Fact Sheet

**Hotel Address** Jamtara Wilderness Camp

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**Location**  Jamtara has a stunningly pretty location, all on its own at one tip of Pench National Park and with virtually private access to one of the park gates just a 5 minute drive way. Lying in grassy meadow on the edge of the forest and with nalas (small streams) running through the property, it is ultimately peaceful and charming. The spacious tents are well spread out around the premises which also backs onto farmland on one side. Nearby is a delightful village to explore, if not wandering around the camp grounds which are alive with wildlife themselves. A central campfire under a huge Banyan tree is a focal point of the property.

**Style** Gorgeous, understated, authentic, comfortable tented camp in a secluded, peaceful part of the park by the buffer zone. The tents are large and beautifully decorated with virtually everything made of wood; deep verandahs, large bathrooms, good lighting; great comfort. The public areas are equally chic and rustic and tasteful with a large sitting and dining room overlooking the pool; a cosy bar and endless romantic places for ‘bush dinners’. An excellent wildlife camp run by enthusiastic, knowledgeable, loyal naturalists whose life is immersed in the welfare of the jungle and its inhabitants.

**Accessibility**  **By air**: To Nagaur or Jabalpur followed by 3 or 4 hour drive.

**By train:** To Jabalpur followed by 4 hour drive

 **By road:** From Kanha (5 hours), Satpura (6 hours)

 **Transfers:** The camp can arrange transport to and from Nagpur and other parks, on extra charge.

**Accommodation** All tents are similar. 10 beautiful, contemporary, rust, large tents are scattered (well spaced out) around the premises. Each is very private and does not look on another but out onto jungle or dried up riverbeds. Wooden floors and verandahs with pretty rugs give them a warm, cosy feel. Bright furnishings make them feel cheery and the deep verandahs are perfect for relaxing on between game drives. They all have overhead fans and are airconditioned and have excellent, roomy bathrooms with plenty of hot water (by hidden geyser) and powerful showers (no bath tubs). The rooms have tea and coffee making facilities. Being on ground level and accesses by sandy pathways, most tents are accessible by wheelchair. There is no TV, DVD nor safe in the rooms. Hot water bottles and heaters can be provided on request.

They also offer the unique concept of ‘**star beds’** whereby one sleeps out on a raised platform under a mosquito net, under the stars. With a guard discreetly sleeping and keeping watch nearby, this is a unique and magical thing to do. It can be damp in certain months so it’s best to enquire before embarking upon a romantic night in the fields, under the stars. It really is a moment where nature is all around you and UNDER you on occasion. Deeply comfortable, sturdy beds and lovely bedding make it cosy and fun.

**Dining** There is a central dining room where guests all tend to eat around one large table. However, separate tables can be laid up and private bush dinners in secluded places around the premises are truly special. Dinner may often be taken around the camp fire or in other parts of the camp. Drinks and snacks are also served in the delightful bar, where evening talks also take place, surrounded by the sounds of nature. The camp serves as much locally grown and sourced produce as it can and offers Continental, Indian and Oriental cuisine. All guest tastes can be catered to. Unlimited complimentary water. All meals are included in the nightly room rate.

**Meal Times** There are no set mealtimes but early morning tea / coffee is served before the game drives. Breakfast / brunch is then served on return, along with lunch and dinner. Dinner tends to be served fairly early due to the early starts guests have each morning.

**Children** The hotel accepts children of all ages. Two children up to the age of 16 years may be accommodated in their parent’s bedroom for an extra charge. Child care can be arranged.

**Dress code** There is no official dress code and it is extremely relaxed. However, when out on safari, we suggest dark, earthy, muted clothing that will not show up too much against the vegetation. A raincoat is useful as there can be dew on the trees in the early mornings. Tough, outdoor shoes are essential. A sun hat is recommended. Very casual with nothing smart needed. Warm clothes are essential for the early mornings in winter as it is cold in the jungle at that time. Warm but relaxed clothes for the evenings. It can warm up in the day so light clothing if wanting to relax by the pool – cater to all climates but always casual.

**Check-in / out time** Check-in is 1pm. Check-out is 11am. They are flexible, depending on occupancy and guest arrival / departure times.

**Electricity** 220 volts. The standard two round pin adaptors work. Due to being on a generator, the electricity will usually be shut down around 10 or 11pm. Equally, the lighting can be dim and, due to the remote, jungle location, there can be power cuts. A head torch is essential if wanting to read late into the night. Torches are provided in the tents.

**Credit cards / currency** The camp accepts does not accept credit cards but accepts

payment in US dollars, sterling and euros.

**Mobile telephones** There is virtually no mobile signal here but local networks can be accessed sporadically about 5 mins drive away.

**When to go / Climate** Madhya Pradesh has some major climactic fluctuations. During December, January and February, it can be cold in the mornings and evenings and warm clothes are necessary. However, during the daytime it is lovely and warm and sunny. It begins to get fairly hot in March and April. Temperatures can rise in May to an intense and uncomfortable heat. The monsoon breaks in late June or early July and lasts until September. October and November are still warm but not cold or wet. The best time to visit is from November to March. It is generally a dry heat with little humidity, except during the months of July to early October. However, game viewing is possibly at its best during the months of March and April.

 NOTE: It can be very cold in the early morning safari drives during the months of late November to February and warm jackets are essential at this time.

**Opening and closing** The camp is open from 15 October (subject to fluctuating park opening dates) to 10 May each year.

**Pests** Mosquitoes can be a problem here during the months of April, May and June but eucalyptus leaves are burnt at sunset to combat this, and mosquito nets and coils are also provided. Mosquitoes mainly come out in the early mornings and evenings and this too generally only in the warmer months. In the winter months, it is often too cold for mosquitoes.

**Hotel facilities** Swimming pool (not heated)

Library/sitting room

 Baby-sitting

 NO email or WI-FI

The camp owns its own, excellent jeeps

Bar

**Hotel services/activities** Jungle Safaris with resident naturalist (2 game drives per day

included in the nightly rate)

Visits to Jamtara village,

Walks in the Buffer zone,

Bird Watching,

Star gazing

Bicycles for hire

Bush dinners

Picnics

**Reservations** T: +91 11 2652 3021 / 2651 6770

**Average length of stay** There is no minimum stay. Due to the remote location of the camp, stays of under 2 nights are not recommended. 2 or 3 nights is ideal.

**Payment / cancellation** Pre-payment is compulsory. Cancellation charge apply..

**Packages** No packages available on website

**Seasonal surcharges** Seasonal surcharges apply at Christmas and New Year

**Government taxes** Local taxes are applicable

**Ownership** Amit Sankhala

**Management** General Manager – Rajinder Prabhakar