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## **Periyar & Gavi**

**3 nights**

### **Summary**

Gavi (1100m) is located among moist tropical forests and grasslands, adjacent to the famous Periyar Tiger Reserve, in the Western Ghats of Kerala. Mid-elevation moist forest, such as the dominant type in Periyar & Gavi, are among the most biodiverse in the Western Ghats. In addition, the hill forests interspersed with grassland make Gavi an extremely scenic locations.

Gavi's wildlife is similar to that of the the world famous Periyar Tiger Reserve. Notably, the locations are home to megafauna, including Asian Elephant, Tiger, Leopard and Gaur. The forests here also support wildlife that are unique to the Western Ghats, including the endangered Lion-tailed Macaque, Brown Palm Civet, Brown Mongoose and Nilgiri Marten. Bird diversity is fantastic, with several Western Ghats specials including the Wynaad Laughing Thrush, Malabar Grey Hornbill, White-bellied Blue Flycatcher and White-Bellied Treepie, among 250 plus species of birds recorded from these forests.

Gavi & Periyar offer the unique opportunities to explore these biodiverse forests on foot, guided by local tribals who live and breathe these forests. This ecotourism model enhances the experience of the tourists by the insightful and often unique perspective that the tribals provide about their forest homes and also provides much needed economic benefits to the local communities that live here.

### **Dates**

TBA

*Please note that we can customise schedule for independent travel*

### **Costs**

From INR 14250/person, ex-Cochin

### **Itinerary Outline**

Day 1: Depart Cochin 10 AM and reach Periyar early evening. PM (night) trek in the tourism zone at Periyar.



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- Day 2: Early AM transfer to Gavi. AM and PM treks at Gavi.
- Day 3: AM and PM trek or day long trek at Gavi.
- Day 4: AM trek and PM transfer to Cochin. Arrive Cochin in the evening.

### **Facilities**

- Accommodation: Quaint hotel/resort (Periyar) and comfortable forest accommodation (Gavi)
- Food: Simple variety of vegetarian or non-vegetarian options
- Transport: Road transfers in A/C vehicles (type dependent on group size)
- Difficulty level: Moderate, for hikes in mountainous, uneven terrain and through rain-forest

### **For Whom**

Wildlife & Bird enthusiasts/photographers; Naturalists; Trekkers

### **FYI and Guidelines**

1. Weather: Updates based on dates of travel
2. Clothing: Cottons for the day but cooler nights would necessitate light woolens. Earthy colours and greens are best to blend into the forest environment.
3. Since we will explore the location on foot and in mountainous terrain, we recommend you wear comfortable walking/trekking shoes for the trip.
4. Please bring your binoculars along - you will appreciate the sights of the forests much more with binoculars on hand. We will have a pair or two to share amongst us, but it is recommended that you carry your own.
5. 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 if you have any medical condition.

### **Terms and Conditions**

1. Costs are calculated based on minimum 4 persons traveling. We can work out a costing for smaller groups, once we have details from you. Maximum group size for this tour is 6.



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2. Tour costs are per person based on twin/triple sharing (dependent on group size) basis ex-Cochin and is all inclusive (transport, accommodation, food, personnel and all taxes and fees). Personnel includes a naturalist/tour leader, local guide and resource persons from the local community. Please check with us on specific items to make sure if it is included in the published tour costs.
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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