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A HOME WITH A HEART

Homestays are becoming increasingly popular across the country, offering an enriching travel experience with an insight into the heart and soul of India's rich cultural heritage

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HOME IN THE MIDDLE

There is a growing interest in promoting homestays as a means of providing authentic and immersive experiences to travellers in Madhya Pradesh

Located in central India, Madhya Pradesh is often referred to as the 'heart of India' due to its geographical location. It is a culturally rich and diverse state with a blend of natural beauty, historical heritage and modern development that makes it an attractive tourist destination and a vibrant economic centre.

It is the second largest state in India in terms of area and is characterised by diverse landscapes with plateaus, forests, rivers and hills. The state



borders Uttar Pradesh to the north-east, Chhattisgarh to the south-east, Maharashtra to the south, Gujarat to the west and Rajasthan to the north-west.

The capital of Madhya Pradesh is Bhopal, which is known for its picturesque lakes and historical monuments.

The state is home to numerous UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the Khajuraho Monuments, the Sanchi Stupa and the Bhimbetka Rocks, which bear witness to the ancient civilisations that flourished in this region.

Madhya Pradesh is known for its rich biodiversity and wildlife sanctuaries. The state is home to several national parks and wildlife sanctuaries, including Kanha National Park, Bandhavgarh National Park and Satpura National Park.

Tourism is a major industry in Madhya Pradesh and attracts millions of visitors every year. The cuisine of Madhya Pradesh reflects its diverse cultural influences.

HOMESTAYS

Homestays are still relatively new in Madhya Pradesh compared to the more established destinations. However, in recent years, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of homestays, especially in regions that attract a lot of tourists.

Many homestays in Madhya Pradesh are housed in heritage buildings, such as old havelis, forts and bungalows from the colonial era. These heritage houses offer guests an insight into the rich history and architectural heritage of the state. Farmhouses are also becoming increasingly popular as they allow guests to experience rural life and participate in agricultural activities.

Homestays in Madhya Pradesh offer travellers the opportunity to immerse themselves in the local culture and way of life. Some homestays in Madhya Pradesh are located close to national parks and wildlife reserves, offering guests the opportunity to explore the natural beauty and wildlife of the region.

The homestay scene in Madhya Pradesh is gradually developing and holds great potential to offer unique and memorable experiences to travellers while helping local communities. It is expected that with more promotion and support, homestays in Madhya Pradesh will play a more important role in the state's tourism landscape in the coming years.

Name of the Homestay	Address & Phone Number	Amenities	Highlights/ Special Experiences
Sumans Courtyard	Sabarvani, Chhindwara 251/1, 1, Savarvani, Government School Savarvani, Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh, 7999040187	Lounge area, food available, parking facility, daily housekeeping, electric kettle, doctor on call	Near Hills of Sabarvani
Dhupars Farms	Jabalpur 582, 2, LPR Road Khamaria, Haminton Bridge, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, 9926366786	WiFi, lounge area, laundry/ironing services, food available, parking facility, daily housekeeping, electric kettle, kitchen/ kitchenette, doctor on call, swimming pool	Room with river view
Palash Villa Homestay	Pench National Park, Seoni Arjuni Kokha, Kurai, Seoni, Madhya Pradesh, 9834884986	WiFi, lounge area, laundry/ironing services, food available, parking facility, daily housekeeping, electric kettle, kitchen/ kitchenette, doctor on call, swimming pool	
Orchha Best Homestay	Niwari Orchha Ganesh Darwazwe Ke Pass, Post Orchha, Orchha Madhya Pradesh 472246, 9425342326	WiFi, lounge area, laundry/ironing services, food available, parking facility, daily housekeeping, electric kettle, kitchen/ kitchenette, doctor on call, swimming pool	
Dak Bunglow Home Stay	Kanha National Park, Mandla H.No. 19 Rata Jhangul Road, Surpati, Near Sun Set Point, Bichiya, Mandla, Madhya Pradesh, 7719901215	Pet friendly WiFi, lounge area, laundry/ironing services, food available, parking facility, daily housekeeping, electric kettle, kitchen/kitchenette, doctor on call	Area of Kanha National National Park, wildlife view
Kamp Kamouflage Kanha	Kanha National Park, Mandla H.No. 52, Parsatola, Gram Sarekha, Parawada, Baihar Mocha Road, Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh, 9811510266	Solar-powered jungle farm-stay, lounge area, laundry/ironing services, food available, parking facility, daily housekeeping, kitchen/kitchenette, doctor on call	Built as per the local tradition with mud and bricks, views of Kanha National Park and its diverse wildlife
Sal Tree Homestay	Khokhara, Sidhi 116, 1, Khokhara, Sidhi, Madhya Pradesh, 7879222933	Lounge area, food available, parking facility, daily housekeeping, doctor on call	Rural theme
Shyam Sudha Home Stay	Ujjain 62,63, Shivansh Valley Dewas Road, Infront Of Honda Showroom, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, 9522228582	WiFi, lounge area, laundry/ironing services, food available, parking facility, daily housekeeping, electric kettle, kitchen/ kitchenette, doctor on call	
The Orchha Homestay, Ganj	Lakshmi Mandir Road, Ganj Mohalla, Orchha, Madhya Pradesh, 9981749660	Seating area, garden, terrace, etc.	Games room, cycling, etc.
Prem's Homestay	C/O Rajesh Namdev, Choubey Colony, Ward No.4, Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh 471606, 99937 26088	Doctor on call, parking, terrace, garden, picnic area, gift shop etc.	City sightseeing, yoga lessons, horse riding, cycling, water sports facilities, massage, cooking class etc.
Surwahi Social Ecoestate Kanha	Surwahi Social, Village Surwahi, P.O Majgaon, Tehsil Parawada, District Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh 481111, 9744844777	A unique luxury eco-friendly accommodation which offers the required facilities, a feeling of home away from home, free from every pollution, and the safest and most secure accommodation near Kanha Tiger Reserve.	Storytelling, jamming, brainstorming, playing verbal and non-verbal games, and watching area for entertainment. A perfect place for recreational activities.
Friends In Khajuraho Homestay	Beniganj Rd, Eastern Group Of Temples, Sevagram, Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh 471606, 9893454390	Sun terrace, WiFi, airport pick up, gift shop etc.	Cooking, local culture tour, cycling, biking etc.