



## North India Birding Photo Tour December 11N12D

Delhi, Bharatpur, Chambal, Agra, Corbett, and Pangot

Travel Dates: 15 December to 26 December 2018

Duration: 12 Days

Tour Code: NIBPTD1

Tour Pace: Easy to Moderate

Minimum tour participants: 04

Maximum tour participants: 10

Transport: Exclusive for the group

Safaris: Shared

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### Description

This tour takes you to the best birding sites of North India such as Keoladeo National Park, National Chambal Sanctuary, the Himalayan Foothills near Nainital & the best Tiger Park of Uttarakhand i.e. Corbett National Park along with the 'must do' visit to the iconic Taj Mahal.

One can get over 125+ species of birds' photos on this trip. It encompasses varied landscapes and experiences that North India offers. These features make this tour very fruitful and popular.

### Itinerary overview

15 Dec. 2018: Arrive Delhi and travel to Bharatpur

16 Dec. 2018: Bharatpur

17 Dec. 2018: Bharatpur

18 Dec. 2018: Bharatpur to Chambal via Agra

19 Dec. 2018: Chambal

20 Dec. 2018: Chambal to Noida

21 Dec. 2018: Noida to Corbett National Park

22 Dec. 2018: Corbett National Park

23 Dec. 2018: Corbett National Park

24 Dec. 2018: Corbett Park to Pangot

25 Dec. 2018: Pangot to Delhi.

26 Dec. 2018: Departure

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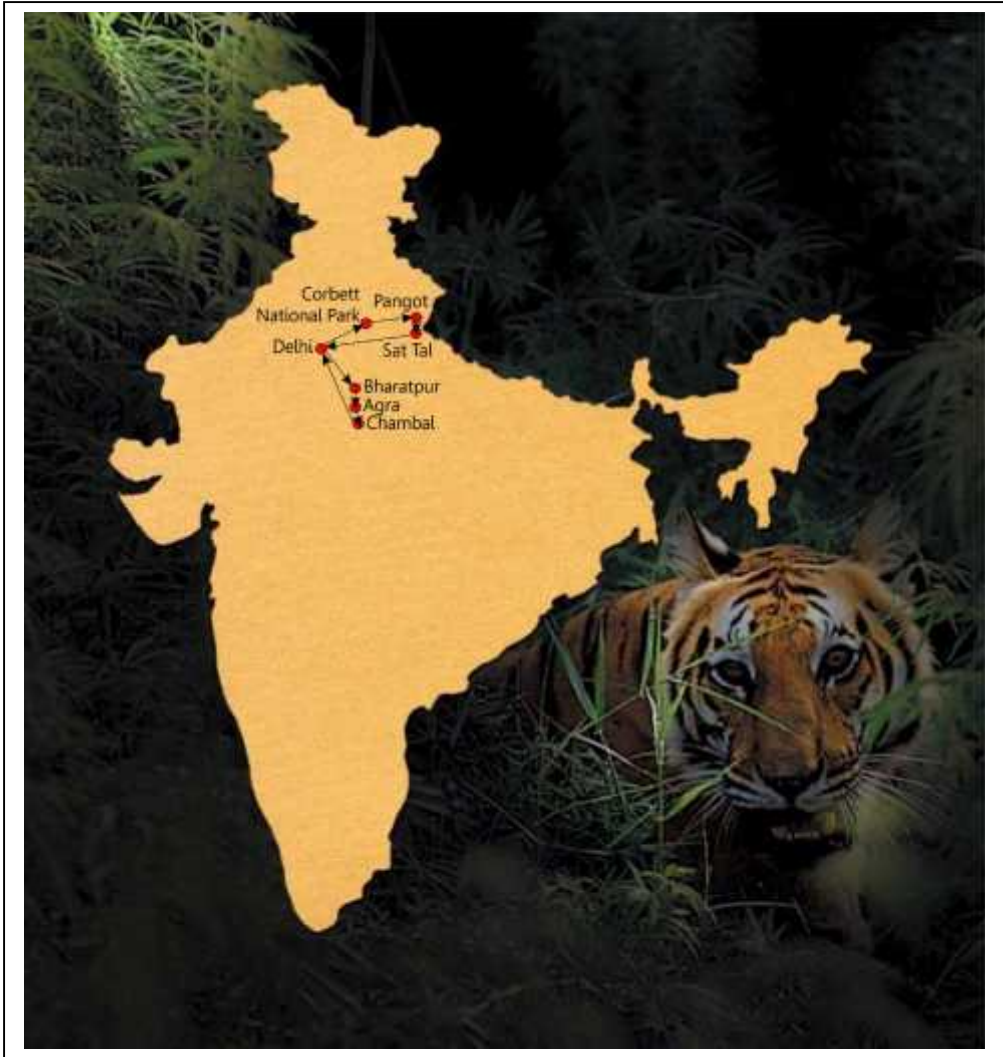
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## Highlights

- A large list of bird species of North Indian & the Himalayan region
- Great bird photography in scrubland, wetlands, Riverine & Himalayan Eco-system
- A large variety of mammals
- Himalayan views
- Farm fresh Indian meals
- Quaint lodges and camps
- Easy Hide Photography
- Option of visiting the Iconic Taj Mahal
- Glimpses of the beautiful landscape, architecture and lifestyle of North India

## Destinations

### Keoladeo National Park

Keoladeo Ghana National Park in Rajasthan was declared a World Heritage Site in 1985. It was one of the most outstanding wetland reserves in Asia. Especially during the winters, as monsoons refill the shallow marshes, it attracts thousands of waterfowl, herons, storks, cranes, waders, owls & raptors. Spotting scores of them together dotting the marshes is also an unforgettable visual treat. The compactness of the area makes it possible to see over a hundred species in a stay of just a few days. At Bharatpur, we will arrange a private cycle rickshaw guide for you to explore the park in a unique way.



### National Chambal Sanctuary

River Chambal is one of the country's most beautiful and least polluted river systems. The National Chambal Sanctuary was formed to protect this pristine river ecosystem. Over 290 species of resident and migratory bird species, including large nesting colonies of the rare Indian Skimmer, as well as Marsh Crocodiles (Muggers), Gharial (Gavials), eight species Turtles, and highly endangered Gangetic River Dolphin are found here. Best explored on boats, you will be impressed by the calm and serene beauty and the numerous sightings this river offers. The highlights usually are Indian skimmer, Black-bellied Tern, Flocks of migratory waterfowl, Cranes such as Common, Demoiselle and Sarus, etc.



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## Agra

A trip to India seems incomplete without a visit to the most iconic manmade structure in the world, the Taj Mahal, where we shall take you next. Built by Shah Jahan as the symbol for undying love for his wife Mumtaz Mahal, the sight of the white marble structure does take the breath away.

Note: Taj Mahal remains closed on every Friday



## Corbett National Park

It was named in the honor of Jim Corbett, a legendary hunter-turned- conservationist, best known for hunting man-eating tigers and leopards in the 1920s. Corbett Park is a popular retreat for wildlife and nature enthusiasts. It provides a great opportunity for viewing wildlife, especially the tiger in its natural habitat. The mammals include the Tiger, Leopard, Elephant, 4 species of deer, Nilgai, Gharial, Wild Boar, Hedgehog, Common Musk Shrew, Flying Fox, Indian Pangolin, 3 species of Civets, Himalayan & Sloth Bear, Jackal & Red Fox, Smooth Indian Otter etc. The park is very rich in reptiles including King Cobra. Nearly 600 species of birds dwell here such Long-tailed Nightjar, Jungle owl, Spot-bellied Owl, Bristled Grassbird, Black Francolin, Purple & Crimson Sunbird, Golden-Fronted & Orange-Bellied Leafbird, Hen Harrier, Changeable & Mountain Hawk-Eagle, and many more etc.



## Pangot

Pangot is a small hamlet in Uttarakhand which lies just 15 km from Nainital. Walking into Pangot is like stepping into a remote Himalayan village. This birdwatchers' paradise has 250+ species of birds in and around as recorded by Jungle Lore Birding Lodge. This Lodge is India's first and foremost birding lodge and has been key to birding success in the region.

The entire drive is through the forested area of Cheena Peak Range via Snow View Point and Kilbury, the main habitats for excellent birding. The forests of Pangot and surrounding areas are dominated by thick Oak, Pine and Rhododendron. The streams passing by the area makes it even more attractive place. Nainital covers the tropical, sub-tropical, temperate, sub-alpine zones.



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One can see Crested Serpent, Mountain Hawk & Black Eagle.  
Woodpeckers are Brown-fronted, Stripe-breasted, Rufous-bellied etc.  
Thrushes are Dark-throated, Mistle, etc.  
Striated Prinia and a very rare Grey-crowned Prinia can be seen in the terraced fields. Warblers are Tickell's Leaf, Greenish, Grey-hooded etc.  
Flycatchers are Asian Brown, Rusty-tailed, Ultramarine, Verditer. Rufous-bellied Niltava etc., Orange-flanked Blue Tail, Blue-capped Redstart.



Laughingthrushes such as Streaked, White-throated, Striated & Chestnut-crowned etc.  
Look for 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.  
Black-headed Jay, Red-billed Blue Magpie, Rufous Sibia are common birds here.  
Pheasants are Cheer, Koklas and Khalij.  
Rare species that can be seen here: Grey-crowned Prinia



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## ITINERARY

15 December 2018: Arrive Delhi & travel to Bharatpur

Meals: on own

Accommodation: Hotel Kadamb Kunj or similar

Arrive Delhi airport. You will be met by your driver & vehicle. Drive to Bharatpur (a 5-hour drive). Arrive Bharatpur in the evening. Overnight stay.

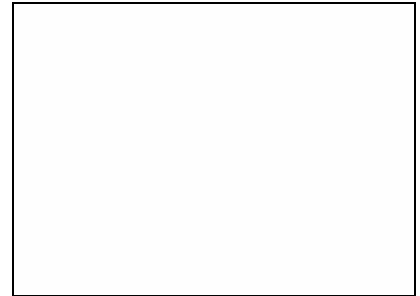


16 & 17 December 2018: Bharatpur

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner in Bharatpur

Accommodation: Hotel Kadamb Kunj or similar

Two full days of bird & wildlife photography in Keoladeo National Park with a guide. Your driver will get your lunch from the hotel to the sanctuary to maximize your birding time. Overnight stay.



18 December 2018: Bharatpur to Chambal via Agra

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch in Bharatpur, Dinner in Chambal

Accommodation: Chambal Safari Lodge or similar

Morning bird photography outside the park. After early lunch, drive to Agra to visit the Iconic Taj Mahal (optional). Drive to the lodge near National Chambal Sanctuary in the evening (2 hours). Overnight stay.



19 December 2018: National Chambal Sanctuary

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner in Chambal

Accommodation: Chambal Safari Lodge or similar

Morning & afternoon boat ride with a guide for photography. In between you will have time to shoot more birds at the lodge. Overnight stay.



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20 December 2018: National Chambal Sanctuary to Noida

Meals: Breakfast in Chambal, Packed Lunch, Dinner on own  
Accommodation: Savoy Suites or similar

Morning visit to Sarus Crane Sanctuary with a guide for photography. Proceed to Delhi (a 5-hour drive). Arrive Noida in the evening. Overnight stay.



21 December 2018: Noida to Corbett National Park

Meals: Breakfast in Noida, Lunch & Dinner in Corbett National Park  
Accommodation: Tiger Camp or similar

After early breakfast, drive to Corbett Park (a 6/7-hour drive). Arrive Corbett for lunch. Evening birding at Kosi River with the guide. Overnight stay.



22 December 2018: Corbett National Park

Meals: Breakfast in Tiger Camp, Lunch & Dinner in Dhikala  
Accommodation: Dhikala Forest Lodge or similar  
Note: The lodge is basic with en suite toilet and shower, but this is productive for wildlife experience. In case of non-availability of the rooms here, we will continue to stay at Tiger Camp and explore other areas of the park.

After breakfast, drive onward for Dhangarhi gate for entry to Dhikala tourism zone. The drive from Dhangarhi to Dhikala is a safari. Afternoon visit to the grasslands & forested area for wildlife and nature photography.

PS: You may leave your extra luggage at Tiger Camp and carry what is needed for 01 night & 02 days only.





23 December 2018: Corbett National Park to Pangot

Meals: Breakfast in Dhikala, Lunch at Tiger Camp, Dinner in Pangot  
Accommodation: Jungle Lore Birding Lodge or other neighboring lodges

Morning elephant safari (if available). Drive back to Tiger Camp. This drive up to the park exit gate is a safari. Drive to Pangot (a 3-hour drive). Overnight stay.



24 December 2018: Pangot

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner in Pangot  
Accommodation: Jungle Lore Birding Lodge or other neighboring lodges

Full day's bird photography in Pangot with your guide. Overnight stay.



25 December 2018: Pangot to Delhi

Meals: Breakfast in Pangot, Packed Lunch & Dinner on own  
Accommodation: Shanti Palace or similar

Morning photography. Drive back to Delhi (a 7½-hour drive). Overnight stay.







26 December 2018: Departure

Meals: Breakfast in Delhi  
Accommodation: none

Transfer to Delhi airport to connect flight back home.  
Tour Ends.



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Services includes only:

- Accommodation on twin sharing or single room basis
- All meals as per the itinerary
- Arrival and departure transfers in Delhi
- Rickshaw ride in Bharatpur for 02 days (01 rickshaw per person)
- Park entrance fee of Bharatpur for 02 days (once a day only)
- Two Boat Rides on Chambal River
- Park entrance fee of Chambal
- Exclusive 4WD in Corbett for Dhikala visit (01 night & 02 days)
- Dhikala park entrance & permit fee
- Bird Photography in Pangot
- Dedicated airconditioned transport
- Wildlife & Bird Guides at : Bharatpur, Chambal, Corbett Park & Pangot
- All taxes



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Above cost does not include:

- Optional Tours, Tips, Laundry, Drinks, Camera Fee
- Monument entrance fee of Taj Mahal
- Monument guide in Agra for Taj Mahal visit
- International Air fare, Visa, and Insurance
- Personal or Incidental Expenses



Passport details required of all the participants for booking safaris & tickets

- Full Names as mentioned on passport
- Gender
- Date of Birth
- Nationality
- Passport Number
- Passport Issue date
- Passport Expiry date



### TOP Birds of North India Tour

Sultanpur Lake: Sarus Crane, Indian Courser, Black-necked Stork, Yellow-crowned Woodpecker, Indian Bushlark, Oriental Skylark, Spotted Owlet, Greater Short-toed Lark, Brook's Leaf-Warbler, many species of Herons, Storks and other waterfowl.

Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve: Indian Eagle Owl, Whith-naped Woodpecker, Painted Spurfowl, Painted Sandgrouse, Sirkeer Malkoha, Sulphur-bellied Warbler, and 6 species of vulture

Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary: Black-necked Stork, Sarus & Common Cranes, Eurasian Spoonbill, Glossy and Black-headed Ibis, White-tailed Lapwing, Greater Painted-snipe, and Black Bittern, Imperial, White-tailed, Greater and Indian Spotted Eagles, Large-tailed, Indian and Grey Nightjar, Dusky Eagle Owl, Siberian Rubythroat and Brook's Leaf Warblers, Barred Buttonquail, Yellow-crowned Woodpecker, Indian Grey Hornbill

Chambal River: Indian Skimmer, Black-bellied Tern, Bar-headed Goose, Ruddy Shelduck, Red-crested and Ferruginous Pochard, Sarus Crane, Great Thick-knee, Pallas's Fish Eagle, Pallid Harrier, Greater and Lesser Flamingo, Brown Hawk Owl



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Nainital Region - Himalayan Foothills : Cheer Pheasant, Koklas Pheasant, Mountain Hawk Eagle, Emerald Dove, Pin-tailed Green Pigeon, Slaty-headed Parakeet, Blue-throated Barbet, Lineated Barbet, Speckled Piculet, Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker, Himalayan Flameback, Long-billed Trush, Himalayan & Siberian Rubythroat, Spotted, Black-backed & Little Forktail, Streaked & Striated Laughingthrush, Chestnut-crowned & Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush, White-throated & Chestnut-crowned Laughing thrushes, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler, Red-billed Leiatrix, Grey-bellied and Chestnut-headed Tesia, Rufous Sibia, White-browed Shrike-babbler, Spot-winged & Black-throated Tits, White-tailed Nuthatch, Slaty-backed & Little Pied Flycatcher, Long-tailed & Short-billed Minivet, Rufous-bellied & Small Niltava, Green-tailed & Black-throated Sunbirds, Griffons & Lammergiers, Grey-hooded & Golden-spectacled Warbler, Slaty-backed & Little Forktail, Eurasian & Black-headed Jays, Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon, Hill Partridge, Red-billed Blue Magpie, Great Barbet, Hill & Grey-crowned Prinia, Chestnut-bellied Thrush, Himalayan, Black & Ashy Bulbul, Tickell's Thrush, Greater & Lesser Yellow-nape Woodpecker, Rufous-bellied Woodpecker, Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo, Green-backed & Black-lored Tit, Upland Pipit



Corbett National Park : Tawny Fish Owl, Hogsons Bushchat, Collared Falconet, Sirkeer Malkoha, Lesser Coucal, Brown Fish Owl, Crested Kingfisher, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Oriental Pied Hornbill, Great Hornbill, Great Slaty Woodpecker, Black-crowned Sparrowlark, Ashy Bulbul, Orange-bellied Leafbird, White-tailed Stonechat, Little Pied & Snowy-browed Flycatcher, Scaly-breasted & Nepal Wren Babbler, Green Magpie, Spot-winged Starling, Drongo Cuckoo, Long-tailed Broadbill, Dollarbird, Brown Crake, Rosy Minivet, Black-chinned Yuhina, White-capped Bunting, Rufous-bellied Eagle, Pallas's Fish Eagle, Lesser Fish Eagle, Sulphur-bellied Warbler, Black Stork



#### TOP Mammals of North India Tour

Tiger, Common, Leopard, Leopard Cat, Jungle Cat, Asian Elephant, Sloth Bear, Golden Jackal, Striped Hyaena, Indian Fox, Himalayan Palm Civet, Small Indian Civet, Common Palm Civet, Small Indian Mongoose, Grey Mongoose, Honey Badger, Terai Langur, Himalayan Langur, Northern Plains Langur, Rhesus Macaque, Indian Wild Pig, Sambar, Spotted Deer, Hog Deer, Indian Muntjac, Blue Bull or Nilgai, Himalayan Brown Goral, Himalayan Serow, Indian Gazelle (Chinkara), Blackbuck, Indian Hedgehog, Yellow-bellied Himalayan Weasel, Yellow-throated Marten, Smooth-coated Otter, Indian Hare, Indian Pangolin, House Shrew, Himalayan Large-clawed Shrew, Indian Crested Porcupine, Northern Palm Squirrel, Indian Gerbil, Indian Long-tailed Tree Mouse, House Mouse, Little Indian Field Mouse, Large



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Bandicoot Rat, Indian Mole Rat, Short-tailed Bandicoot Rat, House Rat, Indian Flying Fox, Fulvous Fruit Bat, Greater Short-nosed Fruit Bat, Greater False Vampire, Greater Himalayan Leaf-nosed Bat, Indian Pipistrelle, Indian Pygmy Bat, Common Serotine, Asiatic Greater Yellow House Bat, Common Noctule, South Asian River Dolphin

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