



SUJÁN

JAWAI

JAWAI BANDH

EXPERIENCES





## WILDERNESS DRIVES

Daily wilderness drives with our professional Field Team Guides and Trackers provide the perfect opportunity to get up close with India's incredible wildlife. The safari experience at SUJÁN JAWAI offers some of the most thrilling, authentic, and unique ways to encounter the wilderness and wildlife and immerse in the local culture of the region. Amongst spellbinding, granite rock formations, you have the chance to see leopards roaming wild and free, coexisting comfortably with the charismatic communities. Trying our best to follow the schedule of our wild neighbours, we usually wake early and head out on our morning game drive before the sun rises and there is also an afternoon wilderness drive too, timed perfectly to ensure you enjoy a Jawai sunset.

Our wilderness drives are all conducted in customised safari vehicles, each accommodating a maximum of six. Whilst for many the leopard is the star attraction, there is so much to see on a safari at SUJÁN Jawai. There are close to over 250 species of birds and over three dozen other animal species to see on Jawai's wilderness drives.

## RIDING IN THE WILD

We are delighted to introduce an invigorating and holistic new journey with horses at SUJĀN JAWAI. With a fine stable of over a dozen Marwari and Kathiawari horses – you can explore the stunning Jawai landscape on horseback. As well as the beautiful wilderness trails, spend time at the stables, where you can choose from several carefully designed experiences that explore different ways of communicating and connecting with these beautiful and tenacious animals. Suitable for all ages and levels. Riding lessons are also available. Please see our separate PDF on Riding In The Wild and get in touch with our team who would be delighted to share more information with you.





## RABARI WALK

A guided walking safari is an incredible way to experience the Jawai wilderness up close and personal, and who better to walk with you than the Rabari tribe that have walked these hills for centuries, living in complete harmony. Spirituality, combined with tradition and culture has played a role in this peaceful coexistence. These communities, who live here as our neighbours amongst the wildlife, play a vital role in shaping the future of our conservation mission here at SUJÁN JAWAI. The name of this local tribe is 'Rabari' is derived from word 'Rehaan', meaning 'a person who shows the path.' Step into their shoes, as they take you along with their herds to explore this enchanting landscape on foot. Your SUJÁN guide and tracker will also accompany you as you explore the magnificent Jawai landscape. Depending on the length of the walk you wish to do, a visit to the temples and local villages as well as some of our community projects can also be arranged.

## WILDERNESS HIKES

Few things are as fulfilling as scaling an impressive summit you've never climbed before. So, for those looking for something a little more challenging and adventurous, why not trek to one of the tallest kopjes in the area, Mount Baliraja? Exploring the bush, encountering remarkable birdlife and other species along the way while finding your feet on this climb is a stimulating experience. Depending on your aptitude, we offer a variety of different hikes and treks. These include a gentle hike through the fields, bush and rocks of Jawai, or a challenging trek to the summit of the taller peaks around camp. The length of each hike can be personalised to each guest but usually we head out for 1 to 3 hours.





## VILLAGE WANDER

Central to the SUJÁN experience is the connections we share with people and we have a deep rooted commitment to community development in each region where we operate. Excursions to the small villages near SUJÁN JAWAI camp enable our guests to gain insight into daily community life and illustrate the importance of community upliftment in SUJÁN's approach to modern conservation. Many of our Field Team come from these villages so they are the perfect people to show you around. You can meet some of the distinct village personalities, visit a traditional home, explore the village trade and gaining a memorable insight into a rural Rajasthan village society. Jawai represents a rare slice of rural India; calm, colourful and seeping in tradition.

## JAWAI BY CYCLE

Off-road cycling allows you to explore Jawai's stunning landscape from outside the confines of a jeep. This reinvigorating activity permits an exploration of otherwise inaccessible areas. You will be accompanied by one of our Rangers to help you navigate the area and communicate with locals, while you soak in that elusive dose of Vitamin D under the Godwar sun. A regular tour will introduce you to the countryside and more often than not, some wild residents too!





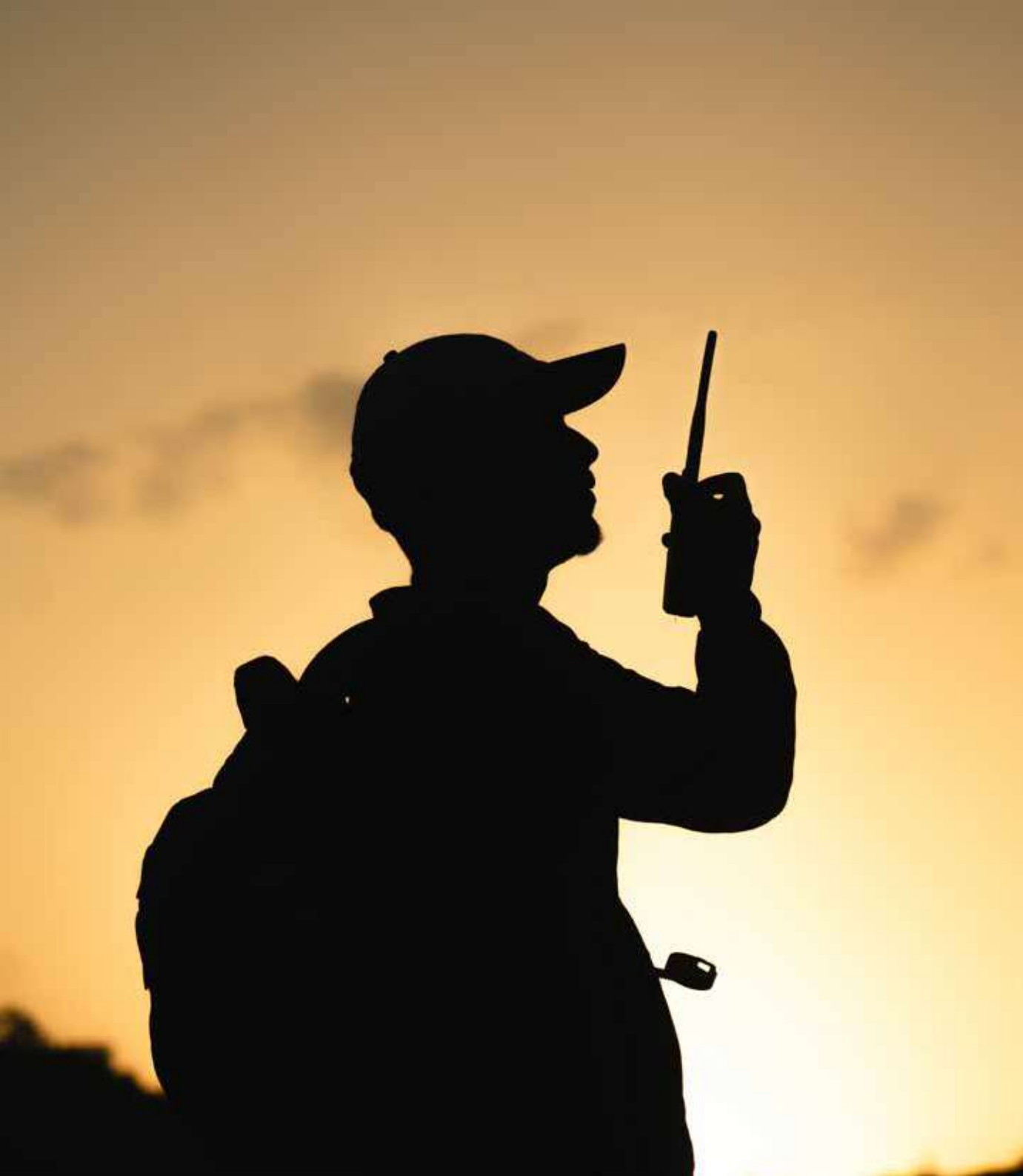
## TEMPLE TRAIL

The magnificent Jawai hills are dotted with religious temples, shrines and memorials, many that have been around for centuries. All events and festivities in this region are devoted to religion. Over centuries, the various communities of Jawai have preserved their traditions and are proud to have maintained their customs. Every temple has some spiritual significance and has a legend attached to it and there are nearly 300 temples and shrines in the region. Visit some of these temples, taking in a daily aarti, and learn about how the leopards of Jawai are considered to be the guardians of this area, having a semi-divine status in the eyes of the communities.

# BIRDING

The Jawai region is a true birding paradise. Over the years our SUJÁN Field Team have recorded sightings of over 250 migratory and native bird species in the area. The Jawai Dam is one of the largest reservoirs in Western Rajasthan which makes it a heaven for migratory birds in the winter. Each season, we usually also welcome the Greylag geese, Bar headed geese, Saras cranes, Northern pintails, Pied avocets, Small pratincole, Eurasian wryneck, Short Toed Snake Eagle, Eurasian Hobby, Peregrine falcon and the Greater and Lesser Flamingoes, amongst others. So for the bird lovers amongst us, SUJÁN JAWAI truly becomes a paradise of avians and we enjoy many hours with these fascinating species. The early mornings are usually when it's best to observe the birds up close as we can normally find them down in the fields, feeding near the water bodies. Often also enjoying the early start, are raptors & other birds of prey before the sun rises and they head about their daily flights. The latest Swarovski Optic binoculars and telescopes are available to ensure the very best bird viewing.





## THE FIELD TEAM HUB

SUJÁN JAWAI's Field Team has set a benchmark in creating not only extraordinary experiences but in researching Jawai's ecosystem, wildlife and its biodiversity. Attaching great sensitivity to their use of technology and techniques over the years, they have documented some incredible discoveries in the field. Get to know more about our research and conservation projects in the area, while learning more about life in the wilderness, animal behavior & the rich local culture.

Photography workshops can also be arranged in advance.

## COOKING CLASS

Rajasthan is a region of dashing colours and cuisines and SUJÁN's culinary philosophy will reveal a new world of cooking methods and recipes you can't find anywhere else. Sourcing and using the freshest local produce from our own organic garden and farm as well as produce sourced from local farmers our team of chefs and rangers are always delighted to do a cooking classes with you, ensuring that a taste of Jawai will linger with you, even once you've returned home. kitchen and gain a deeper understanding of the culinary concept behind each mouthwatering dish. This is a great fun for the kids as well!





## JUNIOR RANGERS

Encountering the wilderness and being in nature in India is a truly life-changing experience, no matter how old or young you are. Time spent at living the SUJÁN life at one of our camps ensures an unforgettable family holiday. At SUJÁN JAWAI, we put the great outdoors and wildlife at centre stage with fun activities and learnings to inspire the imagination and appreciation of a natural world that needs our care.

Our team organise wonderful programmes for families, our chefs cater for kids with children's menu's and in true SUJÁN style we of course arrange surprise breakfasts in the bush; picnic lunches, boma suppers under the stars. Families can do game drives together, cooking, cycling, walking with the Rabari shepherds helping them take their flocks across the Jawai hills, visits to our schools and villages, you name it- there lots of on offer.

When the parents want some time to relax, they can do so knowing their kids will be taken care of and having endless amounts of fun with our junior rangers activities such as learning bushcraft skills, tracking, photography and nature trails. Other activities on offer include board games, arts and crafts, cooking or baking, stargazing, activity booklets and movies.

## A VERY JAWAI JAUNT

Bullock-carts have been in use since ancient times and continue to be a uniquely favourite mode of transport for our farmers to get around. With zero carbon emissions and a very 'light footprint', take a ramble past farms and along rural tracks on one of carefully restored bullock carts and our beloved bulls for company.



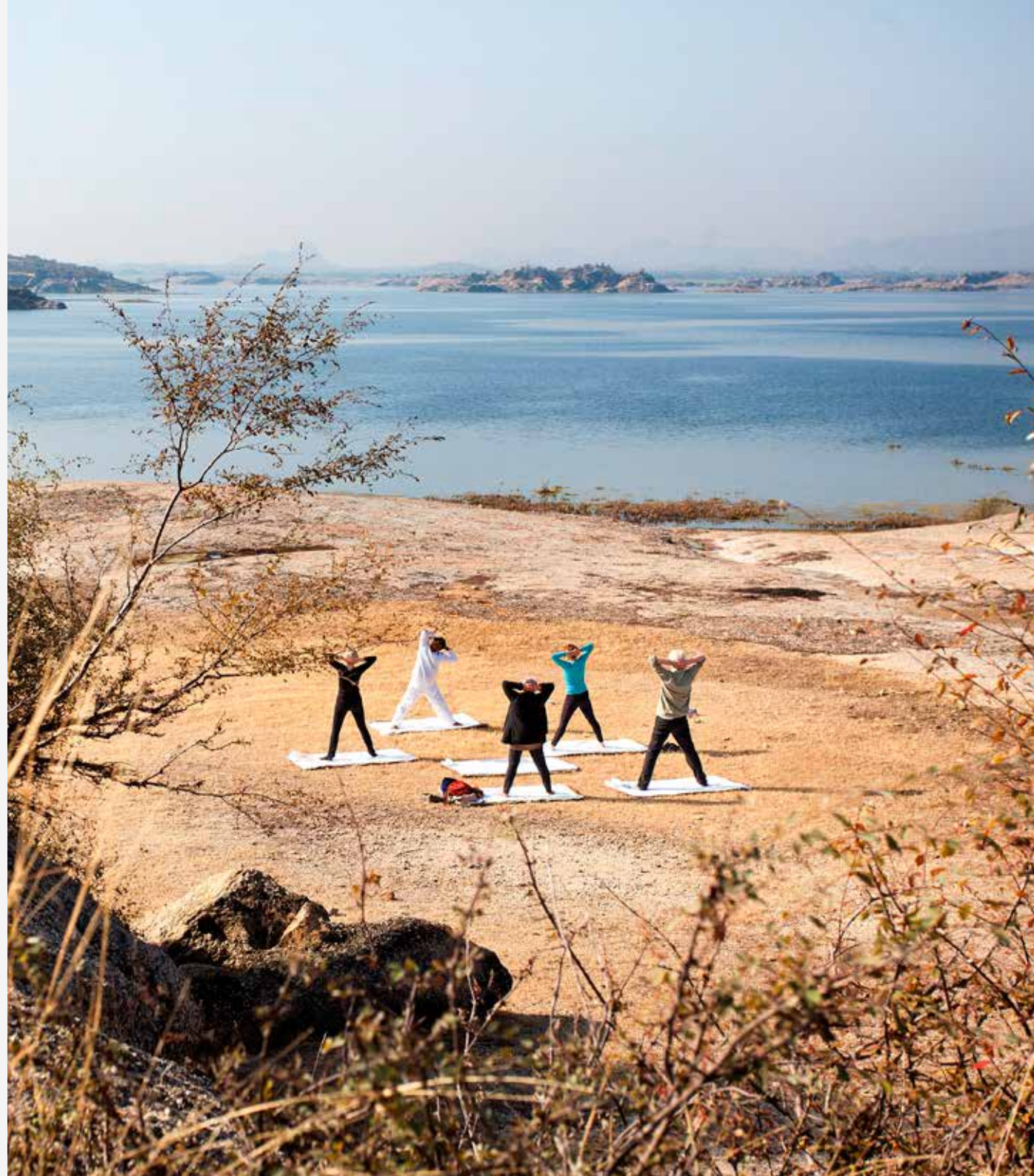


## FESTIVALS OF INDIA

The JAWAI region plays host to many festivals, celebrated with pride, joy and revelry around our neighbouring villages. Two of the most popular highlights in the local, annual calendar are the festivals of Holi and Diwali. While the first heralds the arrival of Spring and usually falls in the month of March the second signals the onset of Winter and is usually celebrated around October. There are few better ways to immerse yourself in India's rich cultural heritage than by joining in these celebrations with our local communities. We will keep you informed of seasonal festivities around the area and take you right into the heart of Rajasthan's magnificent culture.

# YOGA & WELLNESS

Yoga means 'union' in Sanskrit, referring to the bringing together of mind, body and spirit. The serene atmosphere found in the Jawai wilderness creates a perfect harmony to practice. Our wellness expert offers meditation & yoga at various locations at camp and on special occasion, in the surrounding wilderness. You will be taken through a traditional route of wellness and yogic practices that are designed to enhance your wellbeing. Wellness at Jawai is as unique as the region's peace and tranquility and promotes the learning and practice of these age-old methods. The best part of this programme is the learning that you will take home easy – practices that can be performed in your daily routine for enhanced living and well-being.





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