

Junior Naturalist Training Program



Date: 21st June to 25th June 2020

Course Overview

Teaching children about the natural world should be seen as one of the most important events in their lives.

Instilling love for nature and outdoors among children takes a back seat these days due to our busy lifestyle and routine in the urban setting.

The Junior Naturalist program by Pugdundee Safaris aims to give children an overview of the natural world, enhancing their knowledge on wildlife through simple communication tools and story-telling

methods. This interactive program is led by subject specialists with tools such as presentations, field visits, games and quizzes.

Junior Naturalist Course is a wonderful platform for children to establish a bond with nature, at a young age. This program builds their understanding about Mammals, Reptiles, Birds, Butterflies and outdoor photography, while proving to be a catalyst for lifelong learnings and appreciation for nature.

Children attending the course return to their urban life and start seeing the natural world through a whole new lens. The scales start tipping towards a life-long passion and appreciation for nature. And we all know that children exposed to the nature grow up to love and look after it.

The Junior Naturalist Program is conducted at Denwa Backwaters, Satpura Tiger Reserve which is one of the richest ecosystems for the growth of wildlife in the Indian subcontinent.

The program is not just limited to theory sessions on flora and fauna of Satpura National Park, but also involves the activities like nature trails, cycling trails, jeep safaris and presentations covering the following aspects:

- Basics about Mammals, Birds & Reptiles.
- Basics of outdoor photography using point & shoot and DSLR cameras.
- Using binocular & camera traps.
- Outdoor survival skills.
- Wildlife around us in the cities.
- Myths about wildlife around us.
- How can we contribute in the cities.

What to carry

- Earthy coloured outdoor clothing
- Personal clothing (6–8 sets)
- Outdoor footwear for walking and floaters
- Guide books (mammals, birds & reptiles,)
- Camera
- Binoculars and Torch
- Rain gear (ponchos/parasols)
- Water bottle
- Notebooks

Reaching the campus

Satpura Tiger Reserve is well connected from all parts of India by road, air and rail.

- It is 136 kms south east of Bhopal, the closest airport to Satpura.
- Itarsi is a prominent railway junction with trains from all across the country and is just 70 kms away.
- Sohagpur is the nearest railway station around 18km away.
- Satpura is just 19 kms from a prominent state highway and 70 kms away from the national highway 12.

Cost & Details

Course fee: INR 29,000/- per child

Inclusions:

- Accommodation on triple basis with same gender sharing
- All meals, soft beverages and taxes
- 2 safaris inclusive of park tickets and guide charges
- Nature walks, indoor and outdoor learning sessions
- Course material
- Transfer by air-conditioned car from Bhopal to lodge and back
- Air tickets will be billed on actual or can be booked by the participants

To enroll, you are required to deposit 25% fee at the time of filling the application form. Balance amount is payable latest by 02nd April 2020.

Cancellation policy:

1. Initial deposit once paid is non refundable
2. 50% cancellation charges between 31-59 days from the commencement of course
3. 100% cancellation charges within 30 days from the commencement of course

Bank details are as follows:

Account Name: DENWA BACK WATER ESCAPE

Account Number: 913020045133292

IFSC Code: UTIB0000120

Bank: Axis Bank, Khan Market,
New Delhi

Type: Current Account

Details

- This program is open for children between 12 and 16 years.
- This program venue is the scenic Denwa Backwater Escape in Satpura Tiger Reserve.
- Participants from NCR will be led from Delhi airport to the lodge and back. Parents can drop the children to the airport and pick them up from there post the program. Flight details, venue for meeting etc will be shared closer to the date.
- Participants from other cities will have to arrive in Bhopal from where transport has been arranged and will also be dropped back at Bhopal.
- Participants will have to carry suggested reference books for mammals, birds & reptiles, a camera and binocular.
- Parents will have to sign an indemnity bond and children should have a valid medical insurance.

SUGGESTED FLIGHT CONNECTIONS

Ex Delhi –

Delhi to Bhopal – 6E-2035; 0640:0800 hours and Bhopal to Delhi – 6E-2023; 1925:2050 hours

Ex Mumbai –

Mumbai to Bhopal - 6E-5301; 0725:0855 hours and Bhopal to Mumbai - 6E 983; 1720:1850 hours

While travelling from other cities, please look for flight options with similar timings as above.



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