



Wildlife and Birds of Assam and North Bengal

Guwahati, Manas, Gorumara, Neora Valley, Darjeeling and Delhi

Best Time: Mid-November to March

Duration: 15 Days

Tour Pace: Easy to Moderate

Minimum tour participants: 02

Maximum tour participants: 08

Transport: Exclusive

Safaris: Exclusive

Birding guide: Asian Adventures birding guides

Tour Code: 102

Description

In this tour we will explore North East India's mesmerizing birdlife paradise. The tour has been specifically planned for the die-hard bird watching enthusiasts. An experience of a lifetime, where for all 15 days, you will witness a magnitude of birds in the dense forests of North-East India. You will get to visit the Manas Tiger Reserve where you can see the diverse species of mammals and wonderful species. Manas is the melting point of the west and the east, with many species at the westernmost and easternmost point of their range representing a gateway for species exchanges between the typically Indian and Malayan faunas.

A total of 55 mammals, 50 reptiles and three amphibians have been recorded, several species being endemic. Manas contains animals such as Tiger Leopard, Asian Elephant, One-horned Rhinoceros, Capped Langur, Assamese Macaque, Slow Loris and Hoolock Gibbon. Some, like the Assam Roofed Turtle, Gee's Golden Langur, Hispid Hare, Pygmy Hog and the only pure strain of Asiatic Wild Buffalo, are only best seen here.

Manas boasts the largest population of the endangered Bengal Florican in the world and is also a great place to see the Great Hornbill. The National Park lists around 380 species and the adjoining hilly terrain in Bhutan can easily add a hundred birds to that total. Good birds to look for are Greater Adjutant, Black-tailed Crake, Red-headed Trogon, Swamp Francolin, Wreathed and Rufous-necked Hornbill, Marsh and Jerdon's Babblers, Pied Harrier, Rufous-rumped and Bristled Grassbird, Hodgson's Bushchat, Rufous-vented Laughingthrush, Finn's Weaver, Ibisbill and a variety of foothills species.

As we move to the higher Himalayan region of Neora Valley and Darjeeling, we get many other species such as Darjeeling Woodpecker, Green Magpie, Chestnut Tailed Minla, Hodgson's Treecreeper, Barred Cuckoo Dove, Pygmy Blue Flycatcher, Hill Myna, Cutia, Crimson-breasted Woodpecker, Large Niltava, Blue-wined Minla, Striated Bulbul, Rusty-bellied Shortwing,

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Blue-fronted Robin, Blue-winged and Black-faced Laughing Thrush. Others are Satyr Tragopan, Broad-billed Warbler, Yellow-throated Fulvetta, Rufous-throated Wren Babbler, Grey-sided Laughingthrush, Scarlet Finch and many more rarities.

Our North East bird watching holiday packages will leave you enthralled and wanting for more.

Itinerary overview

- Day 01: Arrive Delhi
- Day 02: Delhi to Guwahati
- Day 03: Guwahati to Manas
- Day 04: Manas Tiger Reserve
- Day 05: Manas Tiger Reserve
- Day 06: Manas Tiger Reserve
- Day 07: Manas Tiger Reserve
- Day 08: Manas to Gorumara
- Day 09: Gorumara to Lava (Neora Valley)
- Day 10: Lava / Neora Valley
- Day 11: Lava / Neora Valley
- Day 12: Neora Valley to Darjeeling
- Day 13: Darjeeling
- Day 14: Darjeeling to Bagdogra to New Delhi
- Day 15: Delhi to Departure



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Highlights

- A large variety of North Eastern birds
- Quaint lodges
- Sightseeing of architectural and cultural heritage sites
- Farm fresh regional cuisine
- Serious birding and wildlife viewing
- A glimpse into the culture and lifestyle of lesser explored North East

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Day 01: Arrive Delhi

Meals: on own

Accommodation: Hotel Shanti Palace or similar

Arrive Delhi in the evening. You will be met and transferred to the hotel. Overnight stay.



Day 02: Delhi to Sultanpur to Guwahati

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Radisson Blu or similar

Morning birding excursion to Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary (closed on every Tuesday). Return to the hotel at 1100 hrs. Check-out and transfer to Delhi airport to connect afternoon flight to Guwahati. Arrive Guwahati in the evening. You will be met and transferred to. Overnight stay.



Day 03: Guwahati to Manas

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Musa Jungle Retreat.

Morning check-out at 0600 hrs. Full morning at Deepor Beel, afternoon drive to Basbari, the Central Range in Manas (about 4 hours' drive) Tiger Reserve. Arrive Manas in the evening. Check in at Overnight stay.



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Day 04, 05, 06 & 07: Manas Tiger Reserve

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Musa Jungle Retreat

Four more days in Manas Tiger Reserve. Overnight stay. We will have cars to be at our disposal throughout.



Day 08: Manas to Gorumara (7-hour drive)

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: River wood Forest Retreat

Morning transfer to Gorumara National Park stopping en route for Golden Langur & lunch. Afternoon game drive (if time permits). Overnight Stay



Day 09: Gorumara to Lava (Neora Valley)

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

Accommodation: Neora Valley Jungle Camp.

Drive out to Neora Valley stopping en route for bird watching. Overnight stay



Day 10 & 11: Lava / Neora Valley

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Accommodation: Neora Valley Jungle Camp

Birding in and around Lava & Neora. Overnight stay.



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Day 12: Neora Valley to Darjeeling
Meals: Breakfast and dinner
Accommodation: Hotel Sterling or similar

Transfer to Darjeeling with a short stop at Kalimpong. Check in at the hotel.
Overnight stay.



Day 13: Darjeeling
Meals: Breakfast and dinner
Accommodation: Hotel Sterling or similar

Morning sun rise trip to Tiger Hill. Later Birding at Manebhanjan. Evening Toy train (last tourist train on the day, around 4 PM is preferred). Overnight stay



Day 14: Darjeeling to Bag Dogra to New Delhi
Meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: Hotel Shanti Place

Morning sightseeing in Darjeeling. Later, transfer to Bagdogra airport to connect flight to Delhi in the afternoon. Arrive Delhi in the evening. You will be met and transferred to overnight stay.



Day 15: Delhi to Departure
Meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: None

Morning transfer to Delhi airport to connect flight back to home. Tour ends.



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Tour cost (per person)

Tour Cost (per person): INR 180000 (minimum 06-08 paying persons)

Tour Cost (per person): INR 191000 (minimum 04 paying persons)

Tour Cost (per person): INR 206000 (minimum 02 paying persons)

Single room supplement: INR 39500



Services includes only:

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis
- All transport services
- All safaris
- National Park entrance fee
- Services of a bird guide
- All taxes



Above cost does not include:

- Optional tours, tips, laundry, drinks, bottle water, meals not specified, Camera fee
- International and Domestic air fare, Visa, insurance
- Any other services not specified in cost inclusions



Passport details required of all the participants for booking safaris & tickets

- Full Names as mentioned on passport
- Gender
- Date of Birth
- Nationality
- Passport Number
- Passport Issue date
- Passport Expiry date

