Jungle Book Cycling Experience
(4 night/5 days - 23rd to 27th Nov’18)

Pugdundee Safaris is pleased to organize Jungle Book Cycling Experience that takes you to central India’s famous - Pench & Kanha Tiger Reserves. The trip covers exciting Kanha-Pench forest corridor with mobile tented camping experience in the forest. Wildlife, landscape and tribal communities make it a fascinating region to cycle through the forested corridor that serves as a refuge to dispersing wildlife across the parks. There will also be a small tour to Rukhad Sanctuary. Rukhad is an eco-tourism destination rich with its wildlife and scenic natural beauty. Before Pench National Park (now Tiger Reserve) was notified; historically Rukhad was one of the most popular forests for seeing wild animals. Apart from the wildlife, the tour provides distinctive opportunity to experience rural life in India and meet local people who live in harmony with wildlife. You will be accompanied by expert English speaking naturalist / guide, who will be dedicated to providing you with the very best travel experiences, incredible local knowledge and share our vision of authentic exchange and real exploration with a responsible tourism approach.

Trip Highlights
• Authentic off-beat wilderness experience
• Cycling in the very forests that inspired Kipling’s ‘The Jungle Book’
• Accommodation for 1-night in tented camps
• More eyes and ears in vital corridor for Tiger conservation which is world’s last remaining life line for tigers
• Fully escorted by expert Naturalists, back up vehicle and mechanic
• High quality Mountain Bikers – Trek X caliber 9 – with Race-ready spec
Day 1 – Arrival at Kanha Earth Lodge
23rd Nov - Arrive for lunch at Kanha Earth Lodge, evening Jeep Safari in Kanha.

Day 2 - Kanha to Camp site 1
24th Nov - Post early morning breakfast we start our cycle ride to our tented camp, a total of 33 km ride through tribal villages, jungles and stunning country side. Enroute picnic lunch at a scenic location. Overnight stay at the camp.

Day 3 - Campsite 1 to Pench
25th Nov - Post breakfast we ride 12 kms to meet waiting vehicles to transport us to Pench Tree Lodge, lunch on arrival. Evening at leisure.

Day 4 Rukhad Sanctuary
26th Nov – In the morning we cycle into Rukhad sanctuary (22 km) and arrive for a hot lunch. Post lunch we do jeep safari in Rukhad and return to Pench Tree Lodge.

Day 5 Safari and Departure
27th Nov - Morning jeep safari and departures.
Cycling through the villages

Camp site

Hot lunch served enroute
**Our Cycles**

**Mountain Bike - X-Caliber of Trek USA**
This Cycle packs all of Trek’s XC race hard tail experience into a light, fast, race-ready bike. This mountain bike is an efficient, simple and straight-up fun. Great for marathons or simply shredding single Jungle and rural tracks.

- **Race-ready spec** - 2x drive train options, suspension lockout, Tubeless Ready rims, and Shimano hydraulic disc brakes mean you’re ready to roll right from go.
- **Light, precise race frame** - Highly refined Alpha Aluminium frame uses sophisticated tube shaping to minimize weight and maximize race-day performance.
- **Smart Wheel Size** - It has the right size wheel on every frame 29er on 17.5” and up. Everyone wins.
- **More sizes fit more riders** - We have mid-range 18.5”, and large 19.5 frame size to fit most riders. Special sizes on request.

**Repairs**

The support vehicle and guide carry basic spares and tools, though we cannot guarantee having spares for every conceivable problem. A spare cycle is also carried in support vehicle on long rides.

**Safety**

Helmets are provided by us. Wearing a helmet is compulsory. Your guide is trained in first aid and emergency rescue but to a large degree you must be responsible for your own safety while riding. It is therefore advisable that you take out travel insurance that will cover you for a mountain biking tour. You will have to sign an indemnity clause on arrival at the lodge.

*Cycling through Jungles*
Support

The cyclists are supported by vehicles throughout this tour and they are always available for tired cyclists. It is very easy to get on and off the cycles, so you can rest when you are tired and cycle whenever you feel like it.

Other requirements

- Moderate fitness level
- Mix of off-road, country-road and mountain biking on the trip. Previous experience will come in handy.

Pricing

Special Promotional Price - Rs 54000/- per person
Single room supplement - Rs 27000/-

Inclusions:

- Accommodation for 1 night at Kanha Earth Lodge and 2 nights at Pench Tree Lodge including meals and water
- Accommodation for 1 night in camp with separate toilet tent (with dry pit commode) and shower tent (with hot shower bags)
- Safaris as per program
- Entrance / permit charges
- High quality Mountain Bikers – Trek X caliber 9 – with Race-ready spec
- Back-up support in terms of a trailer carrying extra bikes & a mechanic
- Back-up gypsy for clients for rest / medical-assistance if needed
- Fully escorted by expert Naturalists

Important Points:

- There is no electricity at camps, we provide lanterns and flash lights
- Every tent is provided with shower tent with hot showers by bags in evening and dry pit toilets
- Fresh Indian meals are served in camps
- There is no phone connectivity at camps
- There is no laundry service at the mobile camps