



Satpura Under Canvas

The Pachmarhi Trail - A 2 Night 3 Day Trek in the Satpuras



The Satpura Tiger Reserve is an extensive forest covering a broad array of unique Central Indian flora and fauna. This beautiful reserve is cradled in the Mahadeo Hills of the Satpura Range that is characterized by fascinating deep valleys, narrow gorges, cascading waterfalls and rich vegetation. All these amazing facets of this forest make it ideal trekking country. During the British Raj, the state of Madhya Pradesh was known as the Central Provinces and the forest department of this province commenced with its headquarters in Pachmarhi. Captain James Forsyth a man largely responsible for establishing and operating the headquarters ascended to Pachmarhi using the same route as what we shall take on this trek. 2 night and 3 day treks or 1 night and 2 day treks can be designed by Reni Pani Jungle Lodge as per requirement of the guests.



Sample Itinerary

Day 1: Guests will depart Reni Pani Jungle Lodge at 6:00 am and drive to Pachmarhi, a lovely hill station nestled in the highest peaks of Satpura. Upon reaching Pachmarhi at 9:30 am guests will commence their descend towards Dehelias camp which will be used as the point for our first campsite. This walk is extremely unique and patrons get a one of a kind opportunity to witness the transformation from Sal to Teak forest. The first 7 kilometers is a steep decline to the Kanchighat where guests will stop for lunch. Here, there is a wonderful perennial stream where guests can take a dip and enjoy an array of colorful birdlife including Red-Whiskered Bulbul, Indian Nuthatch, Oriental White-eye, Common Tailorbird, Indian Yellow Tit and beautiful damselflies like the Stream Glory and the Stream Jewel. After lunch we will walk another 6 km to the picturesque Dehelias camp located on the banks of the Denwa River. Our exclusive mobile camp will be set up along a lovely sandy beach on the river. Look out for the Indian Giant Squirrel here.



Day 2: Guests will wake up to the symphony of the flowing Denwa River. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 am. Today we will embark on a 16 km partly along with banks of the Denwa and in some pristine

woodland habitat. As we walk along the Denwa guests will be witness to the magical change in scenery that Satpura offers. High sand banks, narrow waterways, and a beautiful confluence with the Bainganga river all await our strides. One may need to wade through knee deep water at times to adventurously get to Jhela camp (9 km) which will be used for our lunch stop. Guests may see Crested Serpent Eagle, Kingfishers, Grey Wagtails, Tickel's Blue Flycatcher and Indian Vultures. En-route there is a steep cliff that is used by the endangered Indian Vultures as a nesting site. After Jhela we leave the Denwa river bed and walk 6 km through dry deciduous woodland towards Manakachar where Reni Pani's exclusive mobile camp will be set up. All these areas lie within the reserve and guests are likely to encounter several species of birds like the Crested Serpent Eagle, Grey Hornbills, Common Kingfishers, Jungle Prinias, Black-hooded Orioles, Golden Fronted Leafbirds amongst others.

Day 3: Today guests will wake up at leisure and have a hearty breakfast by 8:30 am before driving back a couple of our to Reni Pani Jungle Lodge



Notes:

- The trek is conducted in remote locations and therefore the facilities and amenities will be simple
- An exclusive mobile campsite will be set up for guests at each location
- For those who wish to climb up the Satpura Hills the trek can be arranged in reverse order starting at Manakachar
- Hiking gear including full pants, shirts, shoes, hats are highly recommended for guest comfort
- Insect repellent and sun block should also be carried
- Since a major part of this hike is within the Tiger Reserve, the route and campsites may vary marginally because of the forest department's policy
- Because of logistics, travelling and arranging this tour for a small group of 6 to 8 individuals is ideal and economical. For individuals the cost will be substantially higher
- This camping program can be arranged by Reni Pani Jungle Lodge