



Guest Brief: Dhikala Forest Rest House, Corbett Tiger Reserve

Dhikala Forest Rest House (*FRH*) is one of the most iconic accommodations inside Corbett National Park, offering a rare opportunity to stay within the core zone of a tiger reserve. With structures that date back over 100 years, these Forest Rest Houses (*FRH*) are nestled in pristine wilderness and offer unparalleled access to wildlife sightings and scenic views.

That said, being government-run, maintenance and amenities are basic but neat. To ensure a more comfortable experience, we provide you with an **Essential Comfort Kit**, detailed below. This kit will be managed by your driver and our staff in Dikhala, who will place it in your room upon arrival and collect it at checkout.

Your Essential Comfort Kit Includes:

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| 1. Electric kettle | 8. Bath towels |
| 2. Tea/coffee pouches | 9. Quilt covers |
| 3. Cookies, chocolates, and fruits | 10. Soap (<i>Body Wash, Shampoo,</i> |
| 4. Thermos flask | <i>Conditioner</i>) |
| 5. Mosquito repellent lotion or spray | 11. Toilet paper |
| 6. Pillow covers | 12. Bottled water |
| 7. Bed sheets | |

You may wish to bring your own personal toiletries, power bank, or a battery-operated reading light, as charging points are limited and electricity is unreliable.

Important Notes for Your Stay

1. A room attendant will greet you upon arrival. Please feel free to inform him of any additional basic needs.
2. On morning safaris, it's advisable to return to the *FRH* for breakfast before resuming your drive. Kindly inform your driver/guide in advance about your preferred timing.
3. **Meal Timings:**



- Breakfast: On return from the morning safari or can be had quickly in between the morning safari.
- Lunch: 12:30 hrs
- Dinner: 19:00 hrs

Meals are served buffet-style and include simple Indian vegetarian food. **Arrive at the dining hall early** to avoid peak-hour crowds.

4. Tipping:

- Please do not tip the FRH staff members directly unless you feel their assistance was absolutely meaningful.
- You may tip your **safari guide and driver at the conclusion of your stay** as they will remain the same. **We would recommend handing over the tip for the FRH staff to the naturalist who will distribute it equally.**

Safari Tips & Essentials

1. Your safari guide and driver will inform you of the reporting time. **Please be punctual** to avoid delays and maximize your safari time.
2. **Carry a refillable bottle of water** for each drive.
3. There are **two forest rest camps en route** with basic washroom facilities. The guide/driver will alert you when you approach these stops.
4. During the **winter months (mid-December to end-February)**, morning drives can be extremely cold.
 - a. Wear **multiple layers**, including a **woolen hat, scarf, gloves, and thermal socks**.
 - b. **Hot water bottles** can be arranged on request—please inform your driver the night before.
5. **Mobile networks do not function reliably** inside Dhikala. Please inform loved ones in advance that you may be unreachable during this portion of your trip.
6. **There are limited or no charging points** in some rooms. We strongly advise carrying a **fully charged power bank**.



7. **For photography enthusiasts: Beanbags** will be provided by our naturalist, like in all other national parks.

⚠ Safety & Conduct

1. The entire FRH complex is enclosed by an electric fence activated at night. **Do not touch or go near the fence.**
2. **Pathways are dimly lit** due to limited power supply. Always carry a **torch** when walking between your room and the dining area.
3. Always **keep your room door securely closed**, even when stepping out briefly, as **monkeys** in the area are known to **sneak into guest rooms** in search of **food** or **shiny objects**.
4. You are welcome to sit outside your room during the day. However, **avoid eating outdoors** as monkeys are drawn to the smell of food. *They will **not attack** unless provoked or offered food.*
5. In the evening and after dark, **please stay indoors** for your own safety.
6. The area is surrounded by dense forest and is home to tigers, wild elephants, and other wildlife. While larger animals usually remain outside the perimeter, **herbivores such as Spotted Deer often venture into the complex after sunset**. Do not feed or approach any wildlife.
7. **Do not shine torches or camera flashlights into the forest** or river to spot wildlife, it is strictly prohibited.