

India Birding Tour with Tiger and other Mammals

Private tour for John Sterling & group

January 10-25, 2025

Day 01 (January 10, 2025): Arrive in Delhi

Meals: On own

Arrive Delhi in the evening. You will be met and transferred to Hotel Shanti Palace for overnight stay.

Day 02 (January 11, 2024): Drive Delhi to Tal Chapper via Sultanpur (8 hours drive)

Meals: Breakfast in Delhi, lunch in Sultanpur and dinner in Tal Chapper

Breakfast will be served at 0700 hrs. Check-out at 0730 hrs and drive to Sultanpur (an hour drive). Birding in Sultanpur till 12 noon. Have lunch in Rosy Pelican. Leave for Tal Chapper at 1245 hrs. Arrive Tal Chapper around 2000 hrs. Dinner and overnight stay at Raptors Inn.

PS: Raptors Inn is a basic homestay close to the sanctuary. They only serve veg meals.

Day 03 (January 12, 2025): Tal Chapper

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Morning and evening safaris in Tal Chapper Sanctuary. Between the safaris, we'll scan other locations to look for the targets. Overnight stay at Raptors Inn.

Day 04 (January 13, 2025): Drive to Bikaner (2.5 to 3 hours)

Meals: Breakfast in Tal Chapper, lunch and dinner in Bikaner

Morning birding outside the sanctuary (if needed). Later check-out and drive to Bikaner. Arrive Bikaner for late lunch. Rest of the day birding in Bikaner. Overnight stay at Lalgah Palace.

Day 05 (January 14, 2025): Bikaner to Jaisalmer / DNP area (6 Hours)

Meals: Breakfast and early lunch in Bikaner, dinner in DNP

Morning birding. Check-out at 12 noon and have lunch. Leave for Jaisalmer at 1245 hrs (you can stop at Kheechn on the way). Arrive Sam Dunes near Jaisalmer in the late evening. Overnight stay at Paddav Camp.

Day 06 & 06 (January 15 & 16, 2025): DNP area

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Two full days birding in DNP area to look for the targets. Overnight stay at Paddav Camp.

Day 08 (January 17, 2025): DNP area to Jodhpur (5.5 hours)

Meals: Breakfast in Paddav Camp, lunch in Jaisalmer and dinner in Jodhpur

After breakfast, checkout and drive to Jaisalmer for birding in Akal Wood Fossil Park. Lunch in a local restaurant in Jaisalmer. Leave for Jodhpur around 2 PM. Arrive Jodhpur in the evening. Overnight stay at Devi Bhawan.

Day 09 (January 18, 2025): Jodhpur

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Full day guided monument tour of Jodhpur (no birding today but birding guide will be with you). Overnight stay at Devi Bhawan.

Day 10 (January 19, 2025): Jodhpur - Day train to Ranthambhore

Meals: Breakfast in Jodhpur, late lunch and dinner in Ranthambhore

Check-out at 0400 hrs and transfer to Jodhpur station (15 minutes) to connect train to Ranthambhore at 0500 hrs. Best class in this train is 3-Tier A/C sleeper. Arrive Sawai Madhopur station at 1225 hrs. You will be met and transferred to Ranthambhore Heritage Haveli (15 - 20 minutes drive). Evening birding outside the park. Overnight stay at Ranthambhore Heritage Haveli.

Day 11 & 12 (January 20 & 21, 2025): Ranthambhore NP

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Morning and afternoon safaris in Ranthambhore National Park to look for Tigers, other mammals and birds. Overnight stay at Ranthambhore Heritage Haveli.

Day 13 (January 22, 2025): Ranthambhore to Bharatpur (4.5 hours)

Meals: Breakfast in Ranthambhore, lunch and dinner in Bharatpur

After breakfast, check-out at 0730 hrs and drive to Bharatpur. Arrive Bharatpur for lunch. Afternoon birding in the fields outside the park. Overnight stay at Hotel Kadamb Kunj.

Day 14 (January 23, 2025): Bharatpur (first half visit to Chambal)

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner in Bharatpur

After early breakfast, leave to Dhaulpur (Chambal / 70 minutes) for boat cruise in Chambal river from 0800 - 1000 hrs. After boat cruise, bird walk near the river. Drive back to your hotel at 1130 hrs. Arrive Bharatpur at 1300 hrs and have lunch. Evening birding in Keoladeo National Park. Overnight stay at Hotel Kadamb Kunj.

Day 15 (January 24, 2025): Bharatpur

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner in Bharatpur

Full day birding in Keoladeo National Park. Overnight stay at Hotel Kadamb Kunj.

Day 16 (January 25, 2025): Bharatpur - Agra - Delhi

Meals: Breakfast in Bharatpur, lunch in Agra (dinner on own)

After breakfast, check-out at 0700 hrs and drive to Agra. Guided tour of Taj Mahal and Red Fort. Lunch will be served in an Indian Restaurant. Leave for Delhi at 1500 hrs (4-5 hours drive). Arrive Delhi airport in the evening to connect flight back to home.

Tour ends.

Local jeeps in Tal Chapper and DNP:

- 08 clients + TL + AA Guide: 2 jeeps
- 06 clients + TL + AA Guide: 2 jeeps

Safaris in Ranthambhore:

- 08 clients + TL + AA Guide: 20 Seater private canter
- 06 clients + TL + AA Guide: 02 jeeps or 20 Seater private canter

Rickshaw ride in Bharatpur:

- 08 clients + TL + AA Guide: 05 Rickshaw's
- 06 clients + TL + AA Guide: 04 Rickshaw's

Transport:

- 08 clients + TL + AA Guide: 18 Seater Coach
- 06 clients + TL + AA Guide: 09 Tempo Traveller

Tour cost (per person): US\$ 4,000 with 6-8 Participants

Single room Supplement: US\$ 565

Above cost includes only:

- Accommodation in Delhi for 01 night
- Accommodation in Tal Chapper for 02 nights
- Accommodation in Bikaner for 01 night
- Accommodation near DNP for 03 nights
- Accommodation in Jodhpur for 02 nights
- Accommodation in Ranthambhore for 03 nights
- Accommodation in Bharatpur for 03 nights
- Meals as per the itinerary (all meals from second day lunch till last day lunch)
- Sultanpur Park entrance fee
- 02 Safaris in Tal Chapper with park entrance fee (by your main car)
- 02 days in DNP with park entrance fee
- DNP permit and local jeep for birding safari for 02 days
- 01 day local monument guide in Jodhpur

- Train tickets from Jodhpur to Ranthambhore
- 04 Tiger safaris in Ranthambhore
- 1.5 days Rickshaw ride in Bharatpur (02 persons per rickshaw)
- Bharatpur park entrance fee for 02 days (once a day only)
- 01 Boat ride in Chambal (Dhaulpur) with park entrance fee
- Local monument guide in Agra for 01 day
- Dedicated transport for full tour
- Dedicated birding guide for full tour
- All taxes

Above cost does not include:

- Optional tours, tips, laundry, drinks, bottled water, monument entrance fee, camera fee
- Air fare, visa, insurance, any other service not mentioned in cost inclusions.