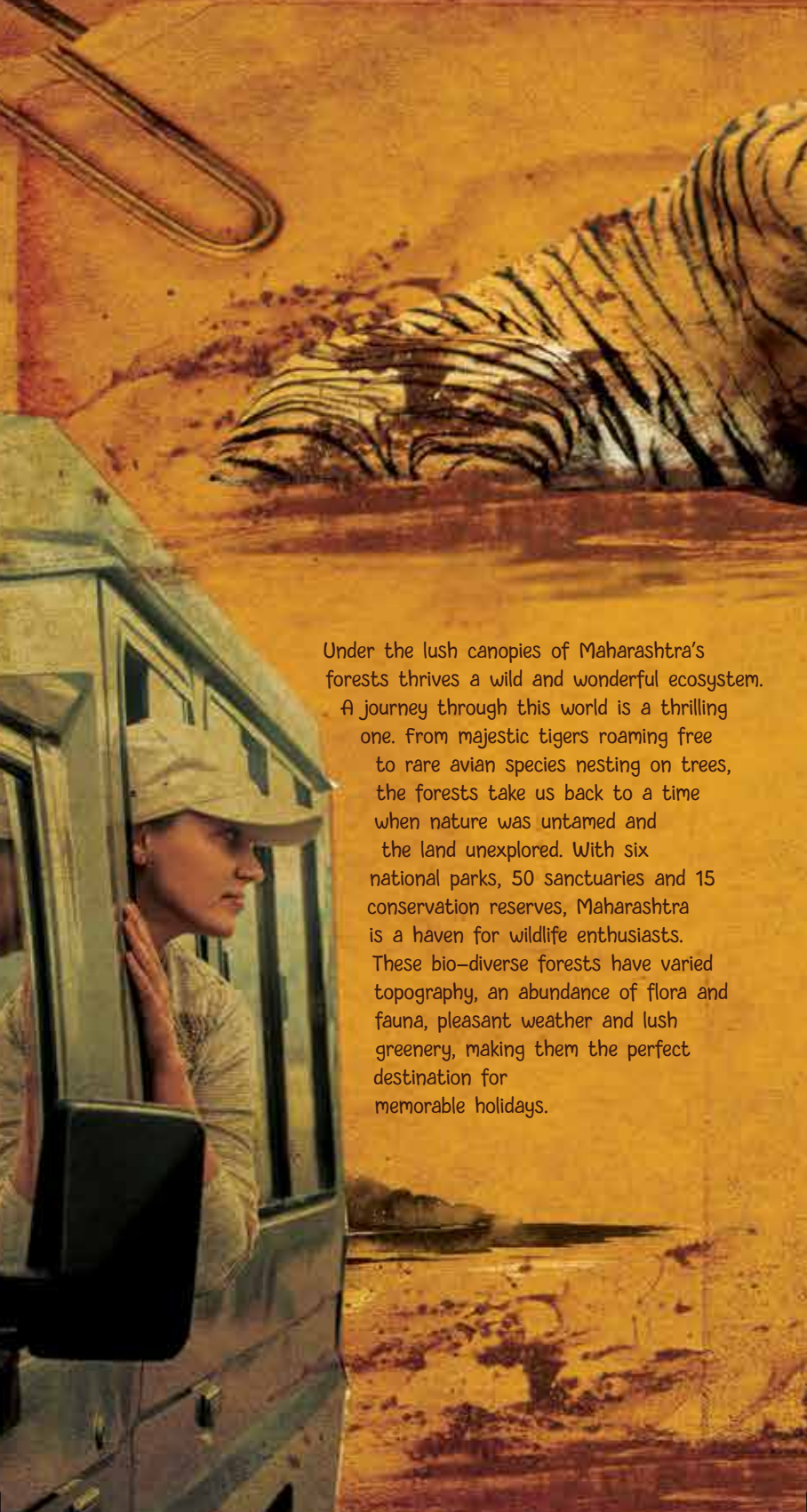


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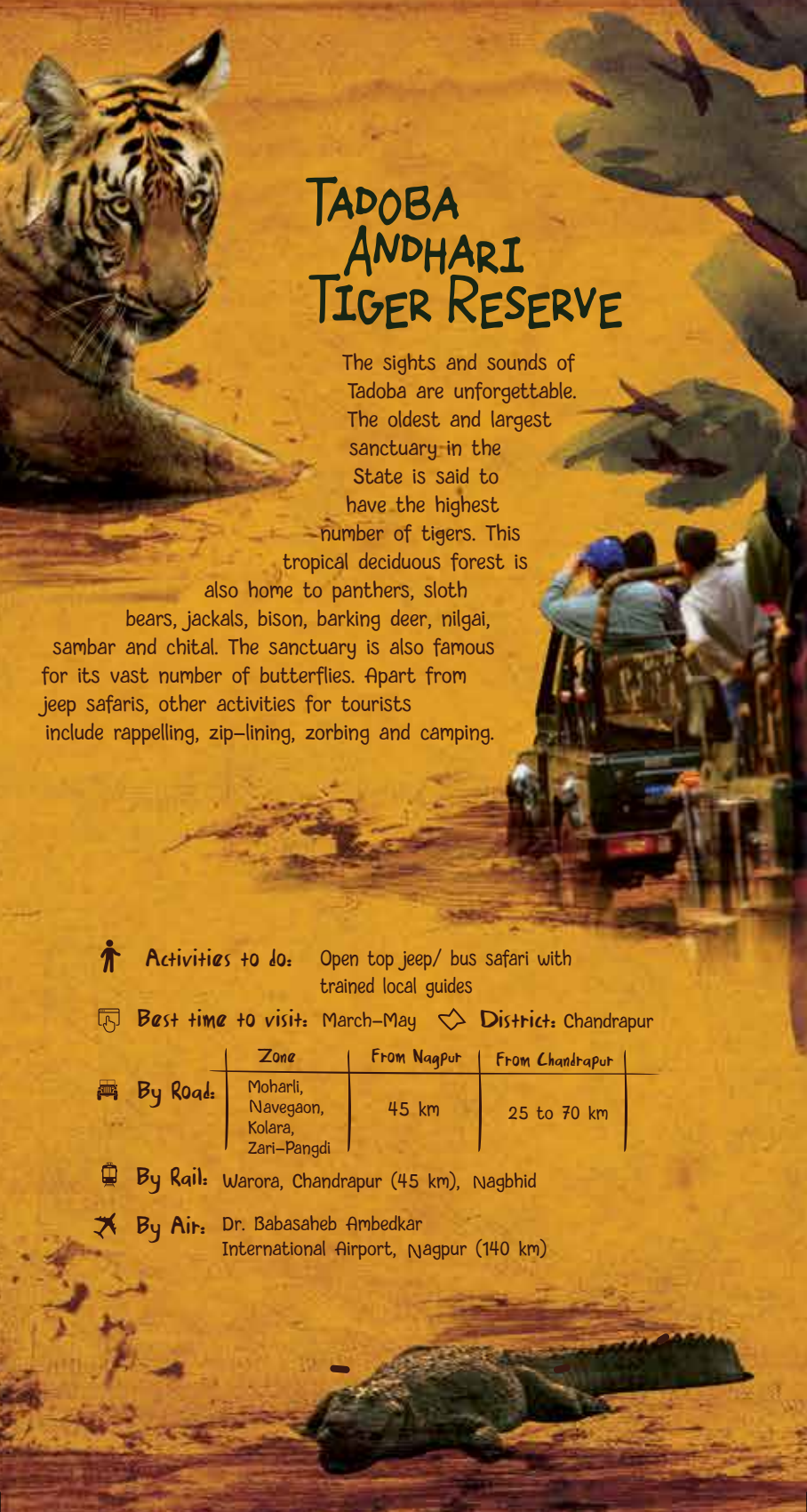
WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES  
IN MAHARASHTRA



Under the lush canopies of Maharashtra's forests thrives a wild and wonderful ecosystem.

A journey through this world is a thrilling one. From majestic tigers roaming free to rare avian species nesting on trees, the forests take us back to a time when nature was untamed and the land unexplored. With six national parks, 50 sanctuaries and 15 conservation reserves, Maharashtra is a haven for wildlife enthusiasts. These bio-diverse forests have varied topography, an abundance of flora and fauna, pleasant weather and lush greenery, making them the perfect destination for memorable holidays.





# TADOBA ANDHARI TIGER RESERVE

The sights and sounds of Tadoba are unforgettable.

The oldest and largest sanctuary in the State is said to have the highest

number of tigers. This tropical deciduous forest is

also home to panthers, sloth

bears, jackals, bison, barking deer, nilgai,

sambar and chital. The sanctuary is also famous for its vast number of butterflies. Apart from jeep safaris, other activities for tourists include rappelling, zip-lining, zorbing and camping.



**Activities to do:**

Open top jeep/ bus safari with trained local guides



**Best time to visit:**

March-May



**District:** Chandrapur



**By Road:**

Zone	From Nagpur	From Chandrapur
Moharli, Navegaon, Kolara, Zari-Pangdi	45 km	25 to 70 km



**By Rail:**

Warora, Chandrapur (45 km), Nagbhid



**By Air:**


Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar  
International Airport, Nagpur (140 km)





# NAGZIRA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY


Surrounded by hills  
and enveloped in  
serenity, a visit to the  
sanctuary is the  
perfect antidote for the blues.


Several animals live within the scenic forest  
including sloth bears, tigers, leopards, jungle  
cats, small Indian civet and four horned  
antelopes. There are nearly 13 endan-  
gered bird species. The most notable  
among them is the bar-headed  
goose. The forest also has 200  
species of medicinal plants as  
well as other plants of  
economic importance.


 **Activities to do:** Jeep safari

 **Best time to visit:** October–June for bird watchers,  
October–February for migratory birds,  
March–June for most tiger reserves


 **District:** Gondia

	Zone	From Nagpur	From Chandrapur	From Bhandara
 <b>By Road:</b>	Navegaon, Nagzira, Koka	45 km	25 to 70 km	35 to 70 km

 **By Rail:** Gondia, Tiroda, Bhandara } Nearly 100 Km

 **By Air:** Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar  
International Airport, Nagpur (120 km)





# MELGHAT TIGER RESERVE AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

This is tiger country, with the roar of the regal animal echoing across its high hills and deep valleys. One of the largest tiger reserves in Maharashtra, Melghat extends across 1,677 sq. km. Consistent preservation and conservation efforts have resulted in a steady increase in the tiger population here. Other prominent


animals are sloth bear, Indian gaur, sambar deer, leopard and nilgai. The forest owl, which at one time was on the point of extinction, can also be spotted here. Home to tribes, the Melghat Reserve is a great destination to learn more about their lifestyle and culture.





## Activities to do:


Safari, night machaan stay, kayaking, elephant ride, trekking, zorbi, Burma bridge, river crossing, parallel bridge, tribal dance


 **Best time to visit:** December–June

 **District:** Amaravati

 **By Road:** Akot, Gugamal, Chikhaldara (100 to 150 km)


 **By Rail:** Badnera (10 km)



 **By Air:** Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport, Nagpur – 250 km.






# KARNALA BIRD SANCTUARY

The serenity of the Karnala Bird Sanctuary is often punctuated by the chatter and whistle of our feathered friends. A bird lovers' paradise, this avian hotspot has 147 species of resident birds, while 37 species of migratory birds arrive here from across the world in winter. The sanctuary also has an amazing array of butterflies. The destination is also popular among trekkers, who can be seen on the trails leading to the Karnala fort in the centre of the sanctuary.

 **Activities to do:** Birdwatching, trekking

 **Best time to visit:** June–December  **District:** Raigad

 **By Road:** Panvel (13 Km).  **By Rail:** Panvel (12 km)

 **By Air:** Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Airport, Mumbai (54.3 km)




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KARNALA BIRD SANCTUARY






# BHIMASHANKAR WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Nestled in  
the Western


Ghats, the sanctuary is home to Maharashtra's state animal, Shekru (giant flying squirrel). The approximately 130 sq km forest area also has leopards, barking deer, wild boars, Malabar grey hornbills, black eagles and many more animal and bird species. The sanctuary is also a pilgrim destination with Bhimashankar Temple, one of the five Jyotirlingas located here.

 **Activities to do:** Hiking, trekking

 **Best time to visit:** October–March  **District:** Pune

 **By Road:** Mumbai–Bengaluru Highway (36.2 km)  
Dadar–Lonavala–Talegaon–Bhimashankar (202 km)  
Pune–Chakan–Manchar–Bhimashankar (123 km)

 **By Rail:** Karjat (168 km)

 **By Air:** Pune International Airport (50 km)

OTHER  
MUST  
VISIT  
WILDLIFE  
HAVENS

🐾 Bor Wildlife Sanctuary 🐾 Navegaon National Park 🐾 Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary  
🐾 Bhigwan Bird Sanctuary 🐾 Songaon Crocodile Safari  
🐾 Bhamragarh Sanctuary 🐾 Chaprala Wildlife Sanctuary  
🐾 Nandur Madhmeshwar Bird Sanctuary 🐾 Chandoli National Park  
🐾 Jayakwadi Bird Sanctuary 🐾 Sanjay Gandhi National Park

# WILDLIFE IN MAHARASHTRA



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