

## Itinerary in brief (registrants will receive more detailed info):

### **Day 1, Jan 14: Arrival**

You may plan your flight to arrive anytime today. A room will be reserved in your name at a nearby hotel. Remember to allow 2 days of travel time – you will need to depart the US on Jan 12 to arrive in India on Jan 14. ***Night in Guwahati***

### **Day 2, Jan 15: Guwahati – Tenga**

We will be met early in the morning and drive 8 hrs to Tenga via Magaldoi, Shergaon and Kalaktang. We will of course make time for birding along the way. **Some of our** target birds today include: White-winged Duck, White-cheeked Partridge, Great, Wreathed, and Rufous-necked Hornbills, Ruddy, Blue-eared, and Oriental Dwarf Kingfishers, Oriental Hobby, Amur Falcon, Jerdon's and Black Baza, Pallas's, Gray-headed, and Lesser Fish Eagles, Silver-backed Needletail, Mountain Imperial Pigeon, Blue-naped Pitta, Slender-billed Oriole, Hill Blue Flycatcher, White-crowned Forktail, Sultan Tit, Black-bellied Tern, Jerdon's Babbler, Rufous-backed Sibia, Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker, Red-throated Pipit, Long-billed Plover, Ibisbill and many more. ***Night at Eaglenest Residency Hotel, Tenga.***

### **Day 3, Jan 16: Tenga to Eagles Nest**

After breakfast, we take a branch road and climb rapidly to Lama camp, situated at 7,500 ft. on the edge of the Eagles Nest Sanctuary, located amidst temperate broad-leaved primary forest. We will be birding on the way and will spend some time looking for the endemic Bugun Liocichla, which was only just discovered in this area in 2006. ***Night at Lama Camp***

### **Days 4-7, Jan 17-20: The Eagles Nest**

We will be birding along the various trails in Eagle Nest for the target birds listed above. ***Nights at Lama / Bompou Camp***

### **Day 8, Jan 21: Drive to Dirang**

Today we will travel about 4 hrs to Dirang, birding on the way. ***Night at Hotel Pemaling or Norphel Retreat***

### **Day 9, Jan 22: Mandala and Sela Passes**

Today we will have full day birding excursion to Mandala and Sela Pass (3 hrs from Dirang). Target birds include Snow Partridge, Himalayan Monal, Blood Pheasant, Solitary Snipe, Upland Buzzard, five species of rosefinch, Plain Mountain Finches, Red-billed Chough, Snow Pigeon, Alpine Accentors, White-browed Tit-warbler, Himalayan Buzzard, Yellow-breasted Greenfinch and many, many other species. ***Night at Hotel Pemaling or Norphel Retreat***

### **Day 10, Jan 23: Nameri Tiger Reserve**

Today we have a long drive of 6 hrs to Nameri Tiger Reserve. ***Night at Eco Camp***

### **Day 11, Jan 24: Nameri Tiger Reserve**

We will have full day's birding in Nameri. And then in the evening we will drive 3hrs to Kaziranga. Target birds include several hornbills, kingfishers, the Green Cochoa, both Bazas, Pied Falconet, Long-tailed Broadbill and Malayan Night-Heron among others. ***Night at Dubori Homestay.***

**Day 12-14, Jan 25-27: Kaziranga National Park.** For the next three days we will have a morning and an afternoon game drive in 3 different zones of the park. Kaziranga National Park is renowned as one of the finest and most picturesque wildlife refuges in southern Asia. It protects the world's largest Indian rhinoceros' population, as well as many other threatened species including a substantial number of very large Bengal Tigers. It is situated on the southern bank of the Brahmaputra River in the foot of the Mikir Hills. The numerous water bodies are rich reservoirs of food and thousands of migratory birds visit the park seasonally. Other birds of interest include Great White, Spot-billed, and Dalmatian Pelicans, Cinnamon, Yellow, and Black Bitterns, Woolly-necked Stork, Black-necked Stork, Greater and Lesser Adjutants, Black-headed Ibis, Bar-headed Goose, Steppe Eagle, Pallas's & Grey-headed Fish Eagles, Red-headed Vulture, Collared and Pied Falconets, Swamp Francolin, Bengal Florican, Grey-headed Lapwing, River Tern, Wedge-tailed, Thick-billed, and Orange-breasted Green Pigeons, Emerald Dove, Blossom-headed Parakeet, Lesser Coucal, Chestnut-headed and Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Great Hornbill, Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo, White-vented Myna, and Asian Fairy Bluebird, among many, many others. ***Nights at Dubori Homestay.***

**Day 15, Jan 28: Deepor Beel; Departure**

Today after some garden birding, we will drive to Deepor Beel to look for adjutants & other waterbirds and then on to the airport for our flights home.