



HERPETOLOGY EXPEDITION · 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

THE SAHYADRI MONSOON

Herpetology Trail

WESTERN SAHYADRI RANGE

Intensive Nocturnal Herping & Advanced Macro Photography — led by seasoned field herpetologists

10

DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

3

FOREST ZONES

6+

NIGHT WALKS

REGIONS

Goa · Amboli Ghat · Chorla Ghat · Agumbe Rainforest

Small-group specialist expeditions — limited departures each season

THE ROUTE

Three of the Sahyadri's most biodiverse forest zones — monsoon season nocturnal access

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DAY 1

Goa to Amboli

Private transfer 3 hours inland
up into the foggy heights of Amboli Ghat.

ARRIVAL

2

DAY 2-3

Amboli Ghat

2 Night Sessions

Flash-diffusion workshops by day,
nocturnal stream walks 7:30 PM–midnight.

NIGHT HERPING

3

DAY 4

Transit to Chorla Ghat

2.5-hour drive to the Goa-Karnataka
border conservation hub at Chorla.

FOREST TRANSIT

4

DAY 5-6

Chorla Ghat

2 Night Sessions

Forest floor Caecilian tracking by day,
Hump-nosed Pit Viper at night.

NIGHT HERPING

5

DAY 7

Transit to Agumbe

5-Hour Drive

5-hour private transfer south into
the wet heartland of Agumbe.

RAINFOREST TRANSIT

6

DAY 8-9

Agumbe Rainforest

2 Night Sessions

Two days with local researchers tracking
King Cobra via telemetry at night.

KING COBRA COUNTRY

7

DAY 10

Mangalore & Departure

3-hour descent to Mangalore Airport
for onward connections.

DEPARTURE

DAY BY DAY

Ten days / nine nights of intensive monsoon herping across Amboli, Chorla and Agumbe

DAY 1

Arrival in Goa & Ascent to Amboli

Arrive at Goa International Airport. Private Kauntei transport team transfer 3 hours inland up into the foggy heights of Amboli Ghat. Check into the eco-wilderness resort.

ARRIVAL

DAY 2

Amboli — Flash Diffusion Workshops & Night Walk 1

Daytime flash-diffusion photography workshops in the forest. Night (7:30 PM–midnight): map the rushing forest streams for the endemic Amboli Bush Frog, Beddome's Cat Snake and Malabar Pit Vipers coiled over forest pools.

NIGHT HERPING

DAY 3

Amboli — Deep Stream Mapping & Night Walk 2

Second full day at Amboli — deeper stream sections and secondary forest edges explored. Second night walk pushes further into confirmed microhabitats, compiling a comprehensive photographic species log for the zone.

NIGHT HERPING

DAY 4

Transit to Chorla Ghat Conservation Hub

2.5-hour drive down into the intersection of the Goa-Karnataka border to Chorla Ghat. Stay at a high-end nature resort integrated with local scientific research.

TRANSIT

DAY 5

Chorla — Forest Floors & Caecilians

Morning forest floor tracking — turn over decaying wood for rare legless amphibians (Caecilians), among the most ancient vertebrate lineages on Earth. Night walk for the highly localized Hump-nosed Pit Viper and Malabar Gliding Frog.

NIGHT HERPING

DAY 6

Chorla — Deep Foliage Scanning & Night Walk 2

Second full day at Chorla Ghat with specialist scanning of the dense foliage layers for resting reptiles and amphibians. Night walk extends the species list and photographs from the previous evening.

NIGHT HERPING

DAY 7

Journey to King Cobra Territory — Agumbe

Comfortable 5-hour private transfer south into the wet heartland of Agumbe, the 'Cherrapunji of the South' and one of the wettest places in India. Check into the exclusive rainforest station camp.

RAINFOREST TRANSIT

DAY 8

Agumbe — Telemetry Tracking & Night Walk 1

Day one alongside local researchers. Use radiotelemetry and expert tracking techniques to locate the legendary King Cobra in its home territory. Green Vine Snakes and rare Shieldtail Snakes during the day. Nocturnal walks focus on bioluminescent fungi.

KING COBRA

DAY 9

Agumbe — Deep Forest & Night Walk 2

Second full day in Agumbe's rainforest. Extended telemetry session and final night walk — the team's most experienced session of the expedition. Compile and review photographic records from all three zones.

KING COBRA

DAY 10

Descent to the Coast & Departure

Drive 3 hours down the mountain pass to Mangalore Airport. Catch a domestic connection to Mumbai or Delhi for the international flight back home.

DEPARTURE



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EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- King Cobra — telemetry-tracked
- Hump-nosed Pit Viper — Chorla Ghat
- Caecilians — legless ancient amphibians
- Malabar Gliding Frog
- Green Vine Snake — Agumbe canopy
- Malabar Pit Viper — Amboli streams
- Amboli Bush Frog — endemic species
- Ghats Coral Snake
- Beddome's Cat Snake
- Bioluminescent fungi — nocturnal walk

*For expedition dates and specialist enquiries,
we would love to hear from you.*

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*The King Cobra is the world's longest venomous snake — and uniquely among snakes,
it builds a nest and actively guards its eggs until they hatch.*