



WILDLIFE & NATURAL HISTORY TOURS

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Terai Birds & Rhinos - Kaziranga & Nameri

Summary

Kaziranga and Nameri Tiger Reserves provide an excellent representation of the megafauna and birds of the Assam Plains. These locations are enriched by deposits of Himalayan rivers, which seasonally inundate much of the lowlands during the typically torrential monsoons in these parts. Rich alluvial soils support India's finest extents of Elephant Grass and swamps and also include extents of biodiversity rich moist forests in higher ground. These contribute to among the greatest concentrations of wildlife in all of Asia.

Here it is possible to see among the last remaining populations of Indian Rhino, Swamp Deer and Asiatic Water Buffalo among Tiger, Asiatic Elephant and Gangetic Dolphin. An incredibly rich bird-list of over 600 species include breeding populations of Bengal Florican and Swamp Francolin, Greater Adjutant Stork, Jerdon's Baza, Eastern Imperial Eagle, White-winged Duck to name but a few. There are innumerable representations of plants and smaller animals here as well - enough to engross nature enthusiasts of all kinds.

Dates

TBC

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

Costs (per person)

TBC

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

Price Inclusions

Transfers and Transport, ex-Guwahati
Accommodation
Food
Naturalist cum Tour Leader
Local Guide



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Entrance Fees
Safaris/Activities

Itinerary Outline

Day 1, 2 & 3: Kaziranga Tiger Reserve (AM transfer from Guwahati, Assam)

Day 4 & 5: Nameri National Park

Day 6: PM arrival in Guwahati

Facilities

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

Food: Largely pan-Indian with a few international dishes

Transport: Road transfers in MUV's

Difficulty level: Easy to moderate for hikes in uneven, mountainous terrain

Best Time to Visit

Mid-November to Early April

For Whom

Bird-watchers, Wildlife Enthusiasts, Birds & Wildlife Photographers

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1, 2 & 3, Kaziranga Tiger Reserve: We leave Guwahati at 8 AM on Day 1 and reach Kaziranga for a late lunch. We spend the next 3 days exploring the park for the megafauna and birds typical of swampy grasslands of the Assam plains.

Kaziranga, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is India's greatest conservation success story, where diligent protection brought back the Indian One-horned Rhinoceros from the brink of extinction. With protection, other wildlife thrived as well, and its grasslands support large



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numbers of Asiatic Elephant, Asiatic Water Buffalo, Swamp Deer and among the highest densities of India's Tigers. The mighty Brahmaputra river that flows along the park, and associated wetlands, hold little seen mammals such the Gangetic Dolphin and Fishing Cat and enrich the park to support its superb birds of 450 plus species. Some bird specialities of Kaziranga include Swamp Francolin, Pale-capped Pigeon, Imperial Eagle (and numerous other raptors), Greater Adjutant Stork, Hodgson's Bushchat, Black-breasted Parrot-bill, Finn's Weaver, Marsh Babbler and Bengal Florican. Underlining the faunal riches of the park are the presence of Reticulated and Rock Pythons and King Cobra - among the largest reptiles in India and rarities such as the Chinese Pangolin and Hoolock Gibbon (India's only Ape).

Day 4 & 5, Nameri National Park: We leave Kaziranga after our morning activity and reach Nameri for lunch on Day 4. We explore the riverine, moist deciduous and lowland evergreen forests of this scenic location primarily for its superb birdlife

Nameri is located north of the Brahmaputra in a transition zone between the swampy plains of the Terai and the extremely high biodiversity Eastern Himalaya. In contrast to the typical birds of swampy grasslands of Kaziranga, Nameri's 350 plus birds include a number of forest species and rarities like White-winged Duck, Ibisbill, Wreathed and Rufous-necked Hornbills, Blue-eared Kingfisher, Blue-naped Pitta, Slender-billed Oriole, White-browed Shortwing and brilliant raptors (including Amur Falcon, Oriental Hobby and Black and Jerdon's Baza) to name but a few. A number of mammals, including Elephant, Tiger and Capped Langur are found here, but are typically difficult to see in these dense forests.

Day 6, Guwahati: After morning activity on Day 6 and breakfast, we leave for Guwahati, Assam. Arrive Guwahati in the evening

FYI and Guidelines

1. India's northeast, including the areas we visit have sporadic instances of separatist violence. However, Kaziranga and Nameri are typically safe for tourists, as evidenced by thousands that visit these parks, without incidents, every year. 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.
5. A hat and sunblock are highly recommended.
6. Please carry a small torch and insect/mosquito repellents



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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 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 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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Signature and Date: