

8-DAY CENTRAL KERALA BIRDING TOUR

Day 01, 02, 03: Thattekkad

Arrive Thattekkad. Meet up with your guide. We will settle into the Hornbill Camp set in the midst of the forest and on the banks of the Periyar River. We will proceed for birding. You should sight the Whitebellied Treepie, Rufous Babbler, Crimsonbacked Sunbird, White Bellied Blue Flycatcher, Wayanad Laughing Thrush, Malabar Parakeet, Malabar Grey Hornbill besides owls like the Mottled Wood Owl, Oriental Bay Owl, Oriental scopes owl, Brown Fish Owl, Oriental Scopes Owl and Spotbellied Eagle Owl. You should also be able to sight the Red Spurfowl, Grey Jungle Fowl, Indian Pitta, Black-throated Munia and the Grey headed fishing eagle.

Day 04, 05: Munnar

Depart for Munnar early morning. The drive will take approximately 2 hours. On arrival check into a resort located within a cardamom forest. Proceed for birding at Rajamala & the nearby *sholas* (high altitude evergreen forests). You should sight the endemics Nilgiri Wood Pigeon, Nilgiri Pipit, Whitebellied shortwing and the Broadtailed Grassbird.



Day 06, 07: Periyar

En-route to Periyar, we will take a tour to the Bodi Ghats for Yellow Throated bulbul, Indian robin, Sirkeer Malkoha, Short Toed Snake Eagle, Blue Faced Malkoha and the Black eagle. On the way, stop at the Lockhart Gap for birding amongst the *sholas*. Periyar Tiger Reserve is one of the finest wildlife & birding destinations in South India. With over 315 bird species identified and a leading habitat for the Bengal Tiger, this sanctuary is an ideal wildlife & birding tour. We will go treks, on jeeps and boats for wildlife and birding in the next 2 days. Asiatic elephants, Gaur, sambar, tigers and sloth bear sightings are possible on safaris into the forest. We will stay at a Resort near the sanctuary.

Day 08: Depart

Price: US \$ 910 per person (ex flights), based on Twin share, 2 people travelling.

Inclusions: Price includes accommodation, most meals, transfers, guide fees, entrance fees. This trip can also be tailor-made and extensions to other parts of South India can be arranged.

Departures: This trip can be tailor-made to suit your interests of time and budget requirements as necessary.

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