

LOGS OF A'BAD-INDORE-PANCHMARHI-JABALPUR-BANDHAVGARH-KHAJURAHO-BHOPAL-A'BAD-OCT -2008

LEGENDS: BP = Bypass, LT = Left Turn, RT= Right Turn, S = Straight. CAR-Scorpio CRDE- 2007 July Model

Remarks in Red and ;) indicates caution / worries / pains.

Remarks in Green and :) indicates plesure of drive, happiness and joy of the moment / locales / good roads

24-10-2007

PLACE	ODO	TIME	REMARKS
Vastrapur Lake, Ahmedabad	0	640AM	
LT @ Vishala Restaurant	6	645	
RT to Expressway	17.8	700	
Toll Gate Entry	20.7	705	Rs. 34/- for Anand Exit, great toll raod.
Nadiad Exit to Dakor	63	725	Smooth Surface, great signages for 160 KMS till MP Border
RT at Dakor for Godhra	95.5	755	
4 Road Junction	118.5	805	
Sevalia Godhra 4 Roads	148	825	
Railway Gate	171	845	Railway Gate closure 10 mts wait
Piplod	182	857	
Road Junction LT to Dahod Town	218	925	
RTO Check Post	224	930	Fully gutted road, only good in sections for the next 120 kms
Photo stop great scenary	247	950	Lovely scenary all around, undulating hillocks, twisting terrain.
Start		1000	
Road Junction - RT to Indore	261	1045	LT to Bhopal and Delhi
LT @ Jhabua Junction	267	1020	
Sardarpur	315	1130	
Patched up roads from here	325	1145	Road becomes bearable
RT to Dhar BP	357	1215pm	S=Goes into Dhar Town, no signs here for BP, need to ask.
Lost LT to Indore took U turn	390	1240	No signages, need to look out for turn to Indore.
LT to Indore	396	100	RT=Mahu, Mumbai
Hotel Sri Maya, Indore	437	200	Stop for Check in and Lunch
Start for Ujjain		345	Good smooth roads, good signages, thick truck traffic.
Ujjain Mahakaleswar	503	500	NH 27, good smooth roads.
Start		635	Thin crowd, great temple near Shipra River
Hotel Sri Maya, Indore	575	800	
TOTAL/DAY	575		
PLACE	ODO	TIME	REMARKS

25-10-2008

Hotel Sri Maya, Indore	0	1100am	
Bhorkuva Churaya	0	1115	
Toll Gate / Umerkheda / SH 27	10	1115	Rs.16/- Great toll roads / Ghats for the next 15 kms
Barwah	60	1210	
LT to Omkareshwar	65	1220 pm	Along Narmada river, lovely open green counry & tree lined road
Toll Gate	70 (?)	1225	Rs.16/-
Parking Omkareswar	78	1230	Caution: Greedy Pandits in the temple, stay away.
Start		210	
RT to Indore	90	245	
Hotel Gopal Midway	91.5	250	Only decent lunch place and on Narmada river bank.
Start		210	
Railway Gate Closure	123	435	

	Start	450	
Toll Gate	161	615	Rs.28/-
Hotel Sri Maya, Indore	177	700	
TOTAL/DAY	177		
PLACE	ODO	TIME	REMARKS
26-10-2008			
Hotel Sri Maya, Indore	0	745am	
Diesel Stop	0.5	750	
RT @ Shivaji Statue	1.5	746	
LT @ Navlakha Char Rasta	3.5	748	No Roads, only single road, deep run-offs, only gravel, one
Double Chauki	35	900	of the worst, had to go on 2nd and 3rd gear for 35 kms.
Chapra Village	56.3	915	Great open country, agricultural communities, villages, cattle
Matmar	62.5	930	on the road and wide open country.
Kannod	105	1020	Road improves from here, beautiful surface for the next 22 kms.
Khategaon	127	1045	
Narmada River Bridge	144	1100	
Harda	164	1120	Great toll roads, lovely surface till Hoshangabad - 94 kms.
Timurni	181	1155	Need caution on curves, cattle appear out of nowhere.
Shivpur Toll Gate	195	1205	Rs. 18/-
Seoni Malwa	209	1215	Fender hit and bounced a calf off the road with force, lucky no
Dobgaya	235	1235	damage to calf and car. Gave full respect to cattle after that !!!!!!!!
Toll Gate Khamlva	253	1250pm	Rs.15/-
Hoshangabad	258	1255	
Toll Gate	265	105	Rs.27/- SH-22
Tava Bridge	272	115	
Bambai	283	125	Lovely, lovely green fields changing to open country to hillocks
Sohagpur	312	145	interspaced with sal / team forests, amazing jig-saw landscapes
Pipariya	333	210	
Lunch Stop- Hotel Alka	334	230	Clean Economic Place; best hotel in Pipariya
Diesel Stop & Start		315	Reliable place to tank up, there are 2 Petrol Bunks here.
Toll gate for Panchmarhi	360	335	LT=Chindwara and Nagpur
Panchmarhi-entry gate	388	425	Need to enter details and keep the slip for exit. Rs.26/- for 3 days.
Hotel Glen View - MPTDC	391	445	Decent service and a exceptionally resourceful "Mali"
TOTAL / DAY	391		
PLACE	ODO	TIME	REMARKS
27-10-2008			Need Gypsey to enter forset=Rs.800/-+ Per person Rs.100/-
Hotel Glen View - MPTDC	0	900am	Compulsary Guide=Rs.158/- (All for the day- 9 AM to 6 PM)
Pandav Caves	3	930	Caves from where Panchmarhi got its name
Rajat Prabath/Apsara Vihar view	8	1030	Hard 1km trek down 2 view point + 500 feet to waterfall & forests
Panchali Kund	9	1130	Hard trek of 1 kms down and up to 5 small waterfalls, story goes
Lunch Break	16	100pm	that "Panchali" used this for bathing.
B-Fall	21	330	300 mtrs to the falls & another 1 km deep trek down to pool.
Dhup Garh	41	430	Awesome sand stone raising structure called "NAGPHANI", steep
Back to Hotel			climb up and view of Panchmarhi town all around.
TOTAL / DAY	41		Very tiring and enjoyable day full of treks
PLACE	ODO	TIME	REMARKS
28-10-2008			Hired a private guide @ Rs.150/- to show around other
Hotel Glen View - MPTDC	0	830 am	places where forest entry is not needed.
Para Sailing point	5	900	Jeep drags the para 800 mtrs. Rs.500/- for 2 ppl, worth a try.
Ridgegarh (Huge towering ridges)	10	1000	300 mtrs trek, Must see place. Shooting place of film "Ashoka"
Gupt Mahadhev Temple	15	1120	Amazing cave, 30 feet ling and 2 feet wide, need to go in sideways.

Great Mahadhev Temple	-		500 mtrs, Trek to Temple. Beware aggressive Monkeys.
Priyadarshani Point	24	1145	11 hard U turns, ghat road, OK surface. Trek 300 mtrs for view.
Handikav Valley View	25	1150	Trek down 250 mtrs for Valley view
Jada Shankar Cave Parking	30	1205	Park & walk up 500 mtrs to Jada Shankar temple + caves
Gardern Restaurant / Lunch	35	100	Nice clean Dhaba / Restaurant
		135	We say good bye to the guide here.
Matkuli Check post	66.2	220	SH-19. RT=Nagpur-236km, Hoshangabad = 98kms
Pipariya Railway Station point	91	240	Narrow, crowded villages. Lovely Sugarcane country next 125 kms
Toll Gate	94	250	Rs.33/- Preserve token for exit after 88 kms.
Bankheri Railway Station Point	113	305	Villages every 20/30 Kms. Houses, villages, shops, pavement shops,
RT @ Godarwara BP	147	345	and people, all decked up and colourful due to Diwali. Soothing sights.
Toll Gate exit point	182	410	Bad roads and bad surface for next 27 kms, till toll gate.
LT on Road Junction to Jabalpur	207	445	Bybpasses Karali and Narasimhapur straight to Gategaon.
Toll Gate	209	450	Rs. 21/-. Preserve token for exit after 50 kms
Gategaon	237	510	Crowded narrow village, blocked due to Diwali trade
Narmada River Bridge	251	525	
Toll exit @ Shahpura & join NH12	259	530	Bad roads; bumpy+pot holed for the next 35 kms till Jabalpur
Road Junction for Bedaghat	276	550	
Hotel Caltury Residency	294	630	
TOTAL / DAY	294		
29-10-2008			
Hotel Caltury Residency	0	0945am	Pot holed surface for 5 kms, rest of the road OK.
LT to Bedaghat	28	1055	
Toll Gate @ Bedaghat	29	1100	Rs.30/-
Dhuandhar Parking Lot	32.9	1115	Walk to wonderful waterfall & around - 2 kms of burning sunlight
Start		100pm	
Panchvati Ghat parking	34	115	Boating thro amazing Marble rocks. Rs. 250/- for private boat ride
Start		300	
MPTDC Hotel Marble Rocks		400	Lunch Break
RT to Jabalpur	40	445	
Hotel Caltury Residency	60	530	
TOTAL / DAY	60		
30-10-2008			
Hotel Caltury Residency	0	830	
Road Junction	13	855	S=Katni-83km, LT=Nagpur-283, Bopal-309
Siyora	46	925	NH 7- OK surface and rough in patches
RT @ Salimnabad	69.5	950	Gravel road for 5 kms, no tarmac.
Railway Gate Closure	73.7	1000	Caught in gate closing for 10 mts
Gharvara Forest Check Post	80	1020	One of the most beautiful twisty drive thro thick forest roads.
LT @ T Junction	100.5	1040	Deserted road, mostly forest, crossed only 3 jeeps in 40 kms !!!
Khamtara Rd Junction	109	1050	Very scary section, not to be done in dark.....NH78
RT towards Umariya	135	1115	LT to Katni=34
LT @ Chandiya Gau	143	1125	
LT @ Bhalvghat	165	1150	Village where film "Malamal Lottery" was based and shot.
Diesel stop off road to Umariah	168	1205	Gravel road for 7 kms, mostly pot holed for next 22 kms.
Forest Check Post - Bandhavgarh	200	1250	Login at the chekpost
Mogli Resorts- Bandhavgarh	205	130	
TOTAL / DAY	205		
31-10-2008			
Safari in the Magdi Sector	45	630am	New sector @ Mukhi sector, sightings of many animals, no tiger
Safari in the Talav Sector	45	0200 am	Sighting of the Big Male tiger B2 100 mtrs away

TOTAL / DAY / ON GYPSEY	90		
01-11-2008			Full day living on a 4x4 gypsey through jungle tracks!!!!!!
Safari in Talav Sector	45	0600am	No sighting of the big cat.
	30	12 noon	Drive up the fort, full 4 wheel country, steep dangerous climbs
Safari in Talav Sector	45	0200am	No sighting of the big cat.
TOTAL / DAY / ON GYPSEY	120		
02-11-2008			
Mugli Resorts	0	830	
Road Junction	2.4	840	Kacha Road- Join SH 11 towards Umariah
Checkout @ forest check post	3.9	8.45	Drive thro. Thick forests for 30 kms, good sruface.
Magdi Gate	9.8	855	Thin truck traffic, no sight of people, animals can cross anytime!
RT @ T junction towards Kitholi	16.3	905	Lots of unmarked bumps all the way, animal crossing signages.
Signout @ Kitholi Forest post	31.4	925	
Barhi Junction	56.8	950	
Barhi toll plaza	61.3	1000	Rs.22/-, beautiful rivers and country side, amazing landscapes!!!
End of bad section	66.9	1020	5 kms of moonscape roads, 2 bridges being built. NO ROADS!!!
Badanpur	88.5	1040	
Birla Cement Gate, Maihar	93.8	1045	Maihar Cement Factory Gate
Sonwari toll plaza	98.3	1050	13/-
LT on T junction	102	1055	Missed road here, correct route is Maihar, Unchehera, Dhanera,
RT to Unchehera	102.6	1056	Amadari and Nagod, this bypasses busy Satna town, saves time.
Ichual toll Plaza	113.4	1110	Rs.13/-
Railway Gate, Maihar	118.8	1125	Caught in railway gate closure for 15 minutes
Satna Toll Gate	141	1150	Touched Satna, extra 12 kms + 40 mts.
Civil Lane Char Rasta, Satna	144	1200	S=Bophal-599, Gwalior-390kms, Kanha-72, Chitrakut-78
Nagaud	169.5	12.25	
Road Junction	216.5	100	Good roads for 36 kms, great flat open forest country.
Panna 7 kms of Ghats begins	226	105	Panna Tiger reserve here and turn off to Pandav Caves on RT
Ghat ends	233	117	
RT @ Bamitha to Khajuraho	253	130	S=Sagar-186, Chattarpur-35
Hotel Raddison	264	200	
Evening Light & Sound Show	5	630	Must see show inside the temples-Rs.90/ per person entrance
TOTAL / DAY	269		
03-11-2008			
West, South and Eastern temples	5	900	Took a guide for Rs.250/- for West and East temples, free entrance
			Eastern temples need entrance, guide optional. Lots of walking, takes whole day.
TOTAL / DAY	5		
04-11-2008			
Raddison Hotel	0	930	
RT @ Bamitha to Khajuraho	10.8	945	
RT @ Caves Forest Post	33.6	1015	Rs.200/ for vecicle @ Rs.40/- for guide / naturalist
Pandav Caves Parking	34.8	1025	Great waterfall and caves and a serene spot to relax. Pandavas
Start		100	stayed for 40-40 days here. Old caves of lime & kimberlite.
Bamitha Junction	58.5	115	
Shyam Poddar Junction	70.2	130	
Lunch Breaj @ Siddarth Hotel	72	135	
Start	0	240	
RT to Rane fall	4.1	245	Rs.200/ for vecicle @ Rs.40/- for guide / naturalist
Ranee Fall, forest check in point.	17.4	300	
Gariyal Point	25	315	8 kms of gravel forest road to the dam and Gariyal watching point

Return to Exhibition point	29.8	325	No water on the KEN river fall but amazing rock formaton -
Stop		440	a crater of old volcano which erupted 460M years ago.
Forest chek out point	32.8	445	
LT to Khajuraoho	46.1	500	
TOTAL / DAY	112		
05-11-2008			
Raddison Hotel	0	755	
RT @ Bamitha to Khajuraho	11	805	NH - 75. Potholed road for 15 kms, only one side good
LT @ Chattarpur	46.4	835	
Bada Malhara	98	915	NH 86
Ghat Section Begins	117	925	2 kms of ghats, good roads for 2 kms
Bad patch of roads	138	945	Very bad stretch for the next 40 kms, took 1 hr to do 40 kms
Dalpatpur	146.5	1030	
Banda	178.8	1050	Sections good, sandwiched with mostly bad roads.
Sagar	207.8	1120	
RT @ Road Junction	208	1121	
Junction @ Rajatgarh	255	1215	Missed turn Vidisha, took roaad to Behagumganj, U turn back.
LT @ T Junction to Vidisha	289	1240	No road, took 30 mts for 16 kms, bumpy forest gravel road.
Gyraspur	300	120	
Some tarmac restarts from here	305	115	
Vidisha Chowk	338	145	RT to Bhopal 2 the junction and towards Sanchi
Sanchi Stupa Junction	348	150	LT to Monument, take ticket from counter for entry
Stop at the Monument	351	210	
Lunch @ Gateway Cafeteria		330	Clean basic food, only good restaurant around monument
LT towards Bhopal	352	333	
RT towards Bhopal	358	340	LT=Raisen
Hotel Ranjit Lake View, Bhopal	408	500	Nagivated 2 hotel clearly with GPS on destinator
TOTAL / DAY	408		
06-11-2008			
Hotel Ranjit Lake View, Bhopal	0	650am	Navigated out of town with GPS, Bhopal very well detailed on Destina
4 track begins	44.4	715	4 track work on with switch backs for next 40 kms, good surface
LT towards Ashta	85	800	4 track bypasses Sehore, 4 track ends here, bumpy busy 2 track
Sankoch	128	840	Very bouncy till Dewas, triacle thick truck / tractor / cattle traffic
LT @ BP towards Indore	158	910	
Toll Gate Dewas	159	916	Rs.20/-, NH3, Lovely 4 track begins here, goes down to Mumbai
Toll Gate	173.3	920	Rs.10/-
RT into Indore town	194	945	Lost lots of time getting out of town, should take BP for another 20 km
Diesel stop	200	1005	to get out clean off the Indore city traffic.
B'fast Stop @ Hotel Sree Maya	201	1015	
Start		1100	Traffic blocks due to election nomination process
Gangwal Bus stand	208	1130	NH59
Road Junction	244.8	1215	
LT to Ahmedabad	249.7	1225	LT= Mhow / Mumbai, ST=Ratlam-97
Dhar traffic diversion	274	105	Traffic block, long route to BP through town due to traffic block
Rajgarh	322	210	Bad Patch- Bumpy, pot holed bone shaking ride for 70 kms.
RT to Ahmedabad and jabua	368	305	
RT @ road turn	370	307	
Traffic block due to truck overturn	380	340	10 km block, off-roading 4 kms thro fields and sliding downhill!!!!
Good roaad begins here	392	400	Smooth, well marked roads, a pleasure to drive, can speed up
RTO Dahod	413	415	from here on, great relief to rest left hand and leg.
Dahod	456	440	

Godhra	517	525	
RT @ Dakore	543	550	Expressway in is 30 kms upstream @ Nadiad, so took state roads
Mehaemdabad	585	630	
Narol Circle	623	705	Traffic block due to accident.
Vishala Junction	629	720	
Vastrapur Lake, Ahmedabad	635	730	
TOTAL / DAY	635		
TOTAL FOR THE TRIP	3172		

Mileage: Usedd 305 Ltrs of Diesel for 3172 kms = 10.4 km per ltr (approximate calculation). Mileage is low due to very bad sections throughout MP, sudden cattle stops and spirited driving.

Handling: Very few cars could have taken the pounding by bad roads, off-road demands and come out unscathed.

MP Roads: Bad compared to Rajastan, Gujarat, Maharashtra but improving fast as reported by everyone.

GPS: Destinator, "India One" Map good in cities, about 25% of secondary roads were shown innacurate, off track.

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