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Bird Photography Tour of North India

Delhi, Sultanpur National Park, Keoladeo National Park, National Chambal Sanctuary, Nainital region & Corbett Park

Best Time: Mid-November to March

Duration: 15 Days

Tour Pace: Easy to Moderate

Transport: 06-seater car for 02 photographers and 9-seater Tempo Traveler for 04 photographers

Guide: Asian Adventures Guide

Tour Code: 106

Description

This tour takes you to the best bird's photography sites of North India (such as Keoladeo National Park, National Chambal Sanctuary and Himalayan Foothills) & the best Tiger Park Uttarakhand (Corbett National Park) along with the must do visit to the Iconic Taj Mahal (optional).

Keoladeo National Park

Keoladeo Ghana National Park in Rajasthan was declared a World Heritage Site in 1985. It is one of the most outstanding wetland reserves in Asia. Created by Maharaja of Bharatpur for hunting by diverting canals and building small dams, conservation was a lucky by-product. Especially during the winters, as monsoons refill the shallow marshes, it attracts thousands of waterfowl, herons, storks, cranes and waders. Seen flying across the clear skies they make an incredible sight. Spotting scores of them together dotting the marshes is also an unforgettable visual treat. The compactness of the area makes it possible to see over a hundred species in a stay of just a few days. At Bharatpur, we will arrange a private cycle rickshaw guide for you to explore the park in a unique way.



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National Chambal Sanctuary

River Chambal, one of the country's most beautiful and least polluted river systems. The National Chambal Sanctuary was formed to protect this pristine river ecosystem. The river currently boasts of over 290 species of resident and migratory bird species, including large nesting colonies of the rare Indian Skimmer, as well as Marsh Crocodiles (Muggers), Gharial (Gavials), eight species Turtles, and highly endangered Gangetic River Dolphin. Best explored on boats, you will be impressed by the calm and serene beauty and the numerous sightings this river has to offer.



Corbett National Park

It was named in the honor of Jim Corbett, legendary hunter-turned- conservationist, best known for hunting man-eating tigers and leopards in the Kumaon and lower Garhwal in the 1920s. Away from the urban concrete jungles, within easy driving distance of Delhi (7 hrs), Corbett is a popular retreat for wildlife and nature enthusiasts. It provides a great opportunity for viewing wildlife, especially the tiger in its natural habitat. The main wildlife animals found in the Corbett National Park include the Tiger, Elephant, Chital, Sambar, Nilgai, Gharial, King Cobra, Muntjac, Wild Boar, Hedgehog, Common Musk Shrew, Flying Fox, Indian Pangolin and nearly 600 species of birds. Aboard the 4WD, accompanied by an expert guide, the Jeep takes us through the stately dense Sal jungle of Corbett along the Ramganga River.



Pangot

Pangot is one such beautiful hamlet in the state of Uttarakhand which lies just 15 km from the city of lake, Nainital. Walking into Pangot is like stepping into a remote Himalayan village. This birdwatchers' paradise has more than 250 species of birds in and around as recorded by Jungle Lore Birding Lodge. This Lodge is India's first and foremost birding lodge and has been key to birding success in the region. The entire drive is through the forested area of Cheena Peak Range via Snow View Point and Kilbury, the main habitats for excellent birding. The forests of Pangot and surrounding areas are dominated by thick Oak, Pine and Rhododendron. The streams passing by the area makes it even more attractive place. The district of Nainital covers the tropical, sub-tropical, temperate, sub-alpine and alpine zones.



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The terai & bhabar belt presents the climate of the plains while the deep valleys with elevation upto 1000 Mts. play host to varied types of animal, birds, trees typical of hills as well as plains



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Itinerary Overview

- Day 01: Arrive Delhi
- Day 02: Drive to Bharatpur
- Day 03: Keoladeo National Park
- Day 04: Keoladeo National Park
- Day 05: Keoladeo National Park
- Day 06: Bharatpur to National Chambal Sanctuary
- Day 07: National Chambal Sanctuary
- Day 08: Chambal to Noida
- Day 09: Noida to Pangot
- Day 10: Pangot
- Day 11: Pangot
- Day 12: Pangot to Corbett National Park
- Day 13: Corbett National Park
- Day 15: Departure

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Highlights

- Best places for Birds Photography
- Farm fresh Indian meals
- Quaint lodges
- Photography of the Tiger and other mammals

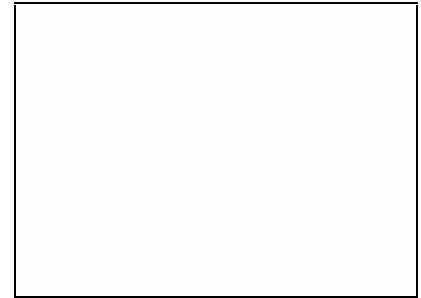
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Day 01: Arrive Delhi

Meals: included: on own

Accommodation: Hotel Shanti Palace or similar

Arrive Delhi airport at noon / evening. You will be met and transferred to Hotel. Our representative will brief you about your tour. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay



Day 02: Delhi to Bharatpur

Meals: Breakfast in Delhi, lunch and dinner in Bharatpur

Accommodation: Hotel Kadamb Kunj or similar

After breakfast, check-out at 0700 hrs and drive to Bharatpur (6 hours / subject to traffic). Arrive Bharatpur in the early afternoon. Relax in the evening or you can go for bird photography in the fields outside the park. Overnight stay.



Day 03, 04 & 05: Bharatpur

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel Kadamb Kunj or similar

Three full days for bird's photography in Keoladeo National Park. Overnight stay



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Day 06: Bharatpur to National Chambal Sanctuary
Meals: Breakfast in Bharatpur, Packed Lunch, Dinner in Chambal
Accommodation: Chambal Safari Lodge

Morning drive to National Chambal Sanctuary (3.5 hours' drive). Arrive Chambal Check-in in Chambal Safari Lodge. Rest of the day bird's photography in the lodge premises. Overnight stay



Day 07: National Chambal Sanctuary
Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner
Accommodation: Chambal Safari Lodge

After breakfast, Boat cruise with a guide for bird photography. Return to the lodge for lunch. Evening bird photography around the lodge. Overnight stay



Day 08: Chambal to Noida
Meals: Breakfast in Chambal
Accommodation: Hotel Savoy Suites

Morning birding or relax. After early lunch, drive back to Noida (5-6 hours / subject to traffic). Arrive Noida in the evening. Overnight stay.



Day 09: Noida to Pangot
Meals: Breakfast in Noida, lunch and dinner in Pangot
Accommodation: Jungle Lore Birding Lodge

You will be met and taken to Pangot (7-8 hours), a journey that takes you on one of the world's more spectacular mountain roads as we climb up into the Kumaon Hills on our way to this delightful 'lake city'. Afternoon birding with a guide near the lodge. Overnight stay



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Day 10 & 11: Pangot
Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner
Accommodation: Jungle Lore Birding Lodge

Two days of Birds Photography Pangot village, Baggar and Gughu Khan. These walks can be very rewarding. Overnight stay at the lodge.



Day 12: Pangot to Corbett National Park
Meals: Breakfast in Pangot, Lunch and Dinner in Corbett
Accommodation: Tiger Camp.

Morning drive to Corbett stopping en route at Dabka causeway to look for ash crowned sparrow lark photography and for photography at Corbett Falls. Arrive Corbett in the late afternoon. Evening bird photography at Kosi River or Kumeria. Overnight stay.



Day 13: Corbett National Park
Meals: Breakfast in Tiger Camp, lunch and dinner in Dhikala
Accommodation: Dhikala Forest Lodge

After breakfast, drive onward for Dhangarhi gate for entry to Dhikala tourism zone. Jeep safari through the stately dense Sal jungle and the wildlife adventure of Corbett begins. Jeep Safari by the lower jungle track along the Ramganga River accompanied by an expert guide. A great opportunity for viewing and photograph wildlife, especially the tiger in its natural habitat and many birds. Overnight stay.

PS: You can leave your extra luggage at Tiger Camp and carry the stuff for 02 days only. Driver will help you for that and we'll instruct our reception team at Tiger Camp.

Accommodation: Dhikala Forest Lodge. This lodge is a basic lodge run by the forest department, but you get true experience of stay inside the jungle. That's the only place to stay in Dhikala and in case of non-availability of rooms there, you will stay in Tiger Camp and will visit the park other areas from there.



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Day 14: Corbett National Park
Meals: Breakfast and lunch in Dhikala, Dinner in Tiger Camp
Accommodation: Tiger Camp

Morning safari for bird photography. Return for breakfast and then spend time till lunch on a watchtower overlooking a water hole. Some of the best birding areas of Dhikala are Sambhar Road and Khinanauli. After lunch, drive back to Tiger Camp in the slow pace. This drive up to the park exit gate will be a safari in itself. Overnight stay.



Day 15: Corbett to Delhi - Departure
Meals: Breakfast in Corbett
Accommodation: Shanti Palace or similar

After breakfast, drive back to Delhi (7 hours' drive / subject to traffic). Arrive Delhi in the late afternoon / evening. Transfer to Delhi airport to connect flight back to home. Tour ends.



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Tour cost (per person)
INR 185000 (minimum 04 paying persons)
INR 199000 (minimum 02 paying persons)





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Services includes only:

- Accommodation on Twin sharing basis
- Meals as per the itinerary
- Rickshaw ride in Bharatpur
- Park entry fee of Bharatpur (once a day only)
- 01 boat Cruise in Chambal with park entrance fee
- All safaris in Corbett National Park
- Corbett park entrance fee and park wildlife guide
- Asian Adventures Guide
- Dedicated transport for 15 days
- All taxes



Above cost does not include:

- Optional Tours, tips, laundry, drinks, bottled water, Camera fee, a few meals, Elephant ride
- International Air fare, visa, insurance, monument entrance fee etc.



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



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