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## Kashmir and Rajasthan Birding Tour

Delhi, Srinagar, Gulmarg, Sultanpur, Jaipur, Ajmer, Sonkhaliya

Best Time: May to November

Duration: 12 Days

Tour Pace: Easy to Moderate

Minimum tour participants: 02

Maximum tour participants: 08

Transport: Exclusive

Birding guide: Asian Adventures Guides

Tour Code: 129

### Description

This guided tour takes you to the best birding sites of North and West India. The tour will begin at Srinagar and we will do birding in areas such as Pahalgam, Gulmarg, Sonmarg, and Kargil looking for Black-throated Accentor, European Bee-eater, Rock Bunting, Long-legged Buzzard, Upland Buzzard, Chukar, Great Cormorant, Lesser Cuckoo, Brown Dipper, Booted Eagle, Steppe Eagle, Plain Mountain Finch and Dark-sided Flycatcher. We will also visit Dachigam National Park, a game reserve turned wildlife sanctuary to protect Hangul, or Kashmir Stag.

Then we'll turn to West India and will visit the Sultanpur bird sanctuary and Nahargarh wildlife park. One of the most sought after birds, the Lesser Florican is known to reside in this park in Ajmer, Rajasthan. Other birds found here include are Bristled Grassbird, Sind Sparrow, White-naped Tit, Lesser Florican, Rock Bush Quail, Rain Quail and Painted Francolin.

### Itinerary overview

Day 01: Arrive Delhi

Day 02: Delhi to Srinagar

Day 03: Srinagar

Day 04: Day Excursion to Pahalgam

Day 05: Day Excursion to Gulmarg

Day 06: Day Excursion to Sonmarg

Day 07: Srinagar to Delhi

Day 08: Delhi to Sultanpur to Jaipur

Day 09: Jaipur to Ajmer to Sonkhaliya

Day 10: Ajmer to Sonkhaliya to Ajmer

Day 11: Ajmer to Sonkhaliya to Ajmer

Day 12: Ajmer to Delhi to Departure

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## Highlights

- Pristine Himalayas
- Excellent Birding
- Great Food
- Quaint lodges and camps
- Himalayan road trips
- Short walks and hikes
- Ever changing landscape
- Monsoon species of North India

## ITINERARY

### Day 01: Arrive Delhi

Meals: On own

Accommodation: Hotel Shanti Palace

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



### Day 02: Delhi to Srinagar

Meals: Breakfast in Delhi and Dinner in Srinagar

Accommodation: Ibrahim Houseboat.

Morning transfer to Delhi airport to connect late morning flight to Srinagar. Arrive Srinagar late morning or at noon. You will be met and transferred to Ibrahim Houseboat. Evening birding tour in the forest near Shankaracharya Temple. Return to your houseboat overnight stay.





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Day 03: Srinagar  
Meals: Breakfast & Dinner  
Accommodation: Ibrahim Houseboat.

After sunrise, we'll leave for a full day birding tour in Dachigam National Park. We return back to our houseboat in the evening. Overnight stay.



Day 04: Day Excursion to Pahalgam  
Meals: Breakfast and dinner  
Accommodation: Ibrahim Houseboat

Today we continued our birding trip to Pahalgam and will leave houseboat around 5 AM. After full day birding, drive back to Srinagar. Overnight stay



Day 05: Day Excursion to Gulmarg  
Meals: Breakfast and dinner  
Accommodation: Ibrahim Houseboat.

Today we'll leave at 5 am to reach Gulmarg little early for birding. Return to Srinagar. Arrive houseboat early in the evening where we can expect Whiskered tern, Common kingfisher and lots of black-eared kite around our houseboat. Overnight stay



Day 06: Day Excursion to Sonmarg  
Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Check-out from your houseboat at 5 AM and drive to Sonmarg. After driving for 2 and half hour we'll reach Sonmarg. After couple of birding in Sonmarg, get ready for drive to Kargil (4.5 hours). Arrive Kargil in the evening. Overnight stay



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Day 07: Srinagar to Delhi

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Shanti Palace or similar

After breakfast, transfer to Srinagar airport to connect late morning flight back to Delhi. Arrive Delhi at noon. Transfer to Hotel Overnight stay



Day 08: Delhi to Sultanpur and then to Jaipur

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Umaid Mahal.

After early breakfast, check-out and leave for Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary / an hour drive (Main park during the monsoon season will be closed but you have good chances of Sind Sparrow outside the park). After couple of hours birding, we'll leave for Jaipur (5 hours). Arrive Jaipur early in the evening. Overnight stay



Day 09: Jaipur to Ajmer

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Master Paradise.

After early breakfast, we'll go to Nahargarh Wildlife park to look for White-naped Tit. If you are lucky, you might get Leopard too. After birding, we'll leave for Ajmer (3.5 hours). If we did not get White-naped Tit in Jaipur, we'll also try near Ajmer / Pushkar. Arrive Ajmer in the evening. Overnight stay



Day 10 & 11: Ajmer to Sonkhaliya to Ajmer

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Master Paradise or similar

Two full days to look for Lesser Florican, Rock Bush Quail, Rain Quail and Painted Francolin. Overnight stay



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Day 12: Ajmer to Delhi to Departure

Meals: Breakfast

Morning birding in Ajmer and Pushkar. Check-out at 1100 hrs and drive back to Delhi airport (7-8 hours) to connect late evening flight back to home. Tour ends.



Tour cost (per person)

INR 110,000 (minimum 06-08 paying persons)

INR 126,000 (minimum 04 paying persons)

INR 142,000 (minimum 02 paying persons)

Single room supplement: INR 32500



Services includes only:

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis
- Meals as per the itinerary
- Guided birding
- All permits and entrances
- 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, elephant ride etc.
- 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

