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Bandipur Tiger Reserve

(2 nights)

Summary

The foothill forests of the Nilgiris are among south India's oldest protected areas and among its best locations for viewing and photographing large mammals. Bandipur, lies within this vast, wildlife rich landscape that includes Nagarhole, Mudumalai and Wynaad, among numerous smaller protected areas of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.

The Kabini river, which forms a reservoir here, defines the eastern boundary of Nagarhole with Bandipur National Park, two of south India's finest wildlife destinations. The area is especially interesting within this large protected area network of the NBR, when hundreds of Asian elephants and much other wildlife, congregates around the reservoir during the dry season. Bandipur's relatively open deciduous forests are very good for wildlife viewing and megafauna, including Asian Elephant, Tiger, Leopard and Gaur are regularly sighted, all year round. Other notable wildlife that are often seen in Bandipur include the pack hunting Indian wild dogs, sloth bear and several species of deer, primates and small mammals.

Bandipur's hilly terrain, and adjacent scrub habitats also provides a contrasting setting for wildlife and enhances chances of sighting of rarities such as the shy four-horned antelope and striped hyena, which are very difficult in the wetter locations of the Biosphere Reserve. The panoramic mountainscape of the Nilgiri hills, visible from Bandipur, adds to the charming scenery of the location.

Over 250 species of birds have been recorded from deciduous, riverine and scrub forests of the location. Notable sightings include dry habitat specialities such as the White-bellied Minivet and Sikeer Malkoha as well as several south Indian endemics.

Dates

Please email us: contact@ficuswildlife.net for latest schedule

Please note that we can customise schedule for independent travel

Costs

From INR 14,500/person, ex-Bangalore



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Itinerary Outline

Day 1: Depart Bangalore 8 AM and arrive in Bandipur by 2 pm. PM Jeep Safari

Day 2: AM Jeep Safari. After safari and breakfast, drive to highest point in the reserve at Gopalaswamy Betta with packed lunch. PM nature walk.

Day 3: AM nature walk. Depart by 11 AM and reach Bangalore in the evening.

Facilities

Accommodation: Quaint private resort with modern facilities

Food: Pan-Indian, with a few international dishes

Transport: Road transfers in Chevrolet Tavera or similar

Difficulty level: Easy

Best time to visit

October - May (ideal); June - September (good)

For Whom

Wildlife and wildlife photography enthusiasts; Bird enthusiasts

FYI and Guidelines

1. Weather: Updates based on dates of travel
2. Please bring your binoculars along - you will appreciate the sights of the forests much more with binoculars on hand. However, we will have a pair or two to share amongst us.
3. Please bring essential medication with you, since the local outlets are few and far between and may not always carry what you are looking for.

Terms and Conditions

1. Tour costs are per person based on twin sharing basis ex-Bangalore and is all inclusive (transport, accommodation, food, naturalist, 2 safaris, guided walks and all taxes and fees).



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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 10
3. Bookings are confirmed only upon full payment of the tour cost and at least 1 month 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.

Name of participant:

Age:

Emergency contact person:

Relationship:

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Signature and Date: