

RAREINDIA

Choose from a list of unique stays, that allow you to explore unseen aspects across pristine landscapes

orts and palaces, glam camps, boutique homestays, jungle lodges, plantation bungalows, wellness and spa retreats, each hotel on the RARE list has a priceless, intimate experience to offer and attempts to make your stay meaningful and immersive in properties across India, Nepal and Bhutan. Be sure to come home to warm smiles from passionate hosts and tuck into delectable local meals during your stay, as each of these properties have been created keeping community, culture and conservation in mind.

JIM'S JUNGLE RETREAT, UTTARAKHAND

Located at the edge of Corbett National Park, Jim's Jungle Retreat offers acres of luxurious refuge and countless birdwatching opportunities from your private verandah. You can enjoy royal hospitality in the eighteen sophisticated cottages inspired by the Raj era. WHEN TO GO: November to June is a good time to visit.

GETTING THERE: Ramnagar is the closest railway station (8km away) while the closest airport is Pantnagar (70km away).

www.jimsjungleretreat.com

Sarai at Toria

RENI PANI JUNGLE LODGE, MADHYA PRADESH.

Experience unique modes of safaris (read canoe, boat and elephant back varieties) and the comfort of cottages and luxury tents at Reni Pani Jungle Lodge. Your host who is a trained naturalist and ornithologist also lives on the premises and is happy to assist you plan your safaris including a walking safari in the core area of the park.

WHEN TO GO: From October to April is an excellent time to visit. May and June are good for leopard sightings.

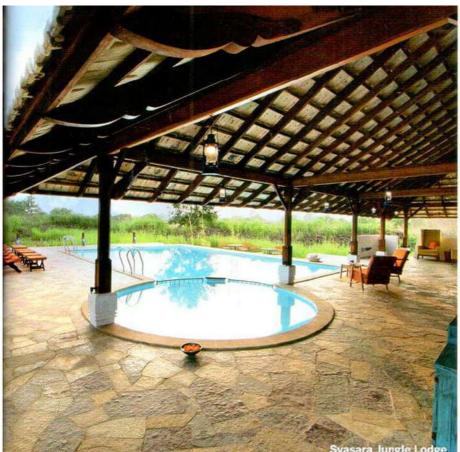
GETTING THERE: The lodge is a three-hour drive from Bhopal.

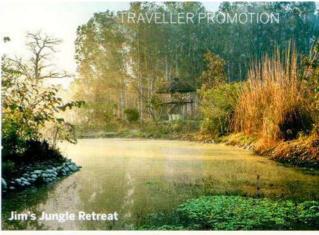
www.renipanijunglelodge.com

SARAI AT TORIA, MADHYA PRADESH

Lying on the banks of River Ken, less than 2km away from Panna Tiger Reserve at Madla, Sarai at Toria features eight cottages that come with courtyards and verandahs. The owners are committed to conservation work and the idea behind creating the property was to allow them to continue to live and work in the area, bringing forest-friendly livelihood options to locals.

WHEN TO GO: November to March is the







best season for sightings.

GETTING THERE: The property is thirty minutes away from Khajuraho.

www.saraiattoria.com

SVASARA JUNGLE LODGE AT TADOBA, MAHARASHTRA

A charming jungle lodge situated on the periphery of the Tadoba Tiger Reserve. Svasara's ten-acre camp offers you a chance to discover Tadoba's Big 5 (sloth bear, Indian wild dog, Indian bison (gaur), leopard and tiger) that call the forest their home. Besides the wildlife safaris you can spend your day sampling local cuisine of Vidarbha or try orange-based spa treatments at the wilderness spa – Santraa.

WHEN TO GO: October to March offers the best weather while April to June, although hot, is good for tiger sightings.

GETTING THERE: Tadoba National Park is 140km away from Nagpur airport and 45km from Chandrapur railway station.

www.svasararesorts.com

CHAMPAKALI, GOA

The six tastefully designed rooms spread across two villas at Champakali give you a chance to explore wilderness in the heart of Old Goa. Enjoy a birding trip by boat on the mangroves of Dr Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary or an early morning walk through the Old City of Goa and stop by to experience lunch with the locals of the neighbouring Divar Island



followed by sunset drinks overlooking the Mandovi River.

WHEN TO GO: The monsoons are for those who wish to rest and relax, while Christmas sees Goa at its best.

GETTING THERE: The property is 26km from Goa airport and 35km from the station.

www.champakali.in

WINDERMERE RIVER HOUSE, KERALA

Located close to the Thattekad Bird Sanctuary, a birder's delight, the Windermere River House is nestled among rubber plantations. The Periyar River flows by the side of the two-acre property that houses five rooms. The family-run venture offers a homely vibe and some delicious home-cooked meals. Enjoy a nature tour with a birding expert or watch a gorgeous sunset by the river.

WHEN TO GO: November to February is best to see migratory birds.

GETTING THERE: The property is an hour's drive from Kochi.

www.windermeremunnar.com

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