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A tent at the newly renovated Sher Bagh in India's Ranthambore National Park. © Suján

If “India” and “conservation” are increasingly joined in the travel world’s consciousness, it’s largely thanks to Jaisal and Anjali Singh, owners of elite safari-adventure collection Suján. In the 1970s, Jaisal’s parents helped map Ranthambore park, today famed for its tiger safaris. Sher Bagh, the Suján camp which the Singhs opened in 2000, set the standard both in terms of wilderness experience and supreme comforts. Cut to 2021, and the Singhs have been busy: Sher Bagh emerged last month completely renovated, with more spacious tents and poolside dining (the unrivalled access to the tigers, courtesy of superlative guides who’ve mastered the lay of Ranthambore’s 515 square miles, remains unchanged). At the also-renovated Jawai, their leopard camp near Pali, Anjali Singh is shortly to launch a “Healing with Horses” programme, developed over two years. Working with Kathiawari and Marwari horses – small but tenacious local breeds – she has constructed space for 20 of them, on land adjacent to Jawai, and developed activities and programmes that go well beyond rides out to the spectacular dam at Jawai Bandh (though those are available too). Think of things like learning to understand the body language of a horse and creating a genuine connection with the animals. And we all understand the salutary effects of time in a staggeringly beautiful landscape. thesujanlife.com, from about \$943