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Anamalais Tiger Reserve

3 nights

Summary

The Anamalais are located at the northern end of the largest contiguous stretch of mountainous natural areas in the Western Ghats of south India. The large elevational range of the mountains supports diverse habitat types, including wet-montane forest/grasslands in higher elevations, wet-evergreen forests on the windward slopes and dry tropical forests on the leeward slopes. The forests here contains many biotic treasures including an amazing diversity of flora, herpetofauna, small vertebrates and invertebrates a large proportion of which are unique to the Western Ghats. The mountains here are noteworthy for the mammalian specialities of the Western Ghats, including the endangered lion-tailed macaque and Nilgiri tahr and some of its locations are among the best for bird-watching in south India - with potential sightings of rarities such as the Wynaad laughing thrush, Malabar Trogon, Rufous Bellied-Eagle and Great Pied Hornbill, among 300 plus species recorded from here. The Anamalais also contains healthy populations of megafauna, including of tigers, elephants, leopards, wild dogs and gaur. As such the Anamalais mirrors the diversity of habitats, flora and fauna that occur throughout the Western Ghats of south India and this tour provides an excellent opportunity to observe several of the specialities of the ecoregion.

On this tour we will explore a few exciting locations in the Anamalais within the Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary and Tiger Reserve. We will be based in the tourist complex in/around Top Slip and explore the evergreen, moist deciduous and plantations forests around the locations primarily on foot and in a few short drives. The tour will be led by an experienced naturalist and the team will be ably guided and supported by indigenous forest tribal/s who have an intimate knowledge of the reserve's biodiversity and natural locations.

Dates

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Please note that we can customise schedule for independent travel

Costs

From INR 15000/person, ex-Coimbatore



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Itinerary Outline¹

Day 1: Depart Coimbatore at 10 am and reach Top Slip by noon. PM trek in rainforest.

Day 2: AM long trek in rainforest (with packed lunch). PM short trek or evening drive on main road.

Day 3: AM long trek in rainforest (with packed lunch). PM short trek or evening drive on main road

Day 4: AM trek in bamboo/deciduous forest and PM transfer to Coimbatore

Facilities

Accommodation: Simple, comfortable accommodation in a quaint countryside resort

Food: Local vegetarian (Eggs optional)

Transport: Road transfers in Toyota Qualis or similar

Difficulty: Moderately Difficult for some walks in steep mountainous terrain.

For Whom

Wildlife & bird enthusiasts/photographers; naturalists; adventurers

FYI and Guidelines

1. Weather: Updates based on dates of travel
2. Since we will stay in an FRH, we recommend that you carry your sleeping bags and personal items (such as towels, toiletries etc).
3. Please bring your binoculars (at least 8x magnification, ideally 10x). While much of the biodiversity in the Anamalais can be enjoyed without a pair of binoculars, they would certainly come in handy for closer observations of fauna that do not allow close approach.

¹ Please note that this schedule is a broad indicator of our plans while there. These plans are subject to change depending on local conditions, group preferences and forest department permissions



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4. Some challenging treks will be necessary during this tour. Some of the terrain will be mountainous and uneven. It is essential that you wear a very comfortable pair of trekking shoes and full pants during our forays into the wild.
5. A hat and sunblock are highly recommended. We also suggest that you carry insect repellents and anti-allergy topical applications/medication. Please bring essential medication with you.

Terms and Conditions

1. Tour costs are based on sharing basis ex-Coimbatore and is all inclusive (transport, accommodation, food, personnel and all taxes and fees). Personnel includes a naturalist and a local guide. Please check with us on specific items to make sure if it is included in the published tour costs.
2. Maximum group size on this tour is 4.
3. Bookings are confirmed only upon full payment of the tour cost and at least 15 days in advance from the proposed departure date
4. Our preferred mode of payment is through electronic transfers into our bank account. Relevant details will be provided to you once you are ready to make the payment. Alternatively we accept demand drafts/cheques in the currency of your choice.
5. If you are paying in foreign currency, we might have apply a currency surcharge on the published rates, if the INR appreciates against your currency at the time of payment.
6. In the unlikely event in which we are forced to cancel the tour we will refund you the entire booking amount. In case we are unable to conduct the tour due to circumstances beyond our control (for e.g. forces of nature, political conditions), we will make every effort to refund as much of the booking amount as possible.
7. In case you to cancel your booking more than one month in advance from the tour date, we will refund *at least* 50% of the tour cost (assuming tour costs are fully paid). The precise refund beyond this will be dependent on the refund policies of our travel partners that we use on tour. In case you cancel your booking less than 1 month from the start of the tour, we will refund 10% of your booking amount

Disclaimer and Emergency Contact

Participants should be aware of unlikely, but potential risks involved during wildlife tours and general travel. This may include, among other things, injuries or fatalities associated with general travel, snake bites, field activities and encounters with wildlife. We require that all tour participants sign this disclaimer that acknowledges the risks associated during our conducted tours and relieves us of any liabilities arising out of the same. This also acknowledges that you have read and abide by the terms and conditions mentioned in the document.



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Name of participant:

Age:

Emergency contact person:

Relationship:

Tel no:

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Signature and Date: