

# FACTSHEET

## VANNRAJ PENCH NATIONAL PARK

### VANNRAJ

Vannraj, located on the border of Pench National Park, is a luxury safari lodge spread over 22 acres of dry deciduous forest. The lodge blends in with the surrounding landscape and indigenous vegetation with minimal impact on the surrounding flora and fauna. The lodge houses 12 guest cottages and villas. A large pool with a sunken bar and spacious grasslands are at the heart of the lodge providing a well suited ambience for evening gatherings. Appropriately named Vannraj meaning the “*King of the Forest*”, the lodge provides an ideal base camp for discerning wildlife enthusiasts to experience the central Indian forest.

### OPERATOR

Vannraj is operated by Ayana Hospitality, a joint venture between the Mantis Group (South Africa) and the ICS Group (India).

### GUEST ACCOMMODATION

Constructed with locally sourced materials, Vannraj has successfully kept its carbon impact to a minimum. Each guest unit is oriented to ensure a high level of privacy for the resident guests. Inspired by local architecture, the cottages have high pitched sloping roofs with Mangalorean tiles. The open veranda is reminiscent of outdoor spaces in traditional villages allowing the guests to experience the surrounding landscape. The lodge offers three options for stay - **Traditional Cottages, The Machan Suites**, and the exclusive **Vannraj Villa**.

### GUEST AREAS

The Lodge has a spacious dining hall with an interactive kitchen allowing guests to hone their culinary skills. A comfortable lounge area and library offers an ideal space to relax in between safari drives and learn more about the surrounding flora and fauna. With a fully equipped conference facility the lodge is well suited to cater to meetings and small conferences.

A suspended wooden platform over a small lake offers an ideal setting for a sunset cocktail. Guests are encouraged to utilize the gym and spa facility that offers traditional and contemporary therapies.

### DINING

Most ingredients are directly sourced from our large organic farm, entirely chemical free. Meals are highly anticipated as there is always an unexpected menu and venue.

Multiple dining options include the pool deck, a forest location, a romantic machan, and a suspended wooden deck on the lake. On request,

private picnics can be set up in scenic locations with indulgent cocktails and food.

Our menu reflects the seasonal produce and can be tailored based on guest's preferences. The chef provides for Indian regional cuisine, a western selection and the traditional tandoor cooking.

### SAFARIS

The safari experience is integral to what Vannraj offers. Our expertly trained guides have an unparalleled understanding of the local flora and fauna. With their insight, the park comes alive and everything from a porcupine quill to a tiger's footprint becomes part of an incredible narrative of survival. Safaris are all conducted in state-of-the-art four-wheel drives, which are least intrusive to the flora and fauna.

**Note: The Park is closed on Wednesday evenings.**

### PENCH NATIONAL PARK

Pench National Park forms the backdrop to Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book and is located on the southern boundary of Madhya Pradesh, bordering Maharashtra in central India. Nestling in the lower southern ranges of the Satpura hills the park is named after the river Pench that flows through the park from north to south dividing it into almost equal halves. Declared a national park in 1983, Pench is spread across an area of 758 sq Kms and is one of the best managed national parks in India.

### EXPERIENCE

- 🐾 Safaris – Park safaris accompanied by our trained naturalist in specially designed 4x4 vehicles can be enjoyed twice daily.
- 🐾 Guided jungle walks & village visits
- 🐾 Night safari in the buffer zone
- 🐾 Birding & star gazing
- 🐾 Culinary workshop with our chef
- 🐾 Photography workshop
- 🐾 Wellness treatment in our Spa
- 🐾 Meetings & Conferences

### WEATHER

Pench enjoys a warm tropical climate almost throughout the year – hot during the day and pleasant at nights. Summer (April- June) temperatures go up to 44°C while early mornings and evenings are pleasant at 18-24°C. During the winters (October-March), the night and morning temperatures vary between 02-20°C, whereas daytime is sunny and pleasant.



Pench receives heavy rains during the monsoons (mid-June to September) and average annual rainfall is 1400 mm.

## BEST TIME TO VISIT

October to March is the most comfortable time to visit as the weather is pleasant and the forest lush green post monsoon.

April to June is warm but as the forest dries up, game sightings improve with the waterholes attracting the wildlife.

## ACCESSIBILITY

Pench National Park is only 1 ½ hrs drive (90 kms) from Nagpur airport, which is well connected with both domestic and international flights.

Pench is also well connected by road with the other famous national parks of Central India like Kanha (120 Kms), Bandhavgarh (330 Kms) & Tadoba (260 Kms)

## LODGE CLOSURE

Vannraj is operational throughout the year

## FACILITIES AT VANNRAJ

Luxury Accommodations	Air Conditioning in Room	Ceiling Fans
Intercom	Bath Tubs & Showers	Mini Fridge in Room
Room Service available	Running Hot Water	Power Backup
Junior Beds on request	First Aid Kit & Anti Venom	4x4 Safari Vehicle
Swimming Pool with Sunken Bar	Dining Hall	Conference Facility
Library	Recreational Room	Spa & Wellness Centre
Guest Computer in Library	Trained Naturalist	Fitness Centre
Laundry Service	Credit Cards Accepted	Safari Shop
Lounge area	Doctor on Call	Transfers from Airport & Railway Stations

## FOR ENQUIRY & RESERVATION

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