

XXXII FIP CONVENTION AT ORCHHA & KHAJURAHO

The Federation of Indian Photography (FIP) cordially invites photographers, visual artists, and photography enthusiasts from across India and abroad to its XXXII Biennial Convention 2026, to be held at the historic town of Orchha on 26–27 November 2026, followed by a special photographic experience at the magnificent temples of Khajuraho on 28–29 November 2026.

This prestigious gathering will bring together leading photographers, salon organizers, judges, educators, and passionate image-makers for an enriching exchange of ideas, learning, creativity, and fellowship. The convention will feature inspiring presentations, exhibitions, networking opportunities, and photographic excursions amidst some of India's most iconic heritage locations.

Set against the timeless architectural splendour of Orchha and the UNESCO World Heritage monuments of Khajuraho, the event promises a unique blend of photography, culture, history, and friendship.

Join us to celebrate the art and spirit of photography at XXXII FIP Convention 2026.

This Convention is different than other FIP conventions as it is for four nights, not for three nights as usual.

The weather in November end will be pleasant and often chilly.

26th November, Thursday 2026: - FIP will welcome the delegates on the 26th November at Orchha at Raj Mahal the Palace which is a luxury resort 2PM onwards with High tea. Once registered the delegates are free to visit the historic town on their own. The town centre is 3.5kms from the resort and three wheelers are easily available. Dinner will be served at 8 PM

27th November, Friday 2026:- Early morning photo session at Chhatris of Bundela Kings and Chaturbhuj Mandir. Two models with ethnic dresses will help your creativity and imagination.

Street breakfast

Return to hotel for Lunch

Afternoon photo session with models at hotel premises.

Puppet show / folk music in the evening

Dinner and Good Night

28th November Saturday 2026:- Early morning visit to the town centre and across river Betwa and Jahangir Mahal. Return to hotel for breakfast and depart for Khajuraho at 10 am for 3 hrs of luxury bus drive (172 kms). FIP will provide battery 3 wheelers for the to and fro journey to the town centre at Orchha.

Check in to A S Hotel, Khajuraho followed by lunch.

2 PM onwards photo session at the Western group of temples of Khajuraho with models and guides to explain the intricacies of the temple.

These temples are at walking distance from our hotel.

Evening Light and Sound program at the Western group of temples.

8.30 Pm Dinner and Good Night

29th November Sunday 2026: - Early morning Photo session at the eastern group of temples and Jain temple with models and guides.

9 am return to hotel for breakfast and revisit the temple.

Back at 11 am to hotel

11.30 AM to 1 PM Presentation by Dr Ashok Kandimalla Chief Guest of the Convention

Lunch at 1 PM

2 PM onwards Visit to temples

4 pm to 6 PM GB Meeting followed by Fellowship banquet dinner.

10 PM Good Night

30th November Monday 2026 - Delegates have free time to visit the Eastern or Western group of temples to unleash their creative imagination till 9 AM.

Breakfast at 9 AM and 10 AM Check out. End of Convention.

Panna is 30 minutes and Satna is 3.5 hrs drive from Khajuraho. Satna is the best place for boarding trains for Kolkata, Gaya, Bhubaneshwar, Patna and Bhopal, Kalyan, Thane and Mumbai. You may join for the 2 nights 4 safari tour of Panna Tiger reserve with added tour costs.

30th evening safari from 3 PM

1st December Tuesday Morning and evening safari

2nd December Wednesday Morning safari and check out from resort at lunch time.

CONNECTIVITY

Orchha is 30 minutes by road from Jhansi which is a major Railway junction. It is 5-6 hrs rail journey from Nizamuddin, Delhi. Vande Bharat & Gatiman Express run from Nizamuddin - Jhansi - Khajuraho and return on 6 days a week except on Mondays (Vande Bharat) and takes 8 hrs for the entire journey.

Khajuraho is well connected by air to Delhi and Benaras.

COSTING

The delegate fee is Rs 16000/- per person for valid FIP members and their spouses. Non FIP members the registration fee is 17500/- on twin sharing basis. Valid members of all FIP valid club members supported by membership of respective club and FIP CM card copies

will be treated as FIP members. on twin sharing basis with all meals and a tea maker in all the rooms.

It covers your stay for 4 nights with 3 meals as mentioned in registration, delegate bag, transport between Orchha and Khajuraho by a luxury coach, All entry fees, three wheelers fare when required/ Light and Sound show, services of two professional models and MUA, Props and reflectors and fellowship dinner.

It does not include any of your personal expenses which is not mentioned above, your personal medicines, cigarettes and alcohol, camera charges at the Archaeological Society of India sites. Any thing ordered from your room like tea, coffee snacks and laundry.

The tour cost is from Orchha to Khajuraho.

There is a group discount for ten pax or more, Senior Citizens (65 years or more), genuine disabled persons of Rs 1000/- per person.

The seats are very limited. Please get your seat booked ASAP. All payment to FIP account only.

Single room occupancy is NOT POSSIBLE - SORRY.

Children above 12 yrs. will be treated as adults with separate beds. Children below 12 yrs. will share the parents bed; only meal charges to be payable for them. Rs. 7500/- each child.

Please note that:

The booking amount is Rs. 6,000.00. (In all cases).

To be paid before 31st August, 2026.

After that - registration closes.

The booking amount is required to be deposited in the following bank account:

Beneficiary Name - Federation of Indian Photography

Beneficiary Address - 9A, Arya Kumar Road, Rajendra Nagar, Patna - 800016

Bank - Indian Bank, Branch - Beadon Street Branch

Account Type - Savings; Account Number : 50176190112

IFSC CODE : IDIB000K742

Branch Address - 39, ABHEDANANDA ROAD, KOLKATA, WEST BENGAL

The balance amount Rs. 10,000.00 for general candidates and Rs. 9,000.00 for senior delegates and in special cases, to be paid by 25th October, 2026.

Payable to Saltlake, GD Market Account.

Beneficiary Name: Federation of Indian Photography

Bank: Indian Bank, Branch: Salt Lake, GD Market Branch

Account Type: Savings; Account No: 50381789520

IFSC Code: IDIB000S549

Branch Address: GD 377 and 378, Salt Lake Sector III Kolkata, West Bengal - 700106

CANCELLATION POLICY

Before 01.09.2026 - 90% refund.

Before 30.09.2026 - 50% refund

Before 15.10.2026 - 25% refund

No refund after 15.10.2026

All refunds on medical grounds must be supported by valid medical certificates and evidences. Medical refunds are only valid for the registering delegates. The illnesses of unregistered/registered family members and spouse illnesses are not covered under this clause.

All refunds will be made after 15th December 2026.

Train starting from Howrah

12175 Howrah Gwalior Chambal Express

starts from Howrah at 17:45 Wednesday

reaches Jhansi at 15:15 Thursday

Train starting from Patna

11124 Barauni Gwalior Mail

starts from Sonpur at 22:53 Wednesday

reaches Jhansi at 17:05 Thursday

Train starting from Bangalore

22691 KSR Bengaluru Hajrat Nizamuddin Rajdhani Express

starts from Bengaluru at 20:00 Wednesday

reaches Jhansi at 00:16 Friday

Train starting from Mumbai

12137 Punjab Mail

starts from Mumbai at 19:35 Wednesday

reaches Jhansi at 14:15 Thursday

There are several trains from Delhi for those who are coming from Delhi, or flies to Delhi

Train starting from Delhi on Thursdays

12280 Taj Express 06:55 NDLS 7h 0m journey 13:55 VGLJ

12808 Samta Express 07:00 NZM 6h 15m journey 13:15 VGLJ

12050 Gatimaan Express 08:10 NZM 4h 25m journey 12:35 VGLJ

20424 Patalkot Express 11:20 DSJ 6h 25m journey 17:45 VGLJ

Vande Bharat - Nijamuddin-Jhansi-Khajuraho runs daily except on all Monday

RETURN JOURNEY

Train starting from Satna towards Howrah

12322 Mumbai Kolkata Mail

starts from Satna at	16:25	Monday
reaches Howrah at	11:10	Tuesday

Train starting from Satna towards Patna

13202 LTT Mumbai Rajgir Express

starts from Satna at	11:10	Monday
reaches Patna at	23:20	Monday

Train starting from Satna towards Bangalore

12296 Sanghamitra Express

starts from Satna at	04:40	Monday
reaches Bangalore at	16:10	Tuesday

Train starting from Satna towards Mumbai

22178 Mahanagari Express

starts from Satna at	16:10	Monday
reaches Mumbai at	11:40	Tuesday

Khajuraho to Delhi train

11841 Gita Jayanti Express

starts from Khajuraho at	18:35	Monday
reaches New Delhi at	08:45	Tuesday

PLEASE NOTE

1. That early check in is not possible in Orchha Hotel. Usual checkin time is 2pm.
2. Town of Orchha is strictly vegetarian, however Khajuraho is open to all food habits.
3. FIP will provide the contact numbers of the tour operators, the interested delegates may contact them for Railway Station dropping and pickup.

For enquiry please contact :

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The delegate booking will only be online on the site of FIP. www.fip.org.in

Online registration of FIP Convention 2026 starts on 12th July 2026

FIP PANNA Wildlife Photo Tour 2026

Date – November 30th – 2nd December (2 Nights / 3 Days)

Total 4 safaris (core Zone)

Tour cost – INR 18,000/- Per person

30th November – We will reach Panna from Khajuraho at 12 PM.

After lunch evening safari (2PM – 6PM)

1st December– Morning (6AM – 11AM) & Evening safari

2nd December – Morning Safari and after lunch check out
from resort at 12 Noon

PAYMENT TERMS

Booking amount (Non refundable): INR 8,000/- pp

Within 30th September 2026– INR 10,000/-

SORRY - NO REFUND IS POSSIBLE ON PANNA TOUR

INCLUSIONS	EXCLUSIONS
+ Khajuraho – Panna transport fees	- Liquors / soft drinks / snacks, etc.
+ Park fees & Guide	- Laundry / souvenirs / gifts
+ Twin sharing room	- Medicine / Tips
+ 4 pax in a jeep	- Return journey costs towards
+ All meals	nearest railway station/airport

All Panna resorts are small with 10-12 rooms only.

The delegates will be split in 2-3 resorts of same and equal quality.