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## ***Our Team – Pioneers The Legend***

### ***Thakur Baljeet Singh Bera (WINKU )***

*As the Founder and Chairman of the Bera Group – Castle Bera . Winku is the Pioneer of Leopard safaris in Jawai , There was a time when Bera and jawai was not on the map of India as a tourist destination . It was Winku and his brother Devi Singh who were the first ones to start Leopard safaris in Jawai and Bera introducing the leopard hills of India to the world .*

*Educated in an Irish school Winku was a renowned sportsman , he captained his school cricket , handball , football, shooting team . After finishing school he joined the Delhi University and studied tourism . Winku has worked all over the globe from Hawaii, Osaka , Japan, Korea, Soel .*

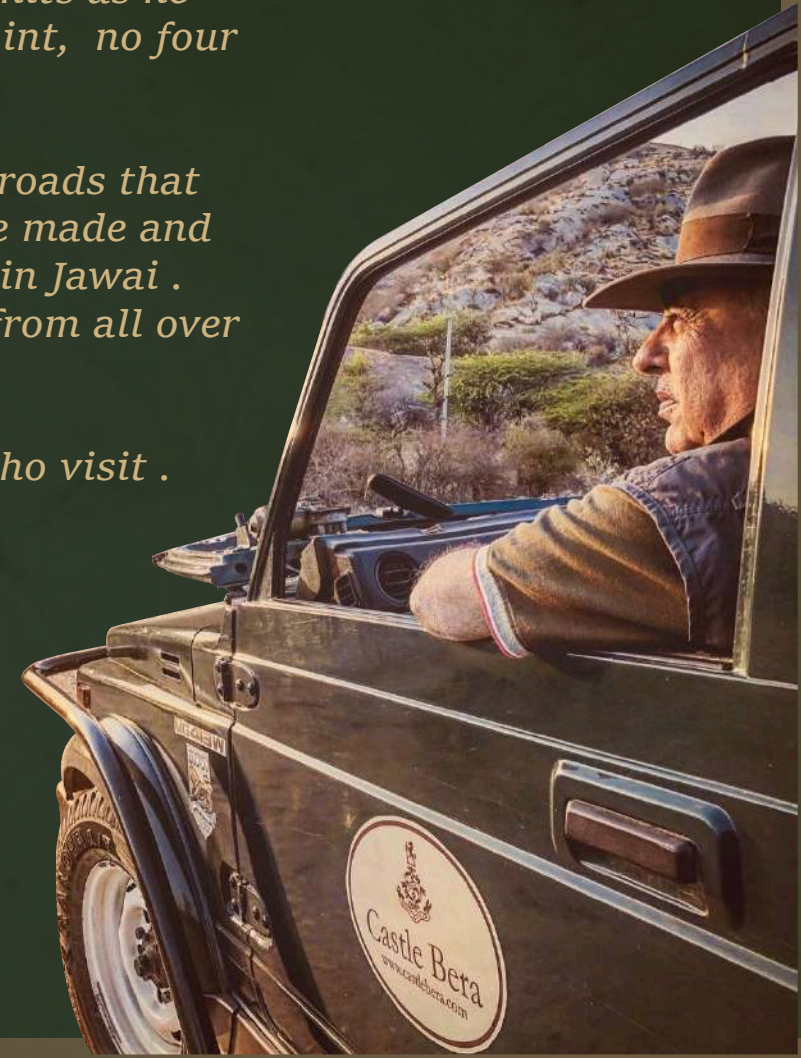
*As a marketing head for a Billion dollar corporation . He also was into the earthmoving business and has worked on many prestigious projects like Narmada canal and many more in the country . After retirement he started Castle Bera to promote Bera and Jawai .*



*Born in 1955 , Winku has experienced jawai like no other from exploring each and every corner of jawai Bera in the olden days with his fleet of land rovers pushing the limits as he discovered various drives in Jawai where at one point, no four wheeler ever dared to climb .*

*He along with his staff cleared and made many roads that lead to the leopard caves . Along with his team he made and discovered more than 12 different jungle drives in Jawai . He has hosted various Royal families , celebrities from all over the world at Castle Bera.*

*He enjoys hosting and meeting all his guests who visit .*



## *Yaduveer Singh Bera-*

*As the Co founder of Bera Group-  
Castle Bera- Bera Jackets – JB safaris*

*Yaduveer's passion for and commitment to Jawai Bera where he was born is manifested in the life-changing journeys that he creates for his loyal following of international clientele.*

*He has lived in the metropolitan cities of India and has been trained by the top luxury hotel chains like Taj , Oberoi , ITC , Mariott for the past 10 years .*

*This has given this Bera born entrepreneur a profound understanding of the needs and desires of sophisticated travelers who come to Jawai Bera .*

*With his eye on helping the locals of jawai Bera at all times, his commitment to positively impacting upon wildlife conservation, whilst providing employment on the ground and empowering the youth and local community.*

*Based in Jawai his team curate, design and deliver highly refined travel experiences .*

*Inquisitive, discerning and brave, Yaduveer is constantly seeking out new and extraordinary experiences in food, culture, conservation and the arts.*



## *THE LEOPARD PRINCE -*

*Kunwar Yaduveer Singh Bera at the age of 22 was given the title of the Leopard Prince for his remarkable efforts of conservation of wildlife and heritage at such a young age , also a documentary was released by Filmmaker Mr Gunther Machu called “The Leopard Prince”.*

*Today the scion of the present royal family of Bera , Kunwar Yaduveer Singh Bera an alumni of The Daly College after finishing his hotel Management with ITC got back to his roots to make a difference in today’s world ,*





# JAWAI BERA SAFARIS

*The Leopard Hills of India*







**BE AMONG THE FIRST**  
*to witness Jawai's oldest Safaris  
in the foothills of the Aravali*

Following all SOP's especially  
for this Pandemic,

Our team at Castle Bera headed by  
Thakur Baljeet Singh and his son,  
Yaduveer Singh also known as  
"The Leopard prince" who are  
the pioneers of Leopard Safaris have  
come up with an incredible initiative  
of customised & specially curated

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**LOW BUDGET,  
CONTACT-LESS SAFARIS**

*for all the adventurous souls looking  
for new & exciting travels.*

**COME ENJOY THE ROYAL  
SAFARI EXPERIENCE THAT IS**

***POCKET FRIENDLY***

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To make it even more exclusive, the safari will have very little contact with other people. Keeping in line with the ever-important *social distancing norms*.

**WE ARE A COMPANY THAT**

***EMPOWERS LOCALS***

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We provide employment opportunities to local Naturalists and Drivers in the area . Connecting local safari drivers under one roof, giving them a source of income.



# WHAT YOU'LL EXPERIENCE

*at JB Safaris : The covid safe Wildlife Safaris*



## SAFETY FIRST

*Covid safe Wildlife Safaris  
ensuring frequent sanitization  
and social distancing*



## CROCODILE & BIRD WATCHING

*In the pristine waters of the  
Jawai Crocodile sanctuary*



## SATISFACTION OF WATCHING NATURE

*In the beautiful landscapes  
of Jawai, Rajasthan*



## THE OPPORTUNITY

*To go off the beaten track*



## RARE SIGHTINGS

*Especially for photography  
enthusiasts & professionals*

# WE OUTSOURCE SAFARIS!

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*We are an outsourcing company-*  
We take safaris for Hotels on  
contract. One stop solution to  
outsource your safaris.

WE ALSO OFFER  
DIRECT SAFARIS &  
GROUP TOURS

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Educational tours &  
Large groups



*At the age of 22 in 2018 , He launched a safari  
adventure and outsourcing company called JB  
(jawai Bera )safaris .*

*Dedicated to his Grandfather Thakur  
Jangjeet Singh Bera and Father Thakur Baljeet  
singh Bera .*

## ***Yaduveer Says -***

*“I am highly motivated by my family and ancestors to do something on my own & to leave a legacy behind that will help create jobs and employment in the future “*

*I have dedicated my life to conservation and to improve my Village and the area of Jawai Bera .*

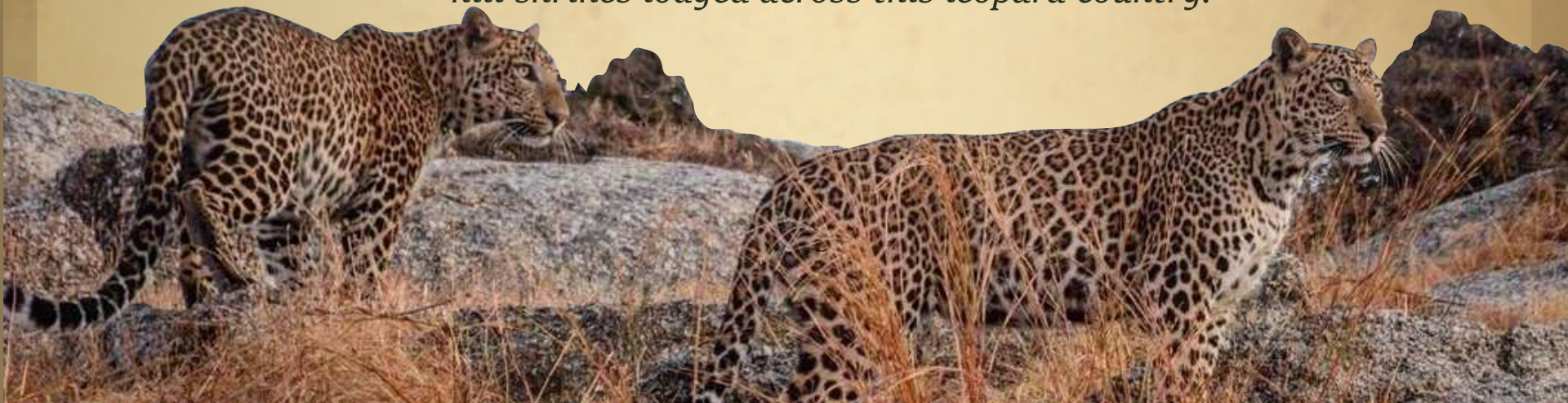
*I believe that there is immense hidden talent in India, if we empower rural india and give them the facilities and support them we can really make world class products and it is the the duty of the youth of India to not just follow international brands but to create brands that can complete internationally .*

## *About Jawai Bera –*

*This region in southwestern Rajasthan, home to over 60 cave leopards in a relatively small area, offers a rare communion with the wild and a lesson in organic human-wildlife conflict management.*

*Halfway between Udaipur and Jodhpur, two of Rajasthan's troika of major tourist draws, lies an evocative land composed of granite hills flecked with flaming dhaak and spiny euphorbia. Close by, stretching languidly around the catchment of Luni, Rabari farmlands wound around cooled-lava hills make up the prehistoric outcrops of Jawai.*

*Jawai, more precisely Bera, shelters one of the highest non-forest concentrations of leopards in the world, and these spotted beings—known elsewhere assolitary and highly elusive—enjoy an unprecedentedly harmonious coexistence with the human residents of the nearby villages. Rabaris consider these graceful cave-dwellers sacred keepers of the 300 hill shrines lodged across this leopard country.*





*In Bera, Rajasthan, locals have lived with leopards for decades, even centuries. Bera is a small town in central Rajasthan's district of Pali, an area in the rocky Aravalli Hills fed by the Jawai River, and characterised by scrub forests. Bera's human community of around 10,000 (2011 census) inhabits the flat land, and a thriving population of leopards reside the region's rocky caves. Media reports frequently refer to it as "Leopard Country".*

*Bera is an anomaly: it is one of the only places (on the planet, perhaps) where leopards don't appear to be shy. "It is only in Jawai, and Sri Lanka's Yala National Park that leopards are allowing people to watch them*

### *Best Things to Visit in Jawai (Rajasthan)*

*Experiences - Leopard safari , Sloth Bear safari , crocodile safari , jungle safari , full day safari , half day safari , tribal tour , Village tour , temple tours .  
Adventure activities , off roading.*





# JAWAI BERA SAFARIS

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*Heritage Hotel Home Stay  
Village Bera, Dist Pali,  
Rajasthan -306126*



**WELCOME TO CASTLE BERA**  
The Heart of the Leopard Hills of India !

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A Hideaway for all Seasons

*JAWAI 's most magical address, Castle Bera has been welcoming guests since the 16th century.*

*The ancestral home of the Royal Family of Bera , whose lineage dates back 400 years to the Legendary warrior king Maharana Pratap of Udaipur (Mewar) , we've got nobility and hospitality in our DNA.*

*Castle Bera is proudly family-owned and managed, our purpose is to protect, conserve and restore our wilderness, our culture, at the same time providing our guests with the highest levels of service, comfort and luxury.*



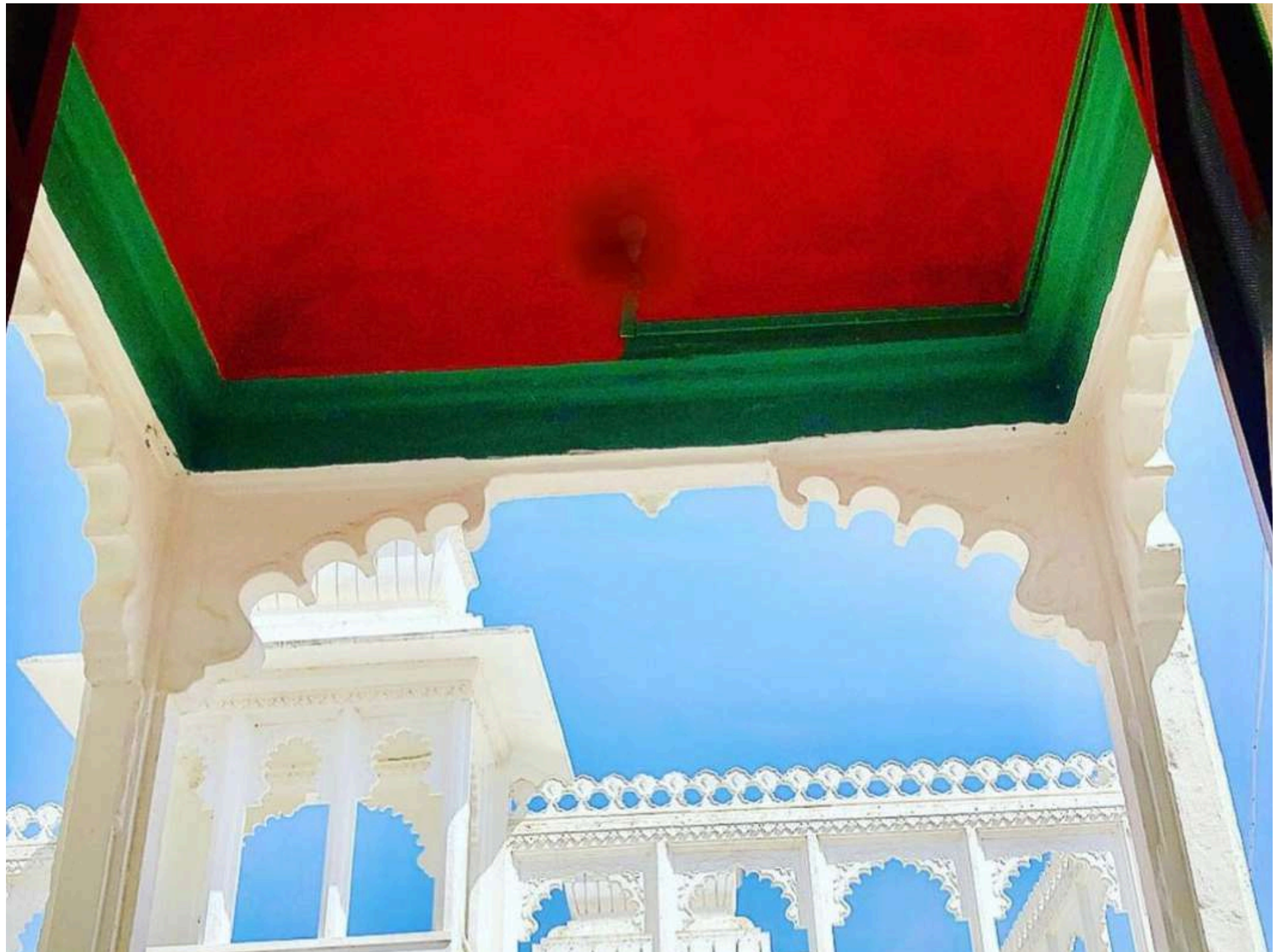
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*Amongst spellbinding, billion-year-old granite rock formations, where leopards roam wild and free, coexisting comfortably with the charismatic communities, is the pioneering Castle Bera .*

*Spectacularly built in 1638 it is the heart of Jawai , Spend unforgettable days in the wilderness tracking leopards and other wildlife. Blending more than 350 years of Heritage ,sophistication and ecology, there is no better place to discover one of India's most enchanting and breathtakingly beautiful landscapes.*

*A wander with the charismatic Rabari herdsman is a great chance to immerse yourself in the local culture of Jawai Bera .  
A truly hidden place.*





*Castle Bera The luxury, award-winning Heritage Homestay hotel in Jawai Bera , Rajasthan, provides an intimate level of service with genuine attention to detail.*

*It has great beauty in its period furnishings and interiors as well as through the breathtaking garden, forest, and the view of the jawai dam and the Aravalli range, India's oldest mountain range that surround the castle.*

*Castle Bera is bursting with traditional opulence, classic style and warm Rajasthani Royal hospitality. Unlike a hotel, you can rent the entire castle with this unique and exclusive house party property, available for private hire and also the only castle accommodation in Jawai the Leopard hills of India .*

*The beautiful holiday rental property is all about getting together and having a good time for a luxury family holiday.*

*Catch up with family or friends around bon fires, enjoy delicious home-cooked food. Leave your cares far away and enjoy the luxuries of your own private Castle for a week or longer when you rent an entire castle at Jawai .*







## *Accommodation –*

*Set in the mystical Jawai Bera region in Rajasthan, Castle Bera boasts six bedrooms, each 384 years old with a private en-suite bathroom and king bed. Each of our heritage suites offers charm and character. Available all year round , the Castle can sleep between two – fourteen guests and with extra beds we can accommodate 18 guests .*

*Experience luxury family stays in the captivating Leopard hills of India with private group accommodation in Jawai Leopard conservation.*

*Rent an entire castle which is ideally located close to Udaipur ( City of Lakes ) (145km 2 Hrs 30mins and 175kms 3 hrs from Jodhpur . airport, rail and main road links but still has the privacy .*





## Garden –

*A terrace garden, open to the resident guests , is more than 200 years old and is the spot for the evening drinks for all our guests .*

*It gives an opportunity to interact with travelers from all over the globe to share their stories and experiences with other guests and the hosts .*

*The garden has witnessed multiple friendships and business relationships being built on the grounds of the Castle.*



## *Cuisine –*

*The resident Royal chef who has been with the Bera family for the last 60 years makes delicious local cuisine following the age old recipes of the Royal Family of Bera.*



*Ancient Temples in Castle Bera-*

*1- Ram Mandir 368 years old temple with a black carved 12th century statue .*

*2- 368 years old Mata ji temple in the courtyard at Castle Bera.*

*3- Anyavji Mandir built 368 Years ago at the hawan kund in Castle Bera.*



## *Bera Legacy –*

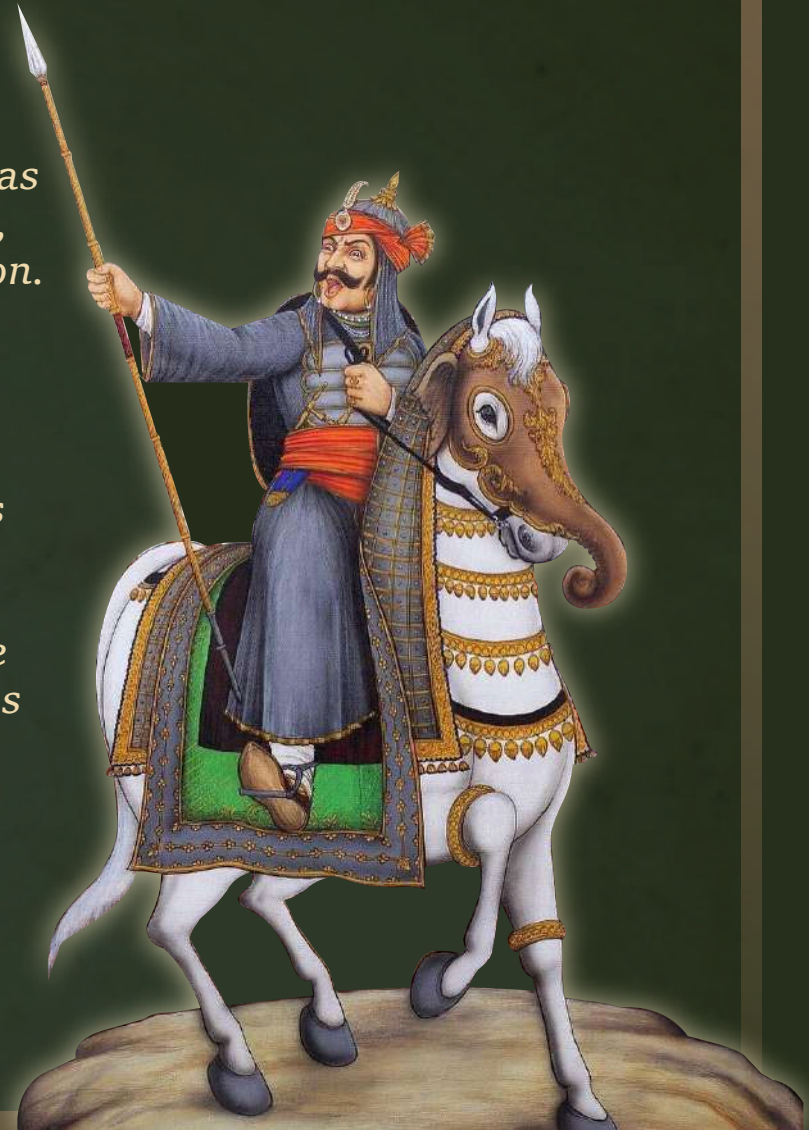
### *History timeline –*

*Situated in western Rajasthan, Bera, often nicknamed as “Leopard Country”, is surrounded by dams and lakes, including Jawai Dam, the largest one in the entire region.*

*The town of Bera has a historic significance in the history of the kingdom of Mewar (Udaipur) The legendary warrior, Maharana Pratap Singh, demarcated this land for his fourth son, Rana Shekha, to rule.*

*Bera Nagar is an ancient city nestled in the lap of the Aravalli ranges. This region is called Godwad, which is between Marupradesh and Mewar.*

*Bera has a history of different eras.*



## *Prehistoric And Ancient Era-*

*In Rajasthan, evidence of human habitation of 1 to 4 lakh years ago has been obtained from Didwana, from the valley of Luni river of 1 lakh – 40 thousand years, and from Bagore, Tilwara, etc. From 5 – 10 thousand years ago.*

*The culture flourished on the banks of the Pachmatra and Banas rivers of Kalibanga (Harappan) and Mewar 5000- 3500 years ago.*

*The Ahar Banas culture, close to its region, was contemporary to the later period of the Indus Valley Civilization. Both these civilizations had trade relations.*

*This region is located to the south of the Matsya region described in the Mahabharata (about 5000 years ago).*

*The period between Lord Neminathji and Lord Mahavira (2400 – 3000) years ago is called the Mahajanapada period.*

*During that period, this region was a part of the Kuru, Matsya, and Surasen Mahajanapadas at different times.*

*In that period, Lord Mahavir visited this area.  
One of the upsarg site is the present-day Bamanwad tirth.*

*There is mention in the books of Jainism “नाना, दयिाना, नांदयिा जीवति महावीर स्वामी वचिरयिा”*

*After that, the region was a part of the Nanda Dynasty and the Maurya Dynasty. After the fall of the Maurya dynasty, in the second century AD, foreign powers took control of the region. After the fall of the Shaka empire, for some time the Kushans, and later from the third century to the fifth century, the whole region remained part of the Gupta empire.*

*After the decline of the Gupta dynasty, foreigners adopted Hinduism and ruled till the middle of the sixth century. But the Gupta dynasty defeated them and once again took the region under their control. After the fall of the Gupta dynasty at the end of the sixth century, the whole state remained divided into small states for some time. From the middle of the sixth century to the eighth century, the Gurjara pratiharas initially took over the entire state by making Srimal the present-day Bhinmal and later Kanoj as the capital. At one time, his rule extended till Bihar.*

*In the ninth century, the Rashtrakutas of the south started attacking the Gurjara Pratiharas to take over the region. There were wars for a long time for supremacy in the Rashtrakutas and Gurjara Pratiharas. Gurjara Pratihara rule slowly, gradually weakened and the entire vast kingdom was divided Rashtrakuta dynasty. He was a Jain religionist. He is compared to Chandragupta Maurya. His descendant and a Rashtrakuta Samanta Hari Verma took over Hathundi (Ratamahaveer Ji Bijapur) in 880 AD. At that time, the entire area including the fleet came under his control.*

*At the end of the third century, Shrestha Virdev created and Acharya Sidhesen Surishwarji built, the present temple of Lord Mahavira.*

*This is mentioned in the history (Purvadha) of the tradition of Parshvanath Bhagwan.*

*This temple is around 1700 years old*



## ***Medieval Era –***

*Emperor Prithviraj Chauhan declared himself independent king in 917 AD. His second son, Laxman Singh, came to Nadula present Nadol in 950 AD and took advantage of the chaos of the rule of the Paramara kings in the region, and declared himself an independent ruler. In this way, the Rashtrakutas of Hathundi and Chauhan of Nadol became neighboring rulers.*

*Mohammed Ghaznavi, who was going to attack Somnath in 1024 AD, was defeated by Rampal of Nadol and Dutt Varma, the ruler of Hathundi. Ghaznavi destroyed and devastated cities like Nadol, Hathundi, etc., and temples.*

*In 1175 AD, Sinhaji, the ruler of Hathundi (Rata Mahavirji), was defeated by Chauhan Samant Varsingh of his Bali fort and took possession of 42 villages in the region.*

*He built his new capital, the new fort fleet Bera Bujri 1, which is currently in ruins in front of the village of Verdi Kakradi.*

*At the same time, a Jain temple was built there, which was worshiped by Lord Adeshwarji. But in no time brought his capital to the Bera Bujri 2, the present juna Bera Bujri.*

*A Jain temple was also built here.  
Whose Appraiser Lord Dada Parshwanath*

*Around 1545 AD, the relocation of the old Bera started to new Bera. With this, construction of the current Sambhavnathji Jain temple, Shri Ram temple and Rawale also started.*

*Both these temples were honored on the same day in the Vikrami calendar, is a historical calendar used in the Indian subcontinent.*

*Vikram Samvat is generally 57 years ahead of Gregorian Calendar, except during January to April, when it is ahead by 56 years.1612 (AD 1554) by Akbar's proponent Acharya Harivijaya Suri .*

*Harivijaya Suri was the supreme pontiff of Tapa Gachcha order of Jain Svetambara tradition.In 1582, Emperor Akbar invited Hiravijaya Suri to explain him the principals of Jainism. Akbar was so impressed with Hiravijaya Suri that he bestowed on him the title of Jagatguru..*

*Gradually, the old Bera became desolate and people started living in the new Bera. Gradually, the work of the present Rawale was also completed.*

*Around 1580 AD (1638) Maharana Pratap of Mewar gave the Jagir to his fourth son Shekhaji. The present Thakursaheb is his descendant.*

## ***Modern Era-***

*Later the jagir of the Bera became Marwar (Jodhpur) state from Mewar state under matrimonial relations.*

*After the First War of Independence of 1857, the Jagir of the Bera became under the British Empire under the Marwar (Jodhpur) kingdom. Till this time the main occupation of the people was agriculture and animal husbandry. People used to do their business according to the varna system.*

*Thakur Shivnath Singhji of Bera was the son also the Chief Secretary of Maharaja Ummed Singhji of Jodhpur.*

*His son Thakur Prithvi Singhji was a famous polo player. In his command, the army of Jodhpur bravely won many difficult wars in the First World War in Jordan, Egypt, Gaza region.*

*1960's - Thakur Jangjeet Singh Bera was into farming and owned and managed one of the largest and the most efficient farm in Rajasthan . 5000 acres of land and professional farming , he was the first one to get into hybrid farming and tied up with the Rockefeller foundation .*

*In 2000 - Castle Bera opened its gates to Travellers and Thakur Baljeet Singh started entertaining guests from all over the world .*

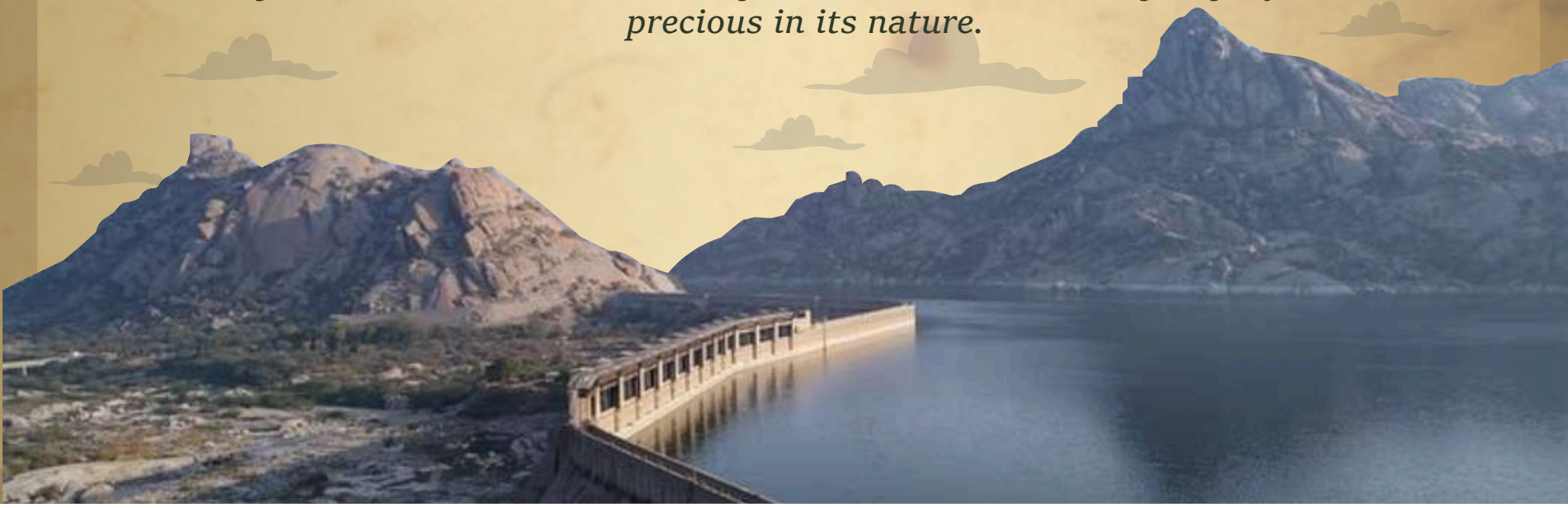
## ***Tourist attraction –***

### ***Jawai Bandh-***

*Built across the Jawai river which is a tributary of Luni, the dam offers an exquisite view of the river.*

*Its construction was started on 12 May 1946 and was finished in 1957. It is the biggest dam in western Rajasthan with the total area of 102,315 acres. Its height is 61.25 feet (18.67 meters) and the capacity is 7887.5 million cubic feet. It a perfect site to watch the magnificent river and also wildlife around it.*

*You can easily spot crocodiles and birds from the dam and the level of water makes the whole environment perfect for an outing. It is one of the vantage points in Jawai from where you can watch the entire village. The dream-like vista you get from here is precious in its nature.*



## ***Indian Leopards-***

*Leopards are undoubtedly the biggest attraction in this area. The most fascinating part is that they are very familiar with the locals and there hasn't been a single incident of leopard attack in the villages nearby. The people have also reciprocated this behavior by keeping the habitat of big cats uninterrupted. It is a swashbuckling experience to watch them roam around freely.*

*The behavior of Jawai leopards is much talked about because they live very close to the human settlement and are surprisingly friendly with them. They attack only the wild animals at night and do not even try to prey on the cattle reared by the locals. And that's why, it is very easy to watch them even at the daytime and they have never attacked any human being ever.*



## **Crocodile-**

*The confluence of a river and thousands of birds also make this place haven for crocodiles.*

*They are often seen basking and hunting on the river banks. They can be easily cited from the dam and become one of the central attractions.*

*Even if you have seen a crocodile in the Zoo, it is a different experience to watch them bask in their natural habitat. Especially when they go back to water to resume hunting, their hide is noticeable when they rest at the shore of the river.*



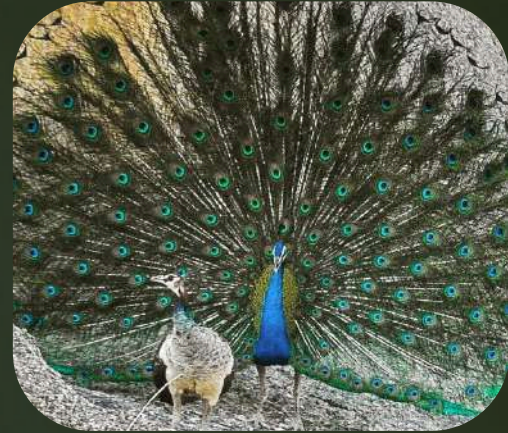
## *Birds –*

*Jawai gives you a great experience of bird-watching. Between the month of October and March, it becomes a temporary home shelter for migratory birds. You can see a great variety of birds including barheaded geese, sarus cranes, common eastern crane, knob-billed duck, demmossile, spotbill duck, and flamingos. With such a great variety of birds, Jawai is surely a paradise for bird-watchers.*

*There are various birds and you get a perfect environment with river and other animals. It is amazing to watch migratory birds and there are so many here to surprise you.*

*Here, you can easily become a passionate wildlife lover and enthusiast.*







## *Jawai Hills-*

*The granite hills of Jawai were formed millions of years ago by Lava and they are home to many wild animals as well.*

*They are not steep and that makes trekking very easy. Apart from visiting the temple, one can also rove around the rocks and feel the wilderness inside. It is an indispensable part of the panorama of Jawai.*

*The best thing about Jawai Hills is that they are not abandoned, they are a shelter to animals and humans as well. And they become a perfect for photography, you can get the view of the entire village from here.*

*These rocks give you a feeling of solitude and also bring you closer to nature with a profound charm.*





## **FAQ-**

*Check in Time: 2.00 P.M.*

*Check Out Time: By 11.00 A.M.*

*Rates The rate includes:*

*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

*Unlimited Wi-Fi access*

*Bottled Mineral Water*

*Two Daily Wilderness Drives*

*Please note: rates and government taxes are subject to change without prior notice.*

### ***Extra Bed Policy:***

*Maximum of two adults are allocated per our standard rooms . In some of our Suite categories a third occupant is possible on a chargeable basis. Please contact reservations for more information.*

## *What to Pack ?*

*To make your experience more enjoyable, we have put together a small packing list that might help you plan your visit!*

*For your safari packing it is advised that you stick to a tonal, neutral colour palette (khaki, beige, light brown) and avoid dark colours as they absorb heat, and bright colours as they can attract bugs and other wild animals.*

*A pair of long trousers, khakis, for safari*

*A long sleeve cotton shirt, cotton t-shirts or vests*

*Comfortable trousers*

*Comfortable walking shoes/track shoes/hiking boots for walks*

*Flat, closed toe shoes for outdoor*

*Wide-Brimmed Hat/ Panama, Safari Hat*

*Swimming costume/ bathing suit*

*Windbreaker/light jacket*

*Camera, memory cards, chargers*

*We do provide our guests with binoculars, but you are more than welcome to bring your own*

*Please note that the legs, shoulders and upper arms need to be covered at all times when visiting places of worship and our local communities.*

*The early mornings and evenings can be cold during the winter (November-February) so we recommend packing accordingly:*

*A warm jacket or winter coat*

*Warm beanie, winter hat and scarf*

*Gloves*

*Long-sleeve shirt*

*Thermals*

*Warm socks*

*Warm jumper*

## *What photographic equipment do I pack?*

*Photography is our passion and we do our utmost to ensure that our guests capture exceptional images whilst on safari with us.*

*We suggest bringing your own camera and lens if you are a keen photographer. We do have some standard Nikon digital cameras to borrow at camp should you need. .*

*Sunrise-6:35am Sunset-6:12pm*

*Temperatures range from a minimum of 4 degrees Celsius in winter to a maximum of 40 degrees Celsius in summer.*

*September and October: Warm weather throughout the day. Average temperature range is between 18 degrees Celsius to a maximum day temperature of 30 degrees Celsius with medium humidity.*

*November to February: Expect cold temperatures in the mornings and evenings with a warm sun in the daytime. Average temperature range is between 4 degrees Celsius to a maximum day temperature of 24 degrees Celsius.*

*March and April: Whilst the early mornings and late evenings are cool the weather during these months is warm, with high temperatures in the daytime. Average temperature range is between 12 degrees Celsius to a maximum day temperature of 40 degrees Celsius in a very dry climate*

# Testimonials-

Our Travellers Tell Us...

*It's with humility that we share the following, though at the same time, we don't mind telling you: Castle Bera has made the TripAdvisor certificate of excellence and travelers choice awards list every year since the survey launched , landing in the #1 spot an unprecedented 8 times.*

*Our 8 years on the list also gives us the distinction of being the only company in Hall of Fame.*

*And when prospective travellers hear this, they naturally have a question:*



*What, exactly, did you do to deserve this recognition?*

*The best way we know how to answer that is to let our past travellers say it for us. Below is a sampling of comments from recent guests returning from Jawai Bera . In addition to these testimonials, we can also provide you with references.*

*Wonderful experience like none other the leopards Safari the moon light lake and barbecue unforgettable!!*



*Nan& Norm Rosenblott – USA (2/3/07)*

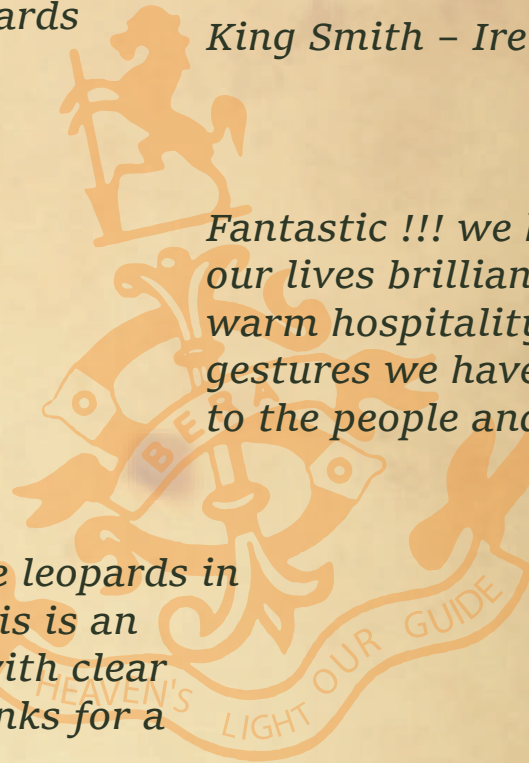
*A warm welcome a unique way to see this wonderful part of Rajasthan the landscape and the leopards thank you very much.*

*King Smith – Ireland (24 /12/07)*

*Robert Alvares – Australia -9/1/2008*

*Fantastic !!! we have the time of our lives brilliant so artistic, warm hospitality and thoughtful gestures we have lost the hearts to the people and place.*

*I worked in Africa for 2 years and I saw more leopards in one night at bera 4 in the space of 3 hours this is an incredible place for wildlife enthusias with with clear sightings and the beautiful setting many thanks for a memorable stay.*





*Sonia Marita - 20/12/07*

*Thank you so much very much for your fantastic hospitality you winku are the most kind hearted and humble man as ever met god bless you and your family keep smiling always leopards I think was one of my most fantastic excellent experience beda is one of the most wonderful place to sight leopards.*

*Natalie Morris - wild frontiers London - 5/4/2008*

*Dear Baljeet Singh ji , Yaduveer and all you guys thanks a lot for making our stay at Castle Bera wonderful.. Safari is Amazing Thank you.*



## ***Responsible Travel***

*Our commitment is to ensure that all travel is 100% offset and supports initiatives that make a positive social, economic and environmental impact*

*It is for this reason that we only work with people who share our vision of sustainable travel and whose ethics echo our own.*

*The power of our partnerships with local communities and on-the-ground organizations lies in our combined creative output – one that seeks to deliver health, housing, employment and the skills requisite for conservation and gender empowerment.*

*As such Jawai Bera imbues every curated safari we design with a sense of humanity – an intangible, undefinable quality but one with the power to sustain us all.*

*‘The decision to travel to Jawai Bera almost inevitably leads to rediscovering oneself in nature. It has been my immense privilege over the years to observe the profound experiences our guests have had when they realise the contribution they are making through their personal travel experience.*

## **QUOTATION LETTER CASTLE BERA ,JAWAI RAJASTHAN**

*Dear Mr. /Mrs.*

***Greetings from Castle Bera !!!***

Thank you very much for your interest in our 16<sup>th</sup> century heritage homestay in Jawai .

Castle Bera has more than 20 years experience in the field of leopard safaris in Jawai . Being the pioneers of Jawai /Bera , it is our mission to make sure our guests have the complete experience the perfect balance of History ,culture and wildlife of Jawai/Bera .

Castle Bera is located in the heart of Jawai , being an ideal place for visitors who want to explore Bera/Jawai . Being located in the old city , tourists can easily access all the sightseeing points and walk the streets of Bera .

It takes only 15 minutes to drive to the Jawai dam ,the crocodile sanctuary and birders paradise. Also the leopard hills are also within the range of 6-15 kms .

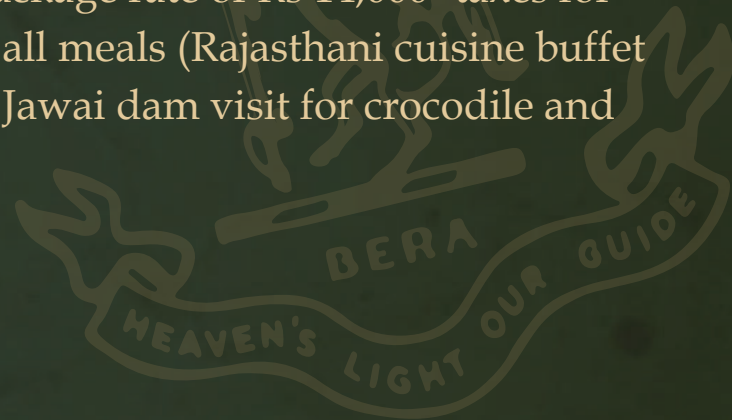
All our rooms are different , each room has its own charm with the 300 year old architecture and the old original furniture of the Castle .

**Please find here in the details of rooms rates and Special packages –**

**Off-season rates** – Package rate of Rs 16,000+taxes for one night for a couple (2 pax), which will include all meals (Rajasthani cuisine buffet ) set menu , 2 Leopard safaris which will include Jawai dam visit for crocodile and birding and village walk .

**Season rates** – Package rate of Rs 20,000+taxes for one night for a couple (2 pax), which will include all meals (Rajasthani cuisine buffet ) set menu , 2 Leopard safaris which will include Jawai dam visit for crocodile and birding and village walk .

**Wildlife filmmaker/photographer package** - - Package rate of Rs 14,000+taxes for one night for a couple (2 pax) which will include all meals (Rajasthani cuisine buffet ) set menu , 2 Leopard safaris which will include Jawai dam visit for crocodile and birding and village walk .



## *Please find our Rate Contract as below:*

-  Room DBL : Rs.7500
-  SGL ROOM(only room) :Rs. 6600
-  CP SGL : Rs.7550
-  CP DBL : Rs.9400 (extra bed - 2500/-)
-  MAP SGL :Rs. 8500
-  MAP DBL :Rs .11300 (extra bed - 3500/-)
-  AP SGL :Rs .9450
-  AP DBL : Rs.13200
-  (extra bed -4500/-)
-  Leopard Safari -Rs 2000/ per person shared
-  Rs 6000 Exclusive gypsy safari

GST EXTRA 12% on Total bill

**TAC 10% on room only.** The above mentioned rates are valid from 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2021. Reservation policy Reservation to be made minimum 24 hrs in advance Cancellation policy Full refund if cancelled more than 48hrs in advance to arrival date 50% refund if cancelled less than 48hrs in advance to arrival date Please let me know what other details you will require .I trust the above information is in line with your requirement. In our quest for excellence we will attempt to address your preferences and requirement at each stage. In order to bring business comfort to our relation, we encourage you to provide us with feedback and inputs .I sincerely hope that we in the near future will be able to do business with each other.



**Baljeet Singh Ranawat**

Chairman

Castle Bera

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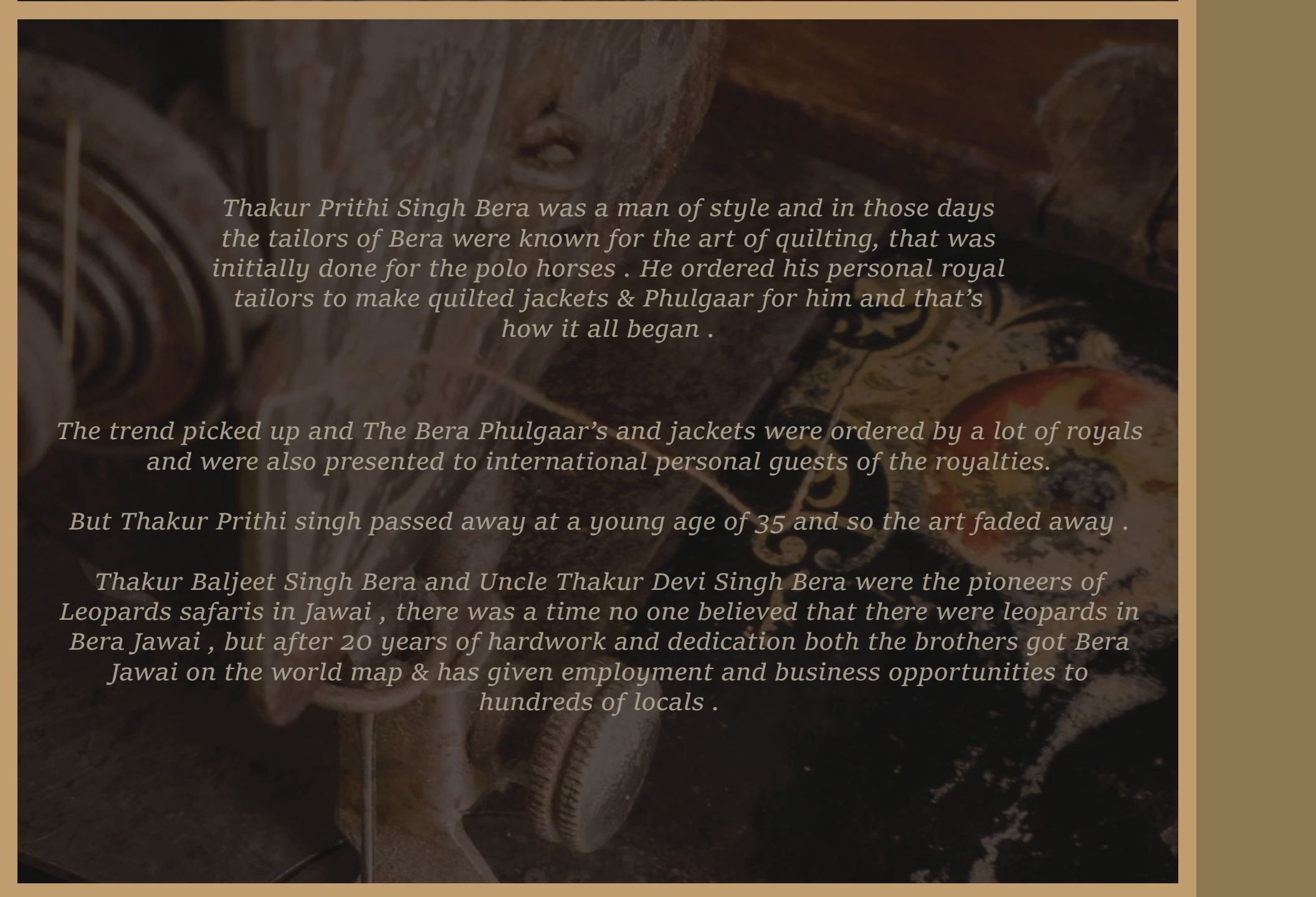
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## ***BERA JACKETS -***

*At the age of 22 he started “Bera Jackets” his own Brand of clothing and since then he has not looked back .  
With a mission to promote the local arts and crafts of the area to increase employment and to revive the art of quilting under the brand name of Bera jackets .*

*Bera jackets where first introduced in the 1920’s by Captain Thakur Prithi Singh Bera , who was a world class polo player and grandson of the great Sir Pratap Singh Jodhpur , Maharajah of Idar . He was also part of the legendary Jodhpur team which won all over the world .*



*Thakur Prithi Singh Bera was a man of style and in those days the tailors of Bera were known for the art of quilting, that was initially done for the polo horses . He ordered his personal royal tailors to make quilted jackets & Phulgaar for him and that's how it all began .*

*The trend picked up and The Bera Phulgaar's and jackets were ordered by a lot of royals and were also presented to international personal guests of the royalties.*

*But Thakur Prithi singh passed away at a young age of 35 and so the art faded away .*

*Thakur Baljeet Singh Bera and Uncle Thakur Devi Singh Bera were the pioneers of Leopards safaris in Jawai , there was a time no one believed that there were leopards in Bera Jawai , but after 20 years of hardwork and dedication both the brothers got Bera Jawai on the world map & has given employment and business opportunities to hundreds of locals .*





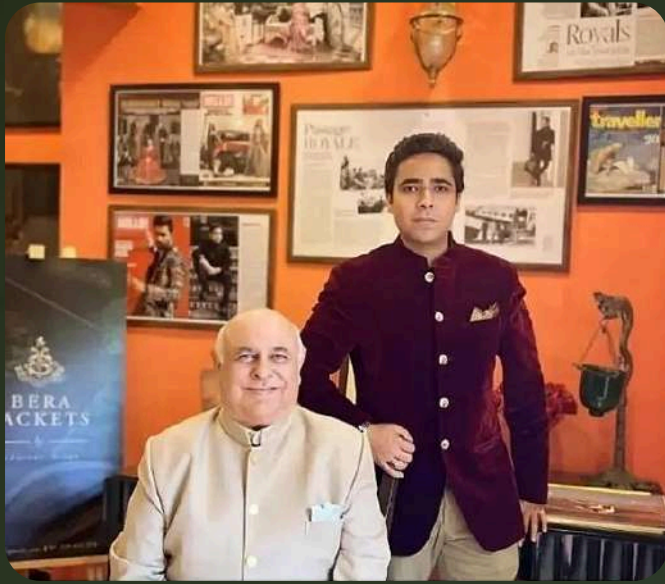


















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## 6 lesser-known Indian royals, their lavish lifestyle and how they're keeping their legacy alive

Yaduveer Singh Bera

Yaduveer Singh of Bera, is a descendant of a warrior Maharana Pratap of Udaipur, and was well guided by his parents to become a polished hotelier. But, along with that, he also works with the tracking and conversation of leopards, who are allowed to roam freely in the forests of Bera. The royal is also a part-time, leisure wildlife photographer. Per his Instagram, they also provide a jungle safari service at Bera forest.

A wildlife photographer, an automobile artist and more.

By Yash Bharati  
19 December 2020



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GET SMART

## 6 Indian royals under 40 who've ventured into new businesses

Artists, entrepreneurs, textile moghuls, so on



Castle Bera



Saif Ali Khan wearing Bera Jackets' fulgar.

For Indians who love donning the Fulgar or jacket – think Saif Ali Khan in the above image– Yaduveer Singh Bera's *Bera Jackets* are a popular choice. These hand-tucked hunting jackets and overcoats, originally made by Indian royals in

People

### From palace to hotel: how India's royals are striving to stay relevant

- Since India abolished the monarchy in 1971, its royal families have had to grapple with the changing role of nobility in the modern world
- While they see themselves as ordinary Indians with a heritage to preserve, their relevance is declining in a nation where poverty is widespread and privilege frowned on

Yaduveer Singh of Bera, 24, a descendant of 16th-century warrior Maharana Pratap of Udaipur, says his parents ensured he worked his way up to become a hotelier.

"My parents insisted that I study in India, work at several hotels and get trained in everything from cleaning rooms to cooking," he says.

He now runs his family's palace-turned-luxury hotel in Bera, Rajasthan, an area in northern India where leopards roam free in forests. He is also involved in tracking and conservation programmes for local

THIS WEEK IN ASIA

What do a wildlife photographer, hotelier, painter and communications professional have in common? In India, they are members of a new breed of royalty – professionally successful, community-oriented and yet firmly rooted in their rich heritage.

In July 1971, India's abolition of the almost 3,000-year monarchy left hundreds of royals across the nation at a crossroads as they grappled with the changing nature of what it meant to be a noble in the modern world.

With the privy purse cut off, some sold their jewellery and assets, but almost five decades later, many today remain elites of society and still control up to billions in wealth, even as they see themselves as ordinary Indians with day jobs.

While many Indians acknowledge the role

## ***Brief Timeline of conservation efforts -***

*Mining – Thakur Baljeet Singh Bera along with the locals and a few fellow hoteliers banned mining in Jawai . There more than 100 mines allotted in the Jawai Bera region, which would have wiped out the million years old Rock formations / leopard hills . They fought the mining lobby and with the help of Vasundara Raje former Chief minister banned mining and saved beautiful landscape for the future generations .*





## *Bera Polo –*

*Bera Family has been into polo since the Late 1800's and has produced world class polo players who have won cups and championships all over the world .*

*Rao bhadur Thakur Shivnath Singh Bera  
Rao bhadur Thakur Prithi Singh Bera  
Rao bhadur Thakur Jagat Singh Bera  
Rao bhadur Thakur Jabbar Singh Bera  
Rao bhadur Thakur Jangjeet Singh Bera  
Bhawar Brijraj Singh Bera*

*In 2021, At the Age of 26- Kunwar Yaduveer Singh Bera revived the Bera Polo legacy by introducing the first polo team from the land of Leopards called the Bera Panthers and also Sponsored the Jodhpur polo season by Bera Jackets to keep the legacy alive .*





## ***Bera Golf -***

*In the year 1924 Thakur Prithi Singh Bera introduced the Bera Cup .  
Today we invite you to join us and be a part of one of the oldest golf cups in the  
Country.*

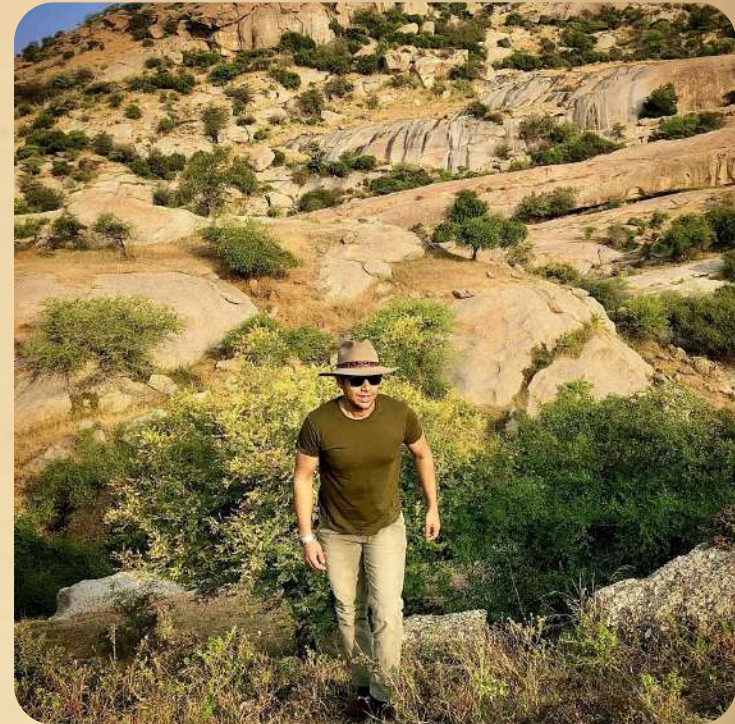
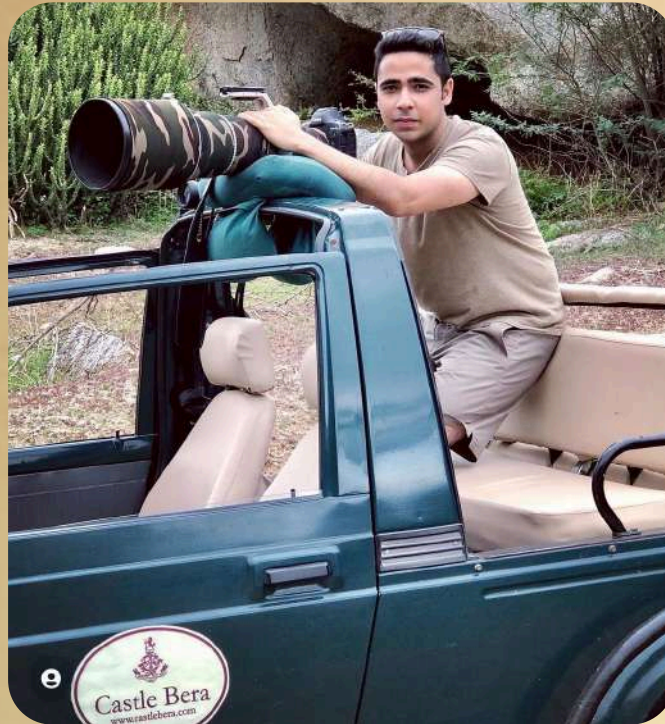


## *I-CLEAN JAWAI –*

*At the age of 23 , He started an initiative known as I-CLEAN JAWAI , with a vision to clean the leopard hills of India by creating awareness in the area as tourism has increased and people have started to litter the beautiful landscape of Jawai .*

*He along with other hoteliers in the area made a goal to clean one area every month with the hotel staff as a picnic activity.*





### *INDIAS FIRST VIRTUAL LEOPARD SAFARI -*

*At the age of 24 , Yaduveer conducted india first successful live virtual safari during the COVID-19 pandemic which was a hit and was partnered by Dubai tourism , Singapore tourism and incredible India , to spread awareness in conservation in Schools all over the world .*

*Safari with the “Leopard Prince of India” .*



*We are a women led not-for-profit organisation that is born in Jawai Bera the Leopard hills of India - in the Godwar region of rajasthan.*

*Godwar region Jawai Bera has various tribal communities and there are women and children that need help when it comes to healthcare, education, gender equality, employment.*

### ***Our Focus -***

*Education  
Skill development  
healthcare  
livelihood  
Wildlife conservation  
Sustainable development*





## **Our goals -**

*-Skill development centre for women and girl child . We aim to train the women and girls with the skills required for a better future. Programs in hospitality, management, arts , stitching, entrepreneurship, skill development, computers and many more .*

*-Workshops on healthcare , livelihood, human rights , entrepreneurship to empower women in Rajasthan .*

*-Education - To provide basic facilities to the young students who live in the hills and cannot go to school because of the distance and lack of transport. We start at providing the bare minimum ie basic clean water facility , benches and tables for minor students who sit on the floor , computers in class room, fans , lights etc to*

*We provide tutions and introduce them to tecnology so they can be employed in the future.*

*We seek a world of hope that is inclusive and just, where all people live in dignity and security.*

*Women have long-endured familial, communal, societal, and economic discrimination. We put women and girls at the heart of all our work because we know that we cannot overcome poverty without fighting inequality. In a just and inclusive world, each individual must have equal rights and opportunities.*

*When we invest in women and girls, we invest in strengthening their families and communities.*

*We work to improve the access to quality healthcare services for the poor and marginalised communities. we work at the individual, community, and systemic levels to develop innovative solutions and help implement quality healthcare services*





## *Dev Giri Temple-*

*Located halfway at one of the surrounding hills, Dev Giri temple is dedicated to the local goddess Ashapura Mata Ji. The locals believe that she protects the entire village from natural calamities.*

*Surprisingly, humans are not the only visitors here, the temple is also visited by leopards and other wild animals in the area.*

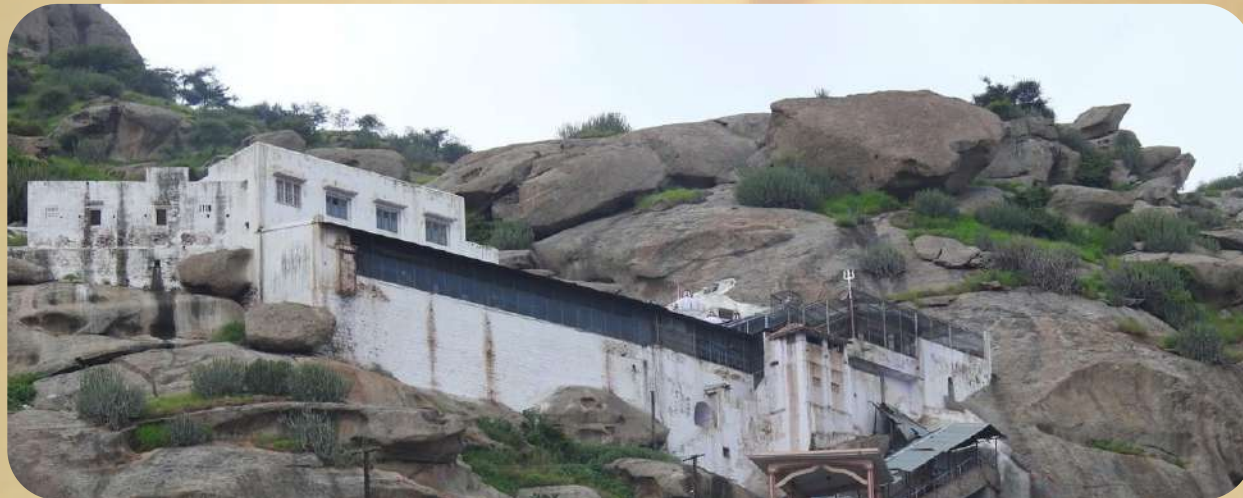
*At the very first sight, the temple gives you goosebumps because it is located in the middle of rocks and you might even find some leopards or other animals roaming around. The tracks are made up of the same granite the entire temple is a monolith. It is a mesmerising experience to witness the temple at such a height.*

## ***Kambeshwar Mahadev Temple-***

*Kambeshwar Mahadev Temple is located in the Sheoganj area of Sumerpur Tehsil. It is only 11 km far from Jawai Bandh and a must-see for people who touring this belt. Apart from the devotees, it also becomes a go-to destination for thrill seekers as the temple is situated in the hills and you have to reach there through the serpentine roads carved out of hills. In the month of November, the annual fair is organized at this temple.*

*This one-day event attracts a humongous crowd from neighboring towns such as Sirohi, Pali, and Jalor.*

*It is quite a spectacle to watch and those who are planning to visit Jawai must involve a day for this occasion in their itinerary. Even if you are not religious, you cannot help but praise this place.*



## *Abhinav Mahavir Dham-*

*Shree Abhinav Mahavir Dham is a shrine located in the city of Sumerpur, Rajasthan in the middle beautiful hills. It is a beautiful structure which is also very easy to reach because of its vicinity to NH 14. It is only 8 km from Jawai Bandh and a must-see place for those who want to explore the region. The temple structure is wonderful and the boarding facilities are also excellent. The temple gives you an insight of Jainism and shows us how culture has thrived in the country.*

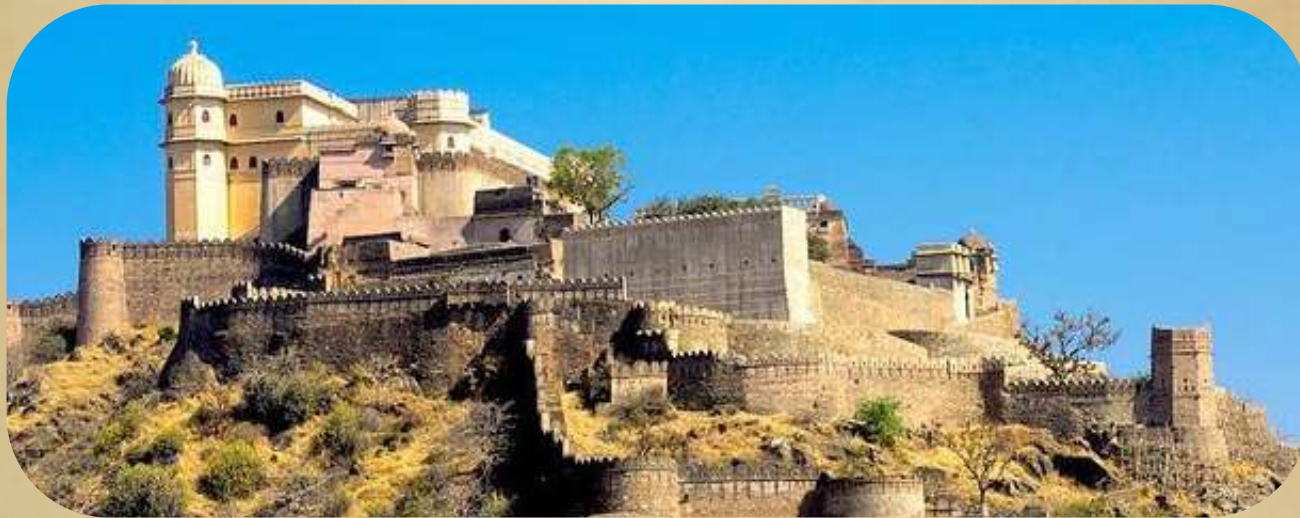
*This particular shrine offers many more things to look forward to. Inside it, you will see a huge collection of artifacts along with well-crafted murals. It is a place where you can find peace, you can meditate here for hours without getting disturbed. It should be on your list when you visit Jawai.*



## *Ranakpur and Kumbhalgarh-*

*Located at the distance of just 54.2 km from Jawai, Ranakpur is another attraction that you would regret excluding from your itinerary. The driving distance can be covered in 1 hr 30 minutes.*

*This is a place that shows you the sheer brilliance of Jain architecture. The main attractions involve Shri Falna Swarna Jain Tirth (Golden Jain Temple), Surya Narayan Temple, and Ranakpur Dam. Lying at the driving distance of just 86.8 km which could be covered in 2 hrs 38 mins, Kumbhalgarh is one of the must-see destinations in Rajasthan. Make sure that you have a little more to explore this place as it offers you a lot. You can take a visit to the Kumbhalgarh fort, Kumbhalgarh wildlife sanctuary, Parshuram Mahadev Temple, Hammeripal lake, and many other sites.*



## ***Tribal Excursion Village safari –***

*The native people of Jawai are tribals who rear cattle and engage in farming for their living.*

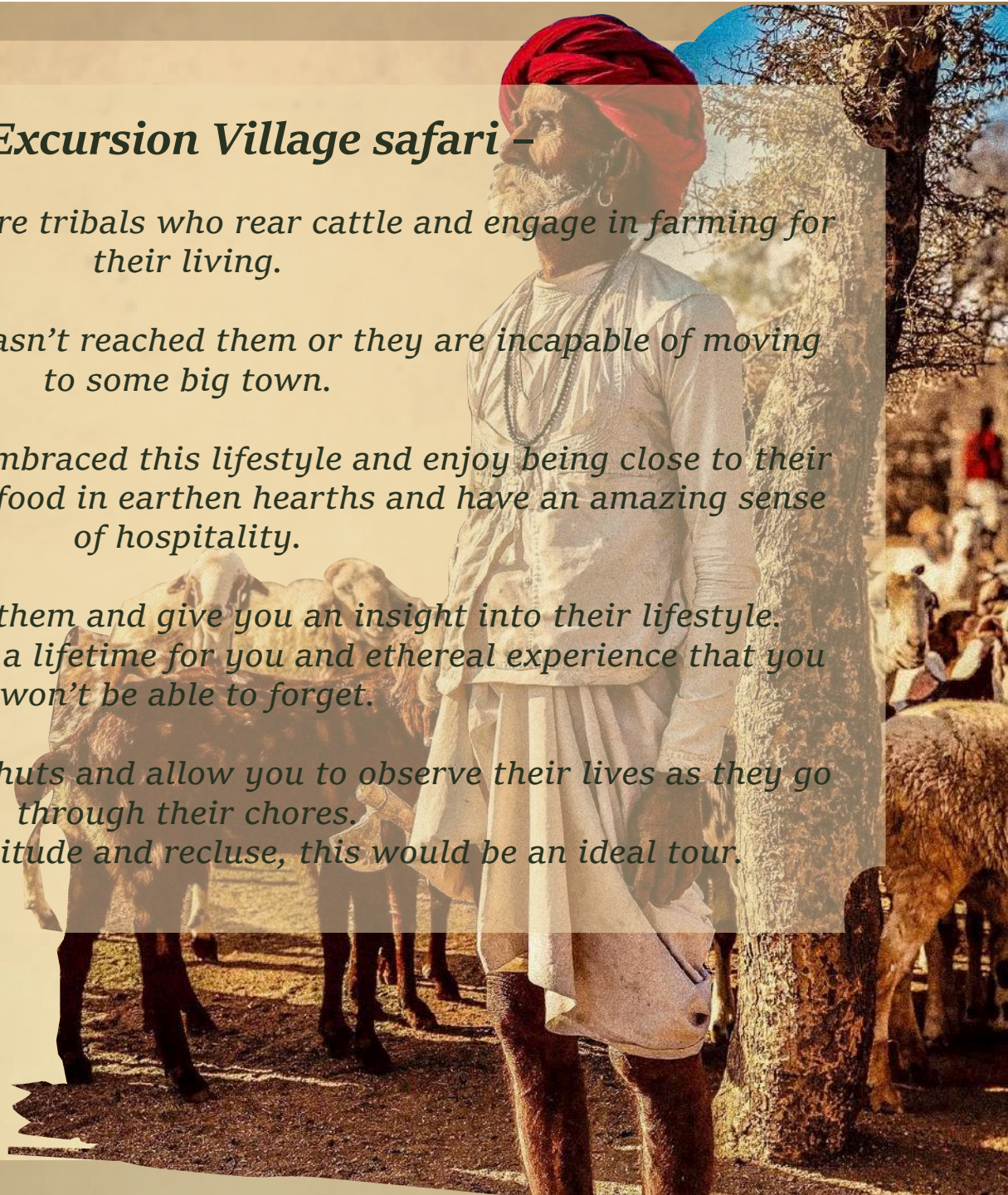
*It is not that technology hasn't reached them or they are incapable of moving to some big town.*

*They are people who have embraced this lifestyle and enjoy being close to their lands. They still cook their food in earthen hearths and have an amazing sense of hospitality.*

*We will take you among them and give you an insight into their lifestyle. It would be an excursion of a lifetime for you and ethereal experience that you won't be able to forget.*

*We would take you in their huts and allow you to observe their lives as they go through their chores.*

*For those who seek solitude and recluses, this would be an ideal tour.*





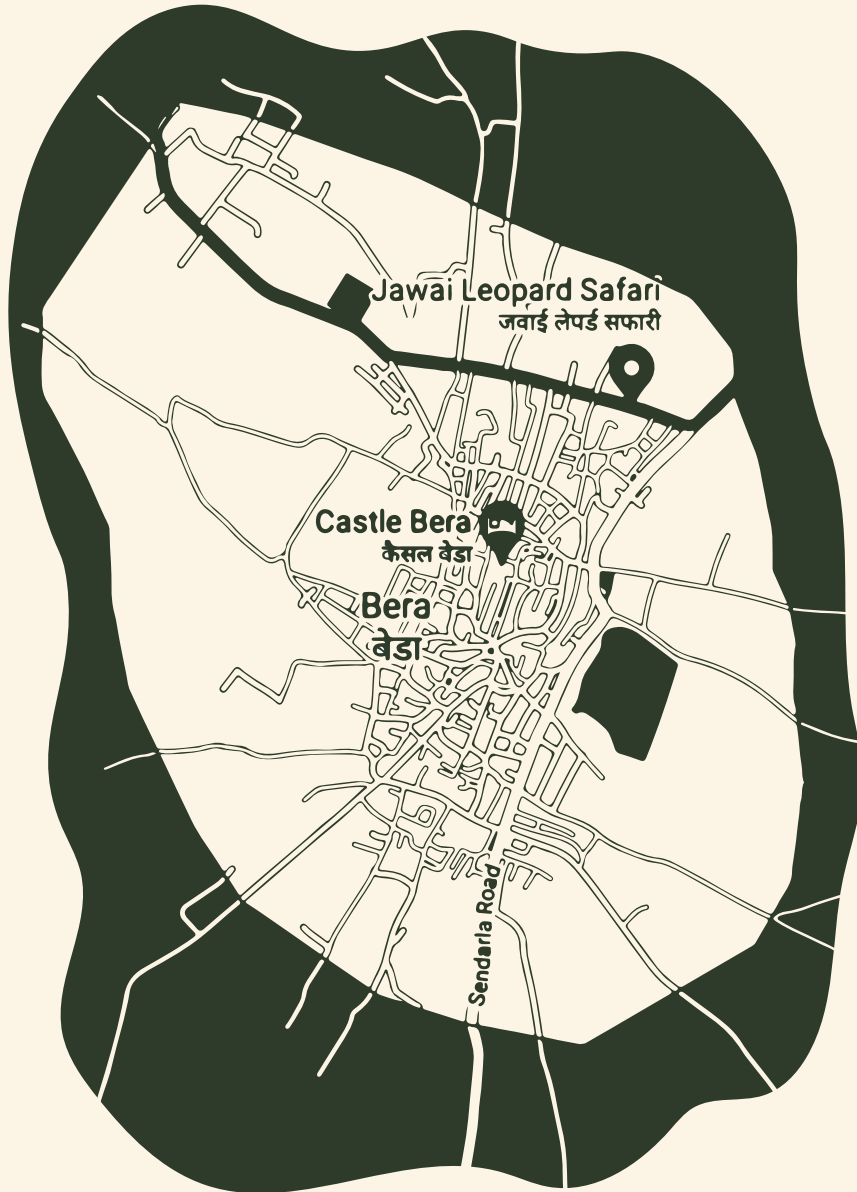




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