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Birds of Kerala

(4 nights)

Summary

A birding exploration of among the richest habitats and locations for avifauna in south India. 15 of the Western Ghats's endemic birds can be seen on this tour and the bird list includes over 300 species recorded from the tour locations. This trip is ideal for those wanting to enjoy the best of south India's birds within a limited time frame and in a safe, comfortable and friendly environment.

Dates

TBA

Please note that we can customise schedule for independent travel

Costs (per person)

From INR 20000 (USD 420/GBP 260/EUR 310)

Please note that this scheduled trip is based on a budget travel option. This trip can be customised for better comfort levels.

Price Inclusions:

Accommodation
Meals
Travel
Naturalist
Local Bird Guide
Activity Charges
Fees/Taxes

Itinerary Outline

Day 1 & 2: Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary, Thattekad (Transfer from Cochin, Kerala)



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Day 3 & 4: Munnar (Pampadum Shola & Eravikulam National Parks)

Day 5: Transfer to Cochin, Kerala

Facilities

Accommodation: Simple accommodation in a homestay run by a local bird guide in Thattekad and comfortable accommodation in a plantation club in Munnar

Food: Largely local and pan-Indian

Transport: Road transfers in MUV's

Difficulty level: Easy to moderate, with a little hiking in mountainous terrain involved

Best time to visit

October - March (ideal); April -May (good)

For Whom

Birdwatchers & photographers

Itinerary

Day 1 & 2, Thattekad: We leave Cochin, Kerala mid-morning and reach Thattekad (Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary) by noon on Day 1. We spend two days exploring the small sanctuary for a significant chunk of south Indian bird specialities.

The Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary is located on the banks of the Periyar River on the foothills of the Western Ghats of Kerala. The habitat matrix of the location, which includes riverine, lowland evergreen and plantation forests, contain an amazing density of birds and offers excellent photographic opportunities for several Western Ghats bird specialities among an impressive bird-list of over 250 species. The world famous ornithologist, the late Dr. Salim Ali, suggested that Thattekad contains among the highest species density of birds in India outside of the Eastern Himalaya. Some of the south Indian endemic birds found here include the Grey-headed Bulbul, Rufous Babbler, Malabar Grey Hornbill, Malabar Parakeet, White-bellied Treepie, Wynaad Laughing Thrush, White-bellied Blue Flycatcher and White-cheeked Barbet. Sightings of rarities such as the Black Baza, Crested Goshawk, Red Spurfowl, Malabar Tro-



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3. Please bring your binoculars or spotting scope along.
4. Most birding will be on foot and sometimes in mountainous terrain. We recommend you wear comfortable walking/trekking shoes while birding.
5. A hat and sunblock are highly recommended and sunglasses will be useful.
6. 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.

Terms and Conditions

1. Maximum group size for this tour is 6
2. Tour costs are per person based on twin sharing basis ex-Cochin and is all inclusive (transport, accommodation, food, personnel and all taxes and fees). Personnel includes an expert birding guide/a tour leader and resource persons from the local community. Alcoholic beverages, porter charges, laundry and room service are extra. Please check with us on specific items to make sure if it is included in the published tour costs.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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:

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Signature and Date: