

Birding and Wildlife tour in the Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan

16 days, 1–16 April 2027



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After a very successful adventure in Mongolia it's great to team up with Ecotours Wildlife once again, this time for an adventure in the truly magical country of Bhutan. Together with top guide Attila we'll experience jaw dropping scenery, culture and of course brilliant birds, fabulous pheasants and the world's rarest heron. A visit to Bhutan is not to be missed.



Tour at a Glance

TOUR DURATION

16 Days

EXPECTED BIRDS SPECIES

300–350

EXPECTED MAMMAL SPECIES

10–15

PHOTOGRAPHIC OPPORTUNITY

Excellent

OTHER STAFFS

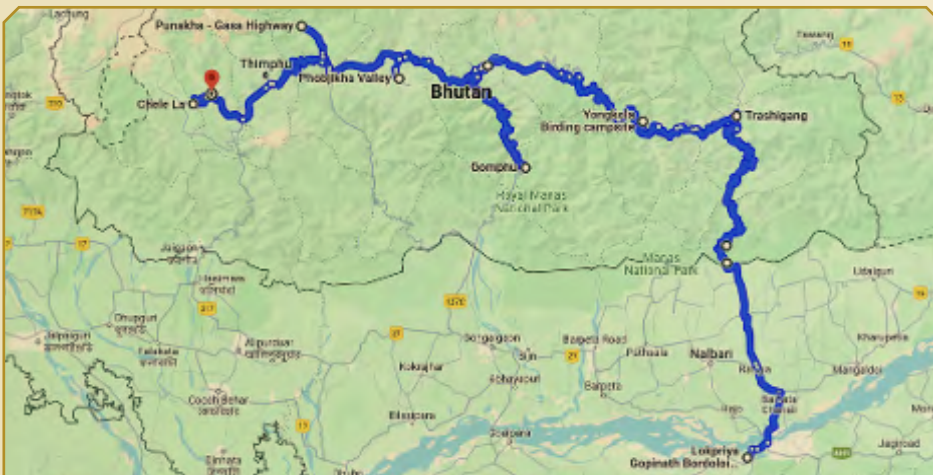
For 3 and above guests (catering staff for picnic breakfast and lunch in prime birding location)

DEPARTURE DATE

1 - 16 April 2027

PRICE

8980 USD pp +
525 USD single room
supplement



Bhutan has been protected by both its isolation within the Himalayas and the topography of its mountainous land, resulting in over 70% of the land remaining forested with approximately 25% protected by 10 National Parks and Wild-life Sanctuaries. The diverse range of environments varies from sub-tropical at 150 m to alpine over 4,500 m, supporting a natural habitat and wide range of eco-systems with rich and varied birdlife, flora and fauna.

Outline Itinerary

DAY 01..... Flight from Delhi to Guwahati and drive to Samdrup Jongkhar
DAY 02..... Samdrup Jongkhar to Trashigang, birding en-route.
DAY 03 Trashigang to Yongkola, birding en-route.
DAY 04-05 ... Yongkola region. Explore the birding hotspots.
DAY 06 Yongkola to Bumthang. Bird along Thrumshing La (3,780 m).
DAY 07..... Bumthang to Trongsa, Bird along Yotong La.
DAY 08 Trongsa to Tingtibi, birding along Shemgang road.
DAY 09 Birding in and around sub-tropical forests of Tingtibi.
DAY 10 Tingtibi to Trongsa via Shemgang bypass, (130 kms).
DAY 11..... Trongsa to Phobjikha, working the areas of Chendibji valley.
DAY 12 Early morning birding at Pele La pass, continue to Punakha.
DAY 13 Birding the areas of Yamey Goenba, afternoon along Puna Tsang Chu.
DAY 14 Punakha to Paro. Birding at Lampelri Botanical Park and at Dochula pass.
DAY 15 Hike up to Tigers Nest monastery.
DAY 16 Paro – Depart to Delhi for onward connection.



DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 01

FLIGHT FROM CALCUTTA/DELHI TO GUWAHATI AND DRIVE TO SAMDRUP JONGKHAR (110KMS, 3 HRS).

At the airport you will be met by Langur Eco Travels, Indian representatives who will drive you to Samdrup Jongkhar. Along this drive keep an eye out in the fields for the rare **Lesser** and **Greater Adjutants**, **Little cormorant**, **White-throated Kingfisher**. The Bhutanese hosts will greet you at the Bhutan gate in Samdrup Jongkhar and take you to our hotel for your first night in Bhutan. After Checking into the hotel, as time allows we will bird in the surrounding area looking for, **Indian** and **Chinese pond herons**, **Little Heron**, **Black-crowned Night Heron**, **Little** and **Cattle egrets**, **Asian Pied Starling**, **Common Myna**, **Rose-ringed** and **Alexandrine parakeets**, **Common Tailorbird**, **Oriental Magpie Robin**, **Yellow-footed Green Pigeon**, **Black-hooded Oriole**, **Common Iora**, **Green Bee-eater** and with a bit of luck the very rarely seen **Blyth's Kingfisher**, **Dark-rumped Swift** and **Black-backed Forktail**.

NIGHT: Norbu Khangsa Resort, Samdrup Jongkhar (300 m).

DAY 02

SAMDRUP JONGKHAR TO TRASHIGANG, 190KM. BIRDING EN-ROUTE.

We will start early to get to Morong valley where we will bird these superb forests with opportunities to study birds such as: **Blyth's Shrike Babbler**, **Himalayan Cutia**, **Rusty-fronted Barwing**, **Long-tailed Sibia**, **Beautiful Nuthatch** (rare and only few known sites in Bhutan), **Red-tailed** and **Blue-winged minlas**, **Hill Partridge**, **Kalij Pheasant**, **Bay** and **Crimson-breasted woodpeckers**, **Greater** and **Lesser yellownapes**, **Golden-throated** and **Great barbets**, **Mountain Tailorbird**, **Red-headed Trogon**, **Himalayan Swiftlet**, **Fork-tailed** and **House swifts**, **Collard** and **Asian Barred owlets**, **Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon**, **Eurasian Sparrowhawk**, **Besra**, **Northern Gos-hawk**, **Steppe** and **Bonelli's eagles**, **Orange-bellied Leafbird**, **Long-tailed** and **Grey-backed shrikes**. After break-

fast we will continue our birding whilst enjoying the spectacular view of the hills, isolated farms and tiny hamlets to Trashigang. Species we may encounter includes: **Yellow-billed Blue Magpie**, **Grey Treepie**, **Eurasian Jay**, **Large-billed Crow**, **Maroon Oriole**, **Long-tailed Minivet**, **Yellow-bellied** and **White-throated fantails**, **Ashy** and **Black drongos**, **Blue Whistling Thrush**, **Long-billed Thrush** (rare), **Ultramarine**, and little **Pied flycatchers**, **Large** and **Rufous-bellied niltavas**, **Spotted Forktail**, **Common Stonechat**, **White-tailed Nuthatch**, **Fire-capped**, **Green-backed**, **Black-throated** and **Rufous-fronted tits**, **Striated**, **Mountain**, **Black** and **Red-vented baulbuls**, **Aberrant Bush Warbler**, **Ashy-throated**, **Chestnut-crowned** and **Lemon-rumped warblers**, **Striated**, **White-throated** and **Chestnut-crowned laughingthrushes**, **Rusty-cheeked** and **Streak-breasted scimitar babblers**, **Rufous-throated Babbler**, **Maroon Accentor** (rare), **Yellow-breasted Greenfinch** and **Tibetan Siskin**.

NIGHT: Lingkhar Lodge, Trashigang, (1100 m).



DAY 03

TRASHIGANG OVER KORE LA (2,450M) TO YONGKOLA, MONGAR, BIRDING EN-ROUTE.

We will leave Trashigang after an early breakfast as there are no productive birding areas in the immediate vicinity and driving down to Chazam. The journey continues through Sherichhu from where the road climbs by means of 10 hairpin bends, known as the Yadi Loops, in just 10 Kms! From here we continue to the little village of Yadi. The road passes fields of corn and broad-leaf forests where we will stop and bird before our final ascent to Kore La 2,450m. Here amongst other species we may find: **Brown Bullfinch**, **Scarlet Finch**, **Grey-winged Blackbird**,

Brown-throated Treecreeper and **Grey-sided Laughingthrush**. Crossing the pass we descend through cool broadleaved trees, dripping with exotic orchids, fern-lined forests of rhododendrons, where again we will stop to bird hoping to see in these pristine environs: **Maroon Oriole**, **Common Rosefinch**, **Hill Prinia**, **Fire-capped Tit**, **Bhutan Laughingthrush**, **Rufous-bellied Woodpecker**, **Asian Barred Owlet**, **Gold-naped Finch**, **Kalij Pheasant** and **Barn Swallow**. Climbing back into our vehicles, we continue our descent to the town of Mongar and on to the sub-tropical forests around Lingmethang at 650m. From here superlatives continue to describe the journey as we begin our climb to the broad leaf forests at Yongkola 1,700 m where we will stay for 3 nights.

NIGHT: Trogon Villa, Yongkola (1,700 m).



DAY 04 - 05

YONGKOLA AND SENGOR REGION. EXPLORE THE BIRDING HOTSPOTS.

The warm broadleaf forests provide the perfect environment for many avian species including many of Bhutan's sought-after birds. And so we will spend two full days birding in the upper and lower Yongkola region. In this breathtaking landscape we will bird in a protected area of pristine forests using a paved yet rarely used road, providing the ultimate beneficiary birding opportunities. It is here in this birding hotspot that we can look for: **Ward's Trogon** (rare), **Slender-billed Scimitar-Babbler** and **Rufous-throated Wren Babbler** (a little known and endangered species), **Black-headed Shrike Babbler** (rare and the only known site for Bhutan), **Satyr Tragopan** (rare), **Bar-winged Wren Babbler**, **Blue-winged Laughingthrush**, **White-breasted Parrotbill** and perhaps **Gould's Shortwing!** After birding the upper elevations above Yongkola, acknowledged being one of the great

birding roads of the world, we will slowly descend to Yongkola at approximately 1700m. We have time to explore the wonderfully rich, subtropical, warm and cool, broad-leaved forests along the lower section of this road where ancient trees are festooned with orchids adding a riot of colour to this verdant land. Trails criss-cross the forests, but few birders venture far into their depth consequently, exactly what avian delights may be around the corner may be a complete surprise. Here we should encounter: **Hill, Rufous-throated and Chestnut-breasted partridges, Rufous-bellied and Crested Serpent eagles**, The rare **Rufous-necked Hornbill** (the forests of Bhutan are the stronghold for this impressive species), **Speckled Wood-Pigeon** (another rare bird), **Blue-bearded Bee-eater** and two of the Himalayas' rarest birds, the cobalt **Blue-fronted Robin** and the elusive and strange **Wedge-billed Wren Babbler**. Other regularly seen species include, **Bay and Lesser Yellownappe, Golden-throated and Blue-throated barbets, Large Hawk and Himalayan cuckoos, Collared Owlet, Grey Treepie, Gray-chinned, Short-billed and Long-tailed minivets, Yellow-bellied Fantail, Blue-capped Rock Thrush, Verditer Flycatcher, Large Niltava, Hodgson's Redstart** (in farmland at the edge of the forest), **Plumbeous Redstart** (males can be seen vigorously defending streamside territories), **Slaty-backed Forktail, Rusty-flanked Treecreeper, Sultan, Black-throated, Rufous-fronted, Yellow-browed and Yellow-cheeked tits, Mountain and Ashy bulbuls, Hill and Striated prinias, Chestnut-headed, Slaty-bellied and Gray-bellied tesias, Gray-sided Bush Warbler, Gray-hooded, White-spectacled, Chestnut-crowned, Broad-billed and Black-faced warblers, White-crested, Striated, Rufous-necked, Gray-sided, and Blue-winged laughingthrushes, Coral-billed Scimitar-Babbler, Rufous-capped and Golden babblers, Red-billed Leiothrix, White-browed and Black-eared shrike babblers, Rusty-fronted Barwing, Chestnut-tailed and Red-tailed minlas, White-naped, Whiskered, and Black-chinned yuhinas**, and the exquisite **Golden-breasted and Yellow-throated fulvettas** (virtually unknown elsewhere), **Fire-**

breasted Flowerpecker, Crimson-browed Finch, Spot-winged Grosbeak, and Scarlet Finch (again, incredibly beautiful males). One morning we will rise early to drive to Sengor for the early morning birding, here we will look for the rare **Satyr Tragopan** and the **Bar-winged Wren Babbler** amongst commoner species such as **Gray-crested, Coal, Green-backed, Yellow-browed and Black-browed tits, Mrs Gould's, Green-tailed and Fire-tailed sunbirds, Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher, Ashy-throated, Lemon-rumped, Large-billed and Blyth's Leaf-warblers, White-browed and Rufous-winged fulvettas, Stripe-throated Yuhina, Fire-tailed Sunbird, White-throated Redstart and Green Shrike Babbler**.

NIGHTS: Trogon Villa, Yongkola (1,700 m).



DAY 06

YONGKOLA TO BUMTHANG. BIRDING ALONG THRUMSHING LA NATIONAL PARK.

We will bird along the upper Yongkola region before breakfast after which we will drive up to the high pass of Thrumshing La at 3,799m, where we have breathtaking views of the eastern Himalayas. As we drive up to the pass we will stop at key locations for birding, looking for: **Himalayan Buzzard, Mountain Hawk-Eagle, Great and Fulvous parrotbills, Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush, White-collared Blackbird, Himalayan Bluetail, White-browed Bush Robin, Blue-fronted Redstart, Eurasian and Rusty-flanked treecreepers, Hume's Bush Warbler, Black-faced and Spotted laughingthrushes, Red Crossbill, Red-headed Bullfinch, White-winged Grosbeak, Eye-browed, Dusky, and Dark-throated thrushes** and on our 2016 tour we have seen **Kessler's Thrush** (rare and Vagrant to Bhutan). From the pass we descend through forests of towering hemlocks, spruce, Silver fir and larch which are particularly good for species like **Himalayan Monal, Blood Pheasant, and Satyr Tragopan**. We travel through the picturesque village of Ura to Bumthang valley for the overnight.

NIGHT: Kailas Guesthouse, Bumthang (2,700 m).



DAY 07

BUMTHANG TO TRONGSA, 70 KM. BIRD ALONG YOTONG LA.

After a hot drink we will leave early to drive through the pine forests, cross the Chumey Valley to Gyeltsha, from here we will take a short de-tour to Tharpaling monastery where we look for **Himalayan Monal, Blood Pheasant** and **Satyr Tragopan**. After having breakfast, we will make our way back to the main road and on to Yotong La at 3,353m. From the pass we will slowly descend down through mix rhododendron forest where we will look for, **Fire-tailed Myzornis, Chestnut-headed Tesia, Rufous-vented Yuhina, Black-faced Laughingthrush, Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker, Darjeeling Woodpecker** and **White-winged Grosbeak, Great and brown Parrotbill, Red-headed Bullfinch, Stripe-throated** and **Whiskered yuhinas**. In the afternoon we will drive towards Shemgang Road for more birding before checking into our hotel in Trongsa. Along this stretch we should encounter, **Spotted Forktail, Bhutan Laughingthrush** (the only near endemic bird of Bhutan), **Elachura, Himalayan Cutia, Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler, Barred Cuckoo Dove, Greater Yellownappe, Steppe Eagle, Tibetan Siskin, Large Niltava** and **Black-eared Shrike Babbler**.



NIGHT: Tendrel Resort, Trongsa, (2,200 m).



DAY 08

TRONGSA TO TINGTIBI VIA SHEMGANG, (110 KMS). BIRDING ALONG CHUNJEY PANG, DANGDUNG, KOSHALA AND DAKPHAI ROAD.

We rise early to bird the famous Shemgang road making our first stop at Chunjei Pang where we should encounter: **Eurasian Jay, Pale Blue Flycatcher, Greater Yellownappe, Hill Prinia, Large Niltava** and the beautifully plumaged **Blue-capped Rock Thrush**. After a hot picnic breakfast we continue our drive to Dangdung 740 m, stopping briefly at Kuenga Rubten the former Summer Palace of the Second King. Continuing our descent through the intensely cultivated, terraced fields, we should see **Crested Bunting, Striated Prinia** and **Striated Yuhina**. From Dangdung we will climb up to Koshala, where amongst the flowering trees, we should encounter: **Crimson Sunbird, Tickell's Leaf Warbler, Lemon-rumped Warbler, Blue-throated Barbet, Rufous Woodpecker, Large Hawk Cuckoo** and our first of the many chance to see the rare **Rufous-necked Hornbill**. Approaching Tingtibi in the warm broadleaf forest we should find species such as: **Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo, Ashy, White-throated** and **Black-crested bulbuls, Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker, Streaked Spiderhunter, Lesser-necklaced Laughingthrush, Pin-tailed** and **Wedge-tailed green pigeons, Rufous-necked Hornbill, Common Green Magpie** and **Emerald Dove**.

NIGHT: Hotel Twang or Berti Eco Lodge, Tingtibi, (700 m).

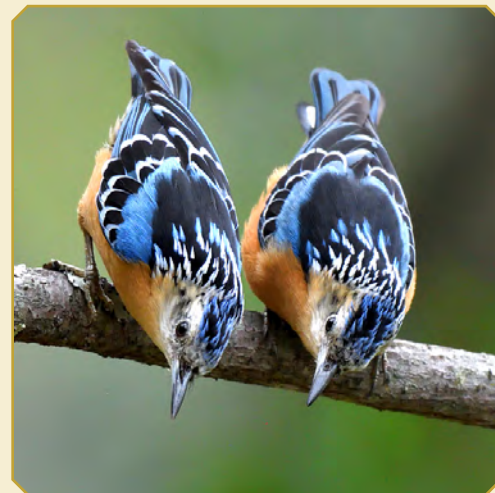


DAY 09

EXPLORING THE SUB-TROPICAL FORESTS OF TINGTIBI (ROYAL MANAS NATIONAL PARK).

Today we will explore in and around Tingtibi and Shemgang as we have lots of target birds to check. The magnificent and very rarely visited Shemgang Road is one of the most beautiful and peaceful roads in the world, with similar elevations to the now famous Lingmethang Road, we can see an amazing variety of rare and special birds as well as the **Golden Leaf monkey (langur)**, which can be seen often as it is their prime habitat. Some of the tar-

get birds for the day include: **Rufous-throated** and **Chestnut-breasted** partridges, **Gray Peacock-Pheasant**, **Barred Cuckoo Dove**, nine species of cuckoos, **Blue-bearded Bee-eater**, the amazing **Rufous-necked** and **Great hornbills**, **White-browed Piculet**, **Bay Woodpecker**, **Long-tailed Broadbill**, **White-tailed Robin**, **White-browed Scimitar Babbler**, the stunning **Cutia**, **Lesser Necklaced**, **Rufous-vented** and **Blue-winged laughingthrushes**, (a impressive and elusive species), **Rufous-winged** and **Nepal fulvettas**, **White-naped**, **Black-chinned** and **White-bellied yuhinas**, **Sultan Tit**, and hopefully **Lesser Rufous-headed Parrotbill**, **Long-billed Wren Babbler**, **Green Cochoa**, **White-hooded Babbler** (rare and the only known site for Bhutan), and the rare **Beautiful Nuthatch**. In our past trips **Rufous-necked Hornbills** have occasionally flown over our hotel and at one time three perched on a tree nearby giving us lengthy, stunning views of this magnificent bird.



NIGHT: Hotel Twang or Berti Eco Lodge, Tingtibi, (700 m).



DAY 10

TINGTIBI TO TRONGSA VIA SHEMGANG, 130 KMS. BIRDING ALONG DAKPHAI ROAD.

Today we will start early to get to the habitat of the **Beautiful Nuthatch**, allowing ourselves plenty of time to locate and see this amazing bird. It has been regularly recorded on our past trips and we hope to repeat our sightings this spring. After a hot breakfast eaten in yet another stunning location, we will continue birding along the Shemgang road, stopping at the prime locations to bird. As we drive to Trongsa there are amazing views all along the road and the occasional waterfall gushing its way down the mountain slopes. We will stop for lunch at Kosha La from where we have an amazing view of the valley below. Just before arriving in Trongsa we will pass high cliff-faces where we will stop to look for the **Yellow-rumped Honeyguide** amongst the cluster of beehives clinging to the rock face and in the nearby waterfall we will look for the regularly seen **Little Forktail**.

NIGHT: Tendrel Resort or similar, Trongsa, (2,200 m).



DAY 11

TRONGSA TO PHOBJIKHA, 78 KM.

First part of the morning is spent birding along the Trongsa-Chendibji stretch looking for, **Brown Dipper**, **Crested Kingfisher**, **Fire-tailed Myzornis** and **Yellow-browed Tit**. After a hot picnic breakfast, the road will take us through the village of Chendibji where we will stop near the Nepalese styled Chorten, picturesquely situated alongside the river. After a short break at the stupa, we will continue our journey through Chazam villages before climbing to Pele La (3,350m) for stunning views of the valleys, hills and mountain ridges leading you up to Mt Kangbum and Jichu Drake. A short break whilst we soak up the view, before descending through forests of rhododendron and fir, to the Phobjikha valley.

NIGHT: Gakiling Guesthouse, Phobjikha (2,800 m).



DAY 12

PHOBJIKHA TO PUNAKHA (78 KMS, 3-HOUR DRIVE), BIRDING AT PELE LA PASS AND NOBDING VALLEY.

We will start early in the morning to reach Pele la pass for some high-altitude birding, species we may find include **Himalayan Monal, Satyr Tragopan, Fire-tailed Myzornis, Himalayan Vulture, Snow Pigeon, Stripe-throated and Rufous-vented Yuhinas, Dark-breasted Rosefinch, Altai Accentor and more.** After breakfast we will descend down to lower Nobding valley where we scan the broadleaved forest looking for special birds such as **Ward's Trogon, Himalayan Cutia, Long-billed Thrush, Himalayan Cuckoo, Spotted Forktail, Striated Laughingthrush and more.**

NIGHT: Meri Puensum Resort, Punakha (1300 m).



DAY 13

DAY EXCURSION TO YAMEY GOENBA, AND AFTERNOON BIRDING
ALONG THE PUNA TSHANG CHHU RIVER VALLEY.

Today, we start our day early as we head to Yamey Goenba, a beautiful destination surrounded by cool broad-leaved forests. Here, we have another chance to encounter the rare **Ward's Trogon and Black-headed Shrike Babbler.** Along with these special species, we will also be searching for other regular bird species including **Slender-billed and Streak-breasted Scimitar Babblers, Himalayan Cuckoo, Red-billed Leiothrix, Greater Yellow-nape, Red-vented, Striated, Black, and Mountain Bulbuls, Orange-bellied Leafbird, Large and Small Niltavas, Nepal Fulvetta, Rufous-capped Babbler, Blue-winged Minla, Whiskered Yuhina, Slaty-bellied Tesia, Ashy Drongo, Tibetan Siskin, and Spot-winged Grosbeak.** Apart from observing the astonishing variety of birds, we will also keep a lookout for the rare and elusive Red Panda, which we have been fortunate enough to spot on our

previous trips. Around mid-day, as the bird activity lessens, we will return to Punakha and continue birding along the Puna Tshang Chhu river valley. Here, we will be on the lookout for various water birds such as **Osprey, Pallas's Fish-eagle (Endangered), Eurasian Hobby, Goosander, Common Shelduck, Northern Shoveler, Common Pochard, Great Crested Grebe, Tufted Duck, Garganey, Bar-headed Goose, Ruddy Shelduck, Gadwall, Eurasian Wigeon, Mallard, Indian Spot-billed Duck, Northern Pintail, Common Teal, Red-crested Pochard, Pied Avocet, Brown Dipper, Pallas's Gull, Little Ringed Plover, River Lapwing, Richard's Pipit, Great Black-headed and Pallas's Gulls, Small Pratincole and Common and Crested Kingfishers.**

NIGHT: Meri Puensum Resort, Punakha (1300 m).



DAY 14

PUNAKHA TO PARO, 130KM. BIRDING ALONG DOCHU LA (3,150 M) ROAD.

This morning we leave the terraced fields and sub-tropical forests around Punakha and travel to Royal Botanical Park at Lampelri, which forms one of the critical biological corridors connecting the Jigme Singye Wangchuck National Park and the Jigme Dorji Wangchuck National Park. It has cool broad leaf forests, mixed conifer forests, fir and sub-alpine forests and a temperate rain forest with hundreds of species of flora and fauna. Here we will

look for: **Chestnut crowned Warbler**, **Dark-rumped** and **Dark-breasted rosefinches**. With a bit of luck, we may also encounter rare species of mammals that the park supports, **Musk Deer**, **Tiger**, **Leopard**, **Red Panda** and the **Leopard Cat**. Returning to our vehicles we will continue to Dochu La, an awe-inspiring sight with the road festooned with prayer flags and 108 chortens. From here on a clear day, there are magnificent panoramic views of the high Himalayas, including Masagang 7,158 m, Tsendagang 6,960 m, Terigang 7,060 m, Jejegangphug 7,158 m, Kangphugang 7,170 m, Zongphugang 7,060 m and Gangkar Puensum - the highest peak in Bhutan at 7,497 m. From the pass we drive down to Thimphu where we will stop by a marshy land near Babesa looking for **Black-tailed Crake**.

NIGHT: Hotel Olathang, Paro, (2300 m).



DAY 15

HIKE TO TIGER'S NEST MONASTERY, BIRDING EN-ROUTE (APPROX. 5-HOUR RETURN WALK).

Today marks our final day in Bhutan, and it promises to be a remarkable experience combining birdwatching and cultural exploration in the beautiful Paro valley. The highlight of the day is the hike up to the renowned Tiger's Nest, also known as Taktsang Monastery. Perched 600m high on a cliff, this monastery holds great significance as it is believed to be the place where Guru Padma Sambhava, an Indian saint, defeated demons on the back of a tiger to spread Buddhism in Bhutan. The hike to the monastery takes about 1½-2 hours through wooded areas, involving an ascent of 340m. Along the way, we will have opportunities for birdwatching, seeking out species such as **Hume's Leaf Warbler**, **Green-backed**, **Coal Tit**, **White-tailed Nuthatch**, **Yellow-billed Blue Magpie**, **Spotted Nutcracker** and **Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush**. As we reach the tea house, a welcome spot for refreshments and one of the best viewpoints of the monastery, we continue the ascent for another half-hour to reach a viewpoint directly across from the monastery. The final stretch involves a steep descent into the gorge separating us from the monastery, followed by a climb back up to reach it. Upon exploring the rocky ledges near the monastery, we'll keep our eyes open for flocks of and **Altai Accentors**. The nearby waterfall often presents opportunities to observe **Little Forktail** and **White-capped Redstart**. As the day comes to an end, we will come together for a delightful farewell dinner. This enchanting evening will provide us with an opportunity to reflect on our journey, share our stories and laughter, and celebrate the remarkable experiences we have had in Bhutan. It will be a heartfelt and memorable occasion as we bid farewell to this enchanting land and the beautiful memories we have created.

OVERNIGHT: Hotel Olathang or similar, Paro (2200 m).



DAY 16

PARO, DEPART TO CALCUTTA/DELHI FOR ONWARD CONNECTION.

INCLUDED IN BHUTAN LAND COST

- » Visa and all Sustainable Development Fund (SDF)
- » Cultural Tour Guide who is an excellent birder
- » All activities as mentioned in the itinerary
- » All accommodation
- » All meals
- » Tea/coffee and snacks
- » Bottled water throughout the trip
- » Ground transportation
- » All necessary camping equipment if camping is involved in the itinerary
- » All entrance fees for parks and nature reserves religious monument fee



NOT INCLUDED IN BHUTAN LAND COST

- » Travel insurance (essential)
- » Laundry, phone calls and alcoholic drinks
- » Personal expenses
- » Charges incurred as a result of circumstances beyond the control of Langur Eco Travels
- » International flights
- » Gratuity for guide, drivers and crew.



WHAT TO EXPECT

ACCOMMODATION

The hotels are of medium to good quality with good locations. In some areas they are more basic, but rooms are clean and comfortable.

CLIMATE

Generally dry and cool, there may be some rain. It will be cold in the early mornings, evenings and at altitude (0-25°C). It will be much colder when at altitude; it could possibly drop to -02°C.

FOOD

Most breakfasts and all lunches are hot picnic style, taken in the field. Dinners are mostly buffets served at the hotels where we stay, with continental, Indian, Chinese and Bhutanese options usually available.

WALKING

You should prepare for certain factors of travel in Bhutan. A few of the most important are: elevation, windy mountain roads and uneven trek paths. Average elevation on this trip is 2,400m. Pass crossings may be up to 4,000m. The walk to Tiger's Nest Monastery is on uneven forest trails, with 740m of ascent. All walking at a relaxed pace, as at altitude.



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