



## Namdapha Tiger Reserve and Dibru Saikhowa Birding Tour

Delhi, Tinsukia, Namdapha, Roing, Mayodia, Dibru, Saikhowa

Best Time: Mid-November to Mid-December and Mid-Feb to April

Duration: 15 Days

Tour Pace: Easy to Moderate

Minimum tour participants: 02

Maximum tour participants: 08

Transport: Exclusive

Birding guide: Asian Adventures Guides

Tour Code: 112

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International Flight details (To be booked by guest)

Day 01: Arrive Delhi in the morning

Day 15: Departure from Delhi in morning / late morning

Domestic Flight details (Asian Adventures can book on request)

Day 04: Delhi to Dibrugarh

Day 14: Dibrugarh to Delhi

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### Description

Spread over an area of 1985km<sup>2</sup> Namdapha is among the larger protected areas of India. The park is at the eastern end of the province in Changlang, Arunachal Pradesh. The area is mountainous, criss crossed by innumerable watercourses forming part of the catchment for the Brahmaputra through the Noa-Dihing (Diyun) river system. The park is named after the Namdapha river, a main tributary of the Noa-Dihing. Managed under Protected Tiger since 1983 the sanctuary is reputed to be unique in harbouring all four big Himalayan cats: Tiger, Leopard, the rarely seen clouded Leopard and the almost mystical Snow Leopard. Also, there is a great diversity in avifauna as well. The area boasts 665 recorded bird species including Blyth's Tragopan, Ward's Trogon, Rufous-necked Hornbill, Blue-naped Pitta, Wedge-billed Wren Babbler, Snowy-throated Babbler and Beautiful Nuthatch.

Our next highlight of the journey is Dibru-Saikhowa Wildlife Sanctuary. The 340 km<sup>2</sup> Reserve encompasses a patchwork of seasonally flooded forests, beels, and grassy pockets in between the braided arms of the river Dibru and Brahmaputra. The sanctuary is the perfect place to spot the rare specialised grassland and swamp forest birds such as the threatened Marsh Babbler, Jerdon's Babbler, Black-throated Parrotbill, Rufous-vented (Swamp) Prinia, and Jerdon's Bushcat. Several other rarely observed species can be found in the extensive grasslands, wetlands, and riverine forests. These include Baer's

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Pochard, White-winged Wood Duck, Bengal Florican, Jerdon's Bushchat, Black-breasted Parrotbill, Pale-capped Pigeon, and Rufous-rumped Grassbird, Jerdon's Babbler, Chestnut Thrush. Some birds listed by Mike Prince in one of his trip reports: Mishmi Wren Babbler, Purple and Green Cochoa, Violet and Emerald Cuckoos, Satyr Tragopan and Blood Pheasant, Gould's Shortwing, White-hooded Babbler, Pale-headed Woodpecker, Pale-capped Pigeon, Ruddy Shelducks, Osprey, Common Buzzards, Crested Goshawk, Common Kestrel, Grey-cheeked, Buff-barred, Ashy-throated and a single Blyth's Leaf Warbler. Long-tailed Sibia, Beautiful Sibia, White-throated Bulbuls, Grey-backed Shrike, Short-billed Minivet, Hill Blue Flycatcher, Yellow-throated and Streak-throated Fulvettas, Sultan Tits, Streak-throated Barwings, Streaked Spiderhunter and Dark-throated Rosefinch, White-bellied Yuhina, White-bellied Erpornis, Striated Bulbuls, Black Bulbul, White-capped and the Plumbeous, while the Blue-fronted Redstart, Chestnut-capped and Black-faced Laughing Thrush, Rufous-vented Yuhinas, Chestnut-tailed Minla and Mrs Gould's Sunbird, Chestnut Thrush, Black-throated Sunbird, Himalayan Griffon, Eurasian Sparrowhawk, Black Eagle, Vivid Niltava, Common Green Magpie, Brownish-Flanked Bush Warbler. Slaty-backed and Black-backed Forktails, Khalij Pheasant, White-crested Laughingthrush, Coral-billed Scimitar Babbler, Red-headed Trogon, Greater Yellownape, Blue-eared Barbet, Great Barbet, Hodgson's Redstart, Brown Dipper, Himalayan Swiftlet, Wreathed Hornbill, Grey-throated and Golden Babbler, Red-tailed Minla, Red-faced Liochicla, Long-tailed Broadbill, Grey-bellied Tesia, Golden-throated Barbet, Grey-sided Laughingthrush, Barred Cuckoo Dove, Fairy Bluebird, Orange-bellied Leafbird, Black-faced Warbler, Pygmy Wren Babbler, Racquet-tailed drongo, White-browed Piculet, Black Stork, White-rumped Vulture, Great Crested Grebe, Pallas's Gull, Mallard, Gadwall, Sand Lark, Tufted Duck, Baer's Pochard, , Common Teal, Northern Pintail, Ferruginous Pochard. Little Ringed and Lesser Sand Plovers, Temminck's Stint. Spotted Owlet. Small Niltava, Common Iora, Pied Flycatcher, Black-winged and Large Cuckoo Shrike, Pompadour Green Pigeon, Emerald Dove, Golden Babbler, Black-headed Shrike Babbler, Streak-throated Fulvetta, Sclater's Monal, Hill Blue Flycatcher. Mammals: Yellow-throated Marten, Hoolock Gibbon, Gangetic Dolphin.

#### Itinerary overview

Day 01: Arrive Delhi  
Day 02: New Delhi to Tinsukia  
Day 03: Namdapha Tiger Reserve  
Day 04: Namdapha Tiger Reserve  
Day 05: Namdapha Tiger Reserve  
Day 06: Namdapha Tiger Reserve  
Day 07: Namdapha Tiger Reserve to Tinsukia  
Day 08: Tinsukia to Roing  
Day 09: Roing to Mayodia  
Day 10: Mayodia area  
Day 11: Mayodia  
Day 12: Roing to Tinsukia  
Day 13: Dibru Saikhowa Sanctuary  
Day 14: Dibrugarh to Delhi  
Day 15: Delhi and away.

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## Highlights

- Large list of bird species
- Wildlife Viewing
- Farm fresh meals
- Spectacular views of North Eastern India
- Comfortable Lodges and Camps

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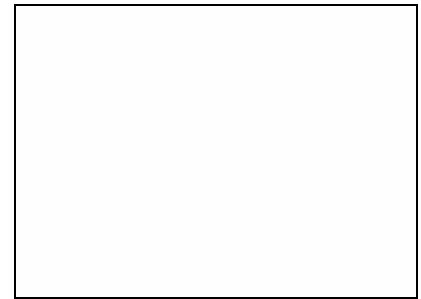
## ITINERARY

Day 01: Arrive Delhi

Meals: On own

Accommodation: Shanti Palace or similar

Arrive Delhi in the evening. You will be met and transferred for overnight stay.



Day 02: New Delhi to Tinsukia

Meals: Breakfast in Delhi

Accommodation: Tinsukia.

Fly from New Delhi to Mohanbari Airport at Dibrugarh. If flight is on time we will spend some time at Borajan to see some birds and primates. Overnight stay.





Day 03: Namdapha Tiger Reserve  
Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

Today we will drive (5-6 hours) to Namdapha Tiger Reserve via Miao. At Deban, we will look out for the beautiful and long-tailed Sibia. Here we will spend the night at Deban in tents or rest house. Overnight stay



Day 04, 05 & 06: Namdapha Tiger Reserve  
Meals: breakfast, lunch & dinner

Visit Burma Nallah Road, Noa Dihing river, trek 4-5 hours each day to Haldibari, Hornbill, Bulbulia, Rani Jheel. Overnight stay in Deban Bungalow and Fully Serviced Camps.







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Day 07: Namdapha Tiger Reserve to Tinsukia

Meals: breakfast & lunch

We will spend the early morning birding near Motijheel. Then drive to Tinsukia for night stay.



Day 08: Tinsukia to Roing

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

Proceed to Saikhowa Ghat, where we need to ferry our jeep across the Lohit River. The journey will take you through splendid tea gardens. Overnight stay



Day 09: Roing to Mayodia

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

The day starts with a 3.30 am wake-up call and you rise to the call of the Hoolock Gibbons. In this area the sun rises early and also sets early. We bird the main road to Hunli and beyond where the habitat is so pristine, and a forest so dense, and with the forest-edges and scrub limited. Overnight stay in Mayodia.



Day 10: Mayodia area

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Accommodation: coffee-house

We leave by dawn, cross the pass, and bird the valley. We continue birding down the road till evening. Overnight stay



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Day 11: Mayodia (please note that these three nights are flexible between Mayodia and Roing. Hunli is not covered by us for birding circuits and no tour of ours ventures there)  
Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

We drive towards the Ithun river bridge for some productive birding. Overnight stay.



Day 12: Roing to Tinsukia  
Meals: Breakfast, lunch  
Accommodation: Tinsukia

Today we start our drive back to Tinsukia, birding along the way. The Hoolocks here are India's only ape, restricted to the Northeast and are highly endangered. Overnight stay



Day 13: Dibru Saikhowa Sanctuary  
Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner  
Accommodation: Tinsukia

Today we will be bird in Dibru Saikhowa Sanctuary which is only an hour way. Overnight stay



Day 14: Dibrugarh to Delhi  
Meals: Breakfast

Birding adieu to the Mishmi Hills we cross the Lohit again, to arrive at Dibrugarh to catch our flight to Delhi. On arrival in Delhi you will be transferred to a local hotel for the evening



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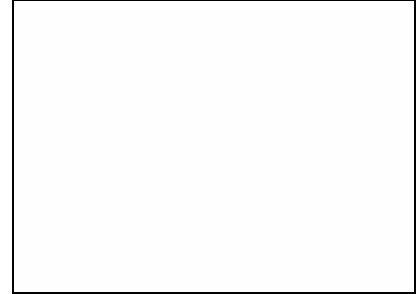
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Day 15: Delhi and away.  
Meals: On own

We'll transfer you to Delhi International Airport for your flight back to home.



Tour cost (per person)  
Tour cost (per person): INR 181000 (minimum 06 to 08 paying persons)  
Tour cost (per person): INR 190000 (minimum 04 paying persons)  
Tour cost (per person): INR 203000 (minimum 02 paying persons)

Single room supplement: INR 41500



Services includes only:

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis
- Meals as per the itinerary
- National Park Entrance fee
- Restricted Area Permit fee
- Services of experienced guides
- All land Transport
- Jeep drives



Above cost does not include:

- Optional tours, tips, laundry, drinks, bottle water, meals not specified
- Elephant ride, camera fee, boat ride, air fare, visa, insurance



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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

