

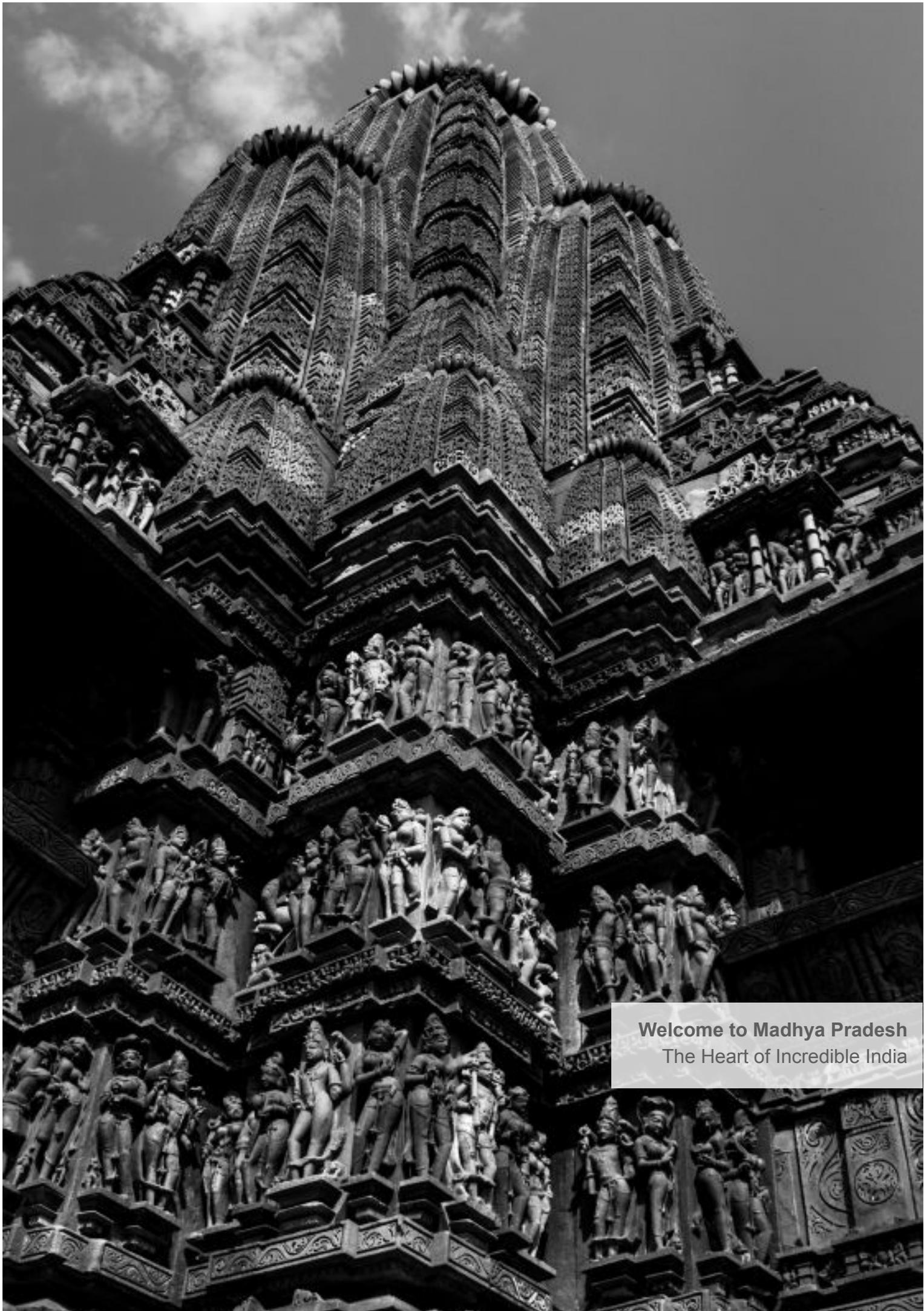
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MADHYA PRADESH

Meaning “central region” in native Hindi, Madhya Pradesh is an insular seat of India’s rich religious, artistic, and even prehistoric past. Ancient temples – featuring some of the world’s most breathtaking stone carvings – stand alongside other major historical sites sure to pique the interest of history buffs, photo enthusiasts, and general sightseers alike.

IT ALL STARTS WITH NAMASTE

Much of remote and uninhabited Madhya Pradesh, is covered in dense forest where tigers reside in the verdant National Parks, whose very grasslands, savannahs and forests inspired Kipling’s ‘Jungle Book’. This is the very heart of India.

It is liberally dotted with carved temples, stupas, forts and hilltop palaces. This large state is home to a trio Unesco World Heritage sites and over half of it’s covered in lush forest; Bandhavgarh and Kanha national parks, on the state’s eastern end, are noted Bengal tiger sanctuaries, so hop on a safari tour for a chance to spy big cats of the stripey variety. After an adrenaline-charged day in nature, meander around riverside town Maheshwar – this popular pilgrimage site is prime temple territory and is packed with places of worship, including the impressive Kaleshwara and Rajarajeshwara temples.

This archetypal Kipling country is teeming with wildlife, including the elusive Bengal Tiger, Leopard, wild boar, sloth bear, wild dog, monkey and many varieties of deer. The dramatic diversity of bird life is also prevalent here, from colourful peacocks and kingfishers to the mighty eagles and menacing vultures.



Jehan Numa Palace, Bhopal

For the believers of class, this is one of the most elegant luxury resorts in Madhya Pradesh, located in the capital city, Bhopal. Experience world-class luxuries with Nawabi hospitality in this 19th-century royal residence sitting atop Shamlia Hill.

Every corner of Jehan Numa Palace boasts intact charm of the rich heritage of Bhopal with modern luxuries and amenities. The perfect hilltop location, away from the urban hubbub and the relaxing atmosphere of the resort makes it stand apart from other resorts in Madhya Pradesh.

The architectural brilliance of the palace is praiseworthy. Besides, this resort is also a great choice for the lovers of food.

Noor Us Sabah Palace, Bhopal

If you desire to make a palace your home for a couple of nights, Noor Us Sabah will meet your desires with its royal treatment and vintage charm. Built in the 1920s, this palace is spread over an area of 18 acres and overlooks the well-known Bhopal Lake.

The perfect location of this resort with flawless natural beauty all around it will add an emotion of serenity to your stay experience here. Apart from its beautiful intricate architecture, the wide range of amenities and world-class services of the resort make it one of the best resorts in Madhya Pradesh.



Taj Usha Kiran Palace, Gwalior

Taj Usha Kiran Palace is one of the best luxury resorts in Madhya Pradesh, located in the culturally rich city of Gwalior. This palace, built in 1880 by HH Maharaja Jayaji Rao Scindia, offers a perfect fusion of heritage and luxuries.

Spread across an area of 9 acres, this regal palace exhibits the royalness of Maratha Dynasty through its grandeur and captivating architecture. Spacious rooms ornamented with beautiful interiors and laced with all the comforts and facilities one can imagine making a stay experience at Taj Usha Kiran Palace a must while you are in Madhya Pradesh.



Amar Mahal, Orchha

A stay at Amar Mahal is an opportunity to surround yourself with the rich cultural heritage of Madhya Pradesh. A popular choice among tourists, Amar Mahal is one of the topmost resorts in Madhya Pradesh owing to its outstanding facilities coupled with an authentic cultural experience.

Interesting paintings and architecture adorn the walls of this gorgeous palace resort. The panoramic views of the surrounding lush green hills and prominent historical monuments make this heritage resort an ideal stay option for a perfect holiday plan.



Neemrana's Deo Bagh, Gwalior

Nature and heritage come together to make Deo Bagh in Gwalior one of the most popular luxury resorts in Madhya Pradesh. Wearing an air of tranquility, this heritage resort is the best choice to spend some peaceful quality time at, leaving the bustle of urban life behind.

The construction of this historical premise, which now serves as a unique heritage resort, dates back to the 17th century. The old-fashioned architecture of this resort creates nostalgia. The resort features 15 lavish rooms and world-class luxuries with the culture and the history filling its aura.

Ahilya Fort, Maheshwar

Perched above Narmada River, this fort, built over 250 years ago by Queen Ahilya, is easily one of the best luxury resorts in Madhya Pradesh. The resort serves a perfect combination of the sophistication of the bygone era and tranquility.

Owing to its riverside setting, the fort offers many vantage points, and there are rooms with balconies where you can soothe your soul with awe-inspiring views of the sacred river. Whether it is about the amenities it offers or the food it serves, the resort hotel guarantees excellence.





Jhira Bagh Palace, Dhar

Located in the middle of lush greenery, this royal palace was built in 1865 by Maharaja Anand Rao Puar III. Apart from its tranquil aura that will refresh your mind, the brilliant architecture and interiors of this palace are fascinating.

The hospitality and excellent facilities of this resort make it hold a spot among the best heritage resorts in Madhya Pradesh. For a comfortable stay experience in its lavish rooms laced with modern amenities and luxuries of the earlier decades, Jhira Bagh Palace welcomes you with the treasure of its glorious history.

Raj Mahal, Orchha

Madhya Pradesh houses a wide range of heritage resorts to add grace to your vacations.

Surrounded by acres of thick vegetation, Raj Mahal is among the best luxury resorts in Madhya Pradesh, that has set a benchmark for other resorts to follow.

Fine Persian architecture, lush green gardens, lavish rooms, and top-notch hospitality – all these factors come together to make Raj Mahal the best place in Orchha to experience a perfect combination of cultural heritage and luxuries. Comfortable rooms adorned with old-style furniture at Raj Mahal ensure a delightful stay experience.



Denwa Backwater Escape, Satpura

Experience the rich natural heritage of Madhya Pradesh with a luxurious accommodation at Denwa Backwater Escape Resort. Offering mesmerizing river views, Denwa Backwater Escape is the best resort for an exquisite holiday experience.

Located by a dam built on Denwa River, this luxury resort provides top-notch facilities and world-class amenities coupled with an air of tranquility. The resort offers splendid views of Denwa River, Pachmarhi Hills and the lush green forests that will take you by awe. Most importantly, Satpura National Park is just a boat ride away from this resort.



The Lalit Temple View, Khajuraho

Located at a distance of 500 meters from the renowned Khajuraho Temples, The Lalit Temple View offers excellence in services, in rooms, in amenities, and in dining. Complete your holiday experience with a stay at this resort, built elegantly with a touch of historical architecture.

The Lalit Temple View offers a wide range of amenities to exalt your holiday fun. Scenic vistas of garden and temples can be enjoyed from its spacious and comfortable rooms and suites. Another great factor that makes this hotel stand apart is the sound and light show organized here every morning.



Radisson Blu, Khajuraho

Situated within five kilometers of the Civil Aerodrome Khajuraho airport (HJR), Radisson Jass Khajuraho is an ideal place to stay with family or friends while visiting area attractions like Raneh Waterfall. Our hotel lies less than two kilometers from many historic Hindu and Jain temples, including the Western Group of Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Panna National Park, famous for its tigers and the impressive Pandav Falls, is less than an hour away.

After an exciting Jeep safari through the national park, schedule a pampering massage or a beauty treatment at our on-site Temple Spa. You can also sunbathe with your group by our scenic outdoor pool or take the kids to watch a puppet show in the recreation area.

Ken River Lodge, Panna NP

Soak in the jungle vibes of Panna National Park and the scenic vistas of Ken River at Ken River Lodge which easily finds a spot among the most popular Madhya Pradesh Resorts. Occupying 50 acres of the sprawling forest, this wildlife resort features 6 ethnic styled air-conditioned huts and 5 family cottages laced with modern facilities and comforts.

Besides, a 3000 sq. ft. restaurant overlooking the serene Ken River is a major factor behind the popularity of this resort. A stay at this resort, enveloped in wilderness, is the best way to quench your hunger for an authentic jungle fun.





Taj Pashan Garh, Panna NP

Located on the edge of the stunning Panna National Park, home to tigers, sloth bears, and over 200 species of birds, Pashan Garh provides the perfect escape for the nature enthusiast. A cluster of stone cottages perched on a hill overlooking Panna National Park, Pashan Garh is a luxurious safari lodge that offers guests magnificent views of the jungle.

Wake to the sound of birds singing in the lush jungle surrounding your cottage, and step out on your private terrace to watch the nearby water hole for wildlife. Take a dip in the infinity pool to cool off in the heat of the day.

Taj Mahua Kothi, Bandhavgarh

At India's Mahua Kothi, authentic cuisine, elegant accommodations, and stunning safaris make for an unforgettable experience. Nestled deep within India's beautiful Bandhavgarh National Park, The Mahua Kothi safari lodge seamlessly blends the rustic landscape with the comforts of home.

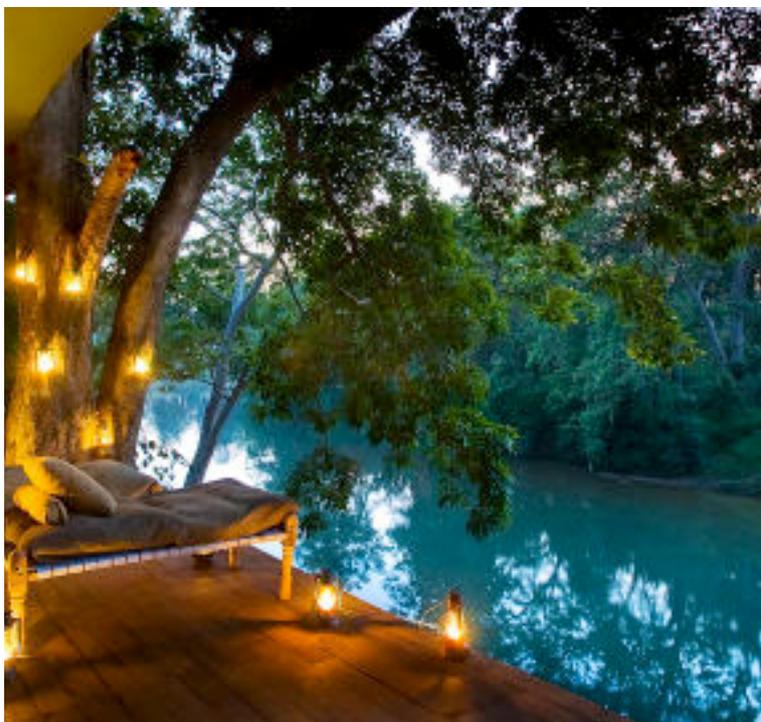
In addition to the main lodge, there are 12 separate, air-conditioned "kutiyas," or jungle huts, ensuring an intimate and comfortable stay for every guest. The communal areas are equally inviting: watch cooks prepare traditional meals in the open kitchen, dine on the roof-top patio, have a picnic under a Mahua butter tree, or star-gaze on the veranda at night.



Taj Banjar Tola, Kanha NP

Banjar Tola, India, is part luxury safari resort, part jungle paradise. Wake up in one of the riverside suites, then hop aboard an elephant for an early morning tiger safari.

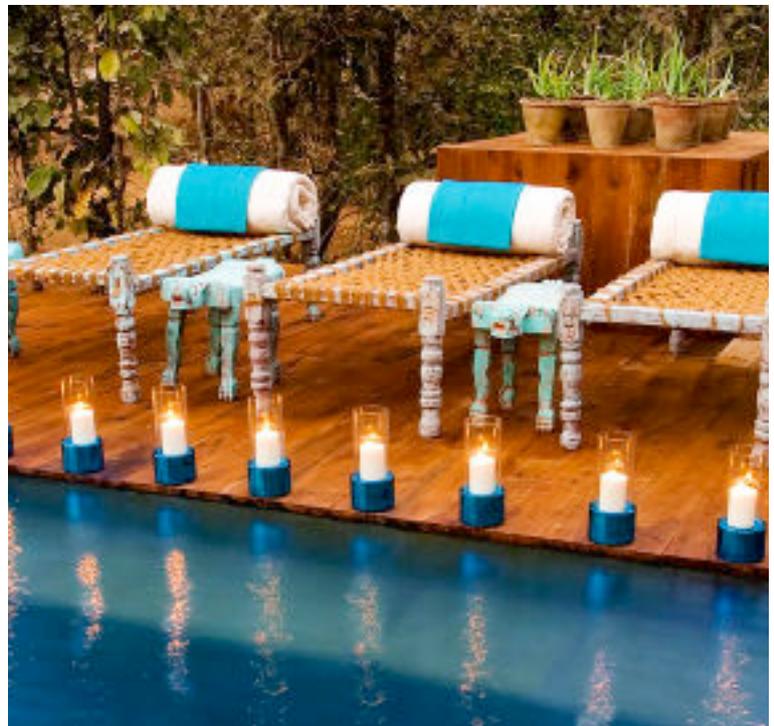
You may feel like an 17th century explorer when you first arrive at Banjar Tola. Exotic birds holler and sing in the jungle canopy overhead, while the green ribbon of the Banjar River slips silently by the luxury camp. Like the remnants of a lost civilization, flowing walls and roofs peek out from behind trees and hilltops. But if history serves, explorers were rarely woken up each morning with fresh fruit juice and coffee delivered to their suite.



Taj Baghvan, Pench NP

Surrounded by the teak forests and jungle streams of Pench National Park, Baghvan offers days of adventure on the prowl for tigers, and nights of bliss in one of 12 luxurious suites.

The luxury safari resort of Baghvan is an exotic blend of luxury and adventure. Early mornings on the safari in search of leopards, wild dogs, and tigers blend into languid afternoons relaxing by the pool. And throughout it all, your bungalow offers a private retreat with an air-conditioned bedroom, private deck, and a covered. The calls of parakeets float above the forest as your 4x4 approaches Baghvan. The smell of cardamom and curry meets your nose as you arrive at the resort, where dinner is being prepared in the open kitchen.



Samode Sagari Lodge, Bandhavgarh NP

If Mowgli had a trust fund, he might have designed a hotel like Samode Safari Lodge: a flock of private villas set in wild Bandhavgarh National Park, where tigers roam and David Attenborough recently filmed *Dynasties*. Inspired by local villages, the hotel's wood-and-mud dwellings harmonise with their forest-and-prairie surroundings; there's also a relaxed, cosy lodge building, where mealtimes take place and a well-stocked library awaits. Winding pathways and bridges connect the huts, the pool and the main house; get deliberately lost in the wild gardens, where head-high grasses dance in the breeze.

Singinawa Jungle Lodge, Kanha

Singinawa is known for its top notch hospitality services. From your time of arrival till the time you leave, expect only exclusive services.

The bungalows and cottages are exquisitely designed to suit the unique requirements of its visitors; with large bedrooms, private verandas, en-suite bathrooms (double vanities & rain showers), mini bars and air conditioning.

Bask in the blue waters of the pool within the property as you watch the local birds singing hymns of nature.





Jamtara Wilderness Camp, Pench

The history of Jamtara Wilderness Camp is closely intertwined with the contemporary tiger conservation movement in India dating back to the 1960s when Kailash Sankhala raised an alarm about the shocking scale of tiger hunting that was driving this great cat to extinction. He was chosen by Shrimati Indira Gandhi, to head Project Tiger initiative in 1973, right after he had led the country's first Tiger census.

Jamtara Wilderness Camp is a 10 luxury tented camp in the heart of rural Pench. Surrounded by tall Arjuna Trees and an ancient Banyan rooted on a dry riverbed, each tent overlooks the forest which sets the perfect background to this jungle experience.

Sarai at Toria, Panna NP

Sarai at Toria is located on the western bank of the Ken river and is close to the UNESCO World Heritage Site Khajuraho and the Panna National Park. Khajuraho (30 minutes from Sarai at Toria) is home to several Hindu and Jain temples and were built when the Chandela dynasty ruled this region. The temples are adorned with intricately adorned statues that reflect the ideals of Hinduism and are a major attraction. The deciduous forest of Panna National Park is spread just over 540 square kilometres, home to a diverse wildlife, and the Madla entrance is just about 2 km from Sarai at Toria.



Kipling Camp, Kanha NP

KIPLING CAMP is the perfect destination for those who wish to relax in idyllic surrounds and explore the remote forests and villages of central India. Established in 1982 by a family of conservationists on the edge of Kanha National Park, it is one of the finest wildlife camps in India with attention given to every detail.

Over the years, the Camp has moved gently with the times, without spoiling its magical atmosphere.

Reni Pani Jungle Lodge, Satpura

Reni Pani Jungle Lodge is an exquisitely designed conservation and wildlife-focused lodge located close to the Satpura National Park, the largest tiger reserve in Madhya Pradesh. Our resort near Bhopal is just 150 km (a 3.5-hr drive) from the city, the ideal spot for those who love the canvas of green and blue, making it one of the best resorts near Pachmarhi.

This exquisitely designed conservation and wildlife-focused Satpura resort is defined by the high benchmarks in service and quality set by the Jehan Numa Group. Your personal butler takes care of your needs and will arrive at your cottage to escort you to dinner and guide you in the dark.



Kanha Earth Lodge, Kanha NP

Kanha Earth Lodge is spread in 16 acres of natural forest, tucked away in a small hamlet bordering Kanha's buffer zone.

Its unique location, 30 minutes from the Khatia/Kisli park gate, ensures that it is close enough for easy access to the park, but still far enough from the glut of hotels lining Kanha's tourist hub to offer guests a true wilderness experience.

The 12 luxury bungalows with large open verandahs have been inspired by Gond tribal architecture and offer environmentally sensitive, low-impact accommodation through ...



Kings Lodge, Bandhavgarh NP

Surrounded by Sal forested hills on all side; Kings Lodge features a swimming pool with a sundeck and meeting and banqueting space. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the property.

Each cottage features a large balcony with views of the forest. The air-conditioned room comes with an electric kettle, desk and sofa. Private bathroom includes a bathtub, hairdryer, free toiletries and shower. Kings is located 10-minute drive from Bandhavgarh National Park while the Tala Bus Station is 1.9 mi away. The city of Umaria is located 21 mi away and the city of Katni is 59 mi away. The Jabalpur Airport is 118 mi away.





Indore Marriott Hotel, Indore

Indore Marriott Hotel welcomes travelers to India with luxury amenities, 5-star accommodations and a central location in Indore.

Enjoy a seamless mobile check-in process before settling into your well-appointed guest room or suite, all of which feature complimentary Wi-Fi, plush bedding and floor-to-ceiling windows. Stay connected with the latest technology and relish in details like Belgian floors and Italian marble bathrooms.

Awaken refreshed and take advantage of our curated 5-star amenities, including a variety of dining destinations, a modern spa with fitness centre and an outdoor pool.

Radisson Blu Hotel, Indore

Located in the serene neighborhood of Vijay Nagar, the Radisson Blu Hotel Indore promises an unforgettable stay with unparalleled service from our attentive staff. Our hotel's convenient location places you within five miles (eight kilometers) of the city center and less than 12 miles (19 kilometers) from Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport (IDR), making arrivals and departures a breeze. Visiting Indore to meet with clients? We're close to several local business parks, and, thanks to our proximity to AB Road and National Highway 52, the industrial towns of Dewas and Pithampur are an easy drive away.



Sheraton Grand Palace, Indore

Experience this beautiful hotel in Indore, India, located on acres of lush, striking gardens. Sheraton Grand Palace Indore is near the business and commercial centers of the city, including both the airport and railway station. Host a meeting in Madhya Pradesh's largest city in our state-of-the-art conference and meeting venues, which offer more than 41,000 square feet of total space. Our hotel also features a stunning, outdoor lawn area, making it perfect for large weddings and social functions.

Kathiwada Raaj Mahal

Kathiwada is an erstwhile principality dating back to 1434. The Raaj Mahal is the centerpiece of Kathiwada Estates and was formerly a royal hunting lodge commissioned by Rana Onkarsinhji in 1895. This fully renovated plush mansion sits on 120 acres of privately owned farm land which is surrounded by the Vindhya range of hills offering delightful visuals in every direction.

Modern interiors are finely tuned to meet the aesthetic sense of forgone royalty with each room having its own unique identity. Our 11 room property studded with ancient memorabilia, photographs and modern art is a treat for the discerning guest.



Radisson Hotel, Gwalior

Located in the center of Gwalior's corporate district, Radisson Gwalior provides a perfect home base for business and leisure travelers. Make your visit memorable when you tour the temples and palaces at Gwalior Fort, less than seven kilometers from the hotel, or take the three-kilometer drive to the DB Mall to shop.

If you're in town for meetings in Malanpur, you'll find businesses like SBI and HDFC Bank nearby and the city's industrial hub about 25 kilometers from the hotel. We are 25 minutes from Gwalior Airport (GWL) and 10 minutes from the railway station.

Welcom Heritage Golf View

For the most exciting experience "GolfView Heritage Hill Resort" offers their guest: pure extravaganza, relaxation and an out of this world experience, being the part of the Satpura forest range Pachmarhi is a magnificent view. You don't just enjoy your holiday with us, you take home memories that you will cherish for a lifetime!!

A place where you will find peace in each detail. Pachmarhi a perfect destination for your summer getaway and holiday, for tourist in and around Madhya Pradesh! Invested with multitude blessings from nature, the place remains an ideal vacationing idyll throughout the year.







Bhopal - The Capital

Adorned by beautiful lakes, Bhopal is a city with a striking landscape. Towards the north, you'll be welcomed by the old city that encompasses fascinating mosques, serpentine alleys, amazing food corners and buzzing chowks.

On the other side of the upper lake is new Bhopal. Modern, with wide roads, shopping complexes, plush hotels and restaurants. Both contrast flanks are well-connected and offer something for every taste!

Ruled By Begums for 100 Years!

Bhopal also known as the 'City of Royals' has a long, important history. Between 1819 and 1926, it was ruled by the generation of Begums for over 100 years, who gave the city its waterworks, railways, a postal system, and a municipality.

EXPLORE

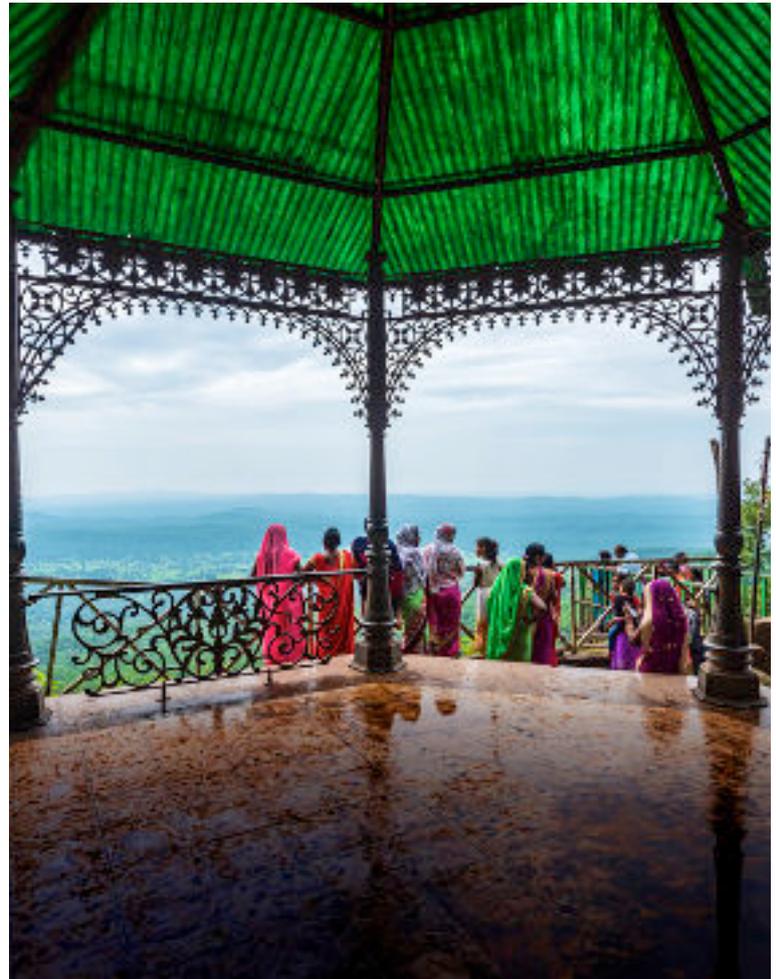


Divine Amarkantak

Situated at an altitude of 1000 m, Amarkantak is a well frequented Hindu pilgrimage center that is popularly known as "Teerthraj" - "the king of pilgrimages".

The Amarkantak region has a rich natural heritage. It is the meeting point of the Vindhya and the Satpura Ranges, with the Maikal Hills being the fulcrum. Three rivers - the holy Narmada, the Sone and the Johila - emerge here.

The forests surrounding Amarkantak have a rich variety of plants with medicinal properties, which make it extremely significant from an ecological point of view.



Royal Bandhavgarh

Bandhavgarh is a place of mythological and legendary significance. The ancient Bandhavgarh Fort is of great importance as it is believed to have been gifted by Lord Rama to his younger brother Lakshmana. "Bandhav" in English means brother and "Garh" means fort. Hence the name, Bandhavgarh. Bandhavgarh dates back to 2000 years ago and you will find several man made caves with inscriptions and rock paintings.

Bandhavgarh is also the land of tigers. This is the place to visit if you want to spot the big cat. India's top dwelling for tigers, Bandhavgarh National Park has the highest density of Royal Bengal tigers in the world. The sight of the majestic tiger, up close and personal, is said to trigger a sense of awe in you, of the kinds you would have only experienced in your childhood.



Breathtaking Bhedaghat

It is a mesmerising experience to witness the marble rocks adjoining the graceful Narmada River in Bhedaghat, Jabalpur. These soaring white rocks, are known to magically change shapes as you sail along the river. Treat yourself with a boat ride on a moonlit night at the marble rocks when it shines like silver. The boatman regales you with a witty description based on his imagination and explains about vicinity in the most creative way.

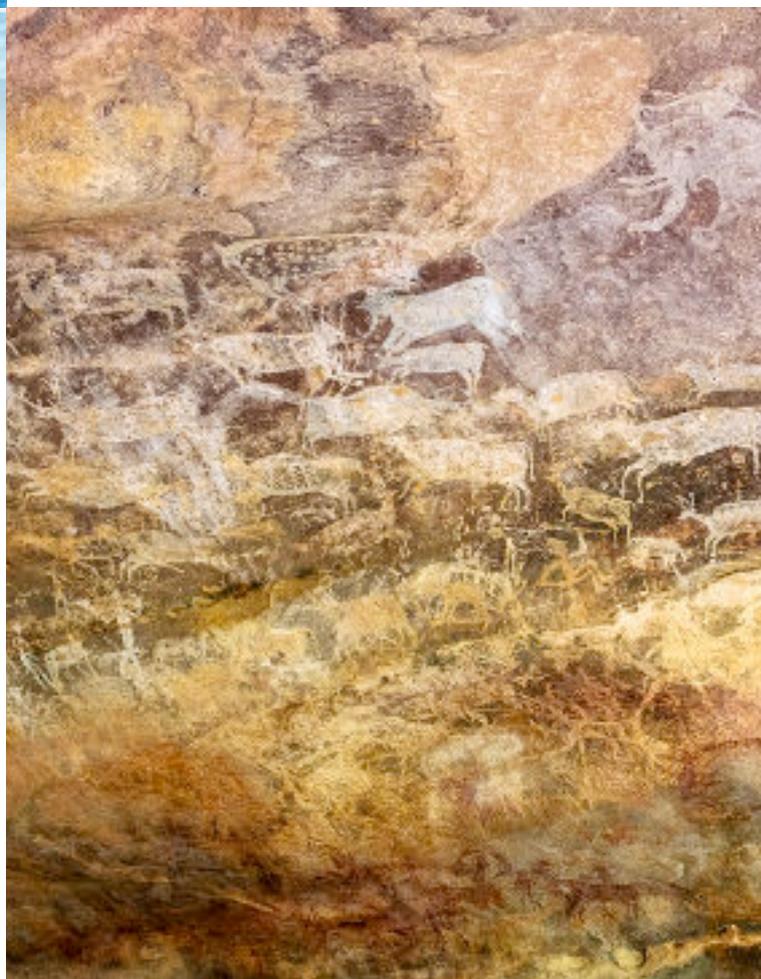
The tranquil Narmada flows through high marble rocks and at a short distance, sited the remarkable spectacle of nature; Dhuandhar falls. The waterfall has been named so because of the smoky appearance of the water falling off the cliff with utmost force. The best time to visit the falls is during the monsoon when Dhuandhar lives up to its name and creates a mass of mist. The waterfall flows with such power that its roar is heard from a far distance. While these marvels of nature flaunt their beauty, the magnificent 10th-century Chaunsath Yogini Temple in the same town of Bhedaghat dedicated to the goddess Durga will take you back in time with its unmatched artistry.

Amazing Bhimbetka

Cave paintings dating back to approximately 30,000 years. Rock shelters that were home to humans, millennia ago. And a rich flora and fauna surrounding these, indeed, make Bhimbetka a gift to us from our earliest ancestors. The Bhimbetka Rock Shelter has the oldest-known rock art in India, as well as is one of the largest prehistoric complexes to be seen.

An archaeological treasure, Bhimbetka has around 243 rock shelters and have earned the honour of UNESCO World Heritage Site. The paintings found in the rock shelters here have a striking resemblance to the ones discovered in Kakadu National Park in Australia; to the cave paintings of Bushmen in Kalahari Desert and Upper Palaeolithic Lascaux cave paintings in France.

A walkthrough these ancient naturally carved rocks surrounded by dense forests of Bhimbetka will bring alive child-like wonder in you.

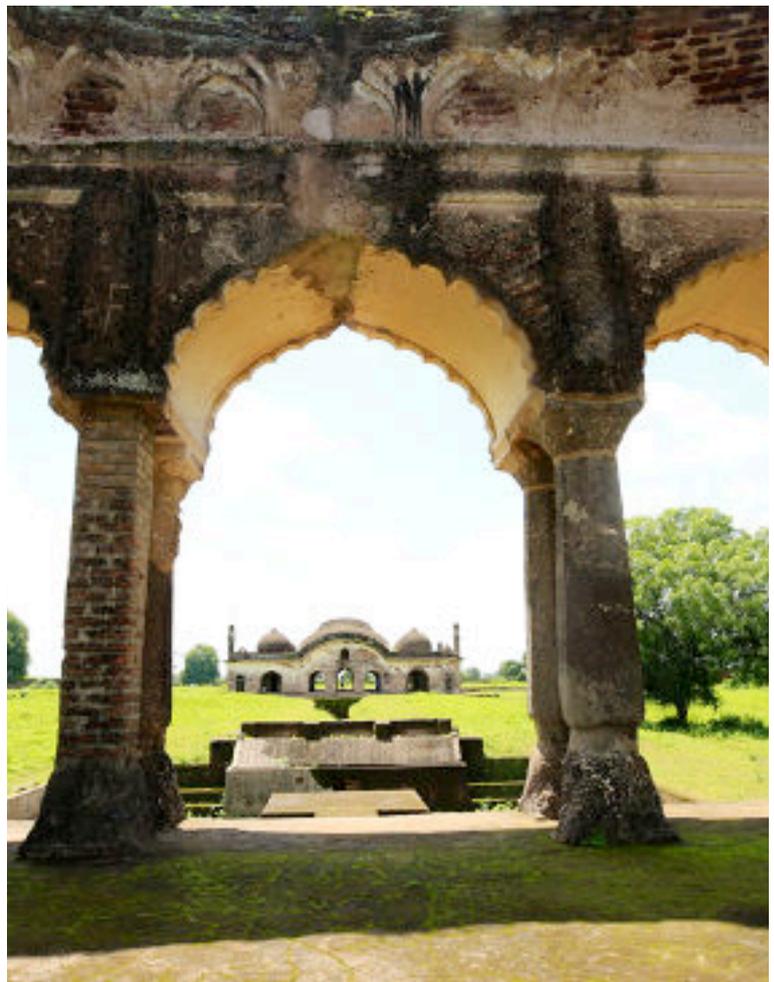


Revered Burhanpur

Founded in 1400 AD on the bank of the Tapti River, the historical city of Burhanpur was once the capital of the Mughal Kingdom. An important outpost of the Mughals, Burhanpur was known as the gateway to southern India for its strategic location.

Ruled by Shah Jahan for a very long period, it is one of the most beautiful symbols of Mughal architecture and Mughal grandeur.

The magnificent mosques, tombs and palaces give you a sense of what Mughal life at its peak was like. Burhanpur's glorious and rich past will leave you fascinated and engrossed, just like a child.



Begum's Bhopal

Steeped in rich history and an intriguing past, Bhopal, the capital city of Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, is a true paradise for historians, archaeologists, art & architecture patrons and off-course, curious travellers. Dotted with ancient monuments, historical palaces, religious shrines and numerous museums that speak out the tales of bygone times, the place tops the list of tourist destinations in Central India.

While needless to say, the city is a treasure trove of historical and archaeological sites, there are many recreational activities and things to do for even casual holiday seekers.



Beauty of Chanderi

In existence since the 11th century, Chanderi is blessed with scenic beauty in and around it.

While picturesque hills, lakes and forts sit surrounding it, the exquisite hand-woven Chanderi sarees adorn this historic town.

These sarees are adored around the globe for the artistry behind their creation. The elegance of this matchless intricate art of embellishing silk and cotton fabric with zari weaving resides in harmony with the towering forts and palaces. It is a beautiful contrast rare to be found anywhere else.

The town of Chanderi, with its regal radiance, will leave you spellbound, and often, feeling like the royalty, you used to playact as a child.

Palatial Datia

An astonishing confluence of Mughal and Rajput architecture, the 7 storeyed Datia Palace stands tall in the historic city of Datia. While its exterior is adorned with arches, chhatris and oriel windows, the Bundela paintings beautify the interior.

Mentioned as Daityavakra in Mahabharata, the city of Datia is blessed with history as well as divinity. Numerous temples, some even dating back to pre-historic times, give this city its second name - 'Laghu Vrindavan' or 'Small Vrindavan'. On the other hand, the Pitambara Peeth in Datia is a Shakti Peeth. A visit here will be an enlightening experience. The temple is always thronged by a large number of devotees, especially during Navratri. Some other temples to visit here are Bagulamukhi Devi temple, Dhumawati Mai and Vankhadeshwar temple.

The city of Datia might be nicknamed 'Small Vrindavan' but it holds stories, countless and ancient, that very few libraries can. Stories that take you back in time, and to the childhood moments of wonder.

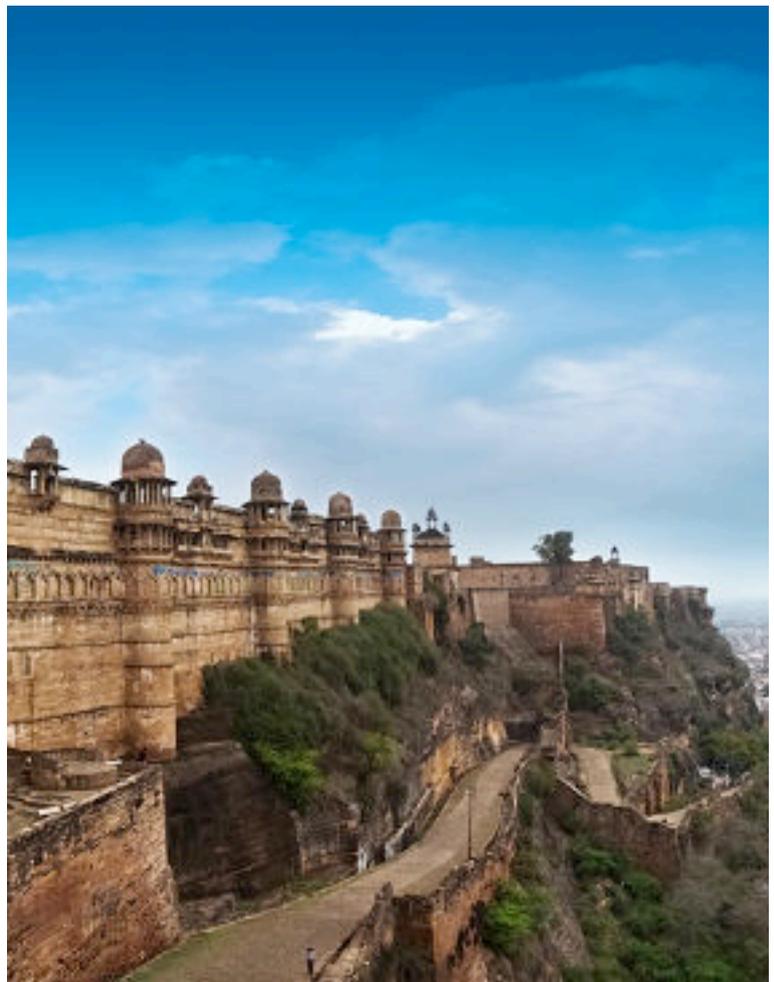


Melodic Gwalior

Gwalior is best known for its imposing hilltop fort, which was famously described as 'The pearl amongst fortresses in India'. Historically, the city has been the cradle of a number of dynasties that ruled it over the years. Their influence is clearly seen in the many regal structures that dominate the cityscape. In a sense, Gwalior continues to retain a medieval majesty.

Gwalior holds an unparalleled reputation in Sangeet, and has retained Indian traditions and the wealth of music intact over the years. The Gwalior Gharana is one of the oldest Khayal Gharanas and the one to which most classical Indian musicians can trace the origin of their style. Legendary musicians like Tansen and Baiju Bawara belonged to Gwalior.

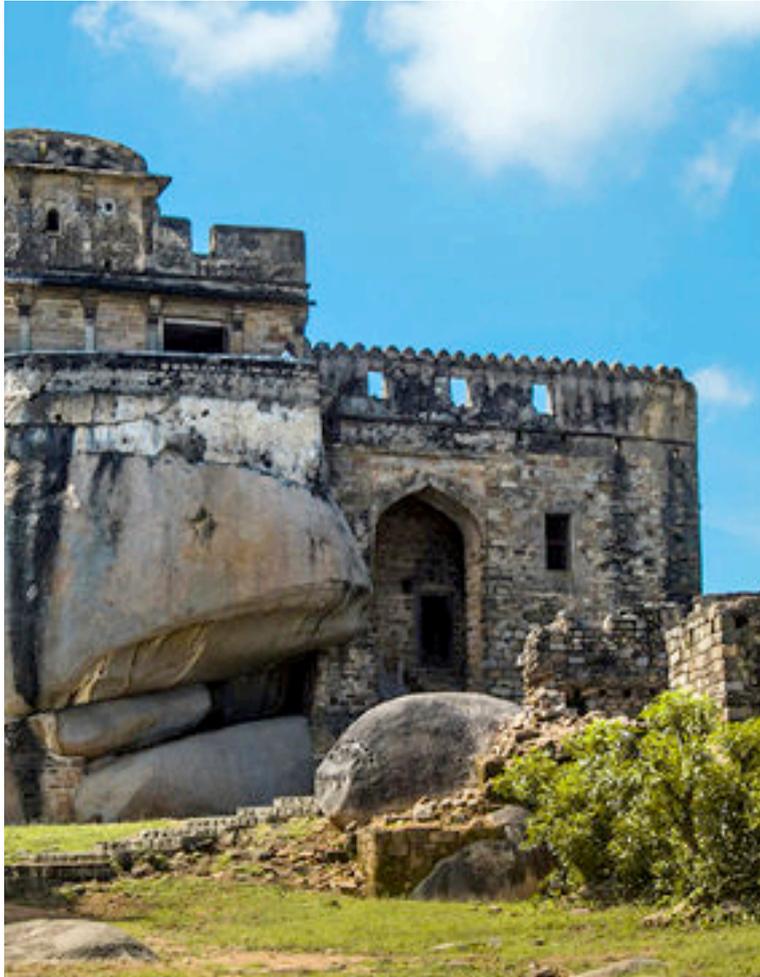
Gwalior also has a rich history in sports, with the wizard of Hockey, Dhyan Chand, belonging to the city.



Yummy Indore

A trading hub between the Deccan and Delhi in the 16th century, the city of Indore was discovered by Rao Nandlal Chaudhary. Later, Rani Ahilya Bai Holkar, with her keen interest in education and planning, built the largest city in the state of Madhya Pradesh. Indore, being ranked as 'the cleanest city in India' for the fifth consecutive year has reserved its place in the first 20 cities to be developed as smart cities as well. The metropolitan yet traditional vibe of Indore attracts tourists for fabulous places to visit and fantastic food to taste.

Today, Indore has numerous places to visit from a spectacle of majestic palaces co-existing with commercial centers. The birth-land of The Indore Gharana of Hindustani Classical Music has a rich history of the architectural marvel from the Maratha era that allures the visitors. Indore is home to spectacular The Kanch Mandir, which is made entirely of glass and mirrors, luxurious Lal Bagh Palace and Royal Rajwada. Tourists can also visit the exotic natural wonders such as Gulawat Lotus Valley, Choral Ghat and Patalpani in the outskirts of the city.



Funfair of Jabalpur

When you are on a trip to this beautiful marble city, there are plenty of things to do and explore the points of interests to make the most out of your vacation here.

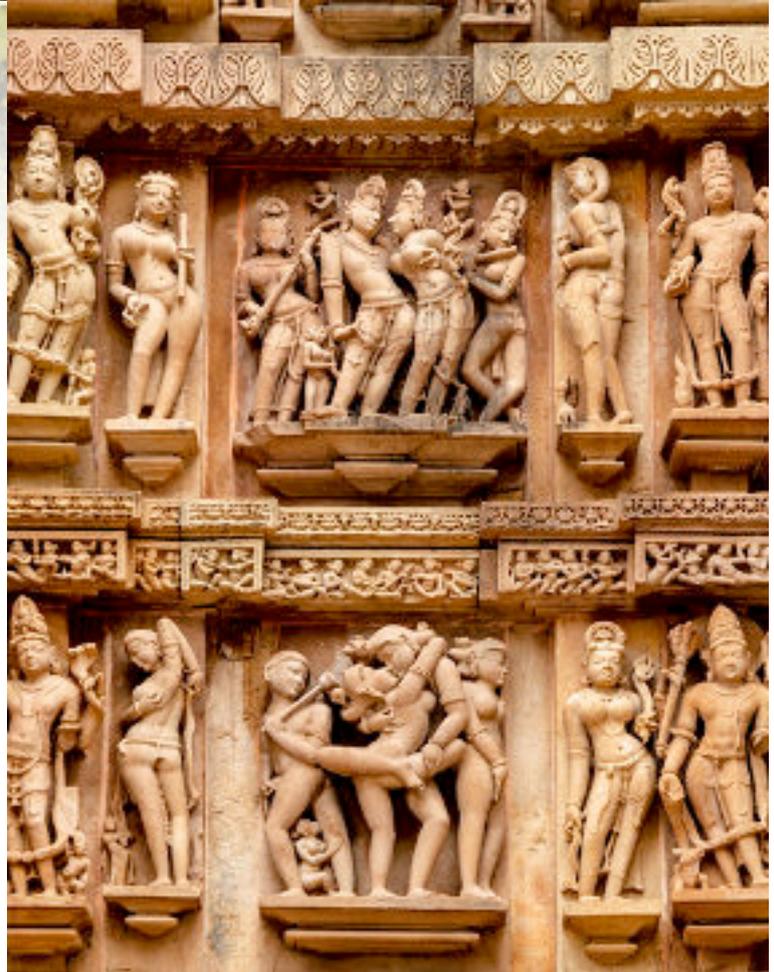
Right from experiencing the surreal beauty of marble rocks, to enjoying the natural beauty at Dhuandhar waterfalls or attend the auspicious aarti at Gwarighat in the evening, you will have get to spend a holiday worth remembering.

Jabalpur also embraces its travellers with historic points of interests. To name a few, you can visit the famous balancing rock, Rani Durgavati fort, Rani Durgavati museum etc. Don't forget to visit Kachnar city where around 76 feet tall Lord Shiva statue is a sight to behold.

Graceful Khajuraho

Khajuraho is one of the most popular tourist spots in Madhya Pradesh. It is famous for its ancient temples that depict some of the finest art in the world. Built between 950-1050 AD by the Chandela Dynasty, these temples depict various forms like meditation, spiritual teachings, kinship, wrestling, royalty and most significantly, erotic art. The temples consist of stunning displays of fine sculptures and exceptional architectural skill, making them one of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India. Based on their geographical location, the temples are categorised into three groups: Eastern, Western and Southern. Beautiful, intricate and expressive, the sculptures of the Khajuraho temples will leave you in awe and wonder.

Do plan a trip to Khajuraho around February when you will also be able to witness Khajuraho Dance Festival. This grand cultural extravaganza is a stunning blend of art and architecture. One gets to experience a wonderful symphony of mesmerizing classical dance performances being performed by renowned artists across the nation.

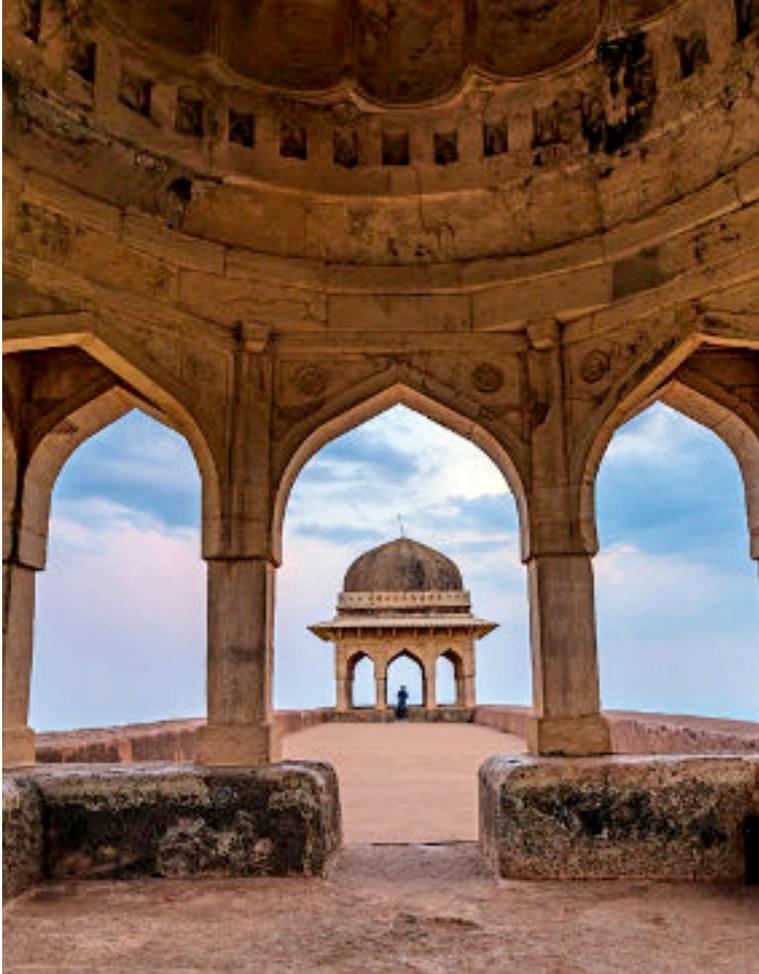
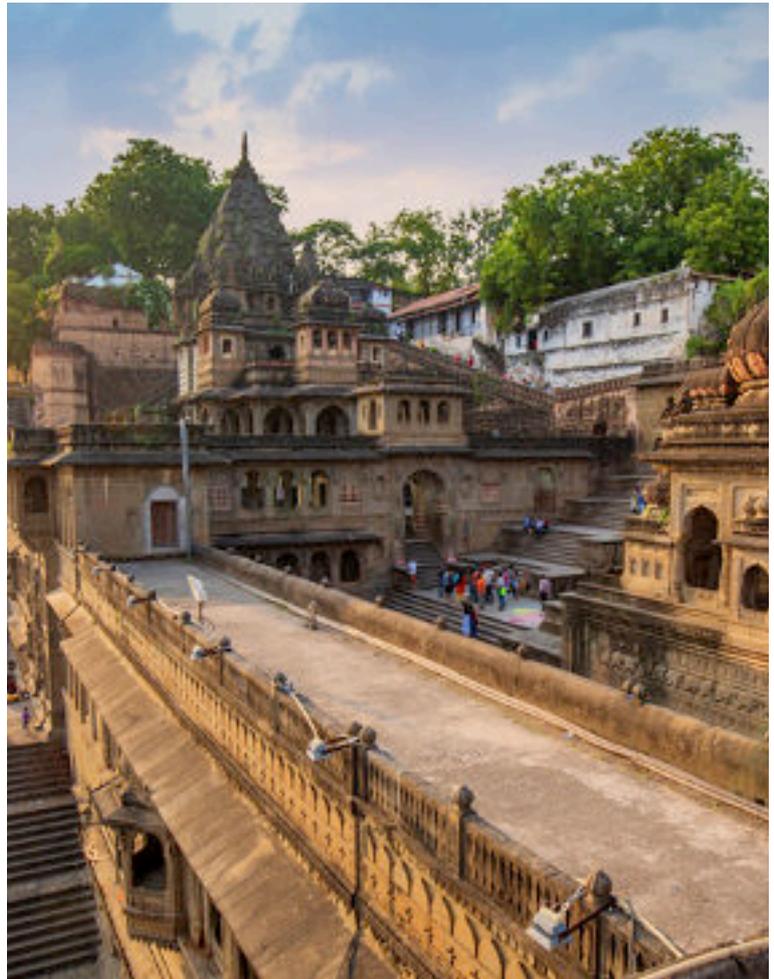


Magnificent Maheshwar

Situated on the banks of river Narmada, Maheshwar appeals to both, the pilgrim as well as the tourist in you. The town possesses a treasure trove of beautiful temples that calm the soul, alongside man-made creations that please the eyes.

A centre of handloom weaving since the 5th century, Maheshwar has been producing the exquisite Maheshwari sarees and fabric. The town also holds the distinction of being the capital of Rajmata Ahilya Devi Holkar's empire during the 18th century.

This historic town weaves spirituality and folklore with the beauty of nature and Maheshwari sarees, bringing alive child-like awe in you.



Magical Mandu

Mandu mesmerizes you for all the right reasons. It is indeed one magical destination mostly preferred to be visited during Monsoon. However when you set out on a journey to a destination as beautiful as Mandu, you tend to fall in love with its scenic beauty. This city is full of heritage sites like Rani Roopmati Pavilion, Hoshang Shah's tomb, Baz Bahadur Palace that makes it one of the popular tourist attractions in Madhya Pradesh.

Floating over its own reflection, the Jahaz Mahal in Mandu looks like a ship that's about to sail. However, for centuries this ship made of stone and mortar never did. Instead, it stood floating over the twin lakes, bearing a silent witness to Mandu's long, rich and varied history.

The city of Mandu is adorned with spell-binding Afghan architecture surrounded by baobab trees, native to Africa. The grand palaces are still alive with royal romance while the gateways (darwazas) speak of a history of imperial conquests.



Majestic Orchha

The historic town of Orchha, nestled on the banks of river Betwa, was founded in the 16th century by the Bundela Rajput Chief, Rudra Pratap.

Here, the river Betwa splits into seven channels, also called the Satdhara. Legend goes that this is in honour of the seven erstwhile Chiefs of Orchha.

The ancient town seems frozen in time, with its many monuments continuing to retain their original grandeur even to this day.

Here you will find some of the most fascinating temples and palaces that will help you realise a childhood fantasy - travsitelling back in time!

Sacred Sanchi

The town of Sanchi is synonymous with Buddhist Stupas - hemispherical structures typically containing relics of the Buddha or his followers. The Stupas of Sanchi were constructed on the orders of Emperor Ashoka to preserve and spread the Buddhist philosophy.

Sanchi has been protecting these beautiful and sacred architectural wonders, just the way these wonders have been safeguarding ancient history and art of the Mauryan period.

The numerous stupas, temples, monasteries and an Ashokan pillar have been the focus of interest and awe for global audiences as well. In fact, UNESCO has given the status of 'World Heritage Site' to the Mahastupa.

A visit to Sanchi will bring alive the awe you felt as a child as you listened to the tales of Ashoka. There are several other hidden buddha sites situated within the radius of 30km of Sanchi that offers significant Buddha teachings.

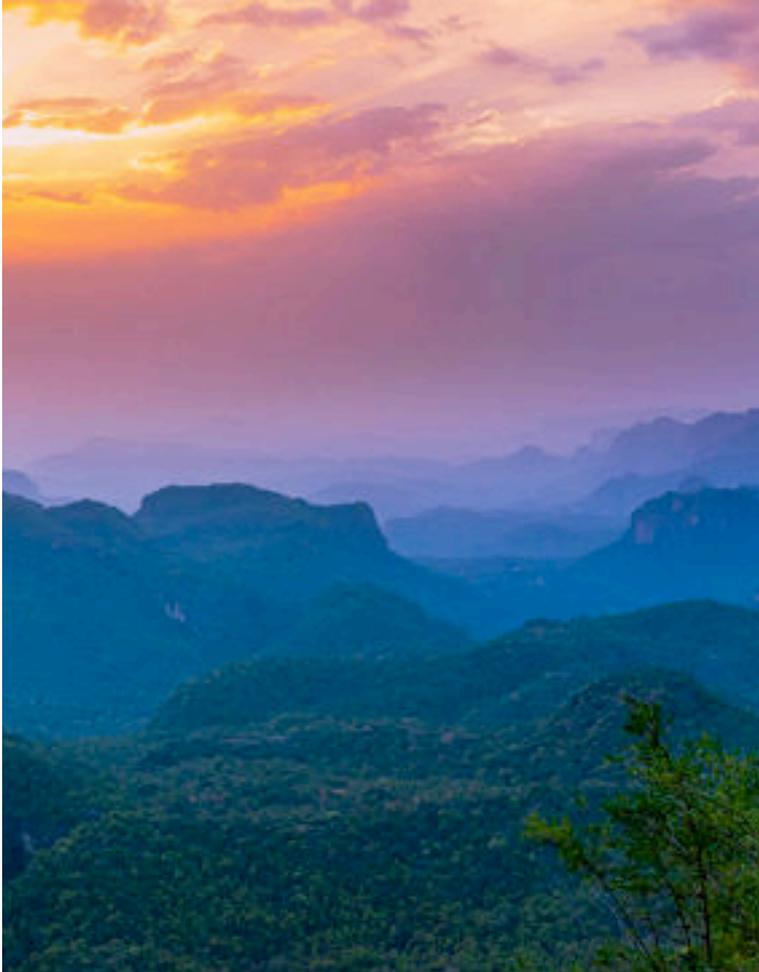
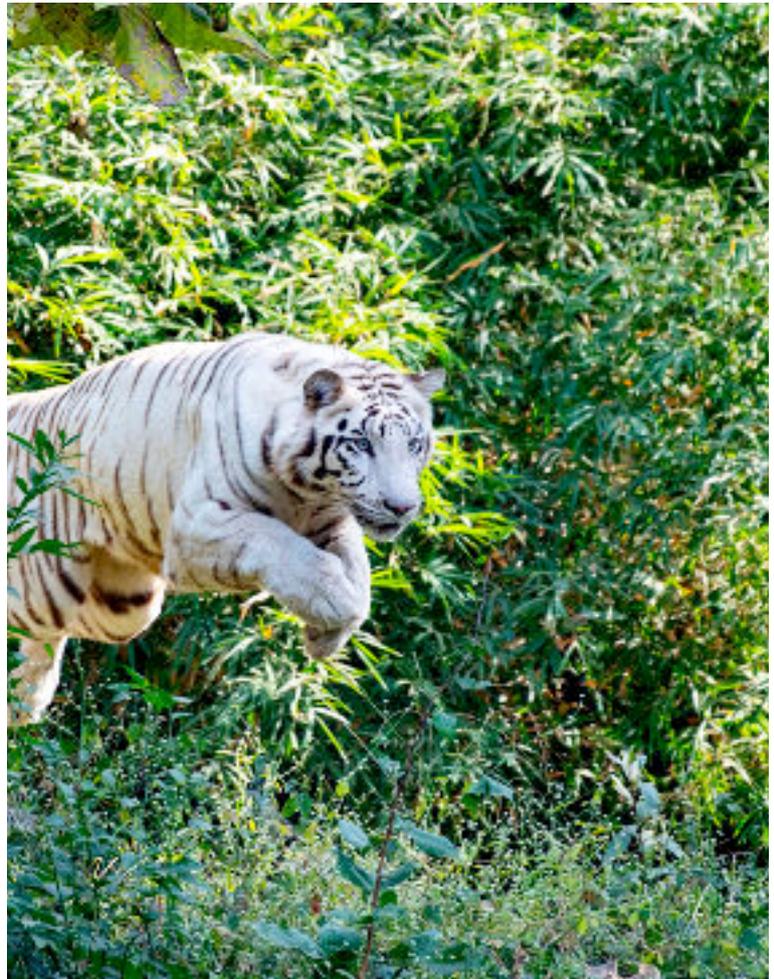


Enchanting Rewa

Blessed with natural beauty, Rewa, situated on the north-western side of Madhya Pradesh was home to Mohan - the world renowned white tiger. The lineage of the rare white tigers in India grew, thanks to the soothing climate and abundant greenery.

The town is surrounded dizzily high yet beautiful waterfalls like Keoti, Purva and Bahuti to name a few. Along with these, Rewa has kept protected our glorious history in the form of ancient monuments and carvings, like the 35 ft. reclining Bhairav Baba statue.

The white tigers, centuries old Buddhist stupas and the serene nature, Rewa promises to offer a rare spectacle; one that take you back to the thrilling moments of childhood.



Serene Pachmarhi

Situated at a mounting height, Pachmarhi, popularly known as 'Satpura ki Rani' (Queen of Satpura) sits beautifully amidst the Satpura range. This attractive town was snuggled in the hills and forests until it was discovered by Captain James Forsyth in 1857. It is one of the most popular destinations in Madhya Pradesh and is a treasure trove of rich history and nature's bounty. The 'Pandavas Caves' in the town is a popular attraction which has a fascinating tale. The legend has it that these caves were built by the Pandavas who lived here along with their wife Draupadi during their exile.

Another point of interest is the stone formed JataShankar cave that resembles the hundred-headed divine snake Seshnag. As per folklore, it is where Lord Shiva had supposed to have hidden from the Demon Bhasmasur. The rocks of this sacred cave looks like the tangled hair of Lord Shiva, hence it is named Jata Shankar. From spiritual sites, gushing waterfalls to panoramic vantage points, Pachmarhi has something for everyone. Besides scenic beauty, you can enjoy adventure activities like jeep safari.



Enticing Alirajpur

In the magical land of Madhya Pradesh, Alirajpur lies in the Malwa district (western part of MP). With many tourist places, Alirajpur turns out to be a significant vacation destination for an art travel buff. Firstly, the district is famous for wood carvings which displays exquisite and beautiful craftsmanship. Since there is a significant population of the Bhils tribe in the region, it has also become the hub for Bhils for diverse kinds of trading and businesses. Bhagoria is one of the huge tribal festival celebrated by bhils and Bhilalas in Alirajpur and other regions of Madhya Pradesh.

The other appeal to visit the town is the well-known mango yard. Additionally, the 'Noor Jahan' an exceptionally uncommon assortment of mango of which few trees are surviving, are found in the region, specially Katthiwara village located approximately at a distance of one hour from Alirajpur. Alirajpur's topography is predominantly hilly and depends primarily on agricultural endeavors, especially mangoes. The agricultural trading yard in Alirajpur is the biggest when it comes to mango trading.

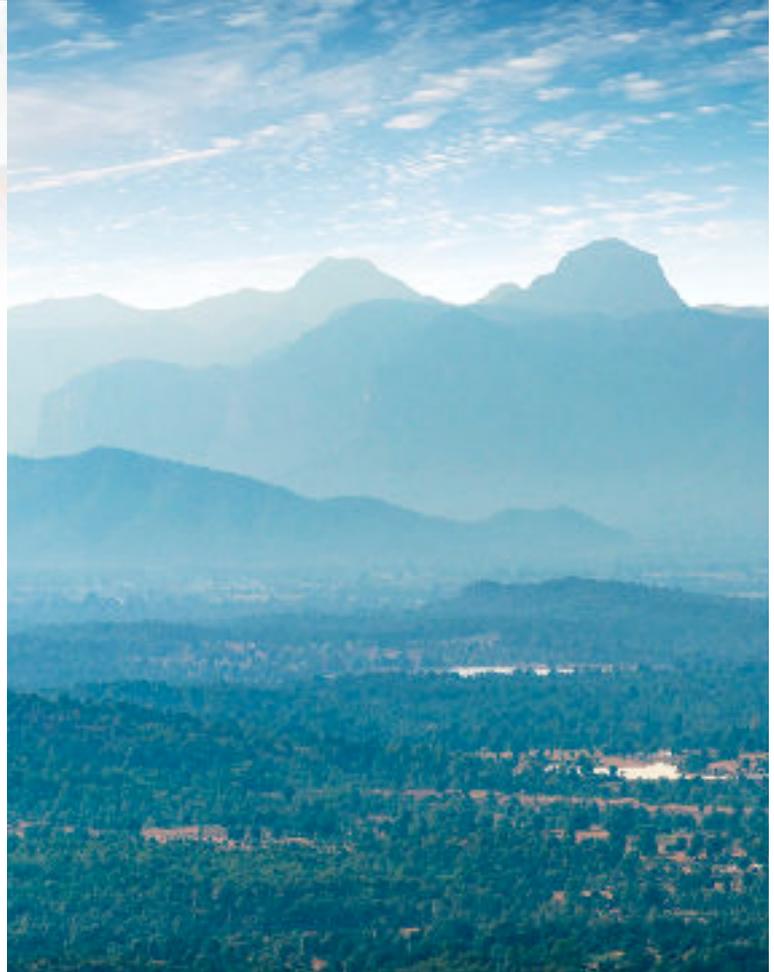
Pristine Tamia

One of the hidden treasures of Madhya Pradesh, Tamia is a picturesque forest destination that offers scenic and breath-taking views of dense forests and mountains.

Untouched and unexplored, Tamia is the perfect location to disconnect from the world and experience absolute tranquillity.

A few houses on the hill top offer panoramic views of the steep hills, vast greenery and deep valleys.

Inaccessible for a very long time, Tamia has stayed away from any form of commercialization, and makes for the perfect monsoon getaway. The experience is akin to visiting the forests depicted in your childhood books and cartoons!



Scenic Sailani Island

Situated on the bank of River Narmada and Omkareshwar Dam in Khandwa district, Sailani Island near Omkareshwar Jyotirlinga shrine offers a tranquil break to visitors with accommodations at the Sailani Island Resort. The place is spread over 5-acres of land and is surrounded by the holy Narmada water on three sides.

The secluded island is away from all the hustle and bustle of the city and is packed with natural beauty and water activities. Apart from spending some quality and peaceful time at the lavish resort, one can always try out exciting water-based recreational activities such as speed boating, skurfing, paddle boating and cruising available at the destination.

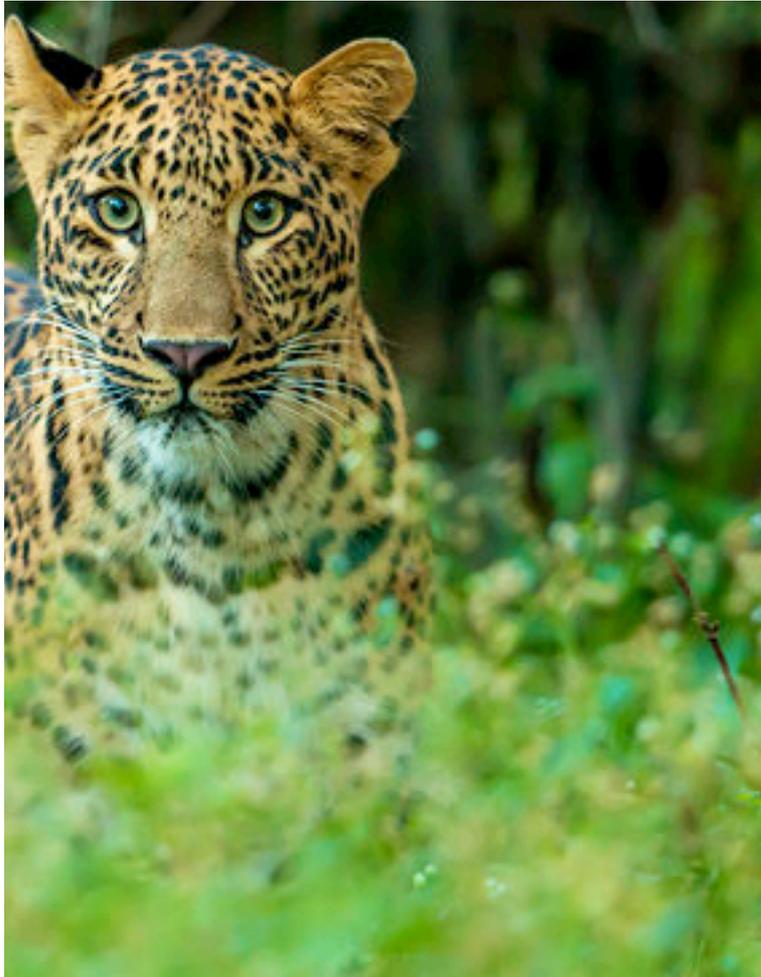
Developed on the banks of the Narmada, the atoll is the best choice to spend holidays in a soothing and rejuvenating environment! This is one of the most unique and incomparable water sports tourist destinations in Madhya Pradesh which provides a relaxing yet adventurous escape for vacationers.



Thrilling Hanuwantiya

Madhya Dweep is a group of islands in the Indira Sagar dam including Sailani islands (which is another adventure tourism destination and is under development) and Hanuwantiya which is by the bank of Indira Sagar dam. Along with abundant natural beauty, it offers a wide array of water sports during "Jal Mahostav".

Hanuwantiya also host India's only and largest water carnival, Jal Mahotsav, every year. This grand event is a paradise for adventure seekers, art enthusiasts, foodies and tired-of-the-urban-chaos people.



Dazzling Panna

While many of us are obsessed with tiger sightings, Panna National Park boasts of seven different species of vultures. This National Park is an ideal place to spot these in their natural habitat. You will also come across a variety of flora and fauna here.

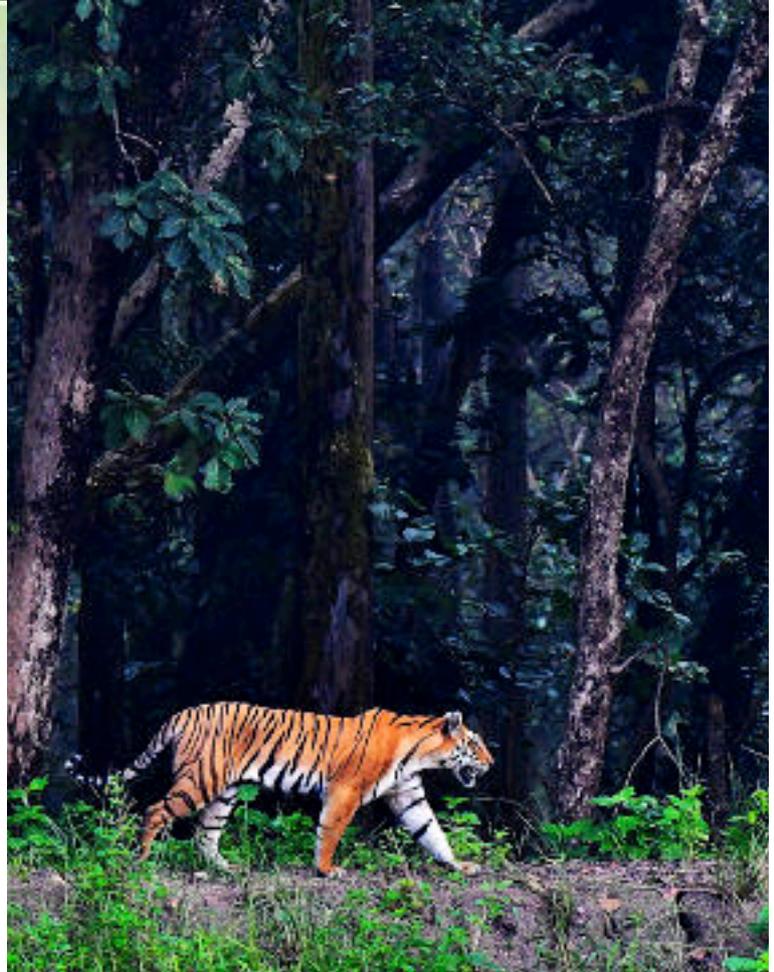
Panna has the amazing superpower to, both, calm you and thrill you! The royal past of this destination dates back to mid of 17th Century AD, when it became the capital of Maharaja Chhatrasal's kingdom.

Delightful Kanha

Spread across 940 sq.km, Kanha National Park is one of the largest parks in Madhya Pradesh where the majestic royal Bengal tigers are found in good numbers and you also get to spot Bison roaming freely in their natural habitat.

The Park is respected globally for saving the Barasingha from near extinction. No doubt, it is one of the best managed parks in Asia and a part of Project Tiger.

National Geographic's award-winning 'Land of the Tigers' was shot here, but the park is home to leopards, wild dogs, and Barasingha as well. A safari in Kanha will surely get you thrilled, the way you were on your first trip to the zoo, as a child.

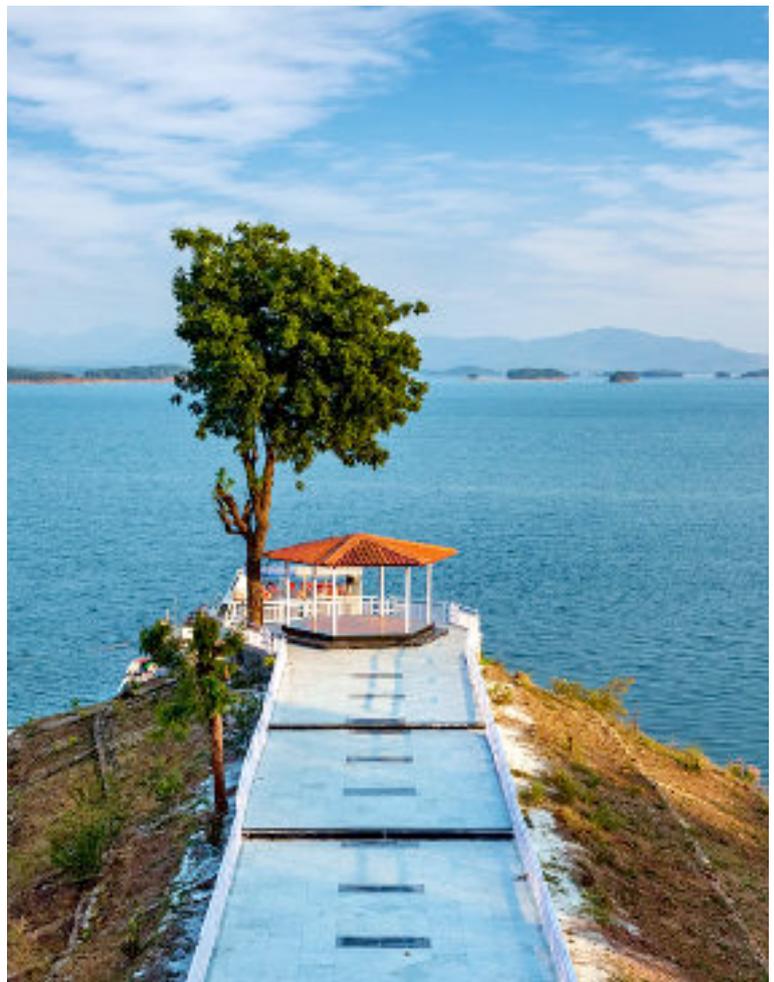


Charming Tawa Madhai

The raw wilderness and absolute tranquillity of Tawa dam and Madai reserve forest attracts tourists in good numbers. Located in the Hoshangabad district of Madhya Pradesh, these are hot spots in monsoon. This place offers a scenic escape from the hustle and bustle of city life. It is set amidst lush greenery, and offers much scope for adventure.

The scenic beauty of Tawa dam and reservoir on the Tawa river is charismatic. Sunsets viewed from the dam are especially enchanting. Even more enchanting is the lake cruise, which takes you on a serene hour-long ride along the dreamy little islands dotting the reservoir and the panoramic hills of the Satpura to Churna.

Madai is a reserved forest and an integral part of the Satpura Biosphere Project. It is located at the entrance of the most exquisite and beautiful forests in India - Satpura. It delights you with its rich wildlife, sprawling meadows, unending backwaters and spell-binding views that leave you awestruck.

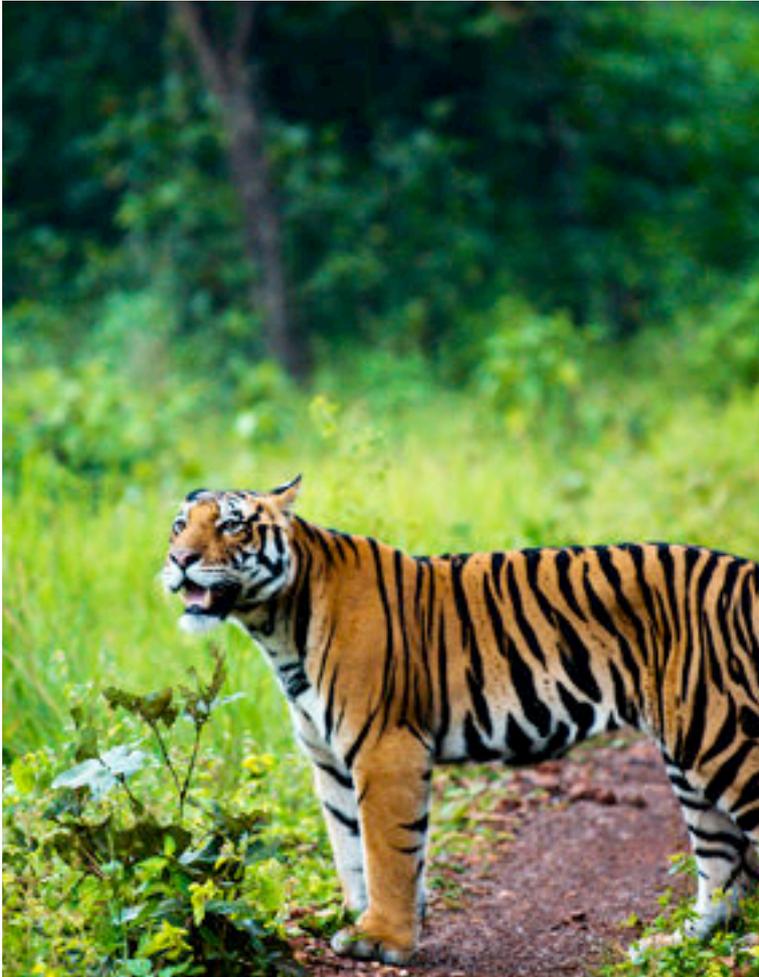


Tranquil Parsili

Away from all the hustle bustle, in the midst of scenic nature, lies the serene town of Parsili. The beautiful Banas river flowing alongside. One of the most stunning highlights of this place is the soft and moist sand bed which stretches across 4 km. Trekking barefoot on this natural carpet is an experience so calming, it will stay with you forever.

Home to many exotic and elusive species of birds, Parsili is a paradise for the bird lovers. Not only this, there is more for the wildlife enthusiasts, as the Sanjay-Dubri National Park is located at a distance of just 10 km from Parsili.

Parsili will take you closer to the beauty of nature, while taking you back to moments of child-like joy!



Untamed Pench

Tigers. Leopards. Jackals. And us humans. The Pench National Park, like it did in the iconic 'The Jungle Book', still brings humans in close contact with wildlife. Rudyard Kipling based Mowgli's adventures, and his battle with the furious Sher Khan, on this very place.

Located in the southern reaches of the Satpura Ranges, it is divided by river PENCH into nearly two equal parts. This magnificent expanse shelters over 285 resident and migratory birds.

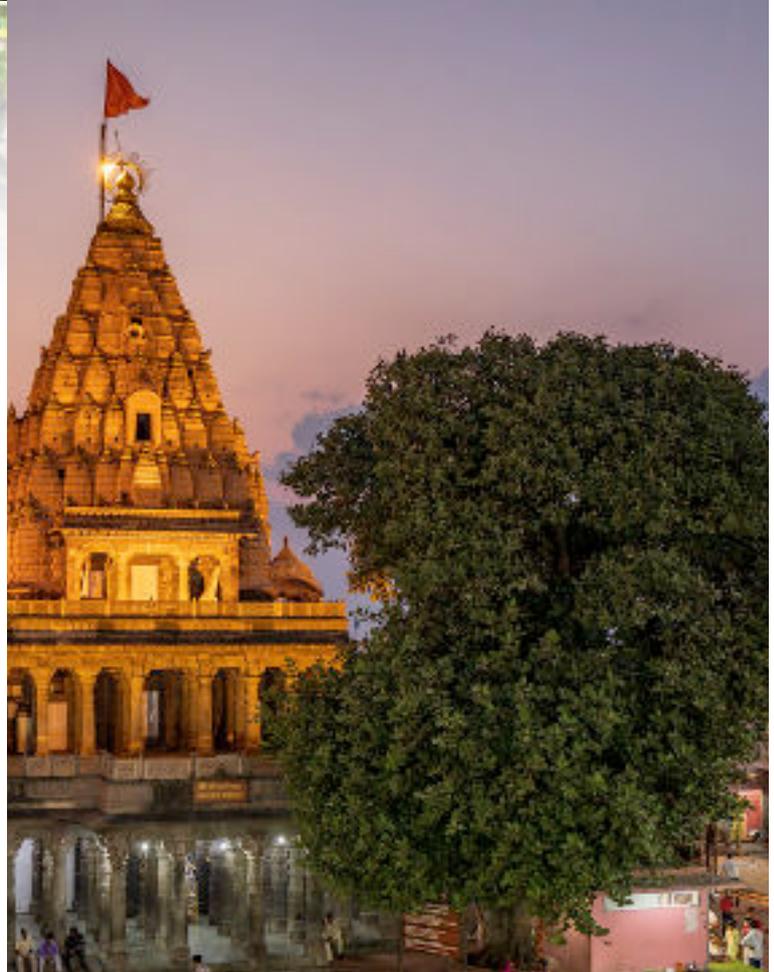
Pench National Park, with its majestic tigers and several other animals and birds, will bring back the thrill you used to have, when watching Mowgli battle Sher Khan.

Ancient City Ujjain

Ujjain is one of those divine lands in Madhya Pradesh where you not just feel the peace but also sink in the divinity that calms your soul from within.

A major attraction here is Mahakaleshwar jyotirlinga. It is one of the 12 jyotirlingams, where Bhasma Aarti a daily ritual that you must attend. In order to attend the aarti, make sure to follow the dress code if you wish to go inside the sanctum and participate in Abhishek.

Other attractions to name a few are Harsiddhi temple, Kal Bhairav temple, Shri Chintaman Ganesh. At Kal Bhairav temple you can witness a unique tradition. The temple is dedicated to Kal Bhairav and the devotees offer liquor to the deity as Prashad.

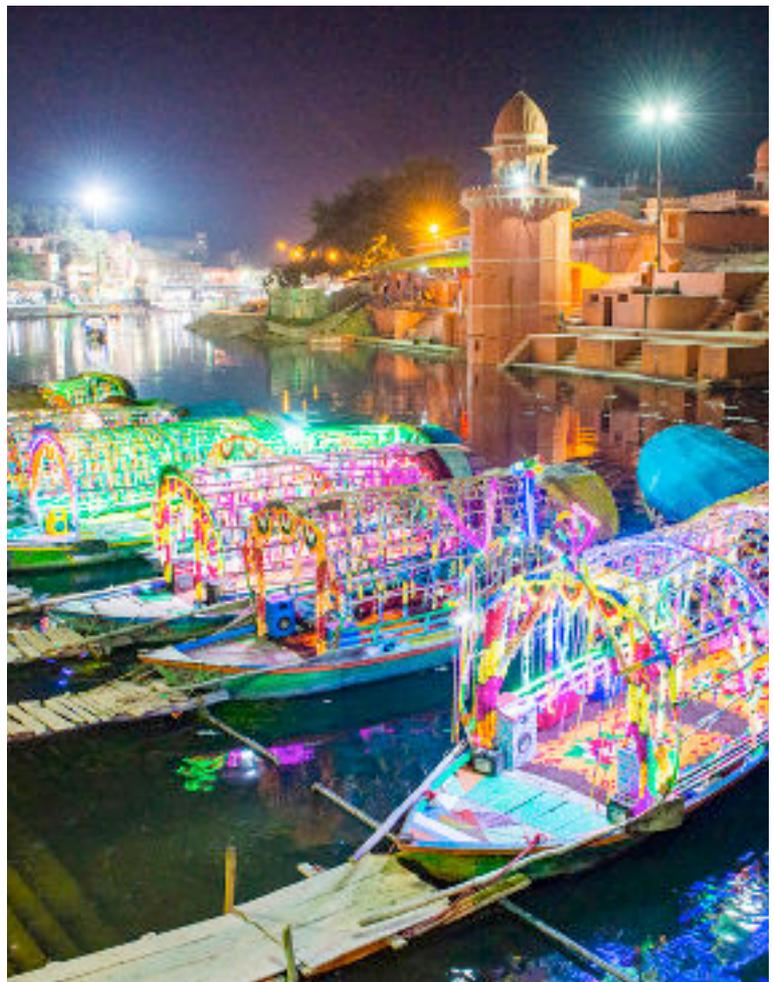


Devout Chitrakoot

Boasting a spiritual legacy that very few cities in India can match, Chitrakoot is known to be of great religious and mythological significance. It is in the deep forests of Chitrakoot that Lord Ram and Sita spent eleven of their fourteen years of exile.

A regular feature in Indian folklore, Chitrakoot dates back to the mythological times and was the meditation shrine of many legendary sages and is believed to be frequently visited by Gods and Goddesses. Known as the 'Place of Many Wonders', Chitrakoot nestles in the northern Vindhya range of mountains. The place has a unique sense of spiritual wonder that will take you back to your childhood fairy tales and fables.

In case you have planned a trip to Chitrakoot during Diwali then don't forget to witness 'Deepdaan festival' at Ram Ghat.



Goddesses Abode Maihar

After climbing 1063 steps, you will see the beautiful Maa Sharda Devi Temple, sitting atop the Trikoota hill in Maihar. Even today it is believed that the spirit of the legendary warrior Alha visits everyday to offer prayers at the temple. While the temple attracts thousands of devotees year on year, the town is also considered as one of the 51 Shakti Peeths of Goddess Parvati. The local women here contributes to the promotion of art and culture by making incense sticks from the flowers offered at Maa Sharda Devi temple.

What adds to this divinity is how Maihar got its name. The name means 'Necklace of Mother'. It is believed that when Lord Shiva was carrying Sati, her necklace fell down here. Along with its treasure of holiness, Maihar also holds the honour of producing some of the best Indian Classical musicians.

With this wide a range of offerings, Maihar will leave you amazed, like you used to be as a child.



Sublime Mandsaur

On the bank of river Shivna, sits the grand Pashupatinath Temple, in the holy and historic town of Mandsaur. The spiritual aura of the temple embraces the whole town. What also makes the town special is its treasure of archaeological sites.

Believed to be in existence since the time of Mahabharata, Mandsaur resulted from the merger of two villages - Marh and Saur (or Dasaur). It has been ruled by a lot of prominent rulers of ancient as well as recent history. It's famous for the 8 faced Pashupati Shiv . The main industry here is the slate pencil industry.

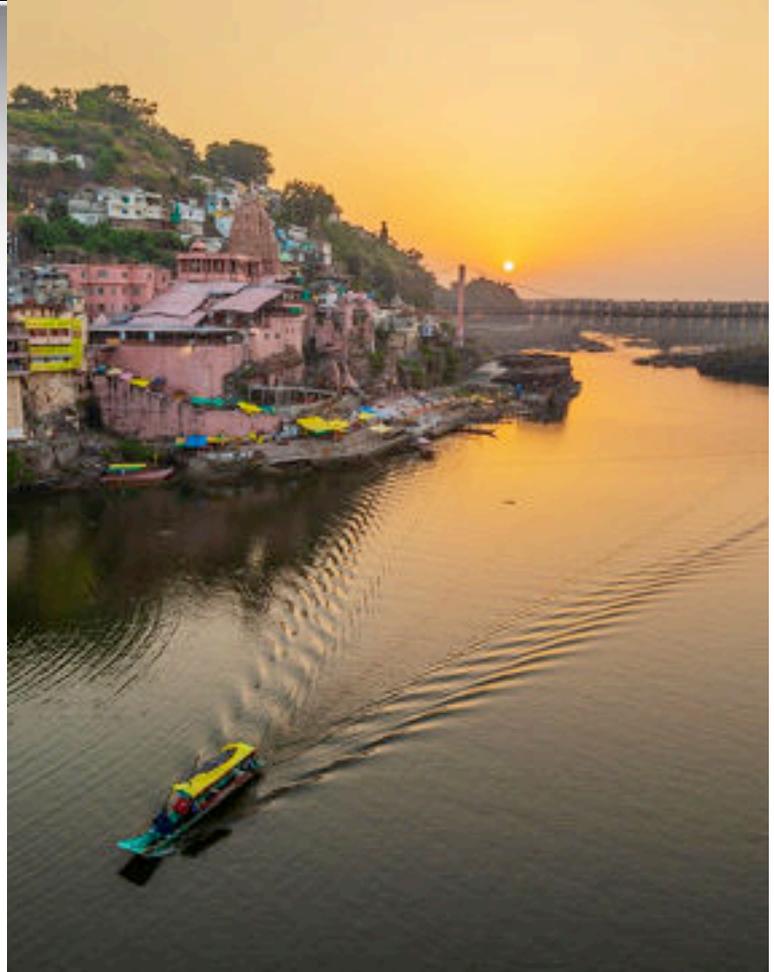
Rich in history, Mandsaur narrates tales that will fill you up with child-like awe.

Spiritual Omkareshwar

It can only be termed as a blessing, by Lords and mother nature, that Omkareshwar, the sacred island, is shaped like Om - the holiest symbol of Hinduism. Not surprising then that this serene town is also one of the 12 Jyotirlinga shrines in India. Pilgrims in unimaginable numbers visit the shrine every year, seeking the blessings of Lord Shiva.

Omkareshwar is adorned with lofty hills, between which the river Narmada forms a serene pool. Above this pool runs a cantilever type bridge which further enhances the scenic beauty of this island.

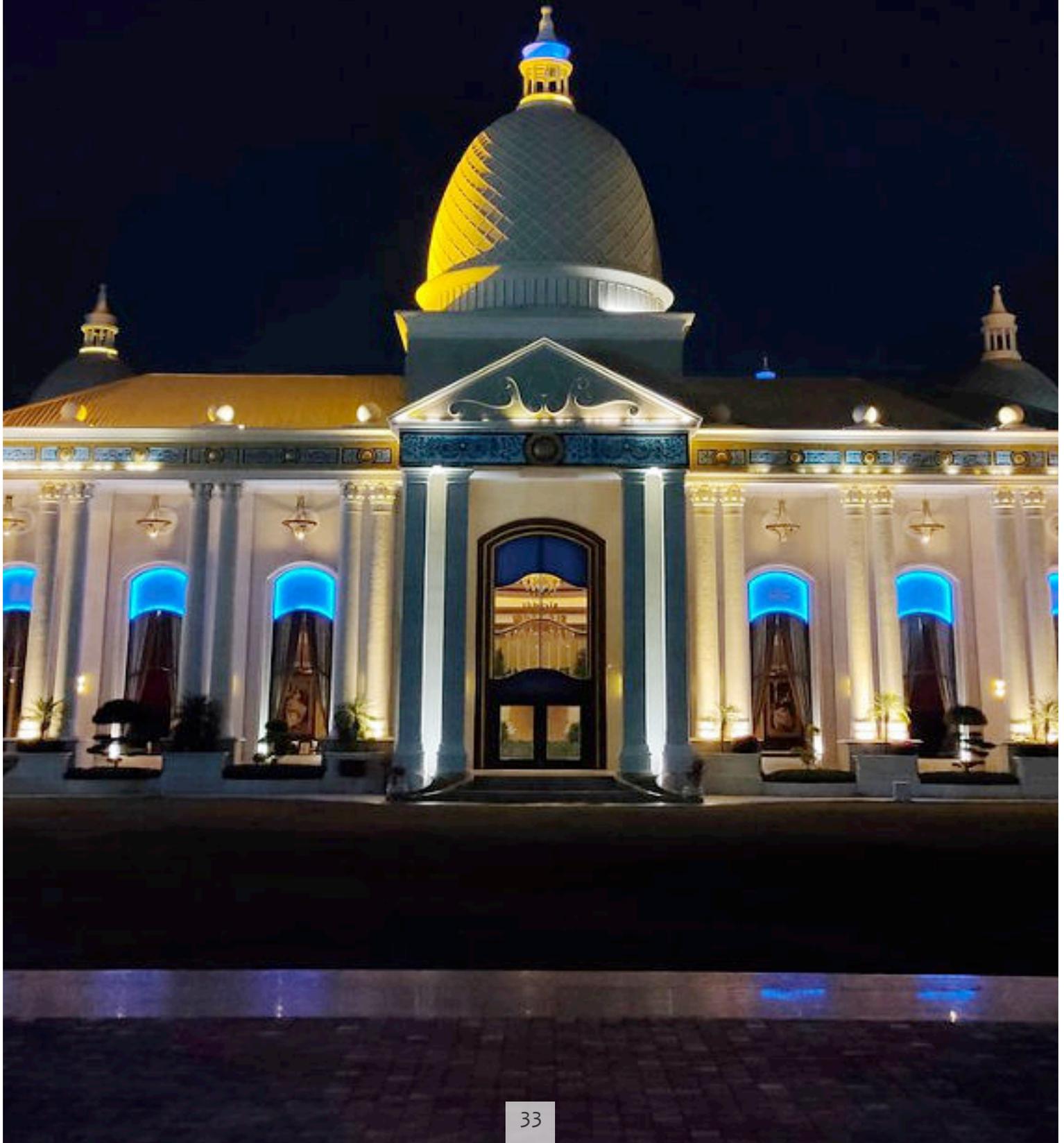
The beauty and divinity that reside in this town work like a magic spell, transporting you back to childhood moments of sheer wonder.





MICE TOURISM

WHERE BUSINESS MEETS LEISURE



From the inspiring love legends of Mandu to the formidable regality of Gwalior, from the civilization testimonies of Bhimbetka to the architectural eroticism of Khajuraho, from the spiritual mysticism of Omkareshwar and Chitrakoot to the unblemished biodiversity of the national parks at Kanha and Bandhavgarh, Madhya Pradesh is a microcosm of “Incredible India”.

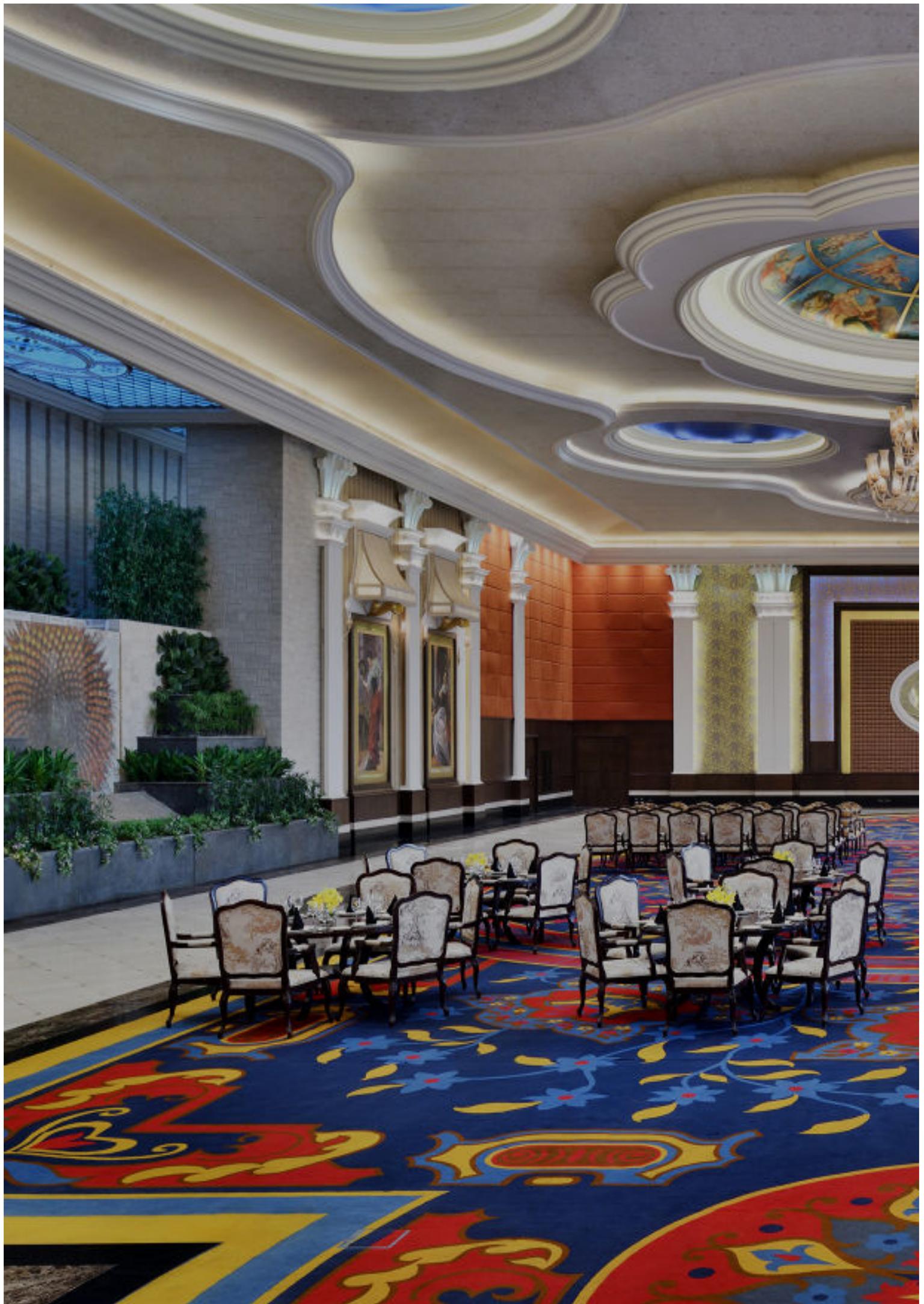
The hospitality industry has been growing in leaps and bounds in Madhya Pradesh, with the several hospitality groups and hotel chains gearing up to the competition by constantly reinventing and redefining their standards, rates and services. As reliable, cost-effective and tourist-friendly services are always on demand, the innumerable luxury hotels and resorts distributed throughout the different districts of Madhya Pradesh offer innovative, efficient and round-the-clock tourism solutions for all categories of visitors.

The hospitality industry in Madhya Pradesh remains unmatched in its dedication, service, and support towards its clients. The presence of efficient and skilled hospitality officials and staff ensures the comfort and well being of the ever-increasing tourists and vacationers to god’s own country. The hospitality industry in Madhya Pradesh remains unique in its adherence to ethical business practices and responsible tourism initiatives, in its bid to comply with social, civic and environmental obligations.

Growing MICE Infrastructure

Madhya Pradesh is incentive’s haven. Blessed with abundant natural beauty and a rich history and heritage, MP is home to three World Heritage Sites, nine National Parks and 25 sanctuaries. The state offers a wide range of destinations for incentives tour, from hill station of Panchmarhi and Orccha to wild lives’ of Kanha, Pench and Bandavgarh to forts and temples at Gwalior, Burhanpur and Khajuraho.

Indore, Bhopal, Jabalpur and Gwalior are all well placed to handle meeting and conferences. Even leisure destinations like Khajuraho are suitably placed to handle small to medium size meetings and conferences. Panchmarhi and Orccha make for great destinations for small meetings and incentives tours.





EXPERIENCES



ADVENTURE

What do tourists look for in their adventure holiday? Do they prefer nature walks, exploring monuments or indulge in a bumpy jeep safari ride? Then the terrains of the Madhya Pradesh can serve as a wondrous gateway for the adventure lovers to pump up their adrenaline rush.

Perhaps Madhya Pradesh is one of those places in India where you can spot a tiger, a half arm distance away. Offbeat activities like river rafting, zip-lining, jumping, sliding, there is something for everyone here.

Many people visit Madhya Pradesh solely for heritage and culture the city possesses. Madhya Pradesh has always been a state of rebels and risk-takers. For those, who like if their trip thrills then they should pack their bags and get set ready for an expedition to Madhya Pradesh.

The diverse landscapes offer millions offers adrenalin junkies eager to engage in land and water sports. From the epic to the local, or even the lakes, the adventure tourism attractions in Madhya Pradesh will encourage one to dream, plan and set off on their own adventure.

WILDLIFE

Madhya Pradesh is the heritage heartland of India. The Central province of India, Madhya Pradesh is blessed by nature, encountered by wild animals, steeped in history and alive by wildlife.

For those who live it up to the edge and go beyond the ordinary to explore the best of the jungles, holidays in Madhya Pradesh is a treat for them. From deer to wild boar to tigers, Madhya Pradesh is a world of the wild animals. A trip to the wilderness of Madhya Pradesh is a life changing experience.

Madhya Pradesh, the land of diversity is one of the most exciting wildlife destinations in India. For avid nature lovers, there are 9 National Parks, 6 Tiger Reserves and 25 Wildlife Sanctuaries to quench the adventure thirst. The heart of India, Madhya Pradesh is a kaleidoscope of nature. Plan a jungle tour to Madhya Pradesh to catch the true spirit of the Indian jungle.

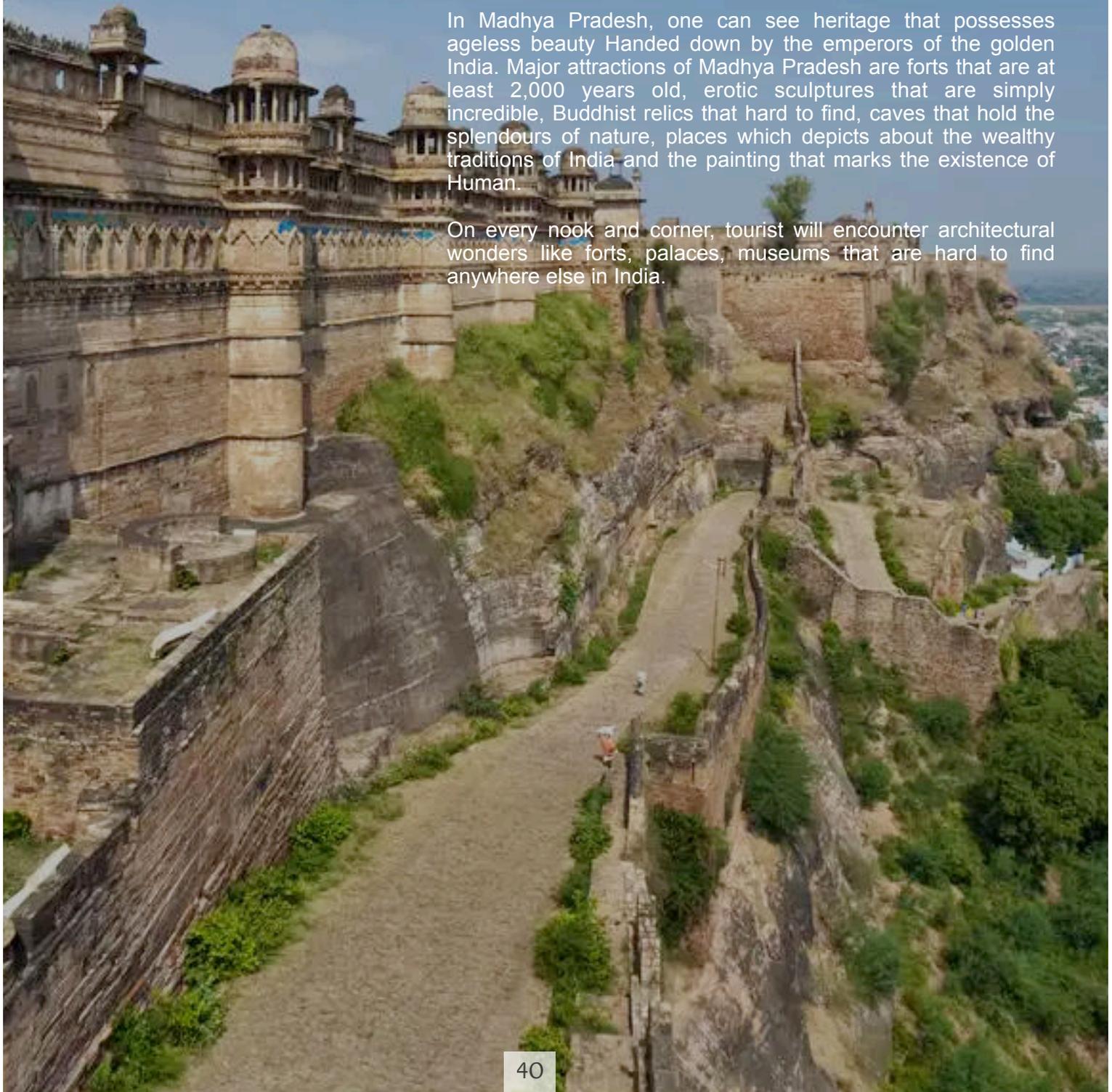
HERITAGE

Welcome to the heart of India, Madhya, the official abode of the Maharajas and their majestic palaces. There is no state in India that is as diverse in terms of magnificent fort and palaces as Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh's trove of culture, traditions, music and dance can be easily through its monuments.

Madhya Pradesh is a must-see state of India, brimming with startling, thought-provoking and, ultimately, unforgettable attractions.

In Madhya Pradesh, one can see heritage that possesses ageless beauty Handed down by the emperors of the golden India. Major attractions of Madhya Pradesh are forts that are at least 2,000 years old, erotic sculptures that are simply incredible, Buddhist relics that hard to find, caves that hold the splendours of nature, places which depicts about the wealthy traditions of India and the painting that marks the existence of Human.

On every nook and corner, tourist will encounter architectural wonders like forts, palaces, museums that are hard to find anywhere else in India.

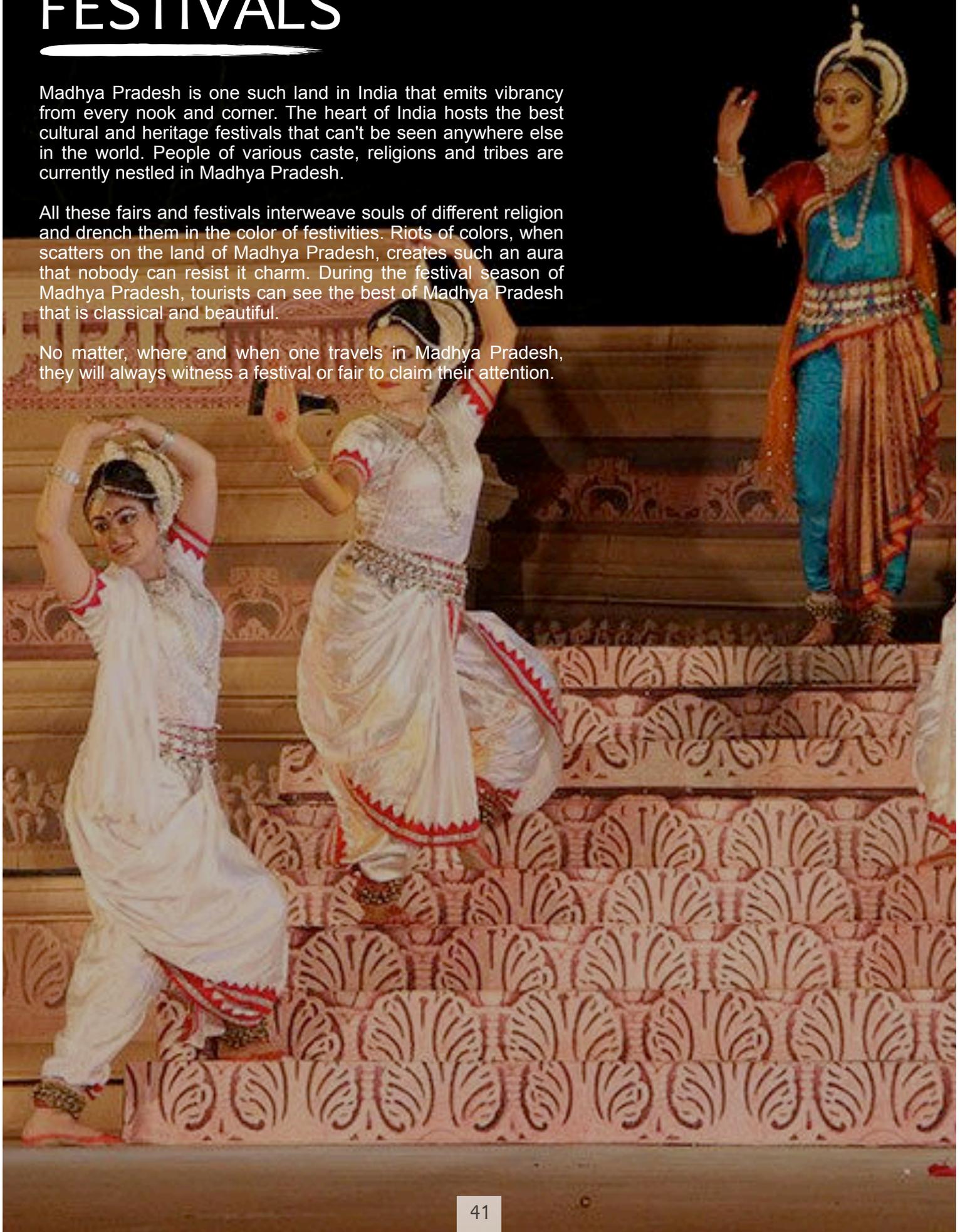


FESTIVALS

Madhya Pradesh is one such land in India that emits vibrancy from every nook and corner. The heart of India hosts the best cultural and heritage festivals that can't be seen anywhere else in the world. People of various caste, religions and tribes are currently nestled in Madhya Pradesh.

All these fairs and festivals interweave souls of different religion and drench them in the color of festivities. Riots of colors, when scatters on the land of Madhya Pradesh, creates such an aura that nobody can resist its charm. During the festival season of Madhya Pradesh, tourists can see the best of Madhya Pradesh that is classical and beautiful.

No matter, where and when one travels in Madhya Pradesh, they will always witness a festival or fair to claim their attention.



CUISINE

Apart from being home to various monuments, forts, temples and lively bazaars, Madhya Pradesh also offers different variety of Cuisines. The Madhya Pradesh Cuisine provides you with mouth watering traditional dishes, representing different cultures.

Some of the popular food items of Madhya Pradesh are kusli, lavang lata, jalebi, pilaf with peas, indori puri palak ki, baflas, kebabs and biryani. These cuisines are perfect combination of exquisite taste and essence. Moreover one can relish different varieties of Cuisines as per the changing seasons of the state.

The food of Madhya Pradesh differs from region to region and offer both vegetarian and non-vegetarian food. Bhopal Cuisine serves you with spicy kebabs, biryani, korma, fish, meat and keema. Places such as Indore and Gwalior will provide you with various delicacies prepared from milk. One of famous cuisine is Bafla made of wheat and is served with ghee and daal.

Also, if you are pure vegetarian you can relish sweet dishes like Bhutte ki kees-made of milk and corn etc. there is no better way to experience the various culture Influences on Madhya Pradesh Cuisine than to taste a few, if not all of them. It would totally be a thrilling experience that you wished unforgettable for a long time.

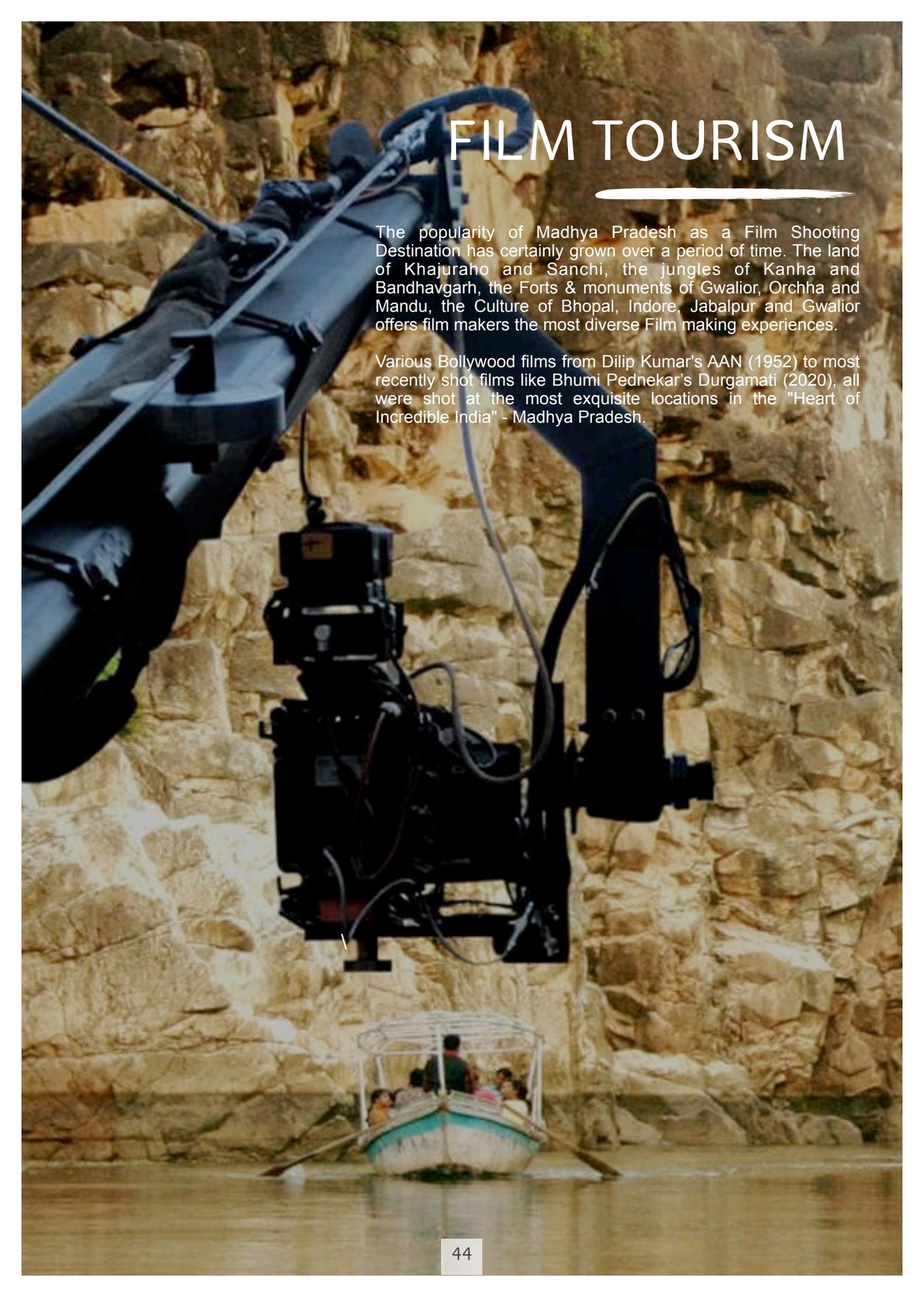
ECO TOURISM

When a state has the largest forest cover in the country, even the most ardent adventurer cannot second-guess the surprises the place can spring on him. With nature's wholesome charms waiting to be explored around every corner, the vast and varied landscape of Madhya Pradesh is a discovery in every direction.

Lying in the Satpura hill ranges, Pachmari is a beautiful round-the-year hill station and is popularly known as Satpura Ki Rani – The Queen of Satpura. The setting up of jungle camps has made the forest accessible for visitors apart from providing employment opportunities for the locals.

That's the effect the beauty of Madhya Pradesh has on one's soul. With more than a third of the state covered by vegetation, the land's verdant plateau is interspersed with the highlands of the discontinuous Vindhya and Satpura mountain ranges, creating a stunning setting for the sore, urban eyes. While maintaining the raw charms of the land, The 20 year Perspective Plan of Madhya Pradesh Tourism established in 2003 has provided a filip for eco-tourism in the state.





FILM TOURISM

The popularity of Madhya Pradesh as a Film Shooting Destination has certainly grown over a period of time. The land of Khajuraho and Sanchi, the jungles of Kanha and Bandhavgarh, the Forts & monuments of Gwalior, Orchha and Mandu, the Culture of Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur and Gwalior offers film makers the most diverse Film making experiences.

Various Bollywood films from Dilip Kumar's AAN (1952) to most recently shot films like Bhumi Pednekar's Durgamati (2020), all were shot at the most exquisite locations in the "Heart of Incredible India" - Madhya Pradesh.

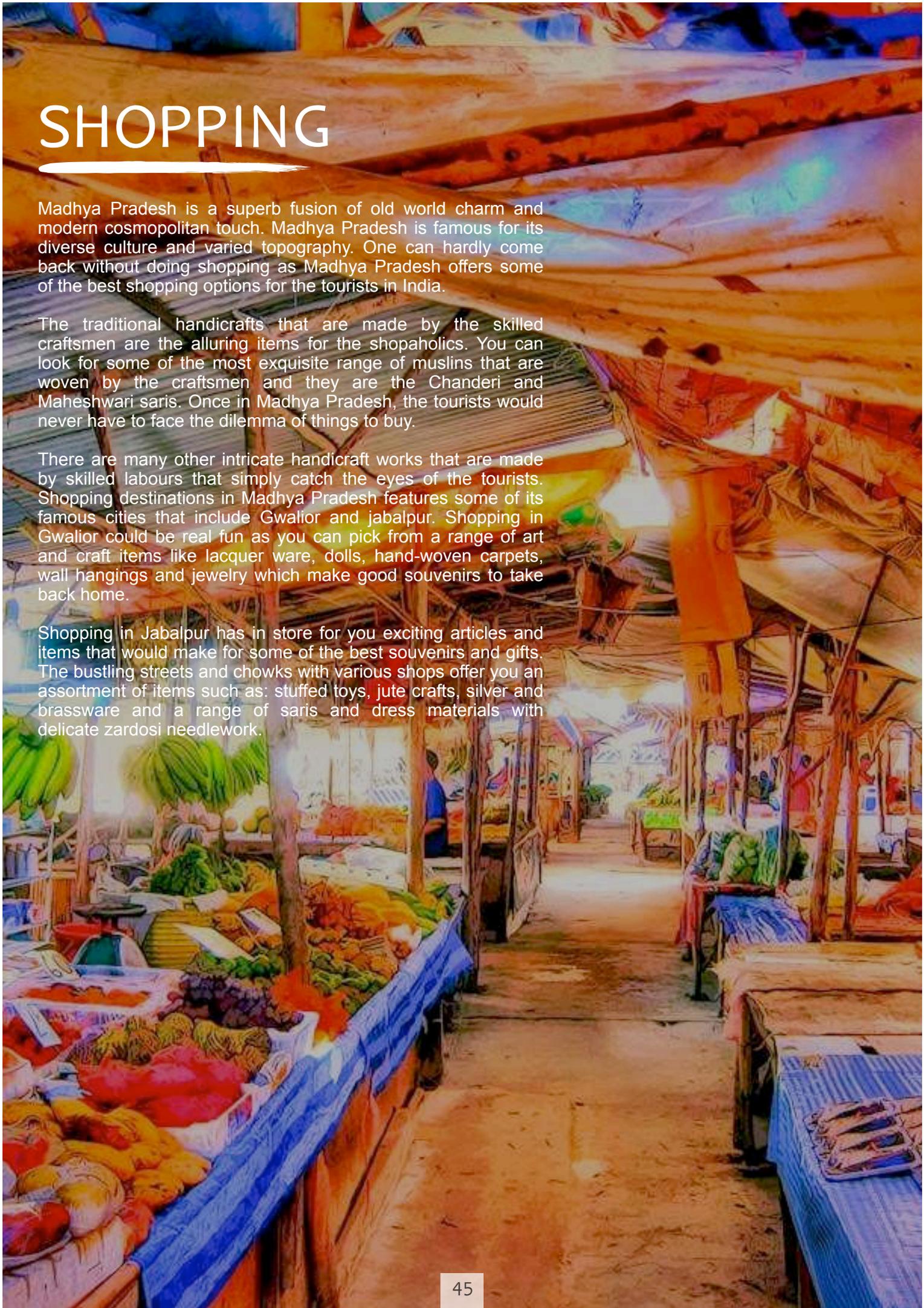
SHOPPING

Madhya Pradesh is a superb fusion of old world charm and modern cosmopolitan touch. Madhya Pradesh is famous for its diverse culture and varied topography. One can hardly come back without doing shopping as Madhya Pradesh offers some of the best shopping options for the tourists in India.

The traditional handicrafts that are made by the skilled craftsmen are the alluring items for the shopaholics. You can look for some of the most exquisite range of muslins that are woven by the craftsmen and they are the Chanderi and Maheshwari saris. Once in Madhya Pradesh, the tourists would never have to face the dilemma of things to buy.

There are many other intricate handicraft works that are made by skilled labours that simply catch the eyes of the tourists. Shopping destinations in Madhya Pradesh features some of its famous cities that include Gwalior and Jabalpur. Shopping in Gwalior could be real fun as you can pick from a range of art and craft items like lacquer ware, dolls, hand-woven carpets, wall hangings and jewelry which make good souvenirs to take back home.

Shopping in Jabalpur has in store for you exciting articles and items that would make for some of the best souvenirs and gifts. The bustling streets and chowks with various shops offer you an assortment of items such as: stuffed toys, jute crafts, silver and brassware and a range of saris and dress materials with delicate zardosi needlework.



ART & CRAFTS

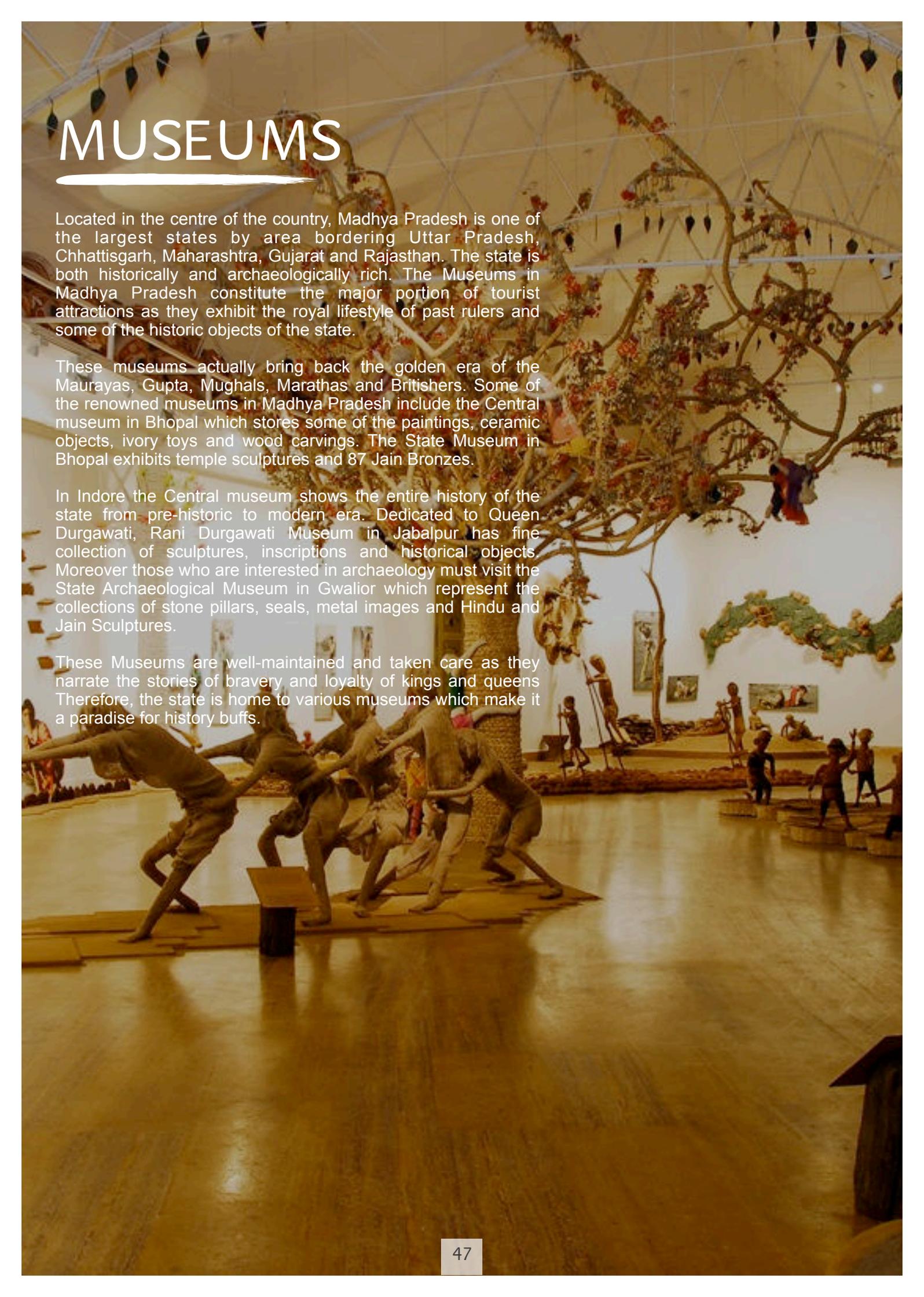
Apart from green woods, rich wildlife, forts and monuments, Madhya Pradesh also specializes in different arts and crafts. The intricate handicrafts of Madhya Pradesh reveal its rich culture and heritage. The works of art include bamboo and cane coverings, carpet weaving, durries, folk paintings, iron crafts, jute works, metal crafts, ornaments, Papier Mache, stone carving, stuffed toys, terracotta, textile weaving, woodcraft and Zari embroidery.

During free time the locals of Gond, Baiga, Korku and Basar, keep themselves busy in crafting bamboo products like fishing traps, hunting tools and baskets. The folk paintings depict the cultural life of regions like Chhattisgarh, Bundelkhand, Malwa, Gondwa and Nimar. Also, the intricate works of Stone carvings are revealed through the temples and the monuments in Madhya Pradesh.

Moreover, Gwalior specializes in Jalli works (patterns), Jabalpur and Tikamgarh famous for statues of humans' structures and animals. These arts and crafts are well-maintained by the locals. Tourists specially visit this place to collect antiques and artifacts.



MUSEUMS

A large museum hall with a central tree sculpture and various exhibits. The tree is made of wood and has many colorful ornaments hanging from its branches. The floor is polished and reflects the lights. There are several other sculptures and displays around the room, including a group of figures in the foreground and a large archway in the background.

Located in the centre of the country, Madhya Pradesh is one of the largest states by area bordering Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan. The state is both historically and archaeologically rich. The Museums in Madhya Pradesh constitute the major portion of tourist attractions as they exhibit the royal lifestyle of past rulers and some of the historic objects of the state.

These museums actually bring back the golden era of the Maurayas, Gupta, Mughals, Marathas and Britishers. Some of the renowned museums in Madhya Pradesh include the Central museum in Bhopal which stores some of the paintings, ceramic objects, ivory toys and wood carvings. The State Museum in Bhopal exhibits temple sculptures and 87 Jain Bronzes.

In Indore the Central museum shows the entire history of the state from pre-historic to modern era. Dedicated to Queen Durgawati, Rani Durgawati Museum in Jabalpur has fine collection of sculptures, inscriptions and historical objects. Moreover those who are interested in archaeology must visit the State Archaeological Museum in Gwalior which represent the collections of stone pillars, seals, metal images and Hindu and Jain Sculptures.

These Museums are well-maintained and taken care as they narrate the stories of bravery and loyalty of kings and queens. Therefore, the state is home to various museums which make it a paradise for history buffs.

HOLY PLACES

The ever-famed Khajuraho Group of Monuments is located in Madhya Pradesh. These temples represent Nagara style of architecture and have been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its erotic sculptures are another reason behind its popularity. Some of the priceless assets of Madhya Pradesh are its history, heritage and temples.

Other than Khajuraho, Orchha too is home to some of the most ancient and legendary temples of India. Chaturbhuj Temple of Orchha is dedicated to Lord Vishnu and was constructed by Bundela Rajputs. Ram Raja Temple is another prime attraction of Orchha; it has a deity of Lord Ram sitting in Padmasan (posture) with a sword.

Madhya Pradesh has two temples which are amongst the twelve jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva; Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga and Omkareshwar Jyotirlinga. Ghats of Chitrakoot and Temple at Narmada Kund too deserve a special mention when we are talking about holy places of Madhya Pradesh.

Besides temples, mosque like Taj-ul-Masjid emerged as a Mughal master-piece. The mosque was built by Bahadur Shah Zafar and it took several years to complete its construction; all the hardship put over the years resulted in a beautiful outcome. The state is home to plenty of holy shrines, all of which make it a paradise for the pilgrims and heritage lovers.

LAKE & GARDENS

Truly the heart of India- Madhya Pradesh offers the ideal tourist package. Translated as the central province, this state showcases, a quaint hill station, some of the most significant temples in India, major wildlife sanctuaries and reserve forests making it a treasure trove of unimaginable travel experiences. The lakes and gardens in Madhya Pradesh are no less alluring.

The rugged terrain of Madhya Pradesh cut across by the waters of the Narmada and populated by deciduous vegetation supports a large number of lakes and waterfalls, increasing the scenic beauty of the place manifold. The lakes and gardens in Madhya Pradesh in India are a combination of tamed wilderness and clever landscape architecture.

Madhya Pradesh before the formation of the state of Chhattisgarh, (which was carved out of Madhya Pradesh) was the largest state in India in terms of area. Even now however, it is one of the largest states in the country and shares its borders with Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh. The lakes and gardens in Madhya Pradesh are widely visited by tourists on a tour to Madhya Pradesh.

Madhya Pradesh is very well connected to the other cities in India. A good network of railways and road connects all parts of Madhya Pradesh seamlessly. However, some of the tourist destinations in Madhya Pradesh are quite far away from each other. It is therefore advisable to not to try to touch upon all places in one itinerary.

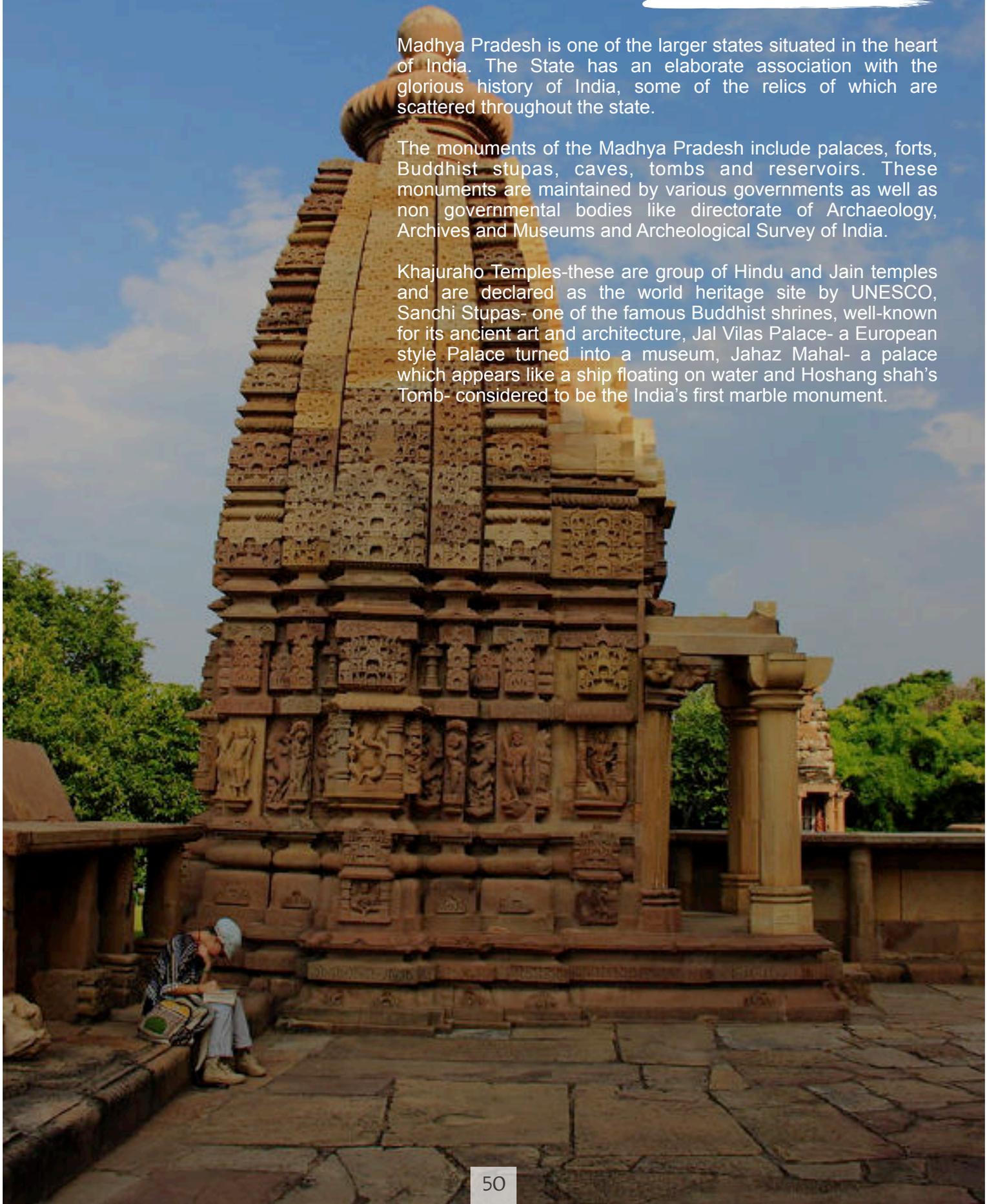
The geographical placement of Madhya Pradesh demands that you visit the state more than once if you want to fully explore the state. The Khajoraho temples, the marble rock at Jabalpur, the Bandhavgarh, Kanha and Panna National Parks, Manu, Panchmarhi are some of the most visited places in Madhya Pradesh.

MONUMENTS

Madhya Pradesh is one of the larger states situated in the heart of India. The State has an elaborate association with the glorious history of India, some of the relics of which are scattered throughout the state.

The monuments of the Madhya Pradesh include palaces, forts, Buddhist stupas, caves, tombs and reservoirs. These monuments are maintained by various governments as well as non governmental bodies like directorate of Archaeology, Archives and Museums and Archeological Survey of India.

Khajuraho Temples-these are group of Hindu and Jain temples and are declared as the world heritage site by UNESCO, Sanchi Stupas- one of the famous Buddhist shrines, well-known for its ancient art and architecture, Jal Vilas Palace- a European style Palace turned into a museum, Jahaz Mahal- a palace which appears like a ship floating on water and Hoshang Shah's Tomb- considered to be the India's first marble monument.



TRIBAL TOURISM

Madhya Pradesh is home to about 46 indigenous tribes that reside on the hilly slopes and forested valleys that are cradled along the rivers of Narmada and Godavari. The customs, traditions, rituals, and lifestyles of these communities are an intriguing part of Madhya Pradesh Tourism.

The treasure chest of indigenous art and culture of tribes such as Gond, Bhil, Sahariya, Korku, Baiga, Kol, Bhariya, etc, the Tribal Museum in Bhopal is the best place to catch a glimpse of tribal culture under one roof. Tourists from all over the world visit Madhya Pradesh to explore the fascinating tribal culture which poses a stark contrast to the fast-paced city life. The best time to visit Madhya Pradesh is from October till March when the climate remains cool.







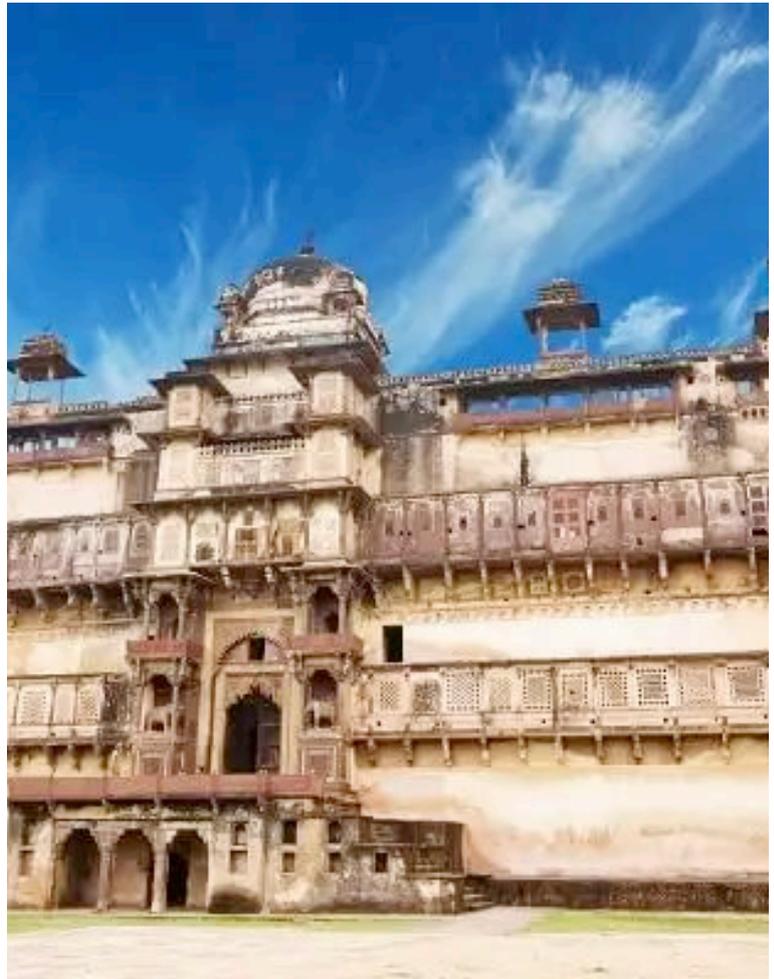
ACTIVITIES



Heritage Tour to Orchha

The newly emerging tourist destination in Madhya Pradesh, Orchha is a perfect destination to learn about the rich history of Madhya Pradesh. Adorned with fort, temples and cenotaphs, Orchha is indeed the finest example of the exquisite Bundela art. The place was once boasted tile work and painted murals.

Yes, the paintings are in debilitating state but with the recent investment in Orchha by UNESCO, the place is likely to retain its royal look in near future. Situated on the bank of Betwa, Orchha is one of those places that can transport you to another world. The sky-kissing temple gopurams and the perfect silence at the cenotaphs can actually press the curiosity button in most of us.



River Rafting at Orchha

And while you are at, I mean in Orchha, here is one thing that you must try and that is river rafting. Making news ever since it has been initiated, river rafting in Orchha is one of the best family activities one can think of in this heritage capital.

Different grades of rapid of River Betwa can be accessed and depending upon your family's physical strength, you can choose the stretch that suits you best.



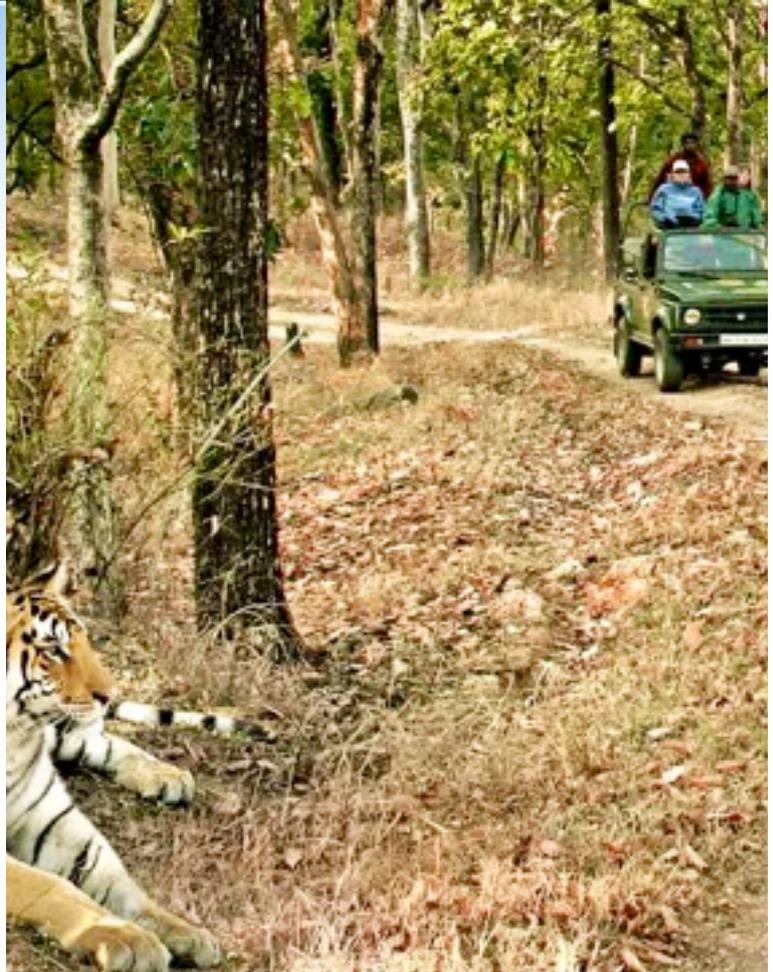
Hot-Air Ballooning in Pench National Park

Now, here is one activity that does not have any special requirements or skills. Hot air ballooning can be enjoyed by each family member (unless one or more have acrophobia).

Done in the clear and wide sky of Pench National Park and at a convenient altitude from where the least can view the rich variety of flora and fauna in the park, Hot air ballooning is definitely a must try in Madhya Pradesh.

Wildlife Jungle Safaris

Going to Madhya Pradesh and not trying wildlife safaris is like visiting a bakery and not trying one of its items. Madhya Pradesh and wildlife go hand in hand, thus missing a chance to witness it would be like an unforgivable sin. Especially for those taking their family on a holiday in Madhya Pradesh, a wild safari is a must. Since the state has several wildlife reserves, you can choose the best that suits you.



Binge Shopping At Famous Bazaars

Drenched in rich culture and art, Madhya Pradesh is a hub of Indian handicrafts and handloom. From delicate Zardozi sarees to exquisite Mulberry silk, beautiful Chanderi to finest Tussar Silk, intricate beadwork to exquisite Mandana and Pithora paintings, there are an array of vibrant things to buy from Madhya Pradesh. Whether you are looking for handlooms or well-crafted souvenirs, there are so many things that you can partake from the local bazaars in the towns of Madhya Pradesh.

Madhya Pradesh is also famous for Thewa jewellery which is about 400-year-old art. Leather toys, traditional batik prints, bamboo lathis are some of the signature crafts by the artisans of the state. Sarafa Bazaar and Chappan Dukaan in Indore are must-visit places if shopping is your agenda.



Savour Street Food in Indore

Yes, we all know about Indori Poha but trust me there is a lot more that comes from the streets of Indore. Indore's street food scene comes to life in the evenings, where one along with their family can enjoy mouth watering treats like the shikanji (made with sweetened milk, dry fruits, buttermilk), poha and jalebi, egg banjo, coconut patties, heeramani, chola burger and kulfi falooda.



Visit Bharat Bhawan in Bhopal

Yes, we know kids get bored at the venues of cultural dances and performances and I know lot adults who are of the same temperament. But Bharat Bhawan in Bhopal might be the right place to change your perspective about cultural shows. Set up in the early 80s, this cultural centre has a number of sights and sounds to keep one occupied for hours. The place overlooks the Upper Lake and its structure is itself an art masterpiece. It has a series of terraced gardens and meandering pavement that gives this place a very enigmatic feel, making it the ideal environment where art is not only performed and exhibited, but also created.



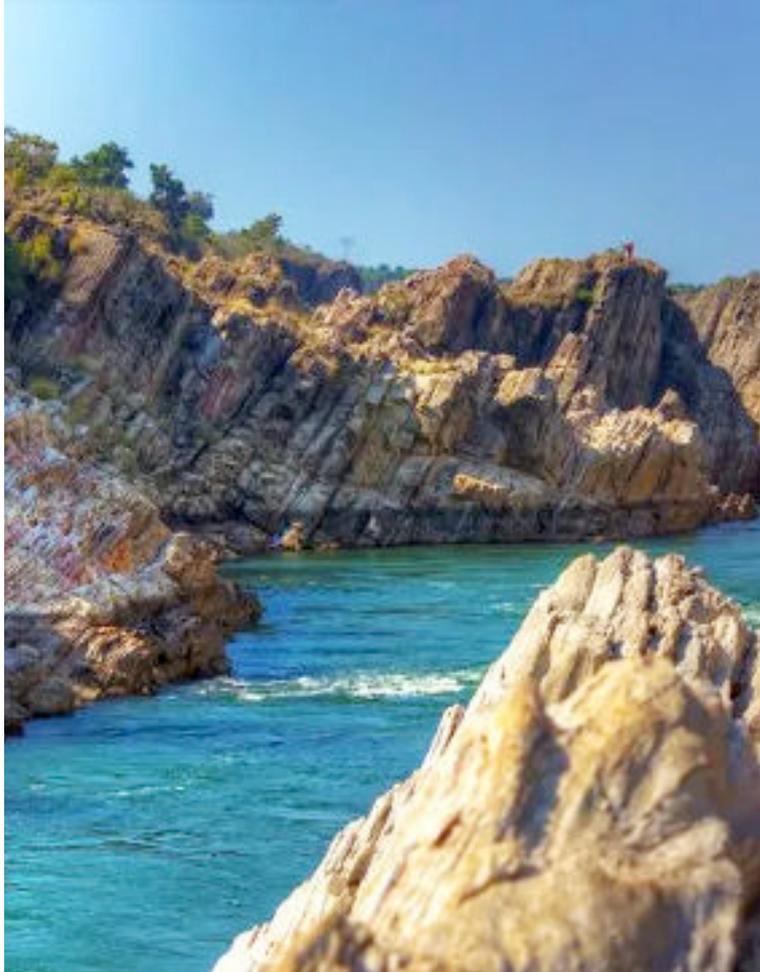
Witness Age Old Wall Paintings at Bhimbetka

This is truly a place you would want to take your family too. Taking you somewhere around 30,000 years back in time, Bhimbetka promises an amazing experience. These gigantic rock shelters are believed to be 100000 years old and have wall paintings that are of horses, dancing people, people on hunt dating back to 30000 years from now. Bhimbetka can be a thrilling experience for each one in the family as this simple place has just too many stories to narrate.



Explore the Temple Groups in Khajuraho

Firstly no, not all temples in Khajuraho are about erotic figures and secondly, yes almost all temples in the Western Group have erotic figures, so taking your family to these temples is solely your decision. However, I insist that in order to widen the perspective of your family and kids, the temples at Khajuraho are ideal to bring that change. Also, these rock cut temples are some of the most majestic architecture pieces that one cannot help praising. Therefore, keeping in mind its importance, I insist on taking a family tour of Khajuraho temples.



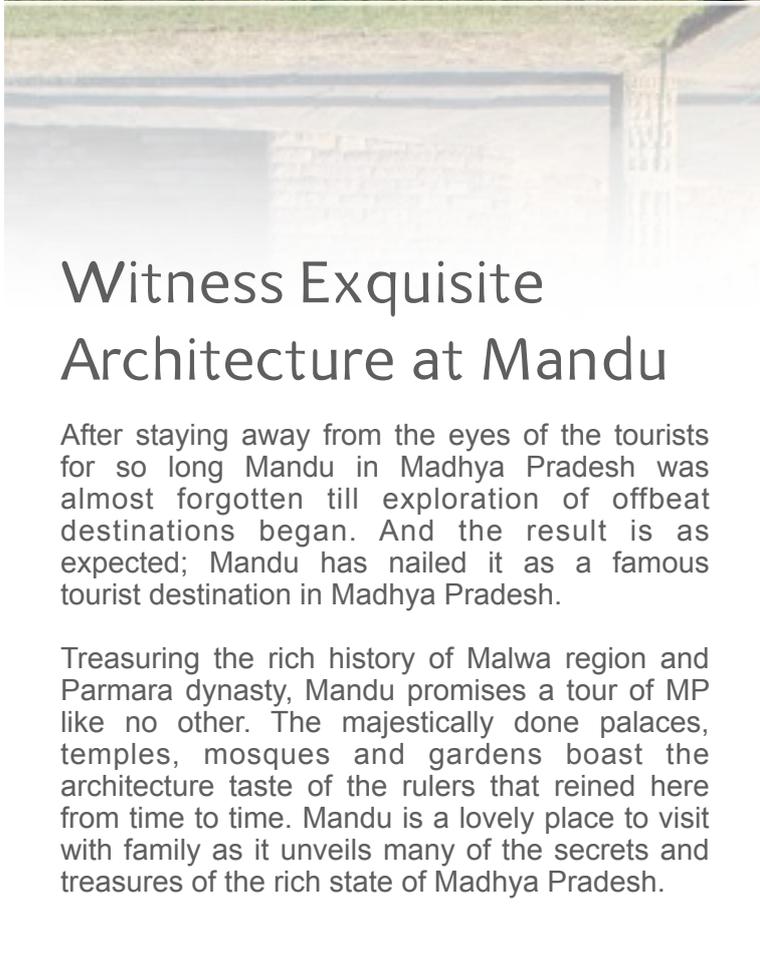
Sail Through the Marble Rocks in Bhedaghat

You don't have to visit Antarctica to get the feeling of sailing through the snow white icebergs. In India or to be precise in Bhedaghat in Madhya Pradesh, you can get the same feel by sailing pass the Marble Rocks. Appearing to be white in colour, these rocks are simply a sight that everyone will cherish. Emerging from the water of Narmada River, these pre-historic time Marble Rocks are an absolute must see in Madhya Pradesh.



Perform Circumambulation at Sanchi Stupa

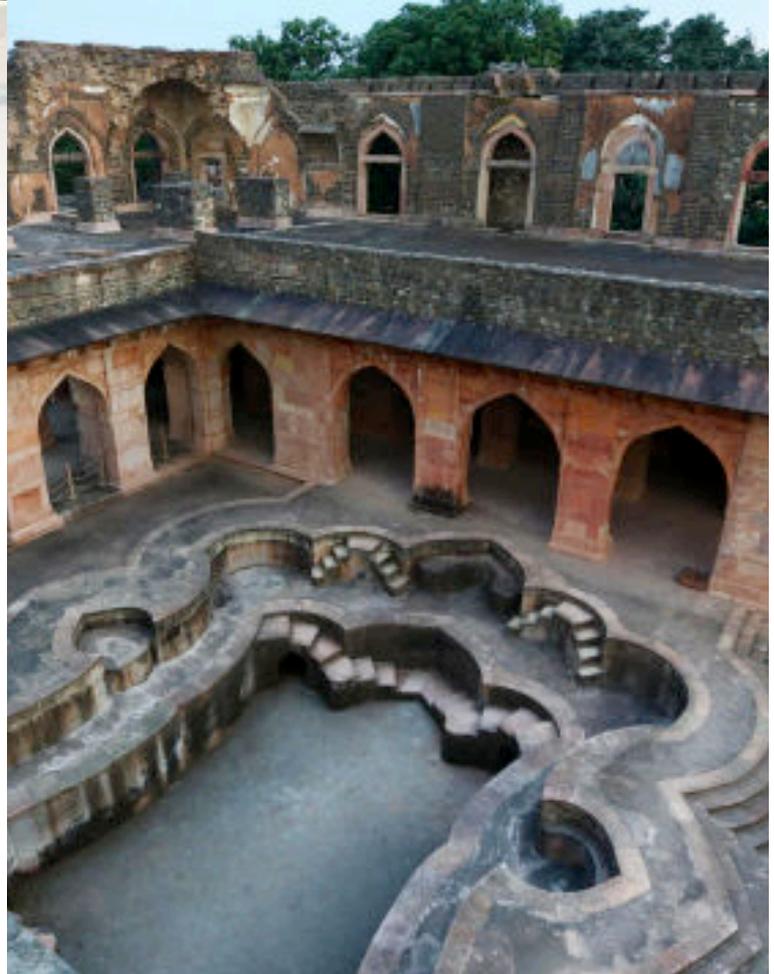
Well it is not mandatory that you have to perform circumambulation here at the Stupa but that's the only way you can see the entire stupa. Apart from all the places in Madhya Pradesh, Sanchi has a special recognition. This place speaks not only about history but also about rich architecture and incredible peace. Crowning a hill top Sanchi Stupa is accompanied by other small size stupas, monasteries and temples, making one of the best sightseeing places in Madhya Pradesh. Bearing many evidences of the existence Ashoka the Great, Sanchi Stupa is one of the most majestic structures that one can witness in the state.



Witness Exquisite Architecture at Mandu

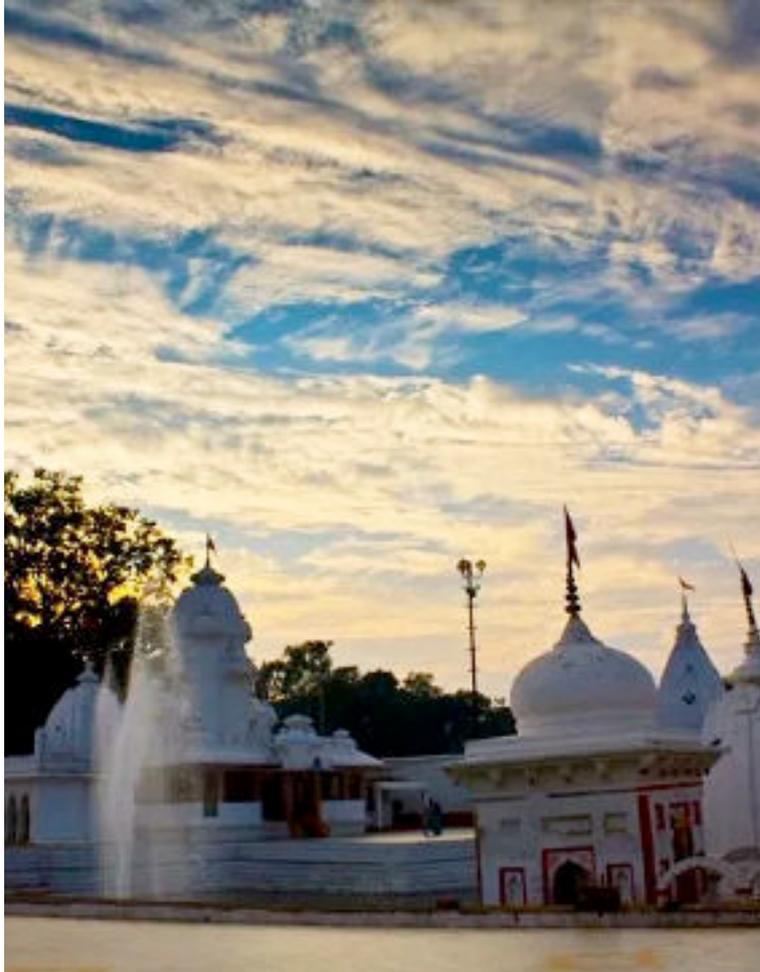
After staying away from the eyes of the tourists for so long Mandu in Madhya Pradesh was almost forgotten till exploration of offbeat destinations began. And the result is as expected; Mandu has nailed it as a famous tourist destination in Madhya Pradesh.

Treasuring the rich history of Malwa region and Parmara dynasty, Mandu promises a tour of MP like no other. The majestically done palaces, temples, mosques and gardens boast the architecture taste of the rulers that reined here from time to time. Mandu is a lovely place to visit with family as it unveils many of the secrets and treasures of the rich state of Madhya Pradesh.



Be Blessed By Visiting the Sacred City of Ujjain

Whether a Hindu or not, Ujjain shall remain as fascinating as it can be. Popularly known as the Temple Town of Madhya Pradesh, Ujjain is itself a spiritual journey. The city is dotted with temples that have both spiritual and historical importance and what better place can it be for a family where each building and turn of the street has a story to narrate. It is also one of those places to show your kids what our faith is made of and deep rooted our culture is.



Enjoy History and Weather at Amarkantak

Amarkantak is one of the finest places in Madhya Pradesh that one can plan a holiday to. A family holiday is ideal here as this place is enriched with nature's beauty and history. Amarkantak is the origin point of River Narmada, the fourth largest river in India. Narmada is one of the seven sacred rivers in India and pilgrims bathe in it believing that their sin is being washed. Amarkantak has been mentioned several times in Hindu literature and as far as the legend goes, Pandavas of the Mahabharat epic had spent their years of exile here. Being a hill station in Madhya Pradesh, Amarkantak gives another reason to tourist to visit. It is simply one of those places where a family can enjoy comfy and thrilling times together.



Attend One of the Fairs and Festivals

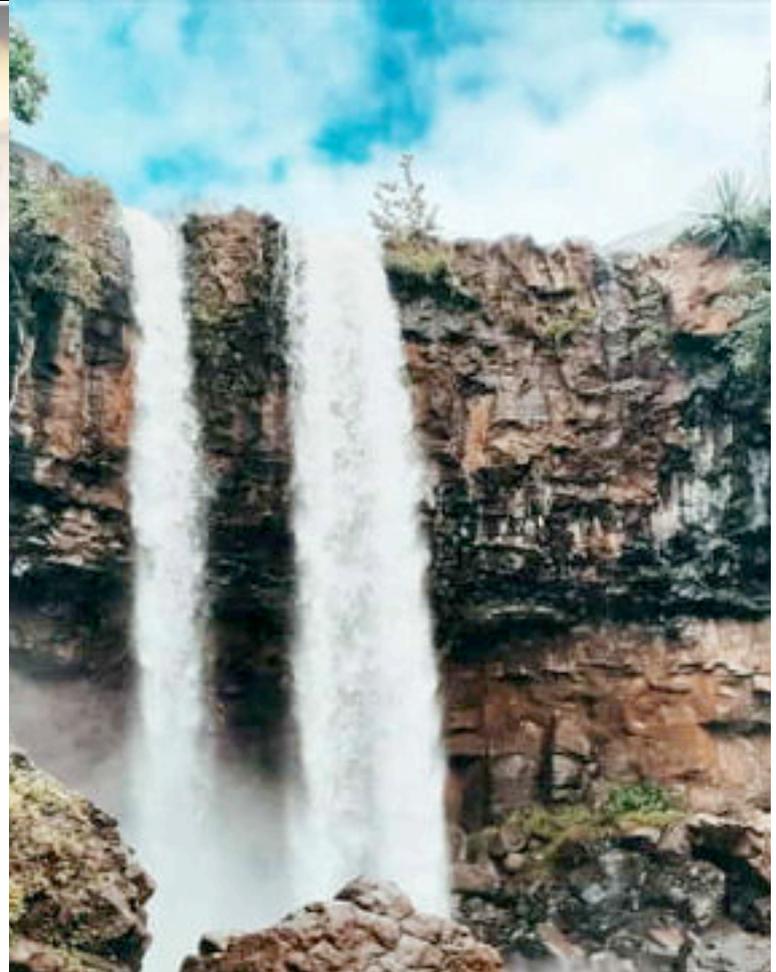
The wide spectrum of events and festivals of Madhya Pradesh carries hues of Indian diversity. The vibrant and rich landscape hosts some of the most exciting festivals that are worth witnessing.

Khajuraho Festival - the magnificent display of many art forms, a dip in the holy Shipra River during Ujjain Kumbh mela, spectacular celebration of culture in Malwa Utsav, Lokrang fest by Adivasi Lok Kala Academy, Tansen Samaroh, Pachmarhi Utsav, the list is never-ending.

The irresistible charm of these festivals are an integral part of Indian diversity and make sure you attend these amazing festivals on your tour to Madhya Pradesh.

Witness The Most Stunning Waterfalls

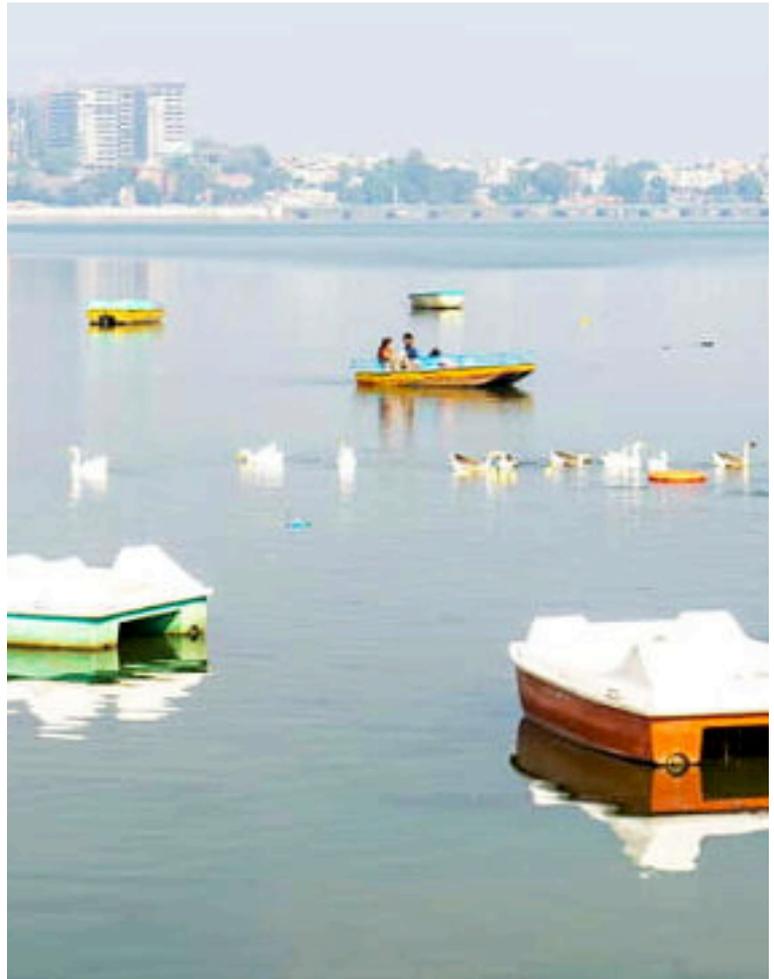
Rightly said, "there's no better place to find yourself than sitting by a waterfall and listening to its music." So, don't forget to pay tribute to these natural wonders of Madhya Pradesh that are truly enchanting and tranquilizing of course. On your trip to Khajuraho, you can plan to visit Raneh waterfalls on the majestic Ken river. Keoti falls near Rewa is a paradise for nature lovers. The smoky appearance of Dhuandhar Waterfall in Jabalpur is a sight to behold. The cascading Tinchha falls in Indore is spellbinding. Kapildhara falls in Amarkantak is a paradise for travellers. Chart these waterfalls in your travel list or get them included in a tour package to Madhya Pradesh for a memorable experience.



Indulge In Thrilling Water Sports

Get ready for an adventure-packed holiday with some thrilling water sports in Madhya Pradesh. As the state boasts some mesmerizing waterfront destinations, tourists get a chance to indulge in exciting water sports activities such as speed boating, cruising, paddle boating, etc.

Hanumantiya is one of the famous tourist spots in Madhya Pradesh to enjoy water sports. Sailani Island near Indore provides a relaxing and adventurous escape to travellers with its thrilling boat rides and cruise. Indulge in water sports at the Bargi dam on the Narmada River for a memorable experience. Boat Club in Bhopal is a favourite hotspot for water sports. All these places not only add thrill to your vacay but also offer the most spellbinding vistas which leave a lasting impression on the soul. So, refresh yourself from within!



Go Camping And Bask In The Glory of Nature

We can never have enough of nature! Apart from wildlife safaris, one can imagine camping in jungles here in Madhya Pradesh. The Tourism Board of the state has made great arrangements for forest camps that can give you a lifetime opportunity of witnessing the raw and untamed beauty of jungles. Some of the finest jungle camps in the state are Kerwa Backwaters Camping, Halali Riverside Camp and Nature's Karavas near Bhopal; Dhawalgiri Camp, and Kamp Kalakund near Indore; Waterfall View Camp near Jabalpur.



Kanchana Ghat – Marvels Of Bundela Dynasty

Kanchana Ghat, located in Orchha Fort complex is one of the most popular ghats in Madhya Pradesh. Being surrounded by the heritage fort, the place is a delightful site for history lovers. The ghat also showcases cenotaphs of the rulers of the Bundela dynasty.

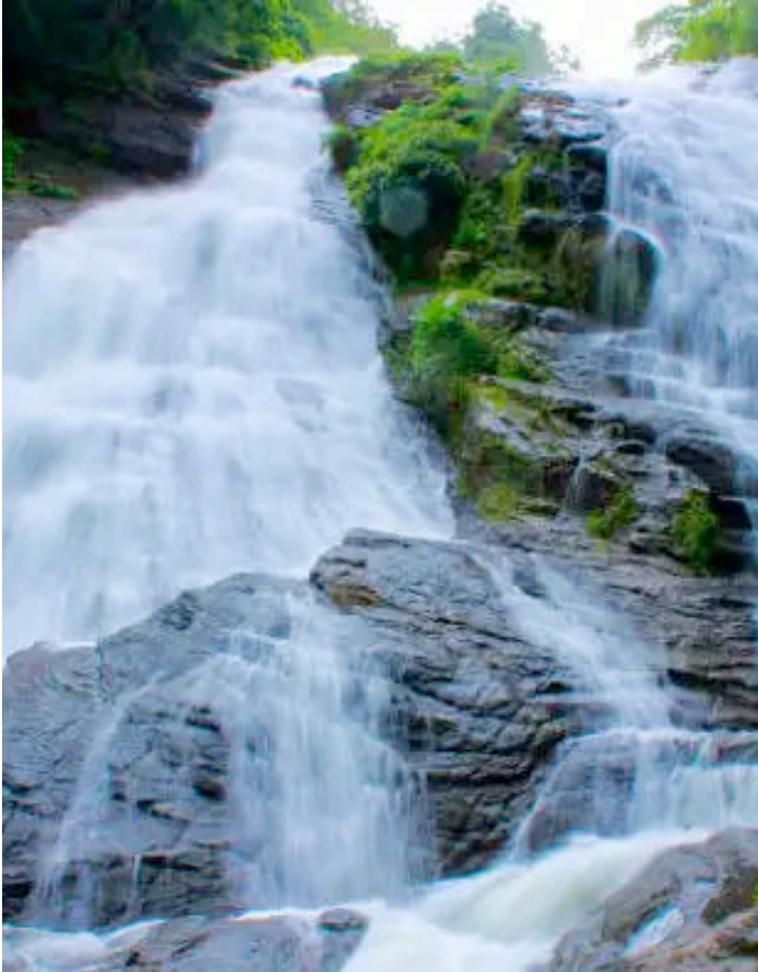
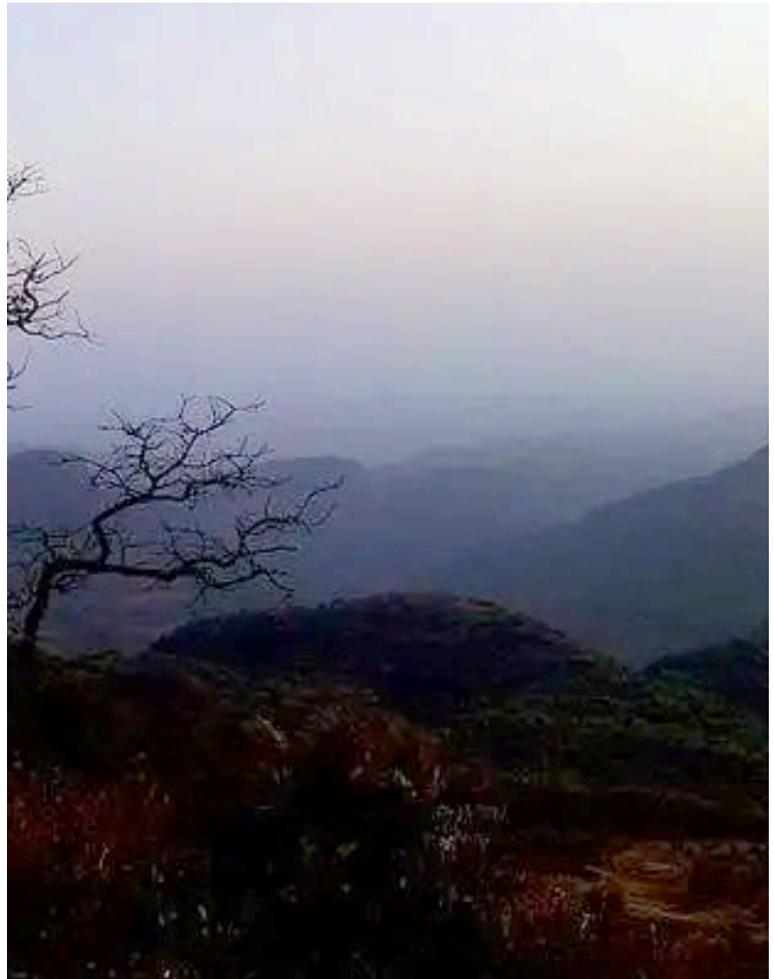
Chhatris – Beautiful Sculptures

Chhatris is an architectural marvel located in Madhya Pradesh that features a set of royal tombs. The beautiful sculptures of Chhatris are known to entice tourists with their exquisite designs. The site is located on the banks of the River Betwa and offer panoramic views of the surrounding areas.



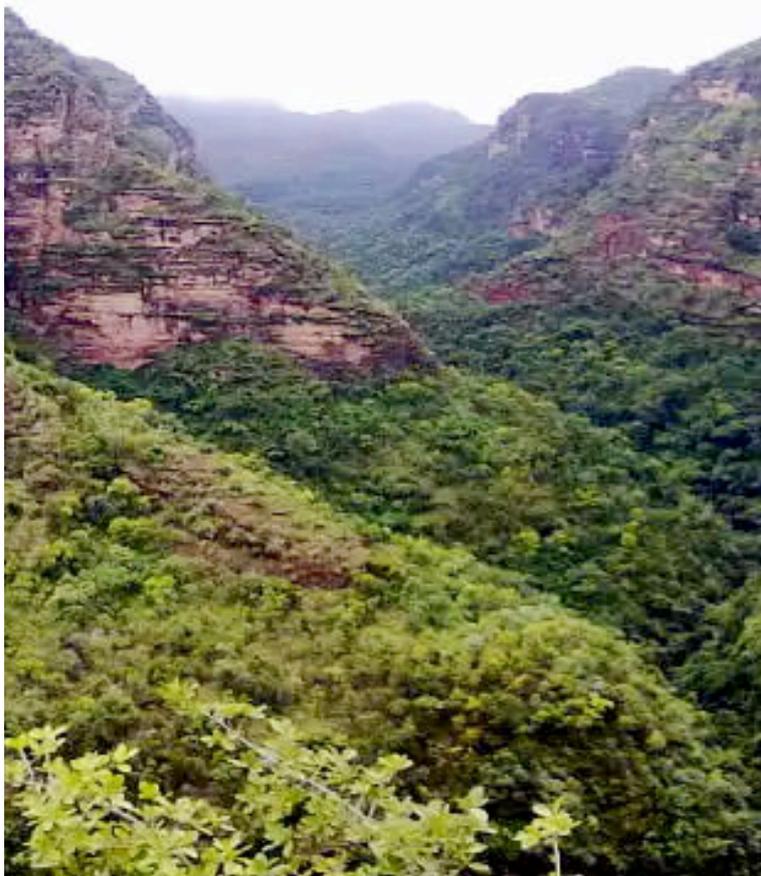
Dhoopgarh – Highest Peak In Satpura

Dhoopgarh is the highest peak in Satpura range and features gorgeous views of sunrise and sunsets. It is a delightful paradise for trekkers and you can plan a visit with your adventurous gang to have an awesome time here. It is one of the top places to visit in MP and is also ideal for nature photography.



Rajat Pratap Falls – Enchanting And Refreshing

Rajat Pratap Falls, also known as Silver Falls is the enchanting escape nestled amid the majestic beauty of Panchmahri. The place is an ideal spot for a picnic or family getaway. You can also take a trekking trail and have an awesome time with your friends here.

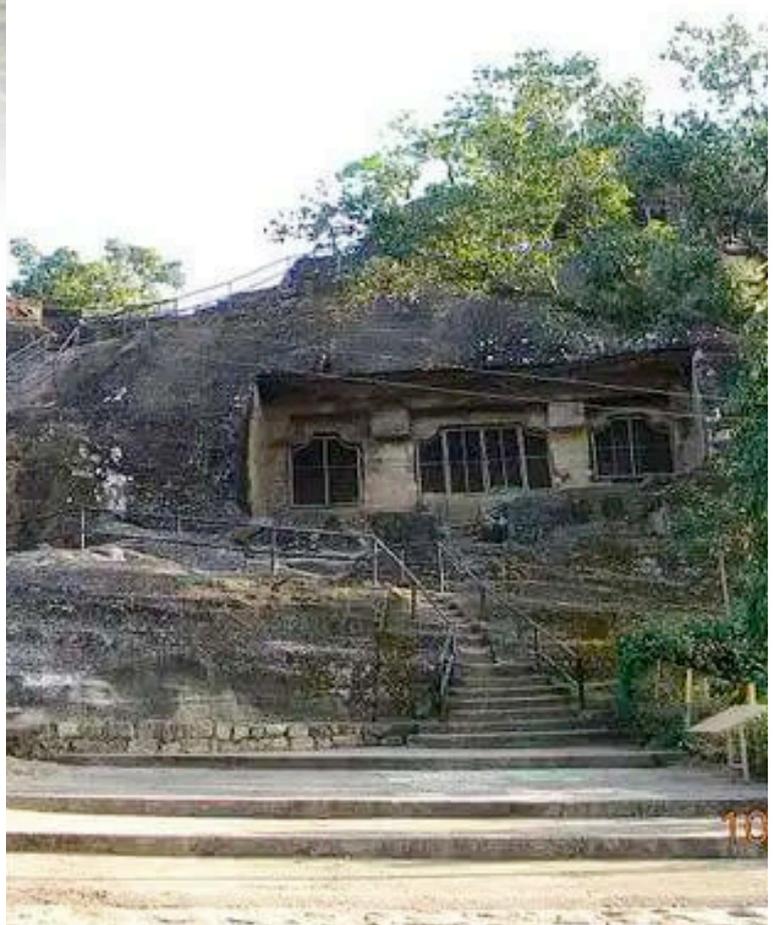


Handi Khoh – Spellbinding Ravines

Handi Khoh is one of the most offbeat tourist places in Madhya Pradesh. These spellbinding ravines are believed to be associated with Lord Shiva and attracts pilgrims from across the state. The place remains a refreshing hotspot during summers as locals from the surrounding areas often plan a visit.

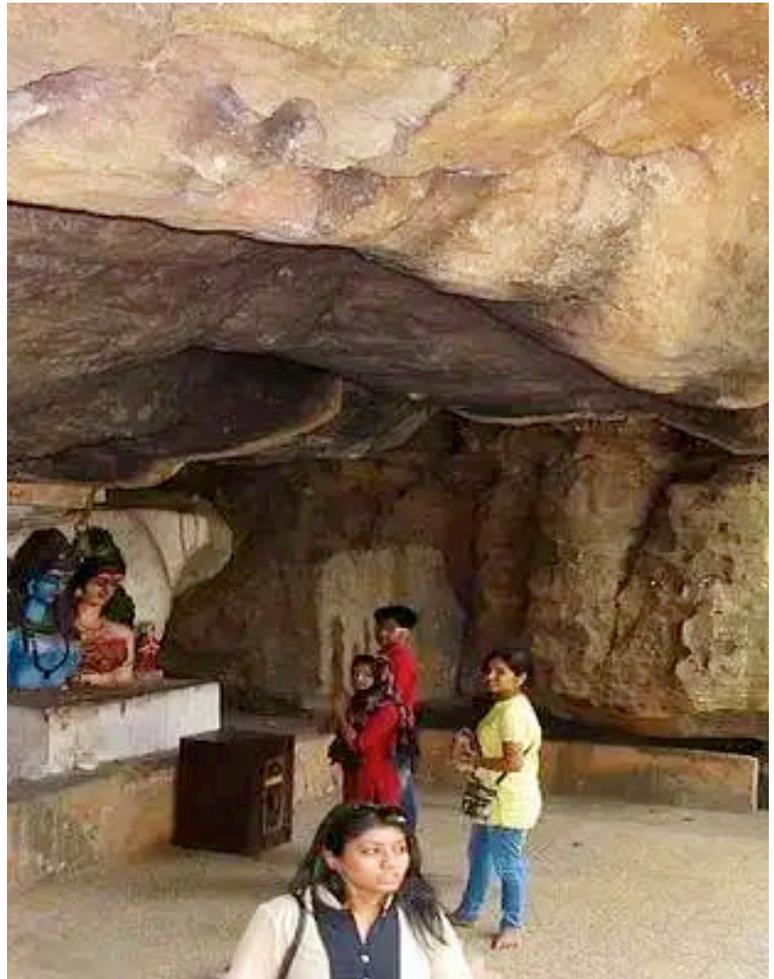
Pandav Caves – Mythological Site

Pandav Caves are located in Pipariya and features astounding sights of impeccable nature. The caves are believed to be resided by the Pandavas during their period of exile. The caves are frequently visited by travelers interested in unveiling the facts about mythological places. The place is also loved by archaeologists wandering in Madhya Pradesh.



Jata Shankar Caves – Adventure And Spirituality

Jata Shankar Caves are known for offering a perfect blend of adventure and spirituality. It is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Madhya Pradesh and comprises 108 Shiva Lingas. It is believed that Lord Shiva resided in these caves to escape the wrath of Bhasmasur. The place is surrounded by the lush green valleys making it an astounding getaway for holidayers.



Bee Falls – Mesmerizing Escapes

Another refreshing tourist place in Madhya Pradesh is Bee Falls that is known for its majestic beauty. Nestled in mesmerising beauty of Panchmarhi, the site offers spectacular views of the surrounding areas. The place is loved by nature lovers and is often visited by tourists from nearby areas during summers. This is one of the most popular Madhya Pradesh tourist places.



Upper Lake – Pristine Ambiance

Upper Lake, popularly known as Bhojtal is a pristine lake that was commissioned by King Bhog during the 11th century. The lake is believed to have medicinal properties and there are numerous folklores related to the place. The place hosts numerous exciting activities which makes it a perfect destination for holidayers.

Bawangaja – Hiking And 11 Temples

Bawangaja is the perfect spot for all hikers and if hiking fills you with euphoria then you must add this pilgrim center to your list. Lord Rishabhadeva is the first Tirthankar in Jainism and a majestic statue of him is the prime attraction in Bawangaja.

Bawangaja is home to India's second-largest megalithic statue of Lord Rishabhadeva and so it almost on everyone's list when they visit Madhya Pradesh. You must visit the stunning complex of eleven temples that is also located in Bawangaja and can be easily reached by a hiking expedition. This is one of the most popular Madhya Pradesh tourist places.



Udayagiri Caves – The 20 Rock Cut Caves

Another one of the most frequented tourist places in Madhya Pradesh, Udayagiri Caves belongs to the 5th century. Udayagiri Caves are 20 rock-cut caves that are home to some of the oldest Hindu temples. A place of great historical importance in Madhya Pradesh, these caves attract a lot of archaeologists and history enthusiasts. You must witness the iconography of Vaishnavism, Shaktism, and Shaivism in the Udaygiri Caves.



Rajwada – A Royal Palace

Rajwada is beautiful historical palace in Indore city. It is one of the places to visit in Madhya Pradesh. This architectural wonder was built by Holkars and still stands intact in all its glory. This building has 7 floors and is located amidst a huge garden.



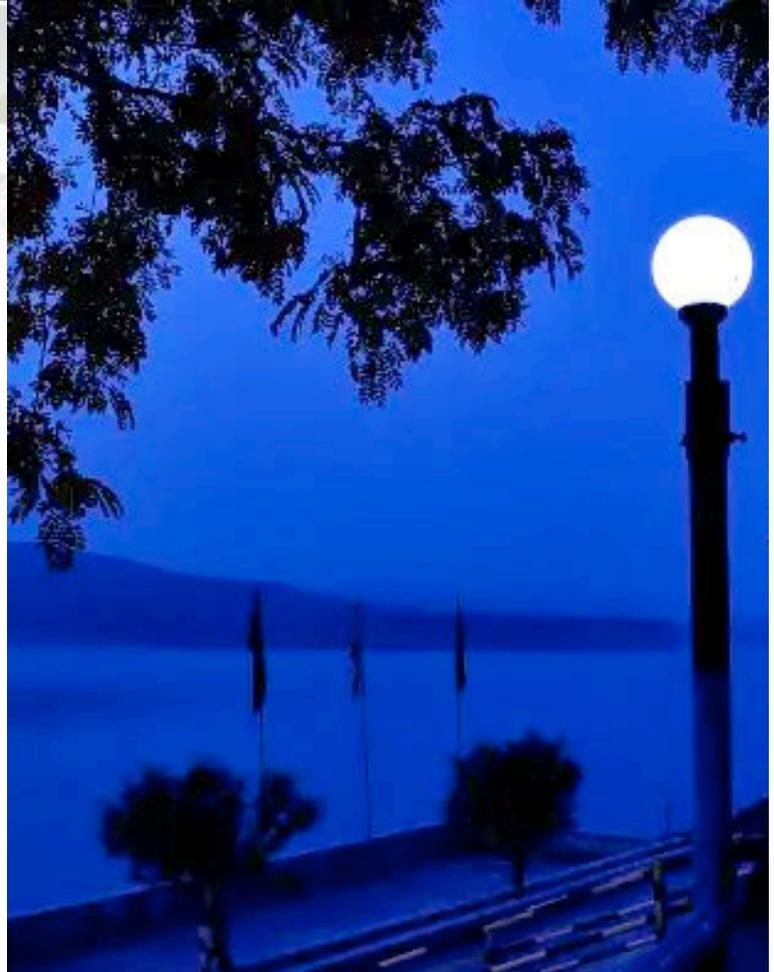
Lotus Lake – A Serene Lake

Lotus Lake in Indoor is a picturesque lake filled with lotus plants. This is one of the best places to visit in Madhya Pradesh, especially for nature lovers. This is also a romantic spot for couples to spend some quality time.



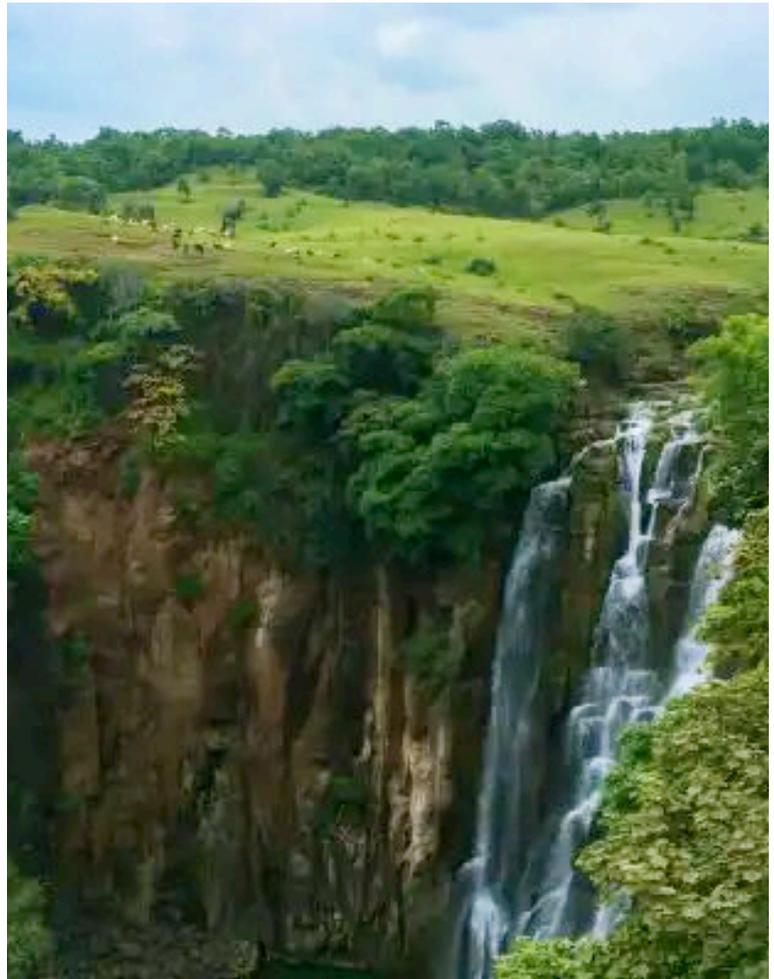
Choral Dam – A Tranquil Location

Choral Dam is a dam built on the Narmada River. The backwaters created by dam adds a lot of charm to the whole landscape. This is one of the best places to visit in Madhya Pradesh. Choral Dam is a great site for family picnic and is also popular among couples for its romantic setting.



Patalpani Falls – A Breathtaking Cascade

Patalpani Falls is among the best Madhya Pradesh destinations for nature lovers. The water drops approximately 300 feet down. This is a popular places for trekking and other advenutres. Families come here for picnic. The waterfall is surrunded by lush greenery.



Raneh Falls – A Strong Waterfall

Located in the Chhatarpur district of Madhya Pradesh, Raneh Falls is a waterfall on the river Ken. The magnificent cascade got its name from King Rana Pratap, the former ruler of the region. The sight of water rushing through the marvelous rock formations that surround the fall is just amazing. Raneh Falls is one of the most popular places to visit in Madhya Pradesh.



Chhindwara – The Largest District

Tucked away in the Satpura range of hills, Chhindwara is popular as the Corn City. It is the largest district and one of the best places to visit in Madhya Pradesh. There are a lot of places that you can visit in and around this city like Deogarh Fort, Tamia Hills, The Tribal Museum, Shashti Mata Mandir, Neelkanthi, Hinglag Mata Mandir and more. To know about the traditions and culture of Madhya Pradesh you can attend the Mahadev Mela, Pola, and Meghnath festival that is celebrated in a grand way in Chhindwara.



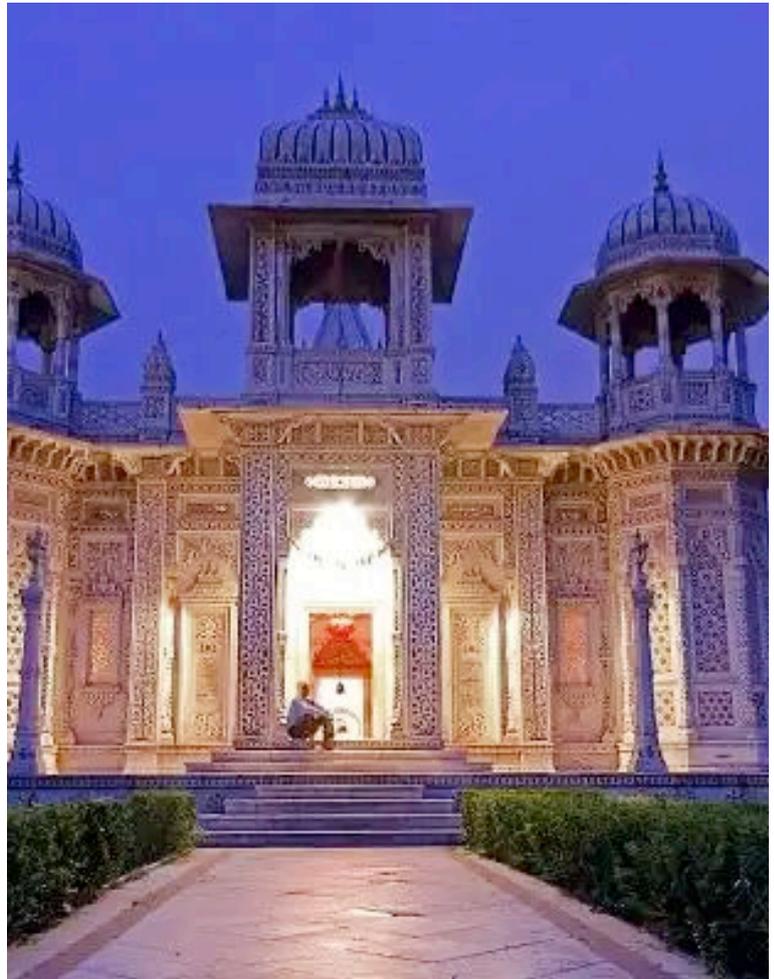
Satna – Home To Religious Sites

The town of Satna in Madhya Pradesh is popular for its limestone and dolomite deposits. Home to prominent religious sites like Sharadha Devi Temple, Chitrakoot Dham, Rawatpura Ashram, Dhawari's Sai Baba Temple, and, Venkatesh Temple, Satna is an excellent choice for all those who are looking forward to visiting religious sites. Madhavgarh Fort and Gidhakoot are other popular spots in Satna that you must pay a visit to.



Shivpuri – The Charming Spot

Shivpuri is a magnificent city in Madhya Pradesh. Adorned with tranquil lakes, charming waterfalls, and colonial structures, Shivpuri is the perfect spot for an escape from the mundane weekdays. Rejuvenate your soul and body by planning an escape to this city in Madhya Pradesh and get ready to witness ravishing waterfalls like Bhura Kho and Tunda Barkha Kho. Visit the famous lakes like Jadhav Sagar Lake to enjoy the sunrise and calmness. Hands down, it is undeniably one of the most awe-inspiring tourist places in MP.

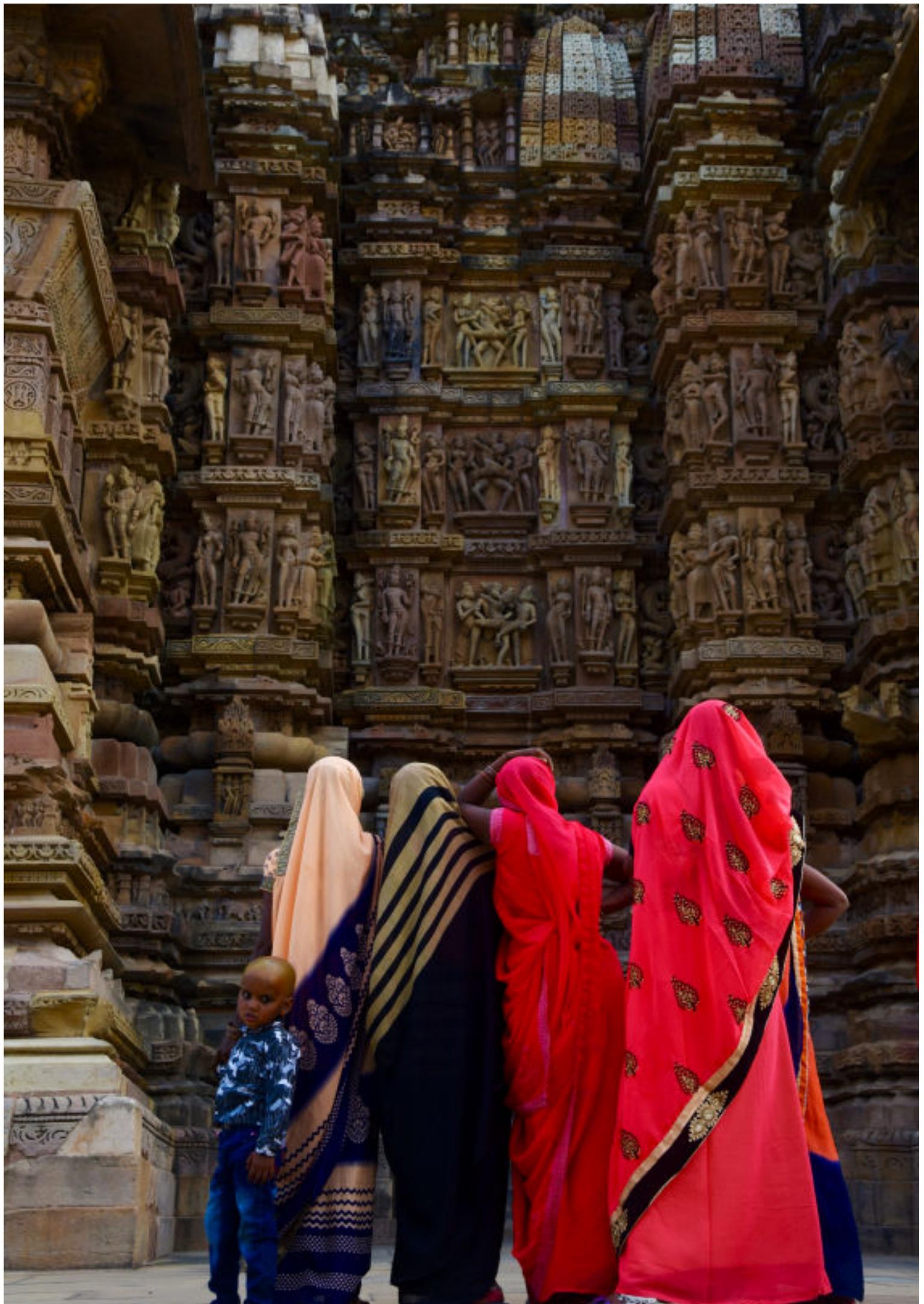


The enigmatic temple of Bhojpur

It is an incomplete Hindu temple situated in the Bhojpur Village of Madhya Pradesh. Dedicated to Lord Shiva, it houses a 7.5 feet high lingam in its sanctum and is believed to have been constructed in the 11th century during the reign of King Bhoja. The temple's construction was left abandoned for reasons that are still unknown.

Construction material can still be found at the site, with architectural plans engraved on the surrounding rocks. Historians speculate that it could be due to a sudden natural disaster, war or lack of resources.

The temple has been designated as a Monument of National Importance by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).



GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome to Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh, a large state in central India, retains landmarks from eras throughout India history. Begun in the 10th century, its Hindu and Jain temples at Khajuraho are renowned for their carvings of erotic scenes, most prominently Kandariya Mahadeva, a temple with more than 800 sculptures. The eastern Bandhavgarh and Kanha national parks, noted Bengal tiger sanctuaries, offer guided safaris.

Arts & Architecture

Ancient temples, fortresses, and cave works reflect the rich history of Madhya Pradesh. In the foothills of the Vindhya Range, prehistoric paintings dating from roughly 10,000 BCE adorn the walls of the Bhimbetka rock shelters (designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2003).

In west-central Madhya Pradesh, one of the state's oldest historical monuments is the stupa (Buddhist mound forming a memorial shrine) at Sanchi, near Vidisha. Originally constructed by Ashoka, emperor of India from about 265 to 238 BCE, the stupa was expanded by the Shunga kings, who ruled the area during the 2nd and 1st centuries BCE.

Climate

The climate in Madhya Pradesh is governed by a monsoon weather pattern. The distinct seasons are summer (March through May), winter (November through February), and the intervening rainy months of the southwest monsoon (June through September). The summer is hot, dry, and windy.

People

About one-fifth of the people in Madhya Pradesh are officially classified as members of Scheduled Tribes (a category embracing indigenous peoples who fall outside the predominant Indian social hierarchy).

Among the most prominent of these tribes are the Bhil, Baiga, Gond, Korku, Kol, Kamar, and Maria. Non-Scheduled peoples, who hold a higher status within the Indian social system, make up most of the remaining four-fifths of the state's population.

Language

Hindi, the official state language, is also the language most widely spoken in Madhya Pradesh. Eastern Hindi dialects, represented by Bagheli and Awadhi, are spoken in the southern and eastern parts of the state and in the upper Narmada River valley.

Bundeli, a Western Hindi dialect, is spoken in the central and northwestern districts of Madhya Pradesh; Malvi, recognized by some as a Western Hindi dialect as well, is the speech of western Madhya Pradesh.





LUXURY JOURNEYS



A Jungle Journey of Madhya Pradesh

Duration: 15 Nights / 16 Days

Cruises: Delhi | Ranthambore | Agra | Jhansi | Khajuraho | Bandhavgarh | Kanha | Pench | Nagpur
| Mumbai

From: US \$ 14500 pp

This innovative program is arguably the most exciting and comprehensive wildlife journey that can be enjoyed in India, whilst staying in comfortable safari tents and lodges. With its incredibly diverse climate, terrain and vegetation, the sub-continent is home to a hugely varied and exclusive selection of wildlife, bird-life and flora and fauna.

There are a great many protected areas and wildlife parks in India. Explore four of the most popular; Pench, Kanha, Bandhavgarh and Ranthambore, where there is a good chance of spotting the elusive Bengal tiger.

Visit the temple complex of Khajuraho and also the enchanting Taj Mahal monument. Travelling by road and train, the ever-changing scenery and vegetation will slowly unfold as you move from park to park on this enticing jungle odyssey.



Jungle Book with Taj Safaris

Duration: 08 Nights / 09 Days

Places: Delhi | Jabalpur | Bandhavgarh | Kanha | Jabalpur | Mumbai

From: US \$ 11600 pp

Opulent Routes and Taj Hotels have joined forces to create a selection of bespoke wildlife safaris, throughout the jungle heart lands of India. Let us tailor the perfect journey throughout the Taj safaris circuit providing some of the best wildlife experiences in India. The four luxurious lodges are located on the borders of well-known tiger reserves in Madhya Pradesh, including Panna, Bandhavgarh, Kanha and Pench.

This archetypal Kipling country is teeming with wildlife, including the elusive Bengal Tiger, Leopard, wild boar, sloth bear, wild dog, monkey and many varieties of deer. The dramatic diversity of bird life is also prevalent here, from colourful peacocks and kingfishers to the mighty eagles and menacing vultures.

The Taj Safari lodges offer unparalleled luxury deep in the heart of the jungle. Intimate lodges, spacious tents, river side verandas, roof top terraced sleep outs, and renowned Taj hospitality introduce you to the jungle in style. There are twice daily game drives in state of the art vehicles and world renowned naturalists on hand to help unravel the mysteries of the jungle.



The Heart Land of India

Duration: 14 Nights / 15 Days

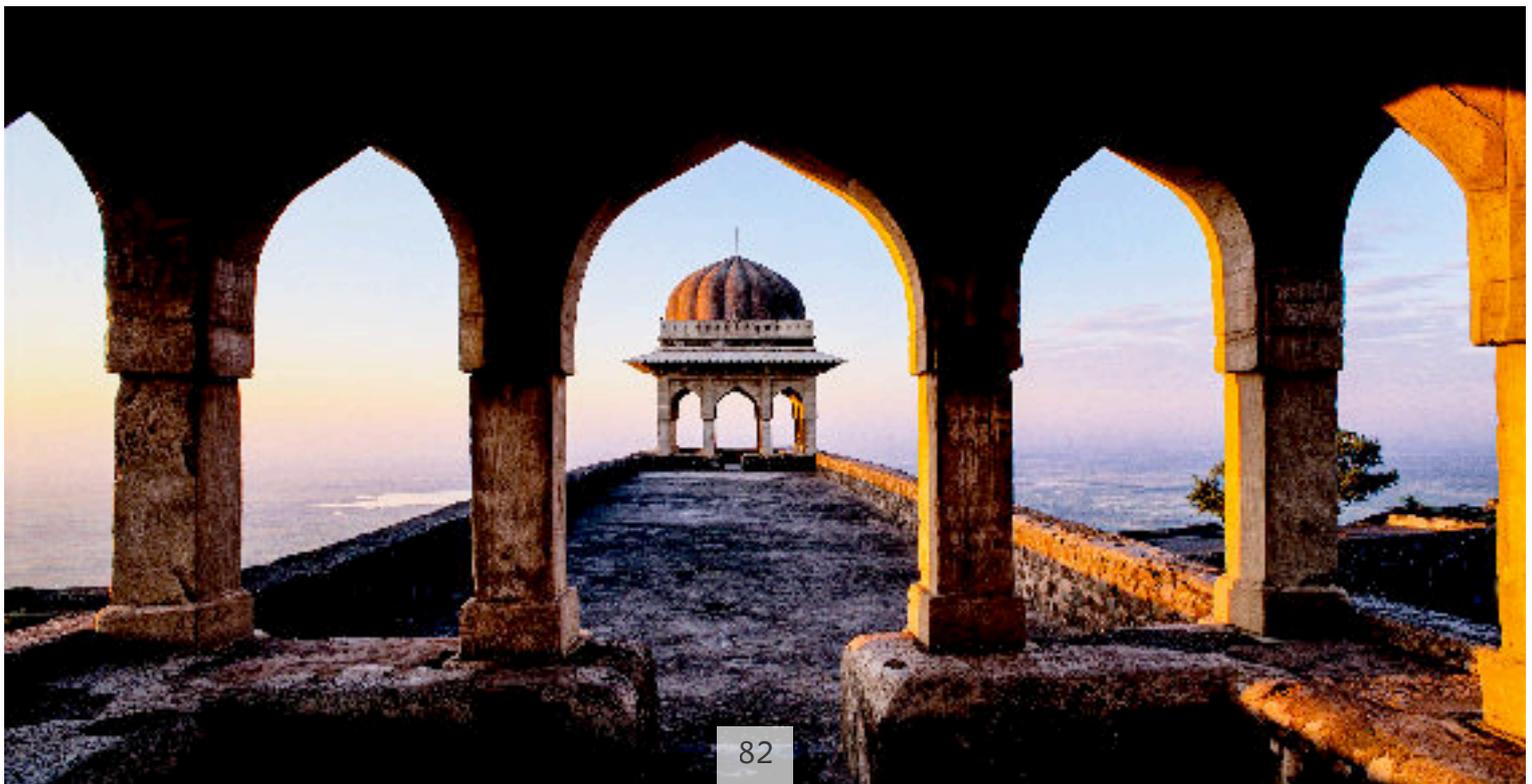
Places: Delhi | Agra | Gwalior | Jhansi | Khajuraho | Orchha | Jhansi | Bhopal | Ujjain | Indore | Omkareshwar | Maheshwar | Mandu | Indore | Mumbai

From: US \$ 12500 pp

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This rustic journey discovers the well-kept secrets of mainland India. Steeped in heritage, history and culture, this is a popular tour to step back in time and adventure through the historical heart of India. Here your journey will zigzag across a vast region which has witnessed all the major influences that have borne fruit in India's diverse culture possessing great unspoilt tracts, one of India's finest and almost unknown wildlife sanctuaries and the largest concentration of India's tribal people.

Accommodations are the combination of luxury and best available properties in the remote towns and cities, transportation is luxury though throughout the journey. This journey awaits for the adventuresome traveler in search of the heart of India.



Wild & Ancient

Madhya Pradesh

Duration: 12 Nights / 13 Days

Places: Mumbai | Nagpur | Tadoba | Pench | Satpura | Bhimbetka | Bhopal | Sanchi | Maheshwar | Mandu | Indore | Delhi

From: US \$ 8900 pp

For those in search of adventure, head to the lesser known wildlife parks of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. Here the National Wildlife parks of Tadoba, Pench and Satpura offer a more rural and intrepid view of the Indian jungle.

Tadoba provides some of the best wildlife sightings, whilst the expansive park of Pench has the new luxury Jamtara camp and Satpura carters for wildlife walks right in the heart of the sanctuary.

Leaving the jungle behind, you will journey on to discover ancient cave drawings at Bhimbetka, some of the world's oldest Buddhist monuments at Sanchi and the mythical, deserted city of Mandu.

Residing at the magical Ahilya Fort perched on the edge of a cliff overlooking the mighty Narmada river, you will experience sumptuous accommodation and insight into this ancient heartland of India.



Highlights of Madhya Pradesh

Duration: 09 Nights / 10 Days

Places: Delhi | Khajuraho | Orchha | Jhansi | Gwalior | Maheshwar | Bhopal | Delhi

From: US \$ 6400 pp

Meaning “central region” in native Hindi, Madhya Pradesh is an insular seat of India’s rich religious, artistic, and even prehistoric past. Ancient temples – featuring some of the world’s most breathtaking stone carvings – stand alongside other major historical sites sure to pique the interest of history buffs, photo enthusiasts, and general sightseers alike. But while your visit to Madhya Pradesh is sure to be a richly stimulating experience for all the senses, you can count on a distinct lack of one thing: bustling tourist crowds.

Your trip will include visits to temples and ruins, such as those of an ancient Rajput royal kingdom, as well as guided tours of tucked-away metropolitan sites like the central market in Old Bhopal City – known as the “City of Lakes” and one of the greenest cities in India. Feel as though you’ve stepped back in time, and away from the road most traveled, on this 10-day trip from Delhi to Mumbai through the highlights of Madhya Pradesh.

This itinerary is an example. It’s designed to inspire you and provide you with thoughtfully curated ideas. You can choose to do this exact itinerary or completely personalize it. All trips are 100% bespoke.



Archaeological Madhya Pradesh

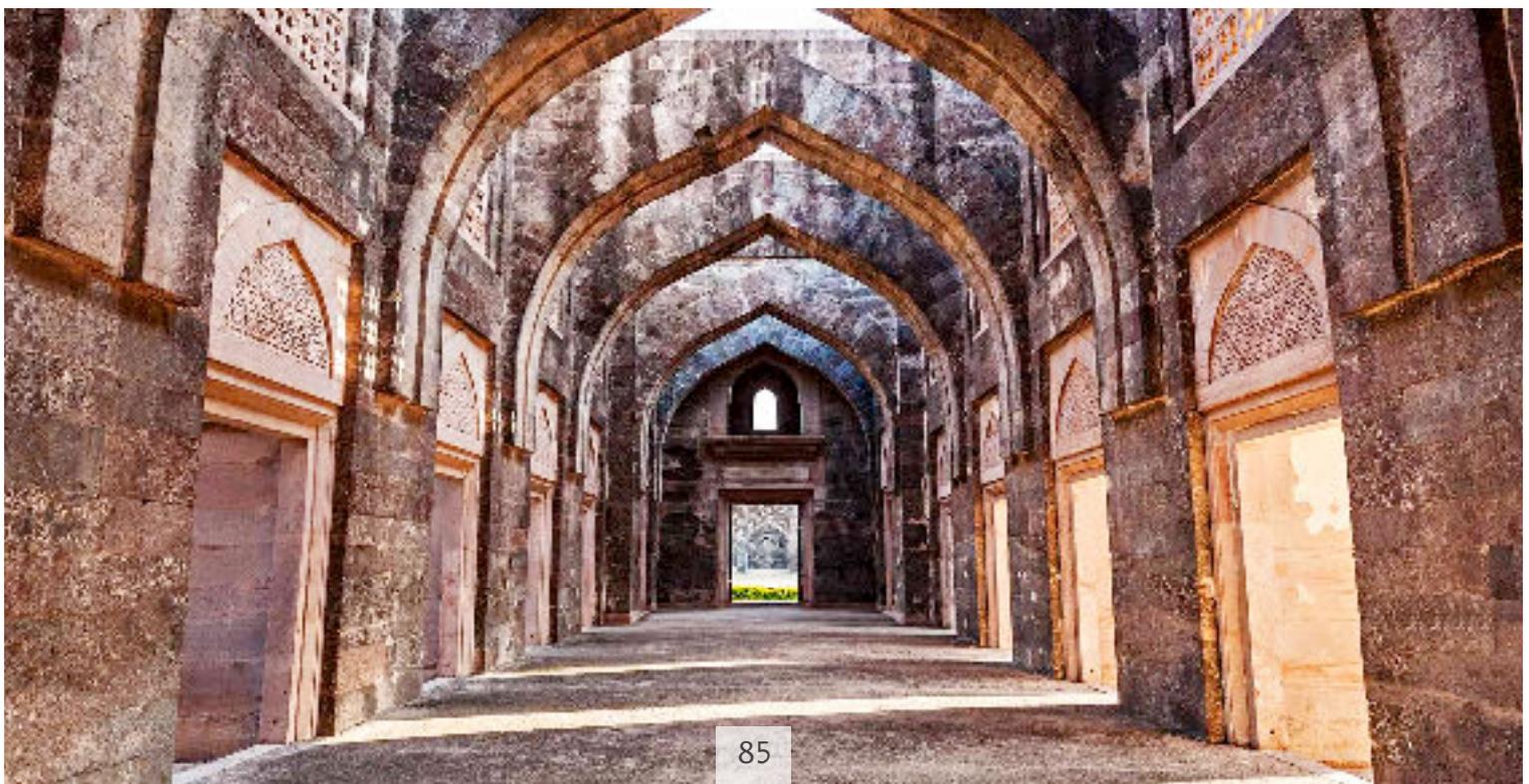
Duration: 12 Nights / 13 Days

Places: Delhi | Jabalpur | Bhopal | Maheshwar | Dhar | Kathiawara | Vadodra | Delhi

From: US \$ 10200 pp

Over the course of Madhya Pradesh's rich history, it has been home to Hindu kings, Muslim sultanates, and Buddhist believers alike. All of these groups have left cultural marvels behind that still dot the lush landscapes of this central Indian state, and this 13-day trip gives you an excellent opportunity to explore them all. Discover towering sandstone forts, ornate Hindu temples, and ancient Buddhist stupas with pictorials that narrate the religion's teaching through painstakingly crafted stonework. You will even get a chance to observe early cave drawings made tens of thousands of years ago by early humans. Madhya Pradesh is known as the "Heart of India" and promises not only insight into the cultural heritage of India, but also into that of humanity itself.

- Ancient Relics: Examine ancient, elaborately carved stone gateways surrounding the Great Stupa in Sanchi.
- Enduring Traditions: Experience the Hindu aarti ceremony at a riverbank and witness the resilient community that still resides at Omkareshwar despite historical persecution.
- Marble Rocks Gorge: Take a scenic boat ride on the river for a close-up look at the Marble Rocks of Jabalpur, where the river has carved through the soft marble to produce a gorge of nearly 5 miles in length.



Gems of Madhya Pradesh

Duration: 11 Nights / 12 Days

Places: Delhi | Bhopal | Maheshwar | Gwalior | Khajuraho | Varanasi | Delhi

From: US \$ 7200 pp

Madhya Pradesh is a cornerstone of India's rich religious, artistic, and even prehistoric past.

This 12-day trip will see you enjoying numerous stops throughout the region at a variety of heritage-filled cities and UNESCO world heritage sites. Designed for visitors who have potentially been to India before and want to dig deeper into its vibrant culture, the itinerary features a healthy mixture of guided tours and opportunities to break away for independent exploration, should you desire.

You can even do a charity city walk as organized by a local Indian non-profit. Visitors whose travel plans coincide with the Dev Deepawali celebration, typically celebrated in early November, are truly in for a treat with the opportunity to experience this holiday marking the Hindu gods' descent to Earth to bathe in the Ganges River.

Fireworks fill the skies, oil lamps light the night, and homes are covered with colorful designs as a procession of elaborately decorated deities make their rounds through the streets. It's truly a sight worth seeing.



Culture & Wilderness in Central India

Duration: 13 Nights / 14 Days

Places: Delhi | Kalinjar | Panna NP | Chanderi | Bhopal | Maheshwar | Delhi

From: US \$ 16500 pp

Embark on the journey-of-a-lifetime as you spend two weeks exploring the wonders hidden in India's heartland. This epic adventure offers the chance to uncover treasures that lie off the country's well-trodden tourist trail. From Delhi, dive into history at Kalinjar and discover the natural wildlife and wonders of Panna, the architectural gems of Chanderi and Bhopal and the matchless view from the fort at Maheshwar. Spend your days exploring historic towns, citadels, temples and mosques, hiking through jungle and spotting rare wildlife. Spend your nights in total luxury at Kaafila tented camps or unique and stunning hotels, gathering memories that will last forever.

Tiger Safari: Spot big cats and rare wildlife on a game drive through Panna Tiger Reserve.

Holy Ancient Town: Maheshwar is a small holy town beside the sacred river Narmada and was featured in the Ramayana.

Luxury Camping: While exploring the remote areas, enjoy a fully outfitted luxury moving camp pitched just for you, replete with shower, dining, and expert crew.



Madhya Pradesh Wildlife Journey

Duration: 11 Nights / 12 Days

Places: Delhi | Bandhavgarh NP | Panna NP | Orchha | Satpura | Bhopal | Delhi

From: **US \$ 9500 pp**

This trip is especially geared toward travelers with naturalist inclinations, as it veers through the Bandhavgarh, Panna, and Satpura national parks. While of the same state, each park still has its own unique characteristics.

Bandhavgarh is known for its large population of Bengal tigers, majestic waterfalls punctuate Panna's stunning vistas, and the vast Satpura's remote safari drive can take you far away from other sightseers. In addition to days spent exploring these national parks, there is also time spent exploring the local culture.

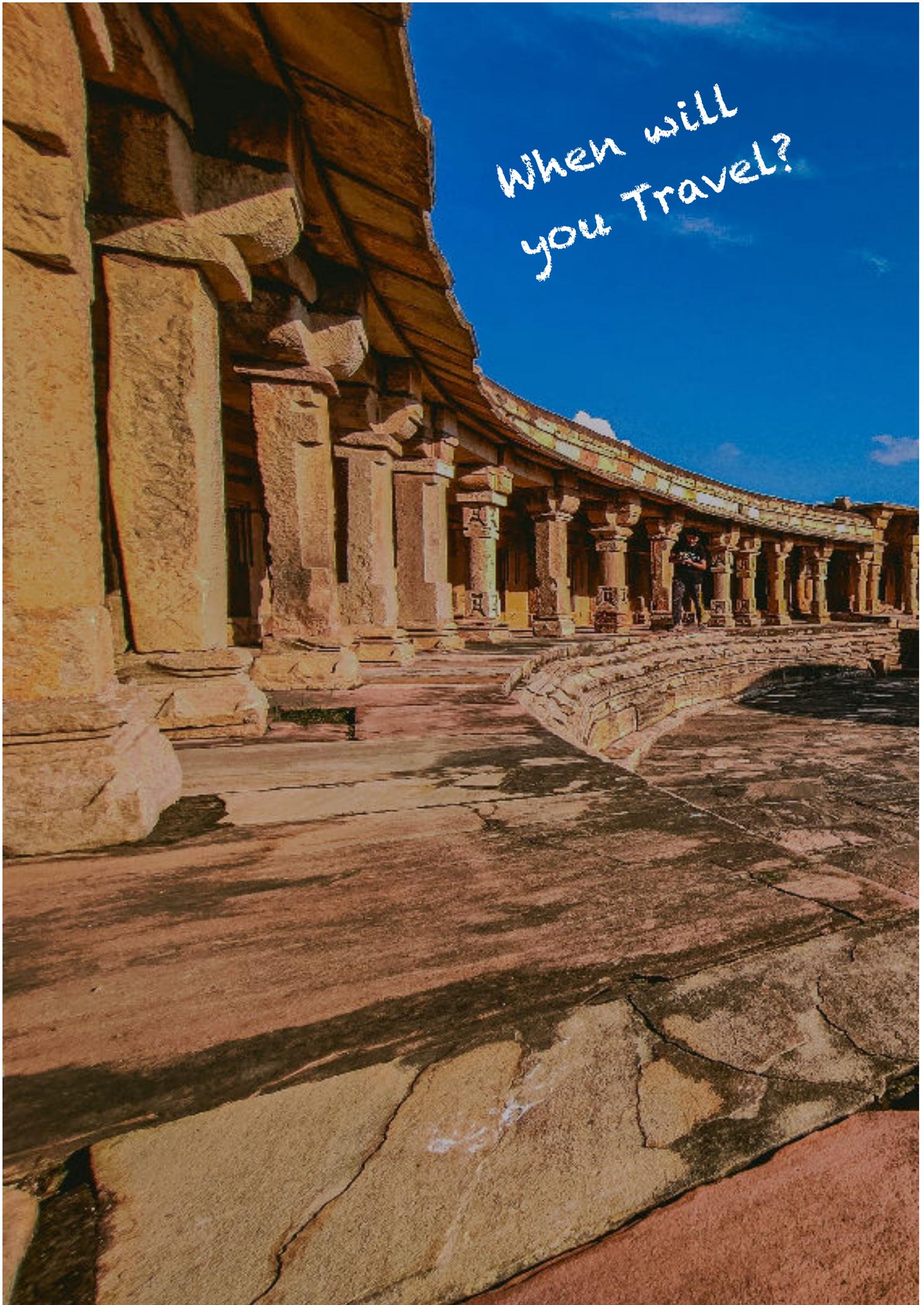
See the Khajuraho temples and tour the many temples and palaces of Orchha, which was once the seat of the Orchha State, and you'll also get a taste of vibrant Old Delhi. Madhya Pradesh is a land rich with biodiversity, natural beauty, and traditional culture – framed perfectly by this adventurous 11-day trip.







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