BANDHAVGARH
Tiger Reserve
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Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh is one the most coveted destination for wildlife tourism especially for tourists who wish to see the Tiger in the wild. Not only does it attract wildlife enthusiasts interested in watching the apex predator Bandhavgarh is also quite popular among wildlife lovers who wish to see some of the rare species found in the park as well as those who are interested in watching different species of birds.

BTR is rich in both floral as well as faunal diversity with over 510 species of flowering plants, 37 mammals along with around 250 species of birds, more than 100 species of butterflies and many reptiles.

The forest of BTR may be termed as 'Moist Mixed Deciduous Forest with predominance of Sal' and it may be classified in following categories:

- **Sal Forest**
- **Mixed Forest**
- **Grasslands**

The Reserve is usually open for tourist from 15th of October to 30th of June. Due to hot weather during summer season in the month of April, May and June it is suggested to visit during the months of October to March.

However, as Bandhavgarh is one the most favoured destination for Tiger tourism because of its higher ratio of sightings, the reserve remains packed practically for almost entire tourist season. Since the safari bookings are done online and booked well in advance, planning your trip well in advance is strongly recommended.
Location

Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve comprises of Bandhavgarh National Park and Panpatha Wildlife Sanctuary. It is a part of the central Indian highlands and is located between the Vindhyan hills and the eastern flanks of Satpura hill ranges. Reserve is mostly spread in Umaria along with Katni and Shahdol districts of Madhya Pradesh.

The Reserve lies between:
Latitude 23° 27’ 00” to 23° 59’ 50” North
Longitude 80° 43’ 15” to 81° 15’ 45” East

The main entrance for the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve is from the village Tala which is the centre of all the wildlife tourism related activity. Almost all of the Tourism infrastructure is situated at Tala which houses departmental accommodation as well as numerous private resorts, lodges and hotels which can provide more than 1210 beds. Tala is well connected by road to all the major railway and airport locations.

How to Reach

By Road: The Reserve can be reached from Umaria(32 kms), Katni(97 kms), Satna(117 kms) and Jabalpur(170 kms),. BTR is situated on the Satna-Umaria and Rewa-Umaria Highway.

By Rail: Umaria is the nearest railway station on Katni-Bilaspur section. The reserve can also be approached from Katni, the other near-by major rail station or Satna on Mumbai-Howrah mail railway line and Jabalpur.

By Air: The nearest civil airport from Tala is Jabalpur, followed by Khajuraho and Nagpur respectively.
Safari Zones

The park is divide into Critical Tiger Habitat or the Core Area and Buffer Area with total area as mentioned below:

- Total Area: 1536.938 sq. km
- Core Area: 716.903 sq. km
- Buffer Area: 820.035 sq. km

As per the tourism guidelines; roughly about 19.89% area of the Core Tiger Habitat or the core zone is open for tourists, which is about 142.59 sq kms.

Core Zones: Tala, Maghadhi and Khitauli

Buffer Zones: Dhamokhar, Johila and Panpatha

For Booking of Safari you can visit following sites:

- [www.bandhavgarhtigerreserve.mp.gov.in](http://www.bandhavgarhtigerreserve.mp.gov.in)
- [https://forest.mponline.gov.in/](https://forest.mponline.gov.in/)

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