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## **Periyar & Gavi**

### **When**

Dec 10th to 13th 2010

### **Costs**

INR 13500 (USD 300) per-person (Ex-Cochin, for 4 persons traveling)

### **Facilities**

Accommodation: In simple tents (camping style - subject to good weather) or comfortable forest accommodation

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

### **Highlights**

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 location is home to megafauna, including Asian Elephant, Tiger, Leopard and Gaur. Significantly, the forests here also supports wildlife that is 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



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Laughing Thrush, Malabar Grey Hornbill, White-bellied Blue Fly-catcher and White-Bellied Treepie, among 250 plus species of birds recorded from these forests.

Periyar offers the unique opportunity of accompanied night treks - an excellent option to explore some of the nocturnal fauna of these moist forests. Gavi offers the unique opportunity of camping in the wilderness - a rarity in wildlife areas throughout India. We explore the forests mostly on foot and on one or two jeep safaris.

### **FYI and Guidelines**

1. Weather: Expect pleasant, sunny days.. Nights & early mornings might get chilly enough for a sweater, especially in Gavi.
2. Since we will explore the location on foot and in mountainous terrain, we recommend you wear comfortable walking/trekking shoes for the trip.
3. 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.
4. 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.
2. Tour costs are per person based on twin/triple sharing (dependent on group size) basis ex-Chennai 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 15 days in advance from the proposed departure date
4. We reserve the right to cancel the tour at anytime due to unforeseen circumstances. We will refund the entire booking amount under these circumstances.
5.
  - a. We accept demand drafts in Indian Rupees and online credit card payments in US Dollars through Paypal.
  - b. Customers can also transfer funds electronically into our bank accounts (details provided on request).



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- c. Indian customers can also use a credit card to pay online through Paypal, but please be aware that you will be charged an additional currency conversion fee for the same.
  - d. Demand drafts/cheques are payable to “Ficus Wildlife and Natural History Tours” located in Chennai.
6. In case you want to cancel your booking:
- a. A 90% refund if cancellation requested more than 30 days before the proposed date of departure
  - b. A 15% refund if cancellation requested less than 15 days from the proposed date of departure.

### **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:

Tel no:

Email:

Signature and Date: