

Pugdundee Safaris **Saying No to Plastic**

Kings Lodge, Bandhavgarh
Pench Tree Lodge, Pench
Denwa Backwater Escape, Satpura

Tree House Hideaway, Bandhavgarh
Ken River Lodge, Panna
Kanha Earth Lodge, Kanha



Pugdundee has adopted a 100% single-use plastic-free policy across its six lodges and runs an anti-plastic campaign to encourage the local community and suppliers not to use plastic. 100,000 plastic bottles have been saved over four seasons years by replacing them with reusable steel bottles given to guests on arrival with water stations on hand for refilling with filtered water served in restaurants. Water is purified using reverse osmosis. This initiative has been extended into the community

Water refill stations are complemented by reusable steel flasks.

with over 200 steel bottles donated to school children in 2017 around Bandhavgarh combined with education about the environment and plastic waste.



Refillable glass-made dispensers for guest toiletries supply organic, non-polluting products. Bamboo toothbrushes and cotton buds have replaced plastic varieties. Bags are made from recycled newspaper. Picnic meals are plastic free using bamboo cutlery and plant-based food packaging. Tetra packs have been replaced with sippers containing fresh lemonade or iced tea.



Refillable glass toiletry bottles.

Bamboo cotton buds and toothbrushes.



Plastic free picnicking.



Plant based food containers.



Bamboo cutlery.



Tetra packs out; sippers with freshly made drinks in.



Glass containers for guest coffee, tea and sugar.



No to plastic bags.



Segregation of dry waste at Treehouse Hideaway.

The no to plastic initiative is part of Pugdundee's broader waste management programme. Their Farm to Table approach utilises their own fresh home grown produce and local food instead of relying on exotic or tinned produce – beneficial for health and the local economy. Tetrapaks have been completely done away with. Kitchen waste is segregated into dry and wet waste, with separate bins provided in guest rooms for the same. Non-biodegradable waste (plastic, paper, glass, tin etc) is segregated and collected weekly by a local scrap merchant (kabadiwala). Appropriate kitchen and garden waste is composted. Workshops are held for staff on the importance of the five Rs – refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle, recover.

Lodge construction has utilised recycled timber alongside timber sourced from government approved forestry sources. Furniture is made from recycled wood and railway sleepers.



Furniture made from waste wood and recycled railway sleepers at Kanha Earth Lodge.



Leaf composting at Kanha Earth Lodge.



Anti-plastic campaign at King's Lodge distributing steel water bottles to local schoolchildren.