



## Jungles and Wetlands of Northern India

**Birding and Wildlife Photography Tour**  
**Wednesday 22 February – Sunday 5 March 2023**



**Small Group tour led by Yorkshire Coast Nature Directors; Richard Baines & Steve Race.**  
**A rare opportunity to have two expert guides from the UK plus local wildlife guides.**

India is one of the top countries in the world for birding and wildlife photography. It really is teeming with wildlife wherever you go. From wild boars wandering through the centre of towns to the amazing jungles full of birds and tigers! On this tour we will visit two national parks we are familiar with from previous trips led by Steve and Richard. Keoladeo National Park on the edge of Bharatpur is one of the most important wetlands in the world for birds and then we travel to Ranthambore National Park one of the top tiger sites in the world. This is going to be a great wildlife combo!



Sunset over the magnificent wetlands of Keoladeo NP - photo by Richard Baines Feb 2019

Steve and Richard set up Yorkshire Coast Nature in 2011. For ten years they have been exploring the natural wonders of Yorkshire and Asia. Steve and Richard have introduced thousands of guests to wildlife wonders and taught them many new skills.

Steve is a professional wildlife photographer who has devoted his life to capturing amazing images. He has achieved many accolades and awards including in 2013 he was “Commended” in the “Wildlife Photographer of the Year Awards”.

Richard is a professional ecologist and lifetime birder who has worked in wildlife tourism and nature conservation all of his life. He is passionate about sharing his knowledge and devoting large amounts of his time working as a volunteer to improve habitats for birds and wildlife. Richard is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM)



Richard Baines



Steve Race



YCN-Indus Experience tour guests enjoying another great day in India 2018 photo by Richard Baines

## The Itinerary

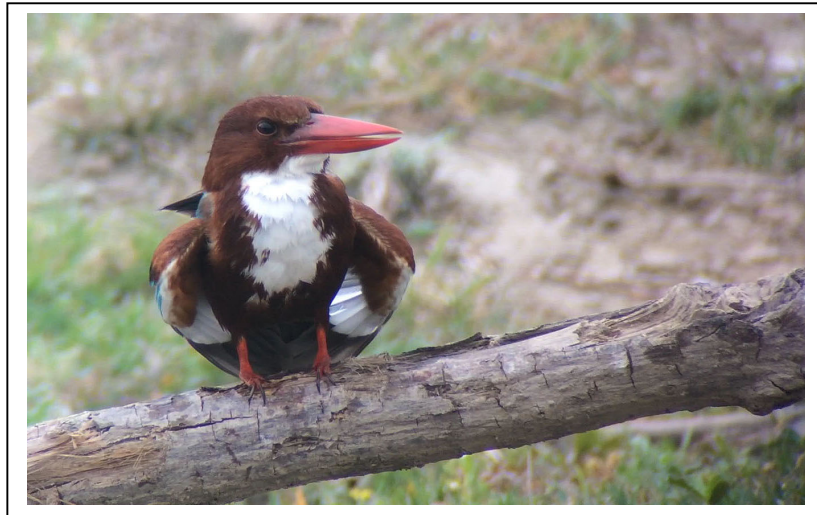
**London- Delhi – Bhartapur - Ranthambore Tiger Reserve – Delhi - London**

### **Day One – Wednesday 22 February 2023 - Fly to Delhi**

Departure London on BA 257 for Delhi, dep at 1845hrs. We will fly directly with BA to Delhi a great way to travel, arriving in Delhi on Thursday morning.

### **Day Two – Thursday 23 February 2023 - Delhi**

Arrival Delhi at 0850 hrs. Meeting, assistance on arrival and transfer to **Hotel the Shangri La's Eros**. Rest of the day free to relax. Late afternoon a short drive to Lodhi Garden for some fresh air & a leisurely birding/photography walk. Overnight at **Hotel the Shangri La's Eros (Deluxe Room)**.



White-throated Kingfisher in Lodhi Gardens Delhi photo by Richard Baines March 2017

### **Day Three – Friday 24 February 2023 - Drive to Bharatpur – Keoladeo National Park**

After breakfast, drive to Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary for 04 nights stay at **The Bagh (Deluxe Room)**. Afternoon a guided birdwatching tour with local expert guide Brijendra Singh. Keoladeo National Park in Bharatpur is one of the best places in the world to get close to a fantastic array of wetland species. A photographers dream if you love water birds! November to March is a great time to photograph birds such as Painted Stork, Asian Open-billed Stork and many other nesting birds as this is the time of year, they nest close to the birding tracks.

**Day Four – Saturday 25 February 2023 - Keoladeo National Park**

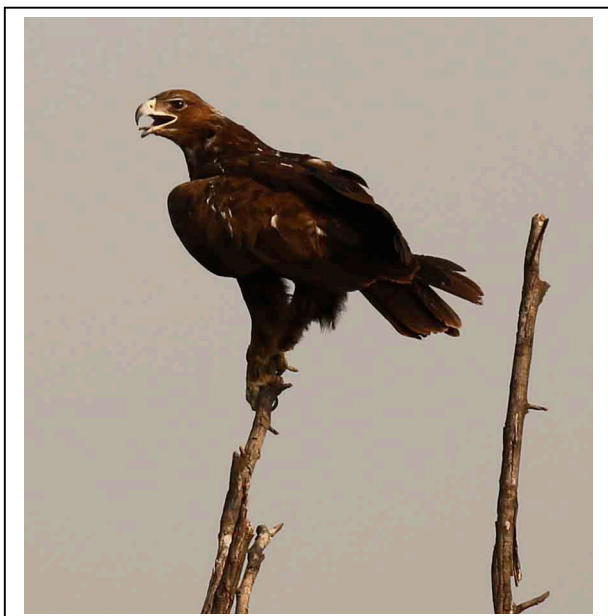
Our second full day of photography and bird watching inside Keoladeo National Park with packed lunch supplied from the hotel.

**Day Five – Sunday 26 February 2023 - Keoladeo National Park**

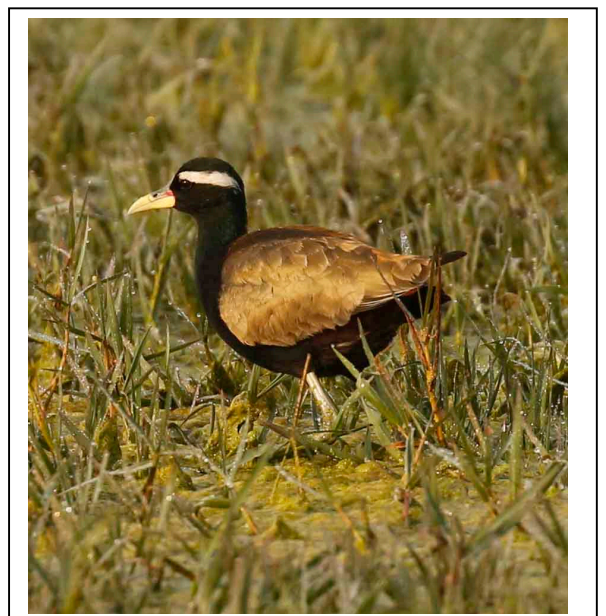
Our third full day of photography and bird watching inside Keoladeo National Park with packed lunch supplied from the hotel. The three days in Keoladeo allow us time to really drink in the experience and get to see as much of the wildlife as possible.



Pelican and Egret feeding frenzy. Keoladeo NP - photo by Richard Baines February 2018



Greater-spotted Eagle – Keoladeo NP - photo by Richard Baines February 2018



Bronze-winged Jacana – Keoladeo NP - photo by Richard Baines February 2018

## Day Six – Monday 27 February 2023 - To Chambal River

An early morning drive north to the wonder of Chambal River followed by a two-hour boat safari on the river guided by our local expert naturalist. Here birds such as River Tern and Indian Skimmer mingle with Gharial, a fantastic fish-eating crocodile, Mugger Crocodiles and if we are lucky, we may even see a rare Gangetic Dolphin.



Garial – fish eating crocodile on Chambal River - photo by Richard Baines - February 2019



Indian Skimmer at Chambal River - photo by Richard Baines - February 2019

## Day Seven – Tuesday 28 February 2023 - To Ranthambore National Park

Late morning drive to Ranthambore National Park for a four night stay at **The Sawai Vilas (Luxury Villa)**. Ranthambore is one of the prime project tiger reserves. The locale is spectacular, with the rugged Vindhya hills, highland boulder plateaus, and lakes & rivers providing a home to hundreds of species of birds, mammals, and reptiles.

At your leisure you can relax in the hotel or explore Ranthambore Fort. The 1000-year-old fort is situated at the top of a hill and is a spectacular military bastion with a stunning view.

**Day Eight – Wednesday 01 March 2023 - Ranthambore National Park**

Our first full day of photography and bird watching inside Ranthambore National Park with packed lunch supplied from the hotel.



Bengal Tiger India 2019 - photo by Steve Race – November 2019



Indian Roller - photo by Richard Baines - February 2019

### **Day Nine – Wednesday 01 March 2023 - Ranthambore National Park**

Full day of Jungle activities: early morning & afternoon game drives in to the national park in jeeps. Ranthambore is noted for a visible tiger and leopard population. There are about 25 species of mammals including caracal, fishing cat, leopard cat, wild cat, jungle cat, civet, langur monkey, sloth bear, wild boar, sambar deer, spotted deer, Indian gazelle, nilgai antelope, golden jackal, Bengal fox and striped hyena. There are more than 240 species of colourful birds.

### **Day Ten – Friday 03 March 2023 - Ranthambore National Park**

Full day of Jungle activities: early morning & afternoon game drives in to the national park in jeeps. The variety of habitat gives rise to a wonderful mix of animals to spot – the grassland plateau is home to the Gaur (Indian bison) and four-horned Antelope, whilst in dense clumps of forest shy jungle cat and civet roam. Here 'Project Tiger' is actively pursuing conservation projects in the park, increasing the chance to see Tiger.

### **Day Eleven – Saturday 04 March 2023 – Drive to Jaipur and fly to Delhi**

Leave Ranthambore after breakfast for Jaipur airport. Fly Jaipur-Delhi by Indigo Airlines (14:20 – 15:20). Transfer to Hotel Radisson Blue near international airport for a free afternoon and overnight stay.

### **Day Twelve – Sunday 05 March 2023 - International Departure**

Departure transfer to Delhi airport to fly home by direct British Airways flight BA256 at 11:05 to arrive London at 15:10.



YCN on jeep safari India 2018 - photo by Richard Baines

**Numbers;** Strictly limited to 10 clients. A high guide to guest ratio.

**The Cost;** Per Person sharing twin or double room accommodation £4652.00.

Single Room Supplement £1356.00

**Cost Includes:**

- International flights in economy class on British Airways. Supplement costs for World Traveller Plus & club class are available on request.
- Internal flight from Jaipur to Delhi in economy class with 23kg checked in baggage + 7kg cabin baggage.
- Air-conditioned accommodation with private facilities on twin, double sharing and single room occupancy.
- Meal Plan: All Meals except Delhi where breakfast & dinner only is included.
- All sightseeing arrangements including wildlife viewing and photography tours and walks.
- Services of an experienced local English-speaking guide.
- Services of Mr Richard Baines and Mr Steve Race as professional nature and photography experts
- Complimentary mineral water while travelling and on sightseeing.
- Full ATOL & ABTA Bonding.
- Airline failure Insurance.

**Cost does not include:**

- Visa Fee: E-Tourist visa facility is now available for India for citizens of most countries of the World. A step-by-step guide how to apply for E-Tourist visa will be sent on confirmation of booking.
- Any expenses of a personal nature like laundry, telephone calls and beverages.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Camera fees at monuments and other places of interest.



## **Travel Insurance.**

It is essential to have adequate insurance in place before your departure. This should be appropriate for your age, health and destination you are visiting.

- Make sure it includes comprehensive medical and repatriation cover.
- Make sure it provides cover for your whole trip (whether one day or over a year).
- Make sure it covers you for all activities.
- Disclose pre-existing medical conditions.
- Take your policy number and the 24-hour emergency contact numbers with you.

If you have any doubts about your cover, check with your insurer.

For a competitive insurance quotation please [click here](#)

## **How to Book the Tour**

If you have found this tour on the Yorkshire Coast Nature web site, please book using the tour-booking page on the web site. Complete the basic booking form and we will email you further details.

A deposit payment of £250.00 per person is required to secure your place on the tour. On receipt of the booking form and deposit payment we will confirm your place on the tour and send you our ATOL certificate which guarantees 100% protection of your payment. Balance payment will be due 10 weeks before departure.

For enquires about this tour please email us on [info@yorkshirecoastnature.co.uk](mailto:info@yorkshirecoastnature.co.uk)