge would not be complete without visiting Jamtara Village. This village is quite special to us, from its people to the different activities that took place while our set up took place. Being so remote from any major city, the rural villages that surround us use minimal means of transportation, electronics and machines, truly transporting you back in time. Their features are farming and growing corn, wheat, sugarcane, etc. The site and the drive during the harvesting of corn is quite photographic. With almost no power or machinery, the villagers manually clean the corn of all its grass and husks and lay them out in the sun on the road to be dried and to allow for the carts (and the very few cars that drive by) to flatten so they can turn these into mats. The corns on the cob are hung to dry separately in front of each house. After the drying process takes place (many days later), the kernels are plucked and then pounded to make flour.

When it's not corn season the village is farming many other vegetables and beans for their daily use. And at the end of the season before the Monsoon, it's time to make jaggery. After the corn has been picked, sugar cane is then grown and by the April – May, the canes are chopped and made into unrefined sugar. The process of making jaggery is a

communal effort, and uses huge cooking pots (20 feet circumference), a photographic opportunity.

Now another added touch you may not find at any of the other lodges, are our **star beds**. I hate to say this but, true to the British getaway lodges many of the Britisher's favourite past time was probably some sport of hunting. The die-harders set up beds on top of trees to spot bigger game at night so the animal had no chance. Well we are taking this to the next level and now we are not shooting for animals, but we are shooting for the stars. Our star bed concept will allow you to experience the night in a whole new way. With comfort in mind we have set up beds (with very basic bathroom amenities), high up on stilts so you can either have your fill of star gazing or keep a look out for wildlife. Each couple will be given sky scout's (star readers) that allow them to point to a constellation and find out which constellation it is and learn about it.

Once again, helping the villagers around us, the star beds are set up on one of the villagers farm land and a large percentage of the proceeds of renting star beds will be passed on to the villager. These star beds are upon request during booking and depending on availability and for one out of the 3 nights you will be staying with us. We suggest spending the last night of your stay with us at the Star beds. There will be a guard present below and in the morning when you are ready to be taken back to the main lodge, the guard will escort you back so you can properly freshen up.



## Fact File

### *Getting there -*

#### By Air

From Jabalpur- a four hour drive.

From Nagpur - a four hour drive.

From Seoni Airstrip 1 hour drive. – Private charters only.

#### By Train

From Jabalpur- a four hour drive.

From Chindwara- a 1.5 hour drive.

If you wish to drive, please consult us for directions.

The lodge is happy to arrange transfers on prior arrangement

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