

## **Paatlidun Safari Lodge, Corbett** **Keeping Local Kumaoni Traditions Alive**



*Buildings reflect local Kumaoni traditions using local materials and labour.*

A philosophy of keeping local traditions alive lies at the heart of Paatlidun Safari Lodge's design and operations. Local craftsmen and labour have been used to construct a lodge which reflects local Kumaoni traditions using authentic, antique wooden frames and local tiles, mud, bricks and wood. Lodge walls have been finished with a local technique using raw eggs to give them a smooth finish and to enhance their natural cooling properties.



*Traditional wall paintings*

The cottages are beautifully designed with colourful Garhwali art on entrance doors. The planting of a *tulsi* (*Ocimumtenuiflorum*) at the main entrance of every cottage reflects local practice.

The reception area has been decorated with Kumaoni furniture, handicrafts and showpieces. Beautiful framed paintings and handicrafts are displayed throughout the property. A museum in the grounds houses antiques found across Corbett and in other part of Kumaon. A tea shop named *Chahpani*, serves Kumaoni snacks with different varieties of herbal teas. The lodge's shop stocks local handicrafts sourced by NGOs [SOS Care India](#), [Umang](#), and [Kilmora](#).



*Antique windows are incorporated into the design.*



*Kumaoni furniture and handicrafts are used for interiors.*



*Guest cottages reflect local traditions and craftsmanship.*

Guests are briefed about the surrounding area and local culture and can enjoy village visits and vibrant Kumaoni music and dance performances.



*Local Kumaoni dance and music are performed regularly at the lodge*



*Traditional Kumaoni snacks are served.*