svasara jungle lodge
Luxury in Nature
Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve
Dear Guest,

A warm welcome to Svasara Jungle Lodge at Tadoba! Svasara is a conservation-focused jungle lodge set over ten acres near the Kolara tribal hamlet and bordering the beautiful Tadoba Tiger Reserve. Svasara, an old Sanskrit word, means a “nest” - a place of security, comfort and belonging that exists in harmony with nature. We believe in sustainable tourism, and are committed to reforestation, conservation and working with the local community. Tadoba boasts a rich biodiversity, and is best known today for its Tigers. But the Tigers of Tadoba are under severe pressure! The biggest threat is loss of habitat. We have taken a land devastated by intensive farming and overgrazing, and constantly under pressure from mining industry, and are bringing back to it a sanctuary of indigenous jungle trees and plants. Over the last year alone, we have planted over a thousand jungle trees and plants and are growing a nursery of thousands more.

Tadoba has a climate that has seasonal extremes, with especially hot days. Our rooms are air-conditioned and luxuriously appointed so you may return from an exciting but hot jungle safari to a cool rejuvenating oasis. The rooms have chic aesthetics while celebrating local art & culture. At Svasara, you experience a jungle with uniquely designed guest areas on the outside, while inside the lodge you relax in luxury and comfort.

We are here to provide you personalized caring service and a memorable jungle safari holiday.

Your Svasara Team
The Lodge

12 Spacious Rooms with private verandah seating, air-conditioning, full power back-up, en-suite bathroom, 24-hour hot & cold water, coffee / tea maker, mini bar, satellite TV, in-room safe, on-call doctor, housekeeping and laundry service

Indoor & Outdoor Dining Venues  • Pool & Spa  • Library & Nature Shop  • Organic Farm & Nursery  • Walking Trails over 10 acres of restored forest

Credit cards and Debit cards accepted: MasterCard and Visa
Activities

- Naturalist-led Jeep Safaris
- Outdoor Jungle Cinema
- Walk-through Nursery
- Guided Cultural & Village Tours
- Butterfly Corner
- Naturalist-led Nature Walks
- Waterhole
- Bird Watching
- Bonfire & Stargazing
Experience Luxury in Nature

The Teakhouse

Outdoor Dining / Open Tandoor
Bonfire & Stargazing
Jungle Cinema
Organic Farm
Jungle Nursery
Dining Experience

When the food is delectable and the setting as exotic, it makes for an extraordinary dining experience! That is what we have waiting for you at Svasara...

From the spicy local “Varadi” cuisine, to the rich Mughlai cuisine from the North, or the distinctive flavors of the South...we serve recipes from many different regions of India. This journey into spices is balanced with international and comfort foods like fresh salads, pastas, warm stews, and sinful desserts!

To taste the freshness of our farm produce, try our recipes that mention "home-grown" vegetables like Radish Salad, Tomato Tok (chutney made with home-grown tomatoes), Palak Shorba (soup made with home-grown spinach) and Aloo Phalli (potatoes tossed with home-grown long beans).

After an exciting safari, sit by the evening bonfire at The Teakhouse and enjoy hors d’oeuvres and aromas coming from the Tandoor oven. Then enjoy a sumptuous meal at the open-air dining surrounded by the organic garden, while the breeze blows in with the thrilling jungle aura.

Our Typical Meal Timings:
- Morning Tea At Sunrise
- Breakfast 9 Am – 10 Am
- Lunch 1230 Pm – 0230 Pm
- Evening Tea At Sunset
- Dinner 7 Pm – 9 Pm

Our day starts early, so we request our guests to finish dinner by 9 pm. Guests taking the morning safari will get packed breakfast.
Your Day at Svasara

Park timings vary by season.

早晨 (su-prabhat) “Good Morning!” in Marathi

Morning Tea & Safari
Start the day with freshly brewed coffee or tea before the Safari. A safari-tiffin with packed breakfast, juices and water is provided in the Jeeps. Around 6a or 630a, enter Tadoba and check last night’s “movement” - local slang for pugmarks, droppings, etc. Morning game drives last 4-5 hours. For guests not taking the morning safari, breakfast can be ordered in the restaurant between 9a to 10a.

Relax / Explore
In-between safaris, read, relax and explore the ten acre grounds - Pool & Spa, Library & Safari Shop, Jungle Nursery, Organic Farm, Nature Trails, Birding, Waterhole or tour the tribal hamlet of Kolara.

下午 (namaskar) “Good Afternoon!”

Lunch
Around 1230p, enjoy a menu that is varied by season. Depending on the day of the week, you could either be served Continental fare, Asian or North Indian dishes. Fresh salads and homemade desserts accompany each lunch menu.

Afternoon Jeep Safari or Nature Walk
At 2p or 230p, head out for the afternoon Jeep Safari, or alternatively request a naturalist-led Nature Walk! Refreshments are provided in the Jeeps. Afternoon game drives are 3-4 hours in the jungle.

傍晚 (shubh-sandhya) “Good Evening!”

Evening Tea
Post afternoon safaris join guests and naturalists over tea or coffee. Enjoy Marathi snacks like Chaklis and local cookies.

Bonfire & Jungle Cinema
Around 730p, relax with your family/friends by the bonfire at The Teak house over drinks and hors d’oeuvres. Catch a presentation by our Naturalists or a documentary on Tadoba with the sound of crickets chirping in the background. The Lodge sits close to the forest, and every once so often, the roar of the Tiger in the Cinema is replied with a roar or an alarm call from the jungle!

晚餐 (shubharathri) “Good Night!”

Dinner
For dinner, savour hot Kebabs and Naan right out of the Tandoor. Or, experience litti-chokha, an Eastern Indian village food! Enjoy stargazing under the beautiful clear skies. Afterwards, how about an adventurous walk to the Waterhole with our trained Naturalists...? Or, maybe just check out the live video from the Waterhole at the Jungle Cinema, before you call it a night!

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Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve

The Reserve is closed on Tuesdays.

Tadoba, Maharashtra's oldest and largest National Park, enjoys one of the highest densities of Tigers in the wild. The park has a rich biodiversity, including the large 300-acre Tadoba Lake and beautiful dry-deciduous forests primarily of bamboo and teak spread over rolling hills and plateaus. Other species such as Leopard, Wild Dog, Sloth Bear, Gaur (Bison), Chital (Spotted Deer), Nilgai (Blue Bull), Sambar, Crocodile, etc. are also found. The jungle is a popular birding destination, with 210+ species from over 50 families.

History

The Gond kings once ruled these areas and have left a rich heritage, like the famous Gond Tribal Art & Paintings. The name Tadoba comes from the name of the Gond God “Taru”, who lived in the forests of Tadoba, while the Andhari River that meanders through the forest gives the sanctuary the Andhari name. Legend holds that Taru was killed in a mythological encounter with a tiger. A shrine dedicated to Taru now stands beneath a large tree on the banks of the Tadoba Lake.

In 1955, 116 square kilometres in the area was declared as Tadoba National Park (TNP). Andhari Wildlife Sanctuary (AWS) was created in the adjacent forests in 1986, and in 1993, both the park and the sanctuary were merged to establish the present day Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) with a total area of 625 square kilometres.

Lay of the Land

Tadoba Tiger Reserve has three primary ranges in the Park. Tadoba Range is in the north and covers the Chimur Hills. Many consider this the most pristine and precious part of the Tiger Reserve. Kolara Gate, where Svasara Jungle Lodge resides, is the main gate for this range and provides a quick drive into this core area of the Park. Moharli Gate for the Moharli range is approximately an hour drive from Kolara, and Pangdi Gate for Kolsa Range is further away.
Day Tours
All distances/times are approximated from Svasara.

Wildlife Sanctuary

Umred-Karhandla (70 km / 1.5 hours)
This pristine sanctuary of 180 sq. kms. not only has a healthy population of tigers, sloth bears, leopards, wild dogs (dholes) and gaur, but it is also home to rare small animals like flying squirrels, pangolins, and honey badgers. 180+ species of birds have also been identified in this sanctuary which shares close corridors with Nagzira Wildlife Sanctuary.

Artisan Destinations & Ashrams

Gramodaya Sangh - "Mirmira" Pottery (75 km / 1.5 hours)
The world famous glazed Pottery Centre in Bhadrawati established by the artisan Shri BK Mirmira. It has won many awards, including the award for Best Pottery in Rural India. Visitors can enjoy a tour, pottery making, and shop.

Anandwan Ashram - "Forest of Joy" (65 km / 1.15 hours)
Founded by the internationally known human rights activist Baba Amte, the Anandwan Ashram in Warora helps people with disabilities to enhance their livelihood capabilities. Visitors can tour a number of onsite projects and art centres.

Sevagram Ashram - "A Village for Service" (110 km / 2.15 hours)
The Ashram life Gandhiji established is continued at Sevagram in Wardha up to the present day - a museum and a living example of his ideals and philosophy. Gandhian thought camps and conferences are held here.

Historical Sites

Markanda - the "mini Khajuraho" of Maharashtra (87 km / 2 hours)
Markanda has a special spiritual air about it with no less than 24 temples, some from the 8th century, with Hindu Gods and Goddesses in the architectural style of Khajuraho.

Bhadrawati - alias "Bhandak" (75 km / 1.5 hours)
An ancient village with old temples of Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism and an important pilgrimage for Jains. There is a popularly visited Ganesh temple atop a hill at Gavrala and the Nag Mandir or Nagoba Mandir dedicated to Lord Shiva. Close-by are the 2000-year old Buddhist caves at Vijasan village.

Picnic Spots

Ramdegi (35 km / 45 minutes)
Ramdegi in the western buffer of Tadoba makes for a lovely picnic spot, near a quaint little Shiv Mandir and a beautiful Banyan tree with a statue of Lord Buddha underneath it. Legend has it that Lord Buddha meditated for 14 days here.

Ghodajhari Lake (50 km / 1 hour)
This lake lies in the buffer area of Brahmapuri Forest Reserve and has been developed for tourism offering boating, picnic and restaurant services. It also attracts lots of bird life.
Access

The nearest airport is Nagpur, located approximately 100 kms / 62 miles from the lodge. The nearest rail stations are Warora (51 kms / 32 miles), Chandrapur (90 kms / 56 miles) and Nagpur.

From Nagpur, highway 9 connects to Umred and continues straight to Kampa (a.k.a. Tempa). Right at Kampa onto highway 233 connects to Chimur. Left into Chimur Village at Svasara sign-post goes to Svasara Lodge.