



AVIAN EXPEDITION · 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

THE GREAT HIMALAYAN *Footprints* AVIAN EPIC

Comprehensive Bird Watching & Avian Telephoto Safari — 400+ potential species across three ecosystems

12

DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

400+

BIRD SPECIES

3

ECOSYSTEMS

REGIONS

Delhi · Okhla · Bharatpur · Agra · Pangot · Sattal · Jim Corbett

Small-group specialist expeditions — limited departures each season

THE ROUTE

UNESCO wetlands, Himalayan oak forest and sub-Himalayan sal riverine habitat

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DAY 1

Delhi & Okhla

Meet-and-assist arrival, then afternoon birding at the Okhla Bird Sanctuary.

URBAN BIRDING

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DAY 2

Bharatpur

Executive train to Bharatpur, afternoon exploration of UNESCO-listed wetlands.

MARSHES — UNESCO

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DAY 3–4

Bharatpur Marshes

2 Full Days

Two full days — Sarus Cranes, Bar-headed Geese and Siberian Rubythroats.

BHARATPUR SAFARIS

4

DAY 5

Taj Mahal Circuit

Sunrise Taj Mahal visit, river birding for Lapwing and Black-bellied Tern.

AGRA

5

DAY 6

Drive to Pangot

7-hour private luxury drive up into the Himalayan oak forests of Pangot.

HIMALAYAN ASCENT

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DAY 7–8

Pangot & Sattal

2 Full Days

Specialist bird hides — Khalij Pheasant, Red-billed Blue Magpie and laughingthrushes.

HIGH-ALTITUDE BIRDING

7

DAY 9

Descent to Corbett

3-hour descent into sub-Himalayan sal forest and Ramganga river valleys.

JIM CORBETT

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DAY 10–11

Jim Corbett Safaris

2 Full Days

Open jeep safaris — Gharial, Pallas's Fish Eagle and Ibisbill on the Ramganga.

RIVERINE SPECIES

9

DAY 12

Return to Delhi

Smooth 6-hour private drive to IGI Airport for the late evening international flight.

DEPARTURE

Twelve days / eleven nights from Delhi's wetlands to the Himalayan foothills and Jim Corbett

DAY 1

Arrival in Delhi & Okhla Bird Sanctuary

Arrive in Delhi with full meet-and-assist services. Afternoon birding at the Okhla Bird Sanctuary along the Yamuna River to photograph migratory waterbirds.

URBAN BIRDING

DAY 2

Express Train to Bharatpur Marshes

Board the morning express train in premium executive seating to Bharatpur. Check into the heritage luxury palace hotel. Afternoon exploration of the UNESCO-listed wetlands via eco-friendly cycle-rickshaws driven by certified bird guides.

BHARATPUR — UNESCO WETLAND

DAY 3

Bharatpur — Full Day in the Marshes

First full day inside the marshes. Key targets: nesting Sarus Cranes, Bar-headed Geese, Greater Spotted Eagles and Siberian Rubythroats. Photography hides positioned at key feeding and roosting areas.

SARUS CRANES & EAGLES

DAY 4

Bharatpur — Second Full Day

Second intensive day in the Bharatpur wetlands. Extend species list across the different marsh zones, targeting rarer skulking species and overwintering raptors from the Himalayan foothills.

WATERFOWL & RAPTORS

DAY 5

Sunrise Taj Mahal & River Birding

Short drive to Agra to photograph the Taj Mahal at sunrise, scanning the Yamuna riverbanks for River Lapwings and Black-bellied Terns. Evening drive back to Delhi for overnight stay.

AGRA CIRCUIT

DAY 6

Drive to the Himalayan Oak Forests of Pangot

Private luxury SUV for a 7-hour drive climbing up into the snow-capped views of Pangot. Check into the signature mountain birding lodge.

HIMALAYAN ASCENT

DAY 7

Pangot — High-Altitude Birding Day 1

Specialist bird-feeding stations and hide set-ups — Khalij Pheasant, Cheer Pheasant, Red-billed Blue Magpie and multiple laughingthrush species in the Himalayan oak and rhododendron forest.

PHEASANTS & MAGPIES

DAY 8

Sattal — High-Altitude Birding Day 2

Second high-altitude day expanding into the Sattal lake area. The feeding stations attract a continuous rotation of Himalayan forest birds at close range for extended telephoto sessions.

LAUGHINGTHRUSHES

DAY 9

Descent to Jim Corbett National Park

3-hour private descent into the sub-Himalayan sal forests and river valleys of Jim Corbett National Park. Check into a luxury riverside safari lodge.

SUB-HIMALAYAN SAL FOREST

DAY 10

Jim Corbett — Ramganga River Safaris

Open jeep safaris along the Ramganga River. Key targets: the critically endangered Gharial (fish-eating crocodile), Pallas's Fish Eagle, Collared Falconet and Wallcreeper, alongside wild Asian Elephants.

GHARIAL & RAPTORS

DAY 11

Jim Corbett — Final River Safari Day

Second Corbett day extending coverage along the river systems. The Ibisbill — a cryptic shorebird found only on Himalayan rivers — is a key target alongside continued elephant and raptor photography.

IBISBILL

DAY 12

Return to Delhi & Flight Home

Smooth 6-hour private drive back to Delhi's IGI Airport for the late evening international flight home.

DEPARTURE



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NATURE EXPEDITIONS · HIDDEN SANCTUARIES

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Sarus Crane — Bharatpur UNESCO marshes
- Greater Spotted Eagle
- Red-billed Blue Magpie
- Pallas's Fish Eagle
- Collared Falconet
- Bar-headed Geese & Siberian Rubythroat
- Khalij & Cheer Pheasant — Pangot
- Gharial — Ramganga River
- Ibisbill — Himalayan river specialist
- Taj Mahal sunrise river birding

*For expedition dates and specialist enquiries,
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it is considered the world's highest-altitude migratory bird.*