

Pashan Garh – Taj Safaris, Panna Providing a First-Class Experience of The Wild



200-acres of natural grounds provide a natural haven for wildlife.

Pashan Garh is a 200-acre haven for wildlife with a built area covering less than 1%, of the site. Twelve cottages built using locally available stone and slates are set within the natural landscape with verandas for guests to observe wildlife and birds. Extensive site conservation with nearly 7,000 saplings planted over a three year period and a sizeable lake created for rainwater harvesting, is making the property the preferred corridor for herbivores, bears and even leopards and jackal. This, combined with the lodge's team of five specially trained naturalists, gives an exceptional wildlife experience which has resulted in the highest satisfaction guest scores across the four Taj Safaris lodges, even though tiger sightings are the lowest in Panna National Park.



Cottages built with local materials have verandas for wildlife viewing.



Guides produced by Taj Safaris.

Nature activities include nature walks, birding and night safaris with the naturalists. A walk with local guides from the Pardhi tribe, village visits and an excursion to the Pandav Cave are also available for guests. Resources in guest rooms include an introduction to Panna National Park, a guide to key birds found there and an introduction to birding.



All Taj Safari naturalists undergo a three phase six-month training course on wildlife and guiding techniques to ensure their guests are provided with a world-class interpretive wildlife experience. The company's permanent naturalist training school which operates near Kanha National Park has, to date, fully trained 30 Indian naturalists who are employed at Taj Safari's four wilderness lodges.



Birdwatching with one of the lodge's naturalists.



Vulture in the 200 acre property.

Apart from inspiring guests, as part of giving back, the lodge naturalists at Pashan Garh conduct regular conservation classes for local children and assist the Forest Department in running nature camps for local children. The naturalists monitor wildlife movements on a daily basis and contribute to local bird census counts, the removal of lantana and local litter clearing drives. They are also working with Last Wilderness Foundation and the Forest Department on a regular Guide Training Programme for Pardhi tribe members to enhance their knowledge of their natural heritage, promote good practice and provide new livelihood opportunities. Eighteen young men and women have been trained in the last two years.



Training local Pardhis as guides.



Wildlife sessions held for forest officials by lodge naturalist.



Wild inhabitants ... Pangolin on the lodge's land ...



... and sloth bear.