

RED PANDA EXPEDITION



Red Panda – The Jewel of the East

Singalila Wildlife Sanctuary & Nepal border





DURATION : 5 Nights and 6 Days



Start & finish destinations

Bagdogra - Manebhanjan - Kaiakata - Manebhanjan - Bagdogra



Destinations

1. Singalila Wildlife Sanctuary

TOUR OVERVIEW

Singalila Mountain Ridge on the Nepal side as Tinchuley forest & Singalila National Park on the India side is one of the most exotic Himalayan forests in Eastern Indo-Nepal region.

The area is one of the best wild places for the exotic Red Panda along its world distribution range in the world. Himalayan Black bear, Clouded Leopard, Black Leopard, Indian Leopard, Golden Cat, Leopard Cat, Himalayan Serow, Barking Deer, Yellow-throated Marten, Wild Boar, Bhutan Flying Squirrel, Himalayan palm Civet, Pika etc. are among other mammals who inhabit this landscape.

One of the best places to see the sunrise and sunsets in the mesmerising mighty Himalayas. Sandakphu top (3636 m) is the only place in the World from where 4 of the 5 highest peaks in the world (Everest- 8848 m, Kanchenjunga- 8586 m, Lhotse- 8516 m & Makalu- 8481 m can be seen in a single frame). Tinchuley-Singalila is a Birding Paradise. More than 300 species of birds are found here.

The safari jeeps used here are the historic Land Rovers (For the past 70 years). These jeeps are alive only here in the world, a heritage indeed!

Habre's Nest is situated at a place surrounded by Red Pandas in all directions. Habre's Nest is situated in Tinchuley forest, Kaiakata village, Illam, Nepal but just the other side of the road of Singalila National Park, West Bengal, India, though both the sides are perfect habitat for Red Panda and heavenly beauty of Eastern Himalayas. The sightings are between altitudes of 5000 feet to 12000 feet above sea level, in the Darjeeling district of West Bengal & Illam district of Nepal.

Both the places are famous for the trekking route to Sandakphu that runs through it, Tea & mesmerising Himalayan mountains.



Day 1 -

Pick up from NJP Railway station around 8 AM (10 AM is the cut off time to be able to reach Habre's Nest the same day) by Toyota Innova and transfer to Manebhanjang by 1 PM. We will take Singalila National Park porters, guides, safari vehicle - Land Rovers, entry permission and start from here to the Base Camp, Habre's Nest at Kaiakata. Check in to Habre's Nest around 2.30 PM through the exclusive Eastern Himalayan forest of Singalila and have lunch. Second half is generally affected by clouds. Depending on the current situation, we can start the afternoon activity at 3.30 pm. In the evening, wildlife discussions, drinks, soup and dinner will start from 6.30 PM. Habre's Nest will be our home for the next 5 Nights.

Day 2, 3 & 4 -

Red Panda & Birding

First 4-5 days, we give preference to Red Panda sightings and suggest to all our guests to stay close to Habre's Nest. All our trackers will be out looking for Red Panda during daylight with necessary breaks. In case of sightings, we will start our journey from home

with all the necessary field support. Enjoy the early morning views of the enchanting Himalayas with a cup of morning tea. Birding around till breakfast at 8.30 AM. After breakfast, enjoy the in-house Bird Studio. Very good to remain hidden and watching or documenting elusive Himalayan Birds. The bird hide hosted 45-50 different species over the years. Apart from different birds like Parrotbills, Fulvettas, Laughingthrushes, Yellow throated Martin also sighted. Lunch will be served at the Dining at 1.30 PM. Break till 3.15 PM. The second half is generally affected by clouds. Depending on the current situation we can start the afternoon activity at 3.30 PM. In the evening, wildlife discussions, drinks, soup and dinner will start from 6.30 PM. Night stay at Habre's Nest.

Day 5 -

Red Panda & Jungle Trek

After the first Red Panda sighting, we can focus on other things. Now, we can go exploring different routes 1-3 times a day. Our team will take you from your location to the sighting location in the best possible way in

case of any Red Panda sighting. Enjoy the early morning views of the enchanting Himalayas with a cup of morning tea. Birding/ trekking before breakfast till 8.30 AM. We will start our wildlife activity from Habre's Nest after breakfast around 9.30 AM for a short walk in one of the 5 Jungle trails difficulty levels 5 to 8. We will go for Birding (including the in-house Bird hide setup) and Red Panda searching the whole day with necessary breaks. Food will be served at home or on the field, depending on the activity and weather conditions. In the evening, wildlife discussions, drinks, soup and dinner will start from 6.30 PM. Night stay at Habre's Nest.

Day 6 -

Birding & Check out

Enjoy the final morning views of the enchanting Himalayas with a cup of morning tea. Birding around till breakfast at 8.30 AM. Check out from Habre's Nest after breakfast around 10 AM. We will reach Manebhanjang around 12 PM by Land Rover. Innova will pick up from here and reach Bagdogra airport by 3 PM. Home bound from there.



THE PACKAGE INCLUDES

1. Stay on single / twin sharing & food during the tour.
2. Naturalist service during the tour.
3. Guides, porters & safari Land Rover jeep.
4. Restricted Area Permits for India and Nepal.
5. Still camera permits.
6. Pure Himalayan water.
7. Red Panda tracking.
8. Birding in different habitats around.
9. In-house Birding Studio.
10. Sandakphu day trip for Sunrise & birding.
11. Pick up & Drop from Manebhanjan to Habre's Nest by 3 Land Rovers.
12. Pick up & Drop from Bagdogra to Manebhanjan by AC 2 Innovas.
13. Direct contribution (20% profit) towards Red Panda conservation.

PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE

1. Any other food or beverages other than mentioned above.
2. Laundry service.
3. Soft or hard beverages or snacks.
4. Medical emergency of any sort
5. Anything not mentioned above.

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