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Birds and Tigers of Himalayan Foothills

Delhi, Corbett National Park, Pangot and Sat Tal

Best Time: October to May

Duration: 8 Days

Tour Pace: Easy

Minimum tour participant: 01

Maximum tour participants: 08

Transport: Exclusive

Birding guide: Asian Adventures birding guides

Tour Code: 127

Description

This tour takes you to the best birding and wildlife sites of the North including the Corbett National Park, which is the first National Park of India. The park holds a plethora of mammal and bird species. One may expect to see mammals like Tiger, Leopard, Muntjac, Fishing Cat, Sambar Deer and Chital. The park is also home to birds like Lesser Fish Eagle, Cinereous Vulture, Pallas's Fish Eagle, Tawny Fish and Spot-bellied Eagle Owl, Great Slaty Woodpecker, Ibisbill, Wallcreeper, Hodgson's Bushchat, Bright-headed Cisticola, Rosy Minivet and White-tailed Rubythroat to name a few.

Pangot is a birding paradise. Nestled in the foothills of Himalayas the entire region is covered in thick Deodar forests which prove to be an ideal hangout hotspot for birds. One can see a variety of Himalayan species such as Himalayan griffon, blue-winged minla, spotted & slaty-backed forktail, rufous-bellied woodpecker, rufous-bellied niltava, khali pheasant, variety of thrushes etc. Almost 150 bird species have been recorded at Pangot and the surrounding areas.

Sattal is unique for its biodiversity and ecological amplitude. It has 150 species of resident and migratory birds, 20 species of mammals, over 525 species of butterflies and over 11,000 species of moths, beetles, bugs and other insects. A combine tour of Pangot-Sattal is appropriate for best birding experience. Commonly found birds are green-tailed sunbird, Eurasian griffon, stork-billed kingfisher, red-billed blue magpie, grey-capped pygmy woodpecker, lesser yellownape woodpecker, kingfishers, blue-throated and brown-headed barbets, lineated barbet, golden-throated barbet, crimson-fronted barbet, coppersmith barbet plum-headed parakeet and slaty-headed parakeet.



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Corbett National Park

It was named in the honor of Jim Corbett, a legendary hunter-turned- conservationist, best known for hunting man-eating tigers and leopards in the 1920s. Corbett Park 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 mammals include the Tiger, Leopard, Elephant, 4 species of deer, Nilgai, Gharial, Wild Boar, Hedgehog, Common Musk Shrew, Flying Fox, Indian Pangolin, 3 species of Civets, Himalayan & Sloth Bear, Jackal & Red Fox, Smooth Indian Otter etc. The park is very rich in reptiles including King Cobra. Nearly 600 species of birds dwell here such Long-tailed Nightjar, Jungle owl, Spot-bellied Owl, Bristled Grassbird, Black Francolin, Purple & Crimson Sunbird, Golden-Fronted & Orange-Bellied Leafbird, Hen Harrier, Changeable & Mountain Hawk-Eagle, and many more etc.



Pangot

Pangot is a small hamlet in Uttarakhand which lies just 15 km from Nainital. Walking into Pangot is like stepping into a remote Himalayan village. This birdwatchers' paradise has 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. Nainital covers the tropical, sub-tropical, temperate, sub-alpine zones.

One can see Crested Serpent, Mountain Hawk & Black Eagle.

Woodpeckers are Brown-fronted, Stripe-breasted, Rufous-bellied etc.

Thrushes are Dark-throated, Mistle, etc.

Striated Prinia and a very rare Grey-crowned Prinia can be seen in the terraced fields. Warblers are Tickell's Leaf, Greenish, Grey-hooded etc.

Flycatchers are Asian Brown, Rusty-tailed, Ultramarine, Verditer. Rufous-bellied Niltava etc., Orange-flanked Blue Tail, Blue-capped Redstart.



Laughingthrushes such as Streaked, White-throated, Striated & Chestnut-crowned etc.

Look for Upland Pipit, Blue-winged Minla, Whiskered Yuhina etc. Slaty-headed & Red-breasted Parakeet, Grey Bushchat, Long-tailed & Grey-backed Shrike, Common Kestrel, Besra, Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush etc.

Black-headed Jay, Red-billed Blue Magpie, Rufous Sibia are common birds here.

Pheasants are Cheer, Koklas and Khalij.



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Rare species that can be seen here: Grey-crowned Prinia

Sat Tal

At Sat Tal, the habitat offers species such as White-crested Laughingthrush, Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher, Red-billed Leothrix, Siberian Rubythroat, Rock Bunting, etc. This scattered and forested area is one of the most pleasant destinations. Look for Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush, Rufous-breasted Accentor, Greater Yellow-naped Flameback, Speckled Piculet, Golden Bush Robin etc.



Itinerary overview

- Day 01: Delhi to Corbett
- Day 02: Corbett National Park
- Day 03: Corbett to Pangot
- Day 04: Pangot
- Day 05: Pangot
- Day 06: Pangot to Sat Tal
- Day 07: Sat Tal
- Day 08: Sat Tal to Delhi



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Highlights

- Bird species of the Himalayan region for photography
- Himalayan views
- Farm fresh Indian meals
- Quaint lodges
- Easy birding
- Glimpses of the beautiful landscape and lifestyle of Kumaon

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Day 01: Delhi to Corbett Tiger Reserve

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: Tiger Camp or similar

Morning pickup from Delhi and drive to Corbett National Park (7 hours). Arrive Tiger Camp in the afternoon. After check-in, you will explore the river edge at Kumeria in the afternoon. Overnight stay





Day 02: Corbett National Park
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Accommodation: Tiger Camp or similar

In the morning and afternoon, you will be taken for a 4WD safari to Jhirna / Bijrani / Dhela range forest for tiger tracking and wildlife viewing. The duration of safari is about three hours and is conducted early morning and in the afternoon till sunset. Each jeep can seat upto four persons comfortably, but you will have an exclusive / private jeep for you. Besides you, the jeep will have an expert driver and a nature guide. Overnight stay



Day 03: Corbett to Pangot
Meals: Breakfast and lunch in Tiger Camp, dinner in Pangot
Accommodation: Jungle Lore Birding Lodge

Morning birding at Kumeria and Kosi River (outside the National Park). Return to the hotel at 1100 hrs. Check-out at 12 noon. After lunch, drive to Pangot. Rest of the day birding in Pangot. Overnight stay



Day 04 & 05: Pangot
Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner
Accommodation: Jungle Lore Birding Lodge

Another two days of birding at Pangot village, Baggar and Gughu Khan. These walks can be very rewarding. Overnight stay





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Day 06: Pangot to Sat Tal

Meals: Breakfast in Pangot, lunch and dinner in Sat Tal

Accommodation: Mapple Hermitage Resort or similar

Morning birding in Pangot. After late breakfast, check-out and drive to Sat Tal stopping en-route for birding. Arrive Sat Tal in early afternoon. Check-in and lunch. Evening birding in Sat Tal. Overnight stay



Day 07: Sat Tal

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner in Sat Tal

Accommodation: Mapple Hermitage Resort or similar

Full day birding in Sat Tal. Overnight stay.



Day 08: Sat Tal to Delhi

Meals: Breakfast in Sat Tal

Morning birding in Sat Tal. Check-out at 1100 hrs and drive back to Delhi (7 hours). Arrive Delhi in the evening. Tour ends.



Tour cost (per person)

INR 61,000 (minimum 06-08 paying persons)

INR 67,000 (minimum 04 paying persons)

INR 87,000 (minimum 02 paying persons)

Tour cost for single Traveller private trip: INR 112,000



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Services includes only:

- Accommodation on Single on twin sharing basis
- Meals as per the itinerary
- Two Jungle visit in Corbett National Park in a 4WD (with entrance fee)
- Guided Birding for all the days
- All surface transfers by a private air-conditioned vehicle
- All taxes



Above cost does not include:

- Optional tours/excursions, personal & incidental expenses
- Tips, laundry, phone calls, alcohol, camera fee etc.
- International and domestic air fare, visa, insurance.



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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