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Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary

Binsar (approximately 2000m to 2500m), is located in the transition zone between the Lesser and Greater (Western) Himalaya, amidst superb forest of Chir Pine and temperate broad-leaved forest of Oak and Rhododendron. Walking along Binsar's typically uncrowded forest trails, there are possibilities of sighting mammals like Himalayan Serow, Goral, Red Fox, Yellow-throated Marten and Leopard. Birdlife is excellent here with possibilities for such superb birds like Koklass and Cheer Pheasants, numerous raptors and typical passerines of temperate forests in the Western Himalaya. Spring (March/April) with active movement of altitudinal migrants and mass flowering of Rhododendrons, is especially rewarding for birding. Given its proximity to the Greater Himalaya, excellent views of few stunningly high peaks over 7000m are possible - including that of the iconic Nanda Devi, the highest peak within India, among them. This complements the extensive layers of scenic forested hills that lead up to these lofty ranges - a typical perspective from the Lesser Himalaya.

Dates

TBA

Please note that we can customise schedule for independent or small group travel.

Costs (per person)

TBC

Price Inclusions

Transfers and Transport, ex-Delhi
Accommodation
Meals
Naturalist cum Tour Leader
Local Guide
Entrance Fees
Safaris/Activities

Itinerary Outline

- Overnight train from Delhi on **Day 1**



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- Reach Binsar for a late lunch on **Day 2** and spend 3 days exploring the mountain forests here primarily on foot
- Overnight train to Delhi on **Day 5** and arrive in Delhi early AM on **Day 6**

Facilities

Accommodation: Comfortable accommodation in quaint resort, with excellent location for Himalayan views and proximity to jungle.

Food: Largely pan-Indian with a few international dishes

Transport: Road transfers in MUV's. Train transfers in upper class A/C

Difficulty level: Moderate for hikes in uneven, mountainous terrain

Best Time to Visit

Mar/Apr and Oct/Nov (Ideal); May-Sep (Good)

For Whom

Bird-watchers, Wildlife Enthusiasts, Birds & Wildlife Photographers; Trekkers

FYI and Guidelines

1. Kumaon is a hilly district in the north Indian state of Uttaranchal. Traditionally, this area is known for its friendly people and is safe region to travel in.
2. Weather: Updates based on dates of travel. Always be prepared for cold weather at Binsar at all times though.
3. Typically birds and animals will be seen at distances where binoculars would be useful for observing them. Although we will have a pair or two binoculars to share among the group, please also carry your own optics for more timely viewing.
4. It is best to wear earthy colored clothing to blend into the environment.
5. A hat and sunblock are highly recommended.
6. Please carry a small torch and insect/mosquito repellents
7. Please bring essential medication with you, since the local outlets will not always carry what you are looking for. Do check with your doctor on medication and medical safety before you travel to the region.



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Terms and Conditions

1. Maximum group size for these tours is 6.
2. Tour costs are per person based on twin sharing basis ex-New Delhi and is all inclusive (transport, accommodation, food, personnel and all taxes and fees). Personnel includes an expert birding guide/tour leader and resource persons locally. Alcoholic beverages, porter charges, laundry and ala carte snacks are extra. Please check with us on specific items are included in the published tour costs.
3. Bookings are confirmed only upon full payment of the tour cost and at least one 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:



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Relationship:

Tel no:

Email:

Signature and Date: