

Private Tour  
December 10-16

# *The* Tibetan Plateau

Birds | Wildlife | Landscapes Photography Tour  
(December 10-15, 2022)



The **Tibet Plateau**, in north Sikkim is a relatively an unexplored part of India, where high altitude birds and mammals presents themselves in their best attire to meet incoming visitors from the lowland. We will explore different altitude of amazing Tibetan landscapes and photograph range restricted birds and animals in and around Lachen. It is going to be an expedition of a life time.

### **Day 1 (10 December 2022)**

Our guide will pick us up from the Bagdogra airport in the morning (please take a flight that arrives before 8 a.m.). If you are arriving the previous day they will pick you up from your hotel (Rooms can be arranged for Rs 1500 without food). After breakfast we will board our SUVs and start a long drive towards Lachen. We will have our lunch enroute at Mangan (around 3 pm.). If time permits we will stop for bit of birding on the way, before reaching our destination by 7.30 pm. Dinner around 8.30 p.m. Night stay at Lachen (double bedroom with attach bath).

### **Day 2 (11 December 2022)**

We will give priority for acclimatising with altitude and weather today. We will leave our accommodation early in the morning and slowly hike up to Lachen monastery to search for high altitude species such as Speckled wood pigeon, Spotted Nutcracker, Scaly-breasted cup-wing, Long-billed thrush, Red-throated-thrush and Himalayan Buzzard. After breakfast will do bit of backyard birding for Eurasian wren, Little forktail. Post lunch we will scan the ridges and valleys for Yellow-rumped honeyguide, Rusty-flanked treecreeper, White-browed bush robin and Himalayan Sherow.

### **Day 3 (12 December 2022)**

We will have a short breakfast at 4.30 a.m and set out for higher altitude locations by 5.00 a.m. We will reach Thangu Checkpost by 7 am. After breakfast here, we will walk around leisurely near the checkpost area looking for Solitary snipe, White-throated dipper and Tibetan Blackbird. After the ramble, we will move to the plateau to search for exotic birds and mammals. We will also visit the spectacular Gurudongmar lake. We will start our decent by 1 pm to reach our accommodation around 5p.m.

### **Day 4 (13 December 2022)**

This day again we will explore Thangu valley another important birding and landscape location in the Tibetan Plateau. We will spend the whole day exploring the Georges and valleys looking for birds and mammals.

### **Day 5 (14 December 2022)**

We will spend the morning hours at Lachen to search for left out species, then will start our decent towards Gangtok. On the way we will stop for Brown Dipper, Darjeeling woodpecker, Collared tree-pie, Bay woodpecker and some commoners. We will take our lunch enroute at Rangrang. Night-stay in Gangtok.

### **Day 6 (15 December 2022)**

This is the last day of our trip. Morning birding at Gangtok outskirts for Blue-winged laughing thrush, Kalij pheasant, Gray-sided laughing-thrush, Dark-breasted rose finch etc. Tour ends by 2 pm at the Bagdogra Airport.

### **Tour Highlights**

No of Nights : **5**

Arrival & Departure Port : **Bagdogra Airport**

Tour starting date: **10 December 2022**

Tour ending date : **16 December 2023**

Accommodation type: **Standard and Clean**

Type of photography : **Bird, Mammal and Landscape**

Altitude covered: **140 feet - 17000+ feet**

Temperate levels : **22 C to -10 C**

Group size: **5 + local guide**

Long drives: **2 (8-9 hrs)**

Vehicle No : **2**

Vehicle type : **SUV**

Attitude sickness medicines: **Available on request**

Oxygen support: **Available if needed**

Tour Cost : **Rs 42,000 per head / Twin-share**

50% in advance and 50% on arrival

Included: Accommodation, all meals, water, road transportation

Not included: flight tickets, additional beverages, laundry, camera fee (if applicable) and tips etc

#### **\*Disclaimer**

*This is an indicative itinerary. The Ground Operators will have the right and freedom to make any changes in the itinerary if they feel that such changes are required to have a productive and safe tour. No parties involved in this offer /tour guarantee sighting of any birds named in this itinerary. Participants are solely responsible for their health, personal safety and belongings.*

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