



Thattekad



Thattekad Bird Sanctuary

Kerala's first bird sanctuary

Expedition for the best of Kerala's bird species!





DURATION : 3 Nights and 4 Days



Start & finish destinations
Cochin - Thattekad - Cochin



TOUR OVERVIEW

THATTEKAD: Described as the richest bird habitat of Peninsular India, by the legendary “Bird Man of India” Dr. Salim Ali, Thattekad is one of the best-known birding spots in Southern India. Located on the northern bank of the Periyar river, Thattekad Bird Sanctuary, also known as Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary, expands over 25 square kilometers north of the river.

The tropical climate, semi-evergreen forest and good rainfall keeps the weather pleasant throughout the year. Except for the months May to July when the rainfall is at its peak, birding enthusiasts can visit this park rest of the year.

Thattekad Bird Sanctuary is Kerala’s very first bird sanctuary (Declared in 1983). Today, the park boasts of more than 500 species of birds including rare species like Ashy Woodswallow, Black headed Oriole, Blue Kingfisher, Heart-spotted Woodpecker, Crested Woodpecker, Crested Goshawk, Ashy Drongo, Bronzed Drongo, Ceylon Frogmouth and many more!

There are also a few mammal species like elephants, leopards, sloth bears and porcupines but one has to be lucky to spot one of these since their population in this small area is relatively low.



Day 1-

Morning arrival in Cochin. After a hearty breakfast there, we will proceed to Thattekad, a one hour thirty minutes' drive. Check in to the hotel, freshen up and relax for some time. Thattekad and its vicinity will be humid in the afternoons and one may feel the need for shade and an Air-conditioned place to stay. The local guide will have a briefing session about the area and explain the activities for the next 3 days. There are many walking paths, forest roads, natural hides and if willing, also a boat ride which can be arranged during the next 3 days.

After lunch around 1 PM, we will proceed for our first birding session

of the trip with the guide. The vehicle will drop us to the nearest point and from there we will walk a little distance to arrive at a birding spot. We will carry on the birding session till the sunset time and drive back to the hotel.

Day 2&3-

Next two days routine will be identical. Early morning tea/ coffee will be served in the hotel. Based on the guide's suggestion, we will go for morning birding and come back to the hotel for breakfast. Guests can go for a drive around Thattekad. It's a beautiful hill station with Periyar river flowing beside the road and sprawling tea and rubber plantations. Lunch by 1.00 PM, followed by evening

birding session.

A boating session can be arranged on the river at a nominal extra cost for those willing.

We will arrange for a night birding session on both day 2 and day 3. There can be some good opportunities to sight Night Jars, Owls and if lucky even a Slender Loris.

We will reach the hotel in time for dinner at around 8.30 PM.

Day 4-

One morning session until breakfast time. We will check out of the hotel and drive back to Cochin for onward journey home.



THE PACKAGE INCLUDES

1. 3 Nights stay in Thattekad on twin sharing basis. *(NOTE: Please contact for single occupancy rate)*
2. Breakfast on the way to Thattekad on the first day and breakfast on Day 2 & 3 while in Thattekad. *(NOTE: *Package does not include lunch and dinner in Thattekad).*
3. All internal transports by an Air-conditioned Toyota Innova (Cochin - Thattekad - daily drives to birding spots and local drives - Cochin) with 3 or 4 people in a vehicle.
4. 6 day time birding sessions and 2 night sessions.
5. 2 local drives in daytime around Thattekad.
6. All forest entry fees, guide fees and vehicle charges.

PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE

1. Mineral water, soft drinks and beverages.
2. Medical expenditures of any personal nature.
3. Food ordered other than breakfast on the way to Thattekad.
4. Lunch and dinner during Day 2 and Day 3 as we have different locations for birding and it will be at random stops.
5. Still Camera, lens and video camera fees if any will be charged at actuals.
6. Any other incidental expenditures not included and specified in the cost.

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