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SOUL OF THE SATPURAS, INDIA

PHOTO SAFARI **WITH DARREN DONOVAN**

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INTRODUCTION

Long before the sun pierces the horizon, Satpura reveals itself through sound and scent. The crisp morning air carries the aroma of damp teak leaves, and a soft, phantom mist floats across the Denwa River. Here in the heart of Madhya Pradesh, Central India's most enigmatic wilderness remains raw and uncrowded, a photographer's dream where every dawn feels like a fresh canvas waiting to be painted with light.

Unlike India's busier reserves, Satpura offers intimacy. You don't just view this landscape; you step directly into its ethereal moody drama. Early morning safaris place you in cathedral-like forests of lush sal and Teak, where shafts of ethereal golden light cut through blue morning haze. It's an otherworldly backdrop for wildlife photography—one where patience is rewarded with portraits framed by mossy sandstone gorges and ancient, whispering trees.

Behind the mist lies a habitat rich with apex predators and iconic megafauna:
* The Royal Bengal Tiger
* The Sloth Bear
* The Indian Wild Dog (Dhole)
* The Gaur

Look upward and the forest flashes with color. Satpura is a paradise for birdlife, home to over 300 avian species. Bring your long lenses, your eye for mood, and a sense of wonder. The shadows are calling.



PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

- Photograph Bengal tigers, leopards, sloth bears, dholes and gaur across two of Central India's most rewarding wildlife reserves.
- Capture intimate wildlife moments during exclusive morning and afternoon game drives in the lesser-visited Bori Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Spend four nights exploring Satpura National Park, renowned for its rich biodiversity and exceptional photographic opportunities.
- Enjoy a full-day photographic safari between Bori and Satpura, maximising time in the field and opportunities for wildlife encounters.
- Photograph Central India's diverse habitats, from dense teak forests and open meadows to sandstone hills and riverine landscapes.

SAFARI HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore two of Central India's most remarkable wilderness areas, Bori Wildlife Sanctuary and Satpura National Park.
- Stay four nights at Bori Safari Lodge and four nights at Reni Pani Jungle Lodge, both positioned for exceptional access to the surrounding wilderness.
- Enjoy eight exclusive game drives led by experienced local naturalists, together with a full-day safari through Satpura National Park.
- Experience a sunset sundowner overlooking the landscapes of Bori Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Discover Delhi's cultural heritage with a guided visit to Gandhi Smriti at the beginning of the journey.
- Travel in a small group of just three to four guests, allowing a flexible and immersive photographic experience alongside Darren Donovan.



PRICING & DETAILS

$ 13 250
SHARING COST P/P

$ 16 750
SINGLE COST P/P

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10 NIGHTS | 11 DAYS

DETAILS

SERVICE STARTS	Delhi International Airport, New Delhi
SERVICE ENDS	Delhi International Airport, New Delhi
TOUR	Soul of the Satpuras, India
YOUR GUIDE	Darren Donovan
MINIMUM GUESTS	3 Guests
MAXIMUM GUESTS	4 Guests
DEPOSIT	30% Deposit confirms your booking. Balance payable 8 weeks before tour start date.

A detailed pre-departure document detailing climate, clothing, travel logistics, travel information, camera gear and other safari information will be sent to you 6 weeks prior to your departure date.

✓ THE ABOVE COSTS INCLUDE

- Meet and greet services on arrival at Delhi International Airport and Delhi Domestic Airport.
- Accommodation as specified in the itinerary.
- Breakfast and dinner at Roseate House, New Delhi.
- Breakfast and dinner at The Imperial, New Delhi.
- All meals at Bori Safari Lodge and Reni Pani Jungle Lodge.
- Tea, coffee, soft drinks and a curated selection of local spirit.
- Up to four laundry items per person, per day while staying at Bori Safari Lodge and Reni Pani Jungle Lodge.
- Guided cultural visit to Gandhi Smriti with a professional storyteller.
- 7 hour private hire vehicle in New Delhi.
- One sundowner experience at Bori Wildlife Sanctuary.
- One full-day photographic safari transfer between Bori Wildlife Sanctuary and Satpura National Park.
- All scheduled road transfers.
- Domestic flights between Delhi and Bhopal.
- Services of experienced in-house naturalists at Bori Wildlife Sanctuary and Satpura National Park.
- Darren Donovan as your dedicated C4 photographic guide throughout the safari.

X COSTS NOT INCLUDED

- International flights.
- Visa costs.
- Comprehensive travel and trip cancellation insurance.
- Premium alcoholic beverages and personal bar accounts.
- Excess baggage charges on domestic flights.
- Gratuities for guides, lodge staff and drivers.
- Purchases of a personal nature.

Our full terms and conditions are available on request or can be viewed by following this link

YOUR SAFARI

DAY 1 - 2

ROSEATE HOUSE NEW DELHI

1 NIGHT

Your safari begins in New Delhi, where you'll be met on arrival at Delhi International Airport and transferred to Roseate House. After time to settle in, you'll visit Gandhi Smriti with a professional storyteller, offering an insightful introduction to India's rich cultural heritage and the life of Mahatma Gandhi. In the evening, you'll meet Darren Donovan and your fellow guests before preparing for the wildlife adventure ahead.

DAY 2 - 6

BORI SAFARI LODGE

4 NIGHTS

A morning flight takes you from Delhi to Bhopal, followed by a scenic road transfer to Bori Safari Lodge, located on the edge of the historic Bori Wildlife Sanctuary. Over the next four days, you'll explore one of India's oldest protected forests during exclusive morning and afternoon game drives, searching for Bengal tigers, leopards, sloth bears, dholes, gaur and an abundance of birdlife. Evenings are spent back at the lodge enjoying exceptional hospitality, while one afternoon concludes with a sundowner overlooking the wilderness as the light fades across the forest.

DAY 6 - 10

RENI PANI JUNGLE LODGE

4 NIGHTS

Following breakfast, you'll leave Bori Safari Lodge and travel through Satpura National Park on a full-day photographic safari before arriving at Reni Pani Jungle Lodge. This unique transfer allows an entire day in the field, exploring multiple safari zones while searching for wildlife throughout the journey. The following days are dedicated to morning and afternoon game drives within Satpura National Park, where rugged hills, teak forests and river valleys provide a spectacular backdrop for photographing tigers, leopards, sloth bears, wild dogs, giant squirrels, sambar deer and countless bird species. With Darren's photographic guidance and experienced local naturalists, each outing is shaped by changing light, wildlife behaviour and photographic opportunity.

DAY 10 - 11

THE IMPERIAL NEW DELHI

4 NIGHTS

After a final morning in Satpura, you'll transfer to Bhopal Airport for your return flight to Delhi before checking in at The Imperial, one of India's most iconic heritage hotels. The afternoon is yours to relax and reflect on the safari before enjoying a farewell dinner, celebrating the experiences and photographs shared throughout the journey.

DAY 11

DEPARTURE

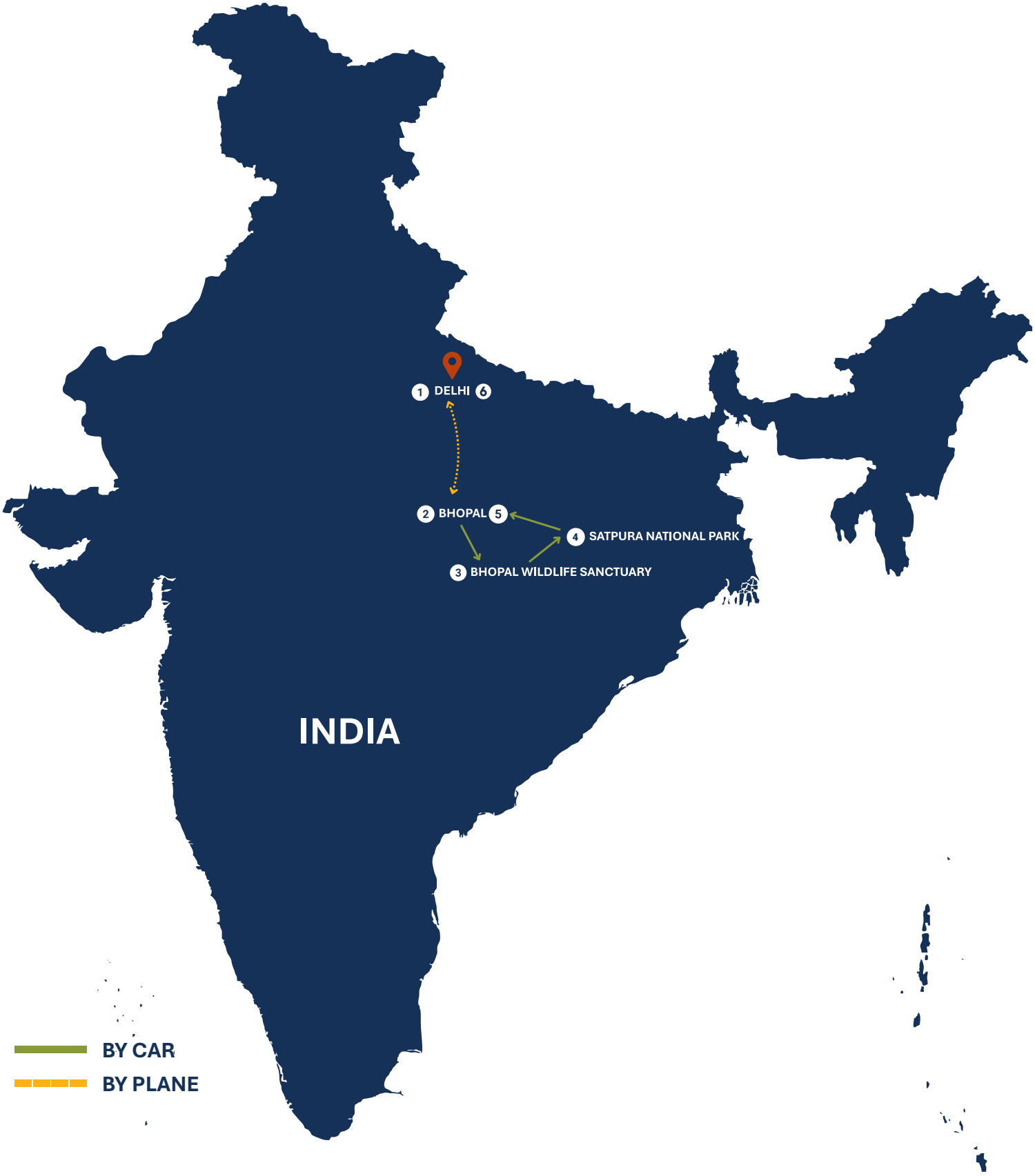
After breakfast, you'll be transferred to Delhi International Airport for your onward flight, bringing your Soul of the Satpuras photographic safari to a close.

YOUR LOGISTICS OVERVIEW

DAY	TRANSFERS	ACCOMODATION
DAY 1 15 January	• Arrive at Delhi International Airport • Meet and greet service • Road transfer to your hotel	ROSEATE HOUSE, NEW DELHI 1 NIGHT
DAY 2 16 January	• Scheduled flight from Delhi to Bhopal • Road transfer to Bori Wildlife Sanctuary	BORI SAFARI LODGE 4 NIGHTS
DAY 6 20 January	• Full-day photographic safari through Satpura National Park • Arrival at Reni Pani Jungle Lodge	RENI PANI JUNGLE LODGE 4 NIGHTS
DAY 10 24 January	• Road transfer to Bhopal Airport • Scheduled flight to Delhi • Road transfer to your hotel	THE IMPERIAL, NEW DELHI 1 NIGHT
DAY 11 25 January	• Road transfer to Delhi International Airport	-



YOUR JOURNEY











YOUR GUIDE



DARREN DONOVAN

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER

Darren started his career as a safari guide in South Africa's Sabi Sands, where he specialised in birding and animal behaviour. After witnessing the most amazing sightings on his game drives with guests, he quickly realised that he was missing a camera. His photographic journey began with him being drawn to the unusual and artistic depiction of wildlife through photography. He believes in capturing the mood and emotion of a moment in time, and that keeps fuelling his passion. He constantly pushes the boundaries of what he knows and experiments with the unknown!

With 13 years of guiding in some of the top lodges and reserves in South Africa, Darren not only has the experience of hosting photographers, but also perfected his craft in teaching others to take their own amazing photographs through technical and artistic application. These include teaching guests the camera settings, designing the frame, and anticipating the moment that may be coming by watching the behaviour of the subject. These skills, enthusiasm and a profound professional respect for the bush has made him a sought-after bird and photography guide in the industry.

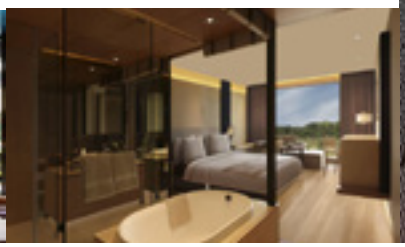
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ROSEATE HOUSE

Located just minutes from Delhi International Airport, Roseate House provides a contemporary and comfortable introduction to your Indian adventure. Spacious rooms, modern facilities and attentive hospitality offer a welcome opportunity to relax after your international flight before travelling into Central India's wilderness. The hotel's convenient location allows easy access to the city's cultural landmarks, including Gandhi Smriti, while its elegant restaurants and tranquil spaces provide the perfect setting to begin the safari. It is an ideal base from which to ease into the journey ahead.





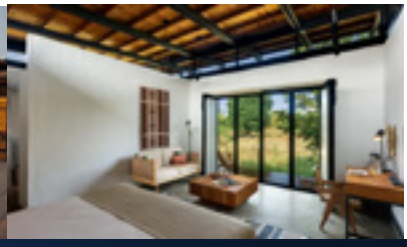




BORI SAFARI LODGE

Bordering the historic Bori Wildlife Sanctuary, Bori Safari Lodge offers an intimate retreat surrounded by one of India's oldest protected forests. Spacious luxury rooms blend contemporary comfort with local character, each featuring private outdoor spaces overlooking the surrounding wilderness. Between game drives, guests can relax beside the pool, enjoy exceptional cuisine or simply watch the changing light across the forest. With exclusive access to the quieter reaches of Bori, the lodge provides a peaceful base from which to experience Central India's remarkable wildlife and landscapes.





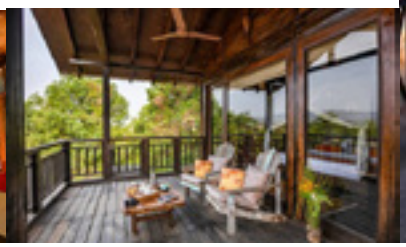
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RENI PANI JUNGLE LODGE

Nestled on the edge of Satpura National Park, Reni Pani Jungle Lodge is surrounded by forests, grasslands and seasonal streams that attract an abundance of wildlife throughout the year. Beautifully appointed cottages are thoughtfully positioned within the natural landscape, creating a strong sense of privacy while remaining close to the park's renowned safari areas. Between morning and afternoon game drives, guests can relax in the tranquil gardens or enjoy the lodge's warm hospitality and exceptional cuisine. Its location and atmosphere make it an outstanding base for exploring one of India's most rewarding wildlife destinations.



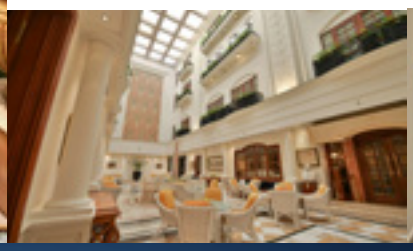


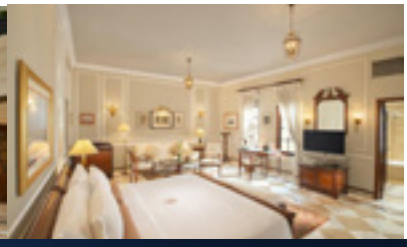




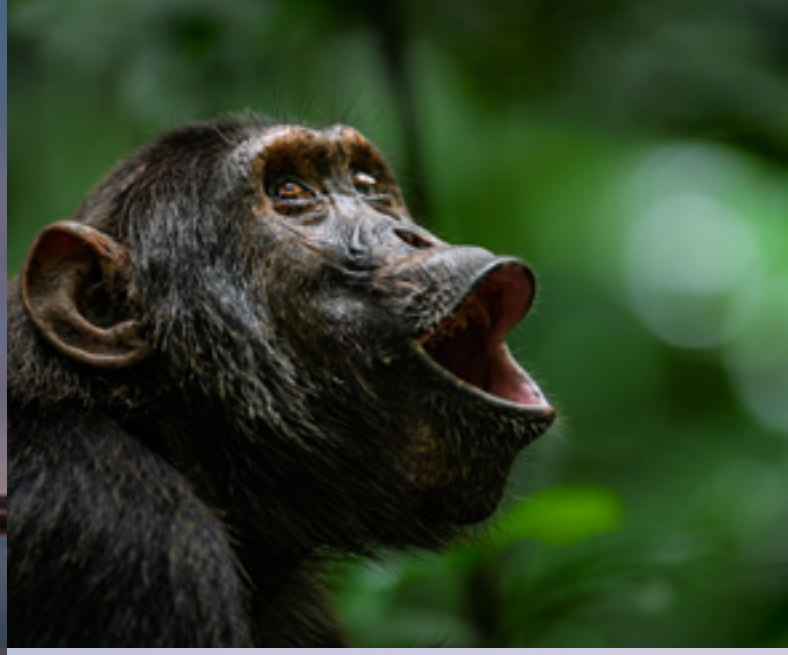
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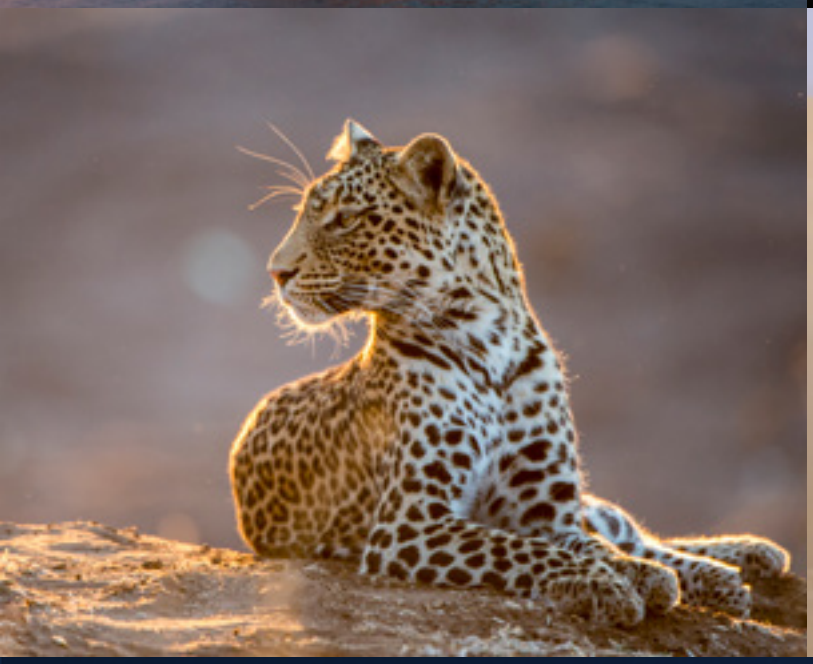
Set within eight acres of beautifully landscaped gardens in the heart of New Delhi, The Imperial is one of India's most celebrated heritage hotels. Blending colonial architecture with elegant interiors, the hotel houses an impressive collection of historic artworks and offers a refined atmosphere in which to conclude your safari. Spacious rooms, exceptional dining and attentive service provide a relaxing final evening before your international departure. It is a fitting conclusion to a journey that combines India's rich cultural heritage with its extraordinary wildlife.













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