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Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrive Nagpur, Introduction to Pench National Park

Your group will assemble at Nagpur's Airport, before transferring through forested rural India through Teak forests, farm lands and market towns. On arrival check into the Lodge and settle down in your Tree houses or luxurious Cottages. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. You can go on a nature walk with lodge naturalist or just relax by the pool. At dinner time we will gather with our naturalists and learn a bit about the park and its wildlife before enjoying a great dinner.

Relax: Free time before dinner

Eat: Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Pench Treehouse Resort

Day 2 - Game Drives in Pench National Park

Today we will enjoy two forays into the forests of Pench National Park in search of tigers, leopards and sloth bears. Our first will be before dawn breaks and includes a picnic breakfast inside the park. We return to the lodge for lunch and getting our bikes fitted for the rides to come. Then mid-afternoon we will head back into the park for wildlife viewing until just after sunset.

Safari: Game drives

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Pench Treehouse Resort

Day 3 - Cycle to the Pench River, visit weekly tribal market

After some early morning coffee & tea we set off for a ride to Pench River and back. This is our first day to start enjoying the endless beauty of the central India countryside. The ride is through national park forest, farm land and villages. Our local riding guide / naturalist will take you to the best spots while sharing the stories from local village and cultural life. You cycle through the forest spotting langurs (monkeys), peacocks and passing by small streams. You'll enjoy picnic breakfast and lunch before reaching a weekly tribal market. Back at the lodge we will help pick organic vegetables from the lodge's garden then learn to cook some traditional dishes over open fires for dinner under the stars.

Ride: 35 mi / 56 km, Land: flat & small hills

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Pench Treehouse Resort



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Day 4 - Exclusive cycling through Rukhad Wildlife Sanctuary

After an early breakfast we drive (30 minutes) to Rukhad Wildlife Sanctuary in the very forests of Seoni mentioned about in the Jungle book. We will have special permission to explore the sanctuary this morning and its surrounding forest in the afternoon by cycles. We will be accompanied by local park guide. Rukhad is the start point of the Pench / Kanha Forest Corridor that is critical for survival of Tigers. We will cycle slowly and learn about tracks and signs of animals. We be out of the sanctuary in time for lunch at Sakata Forest Rest House, a 1904 colonial bungalow. We will have access to western style toilets here. We finish our ride at Kurai and drive back 45 minutes to the lodge.

Ride: 31 mi / 50 km, Land: flat & small hills

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Pench Treehouse Resort

Day 5 - Cycling wildlife corridor, visiting ethnic tribal villages

After breakfast transfer a bit towards the famous Kanha National Park (2 hours), then back on the bikes to explore another part of the corridor forest. The route drops in and out agricultural valley, flanked by forested hills and inhabited mainly by Gond tribal hamlets. Absolutely no tourism exists here, and local customs and practices remain prevalent. The Gonds, as a community still live a close-to-nature life including agriculture and pastoral activity. The religion of all Gond peoples centers in the cult of clan and village deities, together with ancestor worship. We visit a Gond home during our ride and interact with the family and drink Chai (cup of tea). Our goal for the night is a luxurious tented camp.

Ride: 401 mi / 64 km, Land: flat & small hills

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Bagh Villa Resort

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Day 6 - Meeting Baiga village elders and cycling tall trees

Today's ride takes us closer to Kanha National Park, through towering Sal trees and past Baiga Tribal villages. We will stop to learn more about the Gond and Baiga at the Tribal Museum in Baherakhar village. The Baiga have been the forest-dwelling aboriginals from central India who claim to be harbingers of the human race and history in India. They always believed that they were the chosen few who were hand-crafted by the God Himself and hence were the kings and rulers of the whole earth. We also visit some Baiga hamlets and meet the tribal elders before reaching our lodge at Kanha National Park.

Ride: 35 mi / 56 km, Land: flat & small hills

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Kanha Earth Lodge

Day 7 - Rural cycling, tribal markets

Relaxed ride today, we explore the beautiful forests of Kisli dominated by tall sal trees. We will be cycling on forest tracks today used by local villages. We follow the Banjar River up stream visit tribal hamlets, markets. We will cycle partly off road following a walking trail used by villagers. Picnic lunch in the forest. Return to lodge by late afternoon. On Wednesday afternoons a very large tribal market takes place in the Kathai village in this route. We will stop for some local tea and samosa today and also visit a local high school where local students have been given cycles to encourage them to attend school. Learn about Kanha NP from our naturalists at dinner.

Ride: 24 mi / 40 km, Land: flat

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Kanha Earth Lodge

Day 8 - Game drives in Kanha National Park

You will enjoy two full days of game drives in Kanha National Park, setting off before sunrise each day and then returning for afternoon game viewing until sunset.

Safari: Game drive

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Kanha Earth Lodge



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Day 9 - Game drives in Kanha National Park

Kanha is a large park and is divided into four main zones. – Kanha, Kisli, Sarhi and Mukki. During our stay we will try and visit all these zones. The Kanha Tiger Reserve is prime tiger land... the epitome of Kipling country with sal forests of sunlight and shadows, a myriad streams, rolling meadows and all the wildlife imaginable. Home to one of the world's most endangered deer - the Hardground Barasingha - this amazing National Park helped pioneer the advent of scientific conservation management in India. It is justifiably held out as one of Project Tiger's star success stories. Virtually everyone who visits Kanha comes away moved by its diversity.

Safari: Game drive

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Kanha Earth Lodge

Day 10 - Game drive, then homeward bound

As our adventure in Madhya Pradesh winds down, we will enjoy one last game drive through Pench National Park, one last chance to bag the Big 3 of India, tiger, leopard, sloth bear. We bid each other a fond farewell at Nagpur Airport in the afternoon.

Travel: Shuttle to airport

Eat: Breakfast

Scheduled Dates You Can Join:

You can find the most up to date information on available departures and book your spots on the tour's webpage linked below. Lets Travel!

<https://pedalers.travel/india-bicycle-tours-tiger-viewing.htm>

Private Dates For Your Gang:

Any Pedalers tour can be made private at your request. If you don't see the date you want, we'll create one for you. A tip from our local experts, this tour is limited to the dry winter season from October through March, when temperatures are suitable for cycling.



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Why Pedalers?

Experience the Heart and Soul of Each Country with Our Local Expert Team

Our passionate and diverse team of local experts will guide you through their homeland, sharing intimate knowledge and hidden wonders. They are not just guides but also skilled bike mechanics, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable ride. Unlike other tour companies, Pedalers' local crew brings an insider's perspective to the table. You'll be pampered by a friendly team, equipped with the skills to fix anything. A sweep rider and sag wagon provide support, and your baggage travels comfortably with you. Pedalers treats you like family, making your journey unforgettable.

Indulge in Mouthwatering Local Delights on a Culinary Adventure

Unlock the essence of culture through food as we take you on a culinary extravaganza. Bond with fellow riders over scrumptious dishes at local restaurants specializing in regional cuisine. Family-style dining lets you sample outstanding dishes, carefully chosen by our expert guides. Lunch is satisfying but not overwhelming, and breakfast offers comforting Western delights. Pedalers knows the importance of good food for cyclists, creating a mouthwatering experience that combines riding and dining.

Immerse Yourself in Authentic Accommodations, Where Culture Meets Comfort

Discover the charm of our handpicked accommodations. Pedalers takes a unique approach to accommodations, ensuring an authentic and immersive experience. Choose between Classic and Première Classe tours, each offering carefully selected lodging options. Classic tours feature mid-priced boutique inns that blend comfort with local character, while Première Classe tours add a touch of luxury to your adventure with upscale lodges and inns. Regardless of your choice, Pedalers' accommodations reflect the local culture, providing a delightful and comfortable stay that complements your journey.

Lodging:

Boutique Hotels & Luxury Tented Camp



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What's Included:

- Expert local bilingual guides
- Daily breakfast, lunch, snacks*
- Dinners featuring fine local cuisine*
- Handpicked lodges, ensuite rooms, double occupancy
- Wildlife sightseeing vehicles
- Local naturalists during wildlife viewing
- Support van with drinks, snacks and lifts
- Free use of bicycles
- Airport pick up and drop off
- Entrance fees

Meeting & Flights:

Your group will meet in Nagpur, India (NAG).

Fly into Nagpur (NAG) before 10 am on Day 1

Fly out of Nagpur (NAG) after 5 pm on Day 10

Some flight schedules will require overnighting in Delhi or Mumbai in both directions. Contact us if you would like to plan some activities for these stopovers.

For assistance with flights contact our friends at Exito Travel: help.pedalers.travel/flights.htm

Route Conditions:

Mix of flat and small hill cycling, along dirt roads, tracks and some paved roads. Quiet village roads with little or no traffic.



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Passport, Visa and Travel Documents:

Passports and visas are required for all guests unless you are a citizen of or currently residing in India. US and Canadian citizens as well as citizens of most other countries can apply for an eVisa online: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>. We strongly recommend looking into this well in advance of your tour, so as to be prepared and not left standing at the gate.

Pedalers does not provide any visa processing services for tour guests.