

India Birds & Tigers Anytime

Dates: Anytime

Guide: Local Guide

Sample Price: £2300



This sample Anytime tour takes in the most sought-after species in the monuments of this interesting country. This is just one sample of a popular route, and it can be amended to suit anyone's interests or targets.

Day 1: New Delhi – Corbett NP

After arrival at New Delhi, drive to Corbett NP, with afternoon birding at the Kosi River.

Days 2-3: Corbett NP

We will have two safaris to search for Tigers while at Corbett NP. We will also have birding walks to look for; Black and Brown-eared Bulbuls, Brown and Tawny Fish Owls, Little & Spotted Forktails, Yellow-bellied and White-browed Fantails, Crested Laughingthrush, Black-winged Cuckooshrike, Little Heron, Red-breasted Parakeet, Short-billed and Long-tailed Minivets and Brown Dipper. The Ramganga river is very rewarding for water birds such as river lapwings, waders, mergansers and other waterfowl. While relaxing at the lodge or visiting the grasslands one can see Collared Falconet, Long-tailed Nightjar, Jungle Owlet, Spot-bellied Owl, Black Francolin, Purple and Crimson Sunbirds, Golden-fronted & Orange-bellied Leafbirds, Black-shouldered Kite, Hen Harrier, Changeable Hawk-eagle, Chestnut-tailed Starling. In the Dhikala area, we can look for Great Slaty Woodpecker, Great Hornbill, Puff-throated Babbler, White-rumped Shama, and Pallas's Fish Eagle.

Day 4: Corbett NP - Pangot

The drive back to the main exit gate will be a safari in itself and you can expect birds and mammals around you. Continue driving to Corbett Falls stopping en route at Dhaba causeway to look for Ashy-Crowned Sparrow Lark. After birding at Corbett Falls continue to Pangot.

Near our lodge, one can see crested woodpeckers such as Greater Yellownappe and Scaly-breasted and Speckled Piculets. Large flocks of Slaty-headed Parakeets, numerous Spotted and Oriental Turtle Doves, Grey Bushchat, Russet Sparrow. Cuckoos include: Indian, Oriental, Large-Hawk and Eurasian. Other species include; Large-Billed Crow, Grey Treepie, Black-headed Jay, Maroon Oriole, Large Cuckoo Shrike, Tits such as Rufous-naped, Black-throated & Yellow-browed and smaller numbers of Black-lored and Green-backed, White-tailed and Chestnut-bellied Nuthatches and Bar-tailed Treecreeper

Days 5-6: Pangot

Walks here can be very rewarding and one can see Crested Serpent-Eagle, Mountain Hawk-Eagle and Woodpeckers such as Brown-fronted, Stripe-breasted and Rufous-bellied. Thrushes include Dark-throated and Mistle. Striated Prinia can be seen in the terraced fields, and Warblers are prominent, including Tickell's Leaf-warbler, Greenish, Golden-spectacled and Grey-hooded. Flycatchers are; Asian Brown, Rusty-tailed, Ultramarine, Verditer, Tickell's Blue, Rufous-bellied Niltava and also we will look for Orange-flanked Bush-robin, Blue-capped Redstart and Laughingthrushes such as White-throated, Striated, Streaked and Chestnut-crowned. Other species include; Upland Pipit, Blue-winged Minla and Whiskered Yuhina.

Days 7-8: Sat Tal

After heading to Sat Tal, we begin birding. The entire drive is through the forested area of Cheena Peak Range via Snow View Point and Kilbury. One can see a variety of Himalayan species along the way such as Lammergeier, Himalayan Griffon, Blue-winged Minla, Spotted & Slaty-backed Forktails, Rufous-bellied Woodpecker, Rufous-bellied Niltava, Khalij Pheasant, and variety of thrushes etc. More than 200 species have been recorded at Pangot and the surrounding areas. The numerous perennial & seasonal creeks are home to an amazing variety of flora and fauna including Leopard, Yellow-throated Himalayan Martin, Himalayan Palm Civet, Ghoral, Barking Deer and Sambhar.

Day 9: Sat Tal – New Delhi

There is still time for a full day's birding. One can see a variety of Himalayan species such as Red-breasted Accentor, Chestnut-headed Tesia, Greater & Lesser Yellow-naped woodpeckers, Blue-throated Barbet, Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush, Black Bulbul and Dark-throated Thrush. Transfer to Kathgodan for overnight air-conditioned train to New Delhi.

Anytime Tours can be taken at a time of your choosing (subject to availability). Prices are samples based on the cheapest time of year in the recommended date-range, and assume a group of two people sharing a room (larger groups will be cheaper). Most prices include international flights (from the UK), internal transport, birding guide, 3 meals per day, accommodation, park fees and bottled water (if necessary).

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Day 10: New Delhi - Chambal

After arrival at Delhi in the early morning, transfer to Chambal. Afternoon boat cruise with a guide to see Indian Skimmer, Black-bellied Tern, flocks of migratory waterfowl and Cranes such as Common, Demoiselle and Sarus; Fish-eating Crocodile, Marsh Muggler and Gangetic Dolphin..

Day 11: Chambal – Agra - Bharatpur

In the morning, transfer to Agra where one can visit the world-famous Taj Mahal. After time exploring the monument, transfer to Bharatpur, where there may be time in the evening to explore the agricultural areas surrounding Keoladeo Ghana National Park.

Days 12-13: Bharatpur

Full days of birding in Keoladeo Ghana National Park on foot and cycle rickshaws with a birding guide. These wetlands have many species, including; Black-necked, Painted and Woolly-necked Storks, Asian Openbill, Oriental Darter, Little Cormorant, Black-headed Ibis, Black Bittern, Comb and Spot-billed Ducks and Cotton Pygmy-goose, Bronze-winged and Pheasant-tailed Jacanas, Yellow-wattled and Red-wattled Lapwings, Indian Courser and White-breasted Waterhen. There are also many birds in the surrounding grass and woodlands, with several possible leaf warblers, as well as the possibility of Siberian Rubythroat, and we may find Large-tailed Nightjar and Dusky Eagle-owl at night.

Day 14: Bharatpur - New Delhi Depart

After final birding at Bharatpur and an early lunch, drive to Delhi in the afternoon arriving in the early evening. There is usually time for a wash and change near to the airport for departing flights in the late evening.

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