



Asian Adventures

## Birds and Mammals of the Himalayan Foothills

Pangot (Nainital), Sat Tal and Corbett National Park  
06 nights & 07 days  
Best time: October-July

**Tour Code: BHF01**

**Tour Dates:** The tour starts in Delhi every Sunday and ends the following Saturday in Delhi

### ITINERARY

Day 01: Delhi to Pangot (Nainital)  
Day 02: Pangot (Nainital)  
Day 03: Pangot to Sat Tal  
Day 04: Sat Tal  
Day 05: Sat Tal to Corbett National Park  
Day 06: Corbett National Park  
Day 07: Departure

### Highlights

- A large list of bird species of the Himalayan region
- Himalayan views
- Farm fresh Indian meals
- Quaint lodges and camps
- Easy birding
- Tiger Tracking
- A large variety of other mammals

### ITINERARY

#### Day 01: Delhi-Pangot, near Nainital

*Meals: Lunch & Dinner*

You will be met and taken to Pangot (7-8 hours), a journey that takes you on one of the world's more spectacular mountain roads as we climb up into the Kumaon Hills on our way to the 'lake city' of Nainital. Afternoon birding with a guide near the lodge. One can stop along the way to look for birds that may include blue whistling thrush, red-billed blue magpie, blue-capped redstart, rusty-tailed flycatcher, grey-backed shrike, yellow-breasted green finch etc. Overnight stay at Jungle Lore Birding Lodge.

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## **Day 02: Pangot**

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Birding at Pangot, Baggar, Timla Pani, Cheena Peak & Nainital.

These walks can be very rewarding. One can see crested serpent-eagle, mountain hawk-eagle, Woodpeckers such as brown-fronted, stripe-breasted, rufous-bellied etc. Thrushes such as dark-throated, mistle etc. Striated prinia can be seen in the terraced fields. Warblers such as tickell's leaf-warbler, greenish, golden-spectacled, grey-hooded. Flycatchers such as Asian brown, rusty-tailed, ultramarine, verditer, tickell's blue, rufous-bellied Niltava etc., orange-flanked bush robin, blue-capped redstart. Laughingthrushes such as white-throated, striated & streaked, chestnut-crowned etc. Look for accentor, upland pipit, blue-winged minla, whiskered yuhina etc. Slaty-headed & red-breasted parakeet, grey bushchat, long-tailed & grey-backed shrike, common kestrel, besra, chestnut-bellied rock thrush etc. Streaked laughing thrush is a common garden bird here.

Pheasants are Cheer, Koklas and Khalij.

## **Day 03 and 04: Sat Tal**

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Drive in the morning to Sat Tal (2 hours). We spend two days here for absolutely great birding. The habitat offers species such as white-crested laughing thrush, rufous-gorgeted flycatcher, red-billed leothrix, Siberian rubythroat, rock bunting etc. This scattered and deliberately undeveloped area is one of the most pleasant destinations. Look for rufous-chinned & white crested laughing thrush, rufous-breasted accentor, greater yellow-naped flameback, speckled piculet, golden bush robin etc. Overnight stay at Sat Tal Birding Camp.

## **Day 05: Sat Tal - Dhikala Forest Lodge (Corbett National Park)**

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Drive to Corbett National Park in the morning stopping en route for birding at Corbett Falls. Corbett Tiger reserve has spectacular avifauna diversity. Great hornbill, Pallas's fish eagle, red-collared falconet etc. are some of the rare birds that are found in Corbett. More birds include jungle owlet, scaly-bellied woodpecker, red-breasted parakeet, Himalayan swiftlet, stork-billed & crested kingfisher and white-tailed & Siberian rubythroat. You will explore the river edge at Kumeria in the afternoon for tawny & brown fish owl, Asian barred owl, plumbeous redstart, brown dipper and the three species of forktails. Other species that are possible in the forest are crested tree swift, spangled drongo, blue bearded bee-eater etc. Drive to Dhikala tourism zone. Arrive at the main tourist complex in the evening.

Please note that the accommodation in Dhikala is basic but has *en suite* toilet and shower.

## **Day 06: Dhikala Forest Lodge (Corbett National Park)**

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Full day for birding and wildlife viewing. Birding in the lower jungle track along the Ramganga River is very rewarding for water birds such as river lapwings, waders, mergansers and other waterfowl.

While relaxing at the lodge or visiting the grasslands one can see long-tailed nightjar, jungle owlet, spot-bellied owl, common stonechat, black francolin, purple and crimson sunbird, golden-fronted & orange-bellied leafbird, black-shouldered kite, hen harrier, changeable hawk-eagle, chestnut-tailed starling etc.

Overnight stay at Dhikala Forest Lodge.



### **Day 07: Corbett National Park**

#### *Meals: Breakfast*

Morning elephant safari (optional; on direct payment) through the grasslands and dense forests. This is the best mode of transport for tiger-tracking. Return for breakfast and then drive to Tiger Camp stopping en route for birding. One can expect to see great slaty woodpecker, great hornbill, puff-throated babbler, white-rumped shama, Pallas's fish eagle etc. Arrive at Tiger Camp for lunch (optional). Drive back to Delhi (6 hours), arriving in the evening. Tour Ends.

#### **Note:**

1. Dhikala closes opens on November 16 every year and closes on June 15. The tours outside these dates will be modified and the safaris will be arranged in the other parts of Corbett National Park.
2. This itinerary may be reversed if the booking in Dhikala is not available over the weekend. This will not impact the quality of the tour and experience thereof.

#### **Price valid till June 2014**

Tour Price on per person basis on twin share: UK £ 695

Single Room Supplement: UK £ 225

#### **Services Included:**

- Accommodation on twin / triple sharing basis
- Meals as per the itinerary
- Jungle visit in Corbett National Park in a 4WD
- Guided Birding
- All surface transfers by a private air-conditioned vehicle

#### **Services not included:**

- Optional tours/excursions, personal & incidental expenses.
- Tips, laundry, phone calls, alcohol, camera fee etc.
- International and domestic air fare, visa, insurance.
- Elephant ride.

#### **Please ask for Terms and Conditions**

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