



WILDLIFE & NATURAL HISTORY TOURS

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Manas Tiger Reserve

Summary

If you want to experience one of India's truly spectacular protected areas and see some of its (and the world's) rarest animals, this trip is for you. Located on the foothills of the Eastern Himalaya on the Assam-Bhutan border, Manas is very much a park on the rebound, recovering from years of insurgency that had plundered its wildlife in the 1990's. Now its grasslands and forests are recovering, One-horned Rhino have been recently reintroduced, Tiger are thriving, Asiatic Elephant are back in numbers, and the park hosts among the last pure strains of Asiatic Water Buffalo. The park also hosts among the last known populations (globally) of Golden Langur, Hispid Hare and Pygmy Hog along with normally elusive species like the Clouded Leopard and Asian Golden Cat. There are excellent birds here as well, typical of the Terai in Assam, among them a large population of Bengal Florican. Add to the park's faunal riches its fantastic scenery of the majestic Manas river on the foothills of the Eastern Himalaya, it is little wonder that the park is the favourite of many a naturalist and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. An added allure of Manas for naturalists is its relatively remote location, providing an unique opportunity to explore its enigmatic wilderness, minus throngs of tourists.

Dates

TBC

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

Costs (per person)

TBC

Price Inclusions

Transfers and Transport, ex-Guwahati

Accommodation

Food

Naturalist cum Tour Leader

Local Guide

Entrance Fees

Safaris/Activities



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Itinerary Outline

- AM transfer from Guwahati, Assam on **Day 1**
- **Three days** spent exploring the grassland/woodland complex of the park on morning and evening safaris.
- Checkout after morning activity on **Day 4**. PM arrival in Guwahati, Assam

Facilities

Accommodation: Comfortable accommodation in quaint jungle resort particularly noted for their close-to-nature location and set-up to host keen nature enthusiasts

Food: Largely local/pan-Indian with a few international dishes

Transport: Road transfers in MUV's

Difficulty level: Easy, with a few easy paced walks in evergreen forests.

Best Time to Visit

Mid-November to Early April

For Whom

Wildlife Enthusiasts, Birdwatchers, Birds & Wildlife Photographers

FYI and Guidelines

1. India's northeast, including the areas we visit have had a history of separatist violence. However Manas is now peaceful and tourist friendly, with a small number of tourists visiting here every year, without incident. We will keep you duly informed if local conditions are not safe around our travel dates.
2. Weather & Clothing: Updates closer to the dates of travel
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.



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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.

Terms and Conditions

1. Maximum group size for this tour is 6.
2. Tour costs are per person based on twin sharing basis ex-Guwahati and is all inclusive (transport, accommodation, food, personnel and all taxes and fees). Personnel includes an experienced naturalist/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 15 days 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.



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Name of participant:

Age:

Emergency contact person:

Relationship:

Tel no:

Email:

Signature and Date: