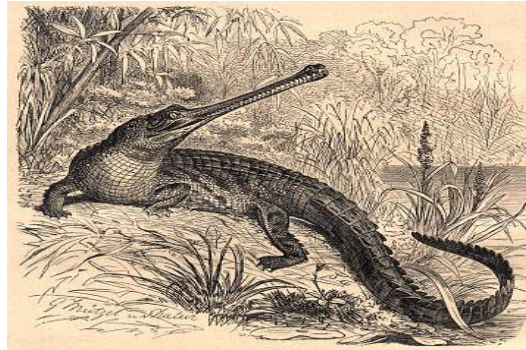




## Chambal and Bharatpur



### Costs

£999 Per Person based on 2 people travelling together

### Single room supplement

£299

### Grading

Easy, this tour involves easy bird watching walks

### Focus on

Migrated and Residential Birds, Ghariyal, with Taj Mahal

### Departures

This tour is run on an individual basis, and can be taken at any time between 15 October and 15th April.



**Day 1-** Arrive Delhi- Over Night at Hotel

**Day 2-** Morning Train to Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary Over Night at Bharatpur.

Bharatpur a paradise for the avian world, and the pilgrimage for the bird lovers, it was known as the best duck shooting resort in the British Empire. But was declared a reserve for birds

in 1956 and later upgraded to National Park. UNESCO has listed it as a world heritage site.

The geographical location is ideal as it is on the main North - South avian route of India. Although small in size, 29 sq. km. only, it boasts to house more than 375

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species of beautiful birds, and more than 132 of them breed inside the Keoladeo Ghana National Park and nearly every year new ones are added to the list. The sanctuary not only attracts birds from India but also from places like Europe, Siberia, China and Tibet.

Before monsoon hundreds of these exotic birds roost and nest building activities start

on the babool and kadam trees of the park. Water coming through the Ajan Bandh starts filling the various ponds and lakes of the Park. When assured of enough food, hundreds of large, medium and little cormorant, darter, purple and Grey heron, various species of egret, painted, open-billed, white necked and black necked stork, white ibis, spoonbill, night heron and other birds get busy in courting and mating. The trees are over



flowed with nests, one can observe a tree housing nests upto fifties and sixties in number belonging to different species of birds looking after their loving young ones. The nests on the trees look like pearl necklaces.

Gracious Saras cranes, the tallest flight birds nest in exposed and open area, both partners share the duty of hatching, while chanting incubating duties, they come together, raise their neck and give out shrill trumpetic calls in unison and at the same time fan their feathers. The newly born chicks are only 10 cm. in size but grows upto one meter in height within a year.

As the monsoons arrive birds from every part of the country start pouring into the park. Migratory water-fowls, including the pride of Keoladeo Siberian Cranes form the indispensable part of Park. The water-fowls visit the park in millions during the



month of October. The most noticeable water-fowl coming to the park are barheaded and greyleg geese. The ducks spotted here are pintail, common teal, ruddy shelduck, mallard, widgeon, shoveler, common shelduck, red crested pochard, gadwall etc. predatory birds like imperial eagle, steppe and tawny eagle spotted eagle, marsh harrier and laggar falcon are attracted towards the park completing the avian food chain of the ecosystem. Some of them like short-toed

eagle, lesser spotted eagle and shikra are the residents of Park

**Day 3-** Full Day Bird Watching. Over Night at Resort.

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**Day 4-** Full Day Bird Watching. Over Night at Resort.

**Day 5-** Drive to Chambal via Fathepur Sikri. Over Night at Chambal Resort

- The National Chambal Sanctuary (NCS) is a 400 km stretch of the river Chambal and a 1 to 6 km wide swathe of the ravines on both sides of the river, covering an area of 1235 sq. km.
- The Chambal Ravines (altitude 200-500m) are the product of centuries of soil erosion by flood and rain waters. They form an incredible maze of intertwining mud cliffs, with tropical dry scrub forest vegetation, that provide shelter for numerous birds, mammals and reptiles.



- Ancient Indian texts refer to the Chambal as the Charmanyavati - originating from the blood of thousands of cows sacrificed by the Aryan King Rantideva. Its 'unholy' origins have certainly helped the Chambal survive and thrive untouched and unpolluted, and it remains one of India's most pristine rivers.

- Granted Protected Area Status in 1979 to help revive Gharial populations decimated by indiscriminate poaching, the NCS is an IUCN Category IV (Managed Nature Reserve) lying in the Indus-Ganges Monsoon Forest belt.



- The Sanctuary begins downstream of the Kota barrage in Rajasthan. The sanctuary's lower limit is near Panchnada, approximately 5 km after the confluence of the Chambal and the Yamuna at Bhareh, in Uttar Pradesh.

- The NCS is one of the last surviving habitats of the Gangetic River Dolphin.
- Provides protection for 1200 Gharials & 300 Marsh Crocodiles.
- Home to eight species of Turtles.
- Home to Smooth coated Otters.
- The Sanctuary boasts of a rapidly increasing and impressive bird list of over 316 species of resident and migratory birds and is gaining a reputation as one of the most reliable places to see the Indian Skimmer

**Day 6-** Boat Ride in Chambal River.Over Night at Resort

**Day 7-** Boat Ride in Chambal River.Over Night at Resort.



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**Day 8-** Drive to Agra followed by Sightseeing of Taj Mahal. Over Night at Hotel

**Day 9-** Train to Delhi. Arrive Delhi Check in Hotel. Free for onwards journey

### **Food & Accommodation**

The cost of all meals and accommodation is included in the price of this holiday  
Except for lunches and dinners in Delhi and Agra.

### **Transport**

Local transport is included in the cost. Train Fair, AC Car, Local Guides

### **To book your place**

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