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# ANDAMAN BIRDING EXPEDITIONS (ABE-8N)

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*Andaman woodpecker*



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### Andaman Birding Expeditions (ABE-8N)

The Andaman Birding Expedition is an exclusive 8-night adventure specially crafted for passionate birders, wildlife photographers, and birding enthusiasts seeking an exceptional birdwatching experience in the Andaman Islands. This expedition follows a carefully crafted itinerary through dense evergreen forests, coastal mangroves, expansive wetlands, and remote forest edges ensuring sightings of a wide range of generalists, habitat-specific and rare bird species in key birding hotspots of South Andaman and Little Andaman Islands. With a strong focus on maximizing bird diversity, rare sightings and maximum birding hours this expedition offers an unparalleled birding experience in the Andaman Islands



*Ruddy Kingfisher*



*Beach Thicknee*

This tour is designed to showcase the full spectrum of the Andaman Islands' avifauna covering all 20 endemic species of the Andaman Islands. In addition to these island-exclusive specialties, we will also seek out a diverse array of migratory species, including those that make brief and unpredictable stopovers, offering rare and exciting birding opportunities.

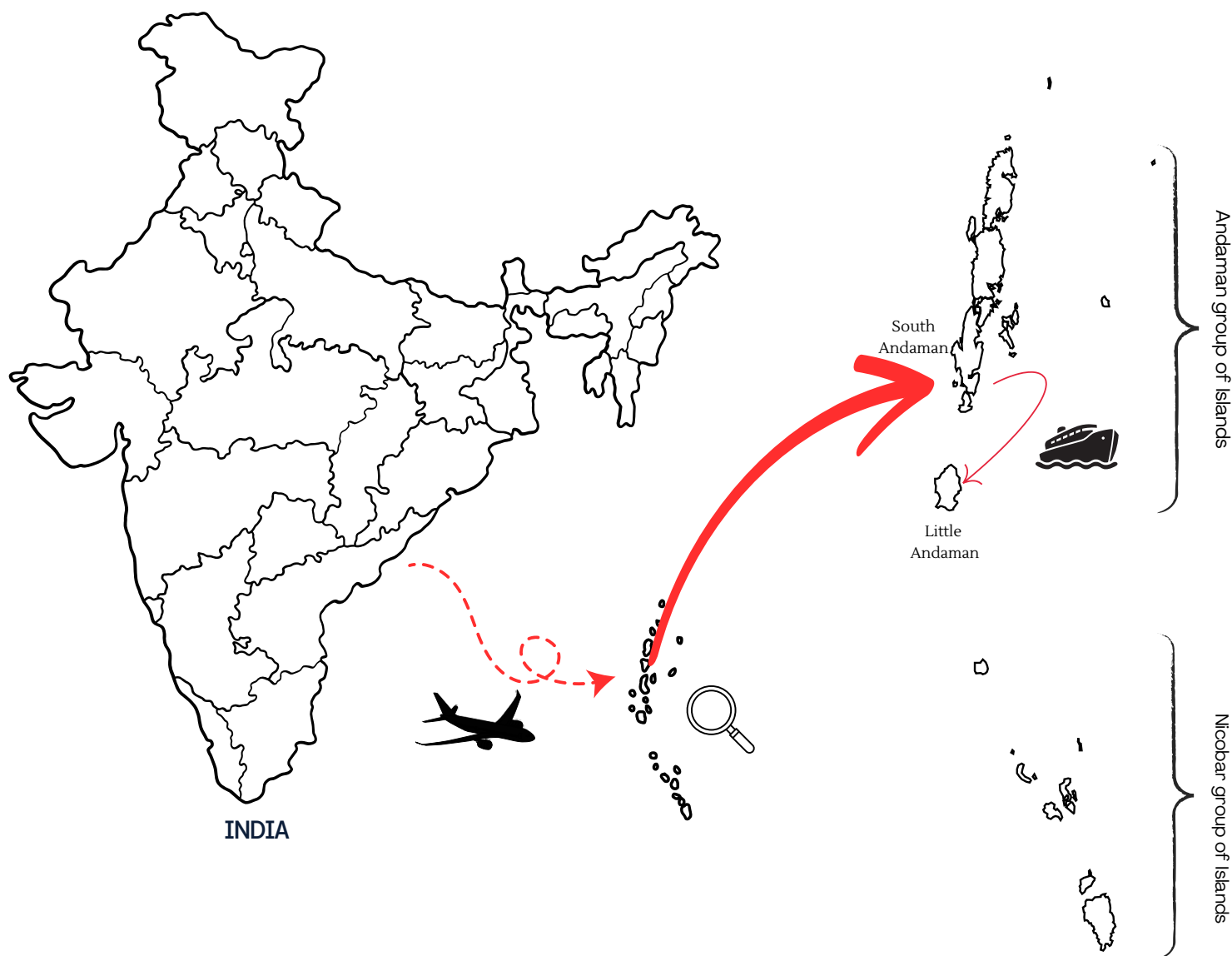
Furthermore, this tour also prioritizes the elusive and highly sought-after birds in south and little Andaman, including the Beach Thick-knee, the Nicobar Pigeon, and the enigmatic Ruddy Kingfisher.










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## Map & Birding Spots



### South Andaman

-  Chidiya Tapu
-  Kalatang Reserve Forest
-  Nayasahar, Garacharma Wetland
-  Sippighat, Ograbraj wetland
-  Ferrergunj Reserve Forest /  
Mount Manipur National Park

### Little Andaman

-  Hutbay Beach
-  RK pur and RN point
-  Harminder Bay Forest
-  White-surf waterfalls, Ongi tikrey
-  Lotus point, Butler-bay







## TOUR ITENEARY

### DAY-01: Arrival, Birding at Chidiyatapu

Upon arrival at Veer Savarkar International Airport (IATA: IXZ) in Sri Vijaya Puram (formerly known as Port Blair), our representatives will receive you and transfer you to your accommodation. After lunch, we will head to Chidiya Tapu Reserve Forest, a prime birding spot renowned for its dense tropical vegetation and scenic coastal landscape. Here, we will focus on spotting endemics like Andaman Drongo, Andaman Shama, Andaman Bulbul, Andaman Serpent Eagle, Andaman Flowerpecker, and White-headed Starlings. In addition to these, we may encounter other resident species like the Crested serpent eagle, Asian Emerald Dove, Imperial Green Pigeon, Long-tailed parakeet, Red-breasted Parakeets, Alexandrine parakeet, Asian Glossy Starling, Vernal Hanging Parrot, Ornate Sunbird, Pacific Reef-egret, Plume-toed Swiftlet, Barn swallow, pacific swallow, Brown-backed Needletail any many more.

As dusk falls, we will remain in the forest margins for a night birding session, and look out for Andaman Masked out, Andaman Scops Owl, Andaman Boobook, Hume's Boobook, and Walden's Scops Owl, a subspecies of the Oriental Scops Owl. We will then stop at a spot near Chidiyatapu to look for the Andaman Nightjar before heading back to our accommodation.



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### DAY-02: Birding at Kalatang, Sippighat and Nayasahar

We will begin our day early with a visit to Kalatang, Mix evergreen forest trail teeming with birdlife. This lush habitat, rich in wild fruit-bearing trees and plants, offers the perfect setting to encounter some of South Andaman's most sought-after endemic species. As we explore, we'll keep an eye out for the elusive Andaman Crake, along with other endemic like the Andaman Cuckoo-Dove, Andaman Flowerpecker, and Andaman Brown Coucal, Andaman Green-Pigeon, Andaman Cuckoo-shrike, Andaman Wood-Pigeon, Andaman Treepie, Andaman Bulbul, Andaman Shama, Andaman Drongo, Andaman Woodpecker, Andaman Serpent Eagle and White-headed Starlings. We will also look on the surrounding mangrove patches for the stunning Ruddy Kingfisher and the Mangrove Whistler before heading back to our accommodation.

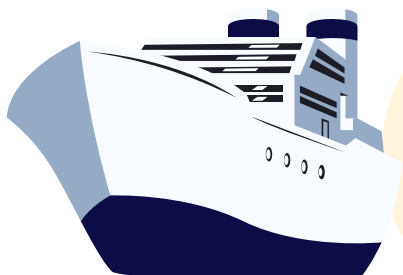
Afternoon, we will do relaxed birding at Sippighat salt marsh, where we will search for the endemic Andaman Teal. Along the way, we may also encounter other common wetland species such as the Yellow Bittern, Cinnamon Bittern, Lesser Whistling Duck, Pacific Golden Plover, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Wood Sandpiper, Common Kingfisher, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Brahminy Kite, Chinese Pond heron Dusky warbler and White-bellied Sea Eagle. After dusk we will look out for owls. As dusk approaches, we shift our focus to nocturnal birding, and look out for owl species at Nayasahar and nearby areas. After an eventful day of birdwatching, we will return to accommodation for a well-earned rest, and prepare for another exciting day ahead.





### DAY-03:

## Travel to Little Andaman, birding at Hut bay Beach and R. K pur

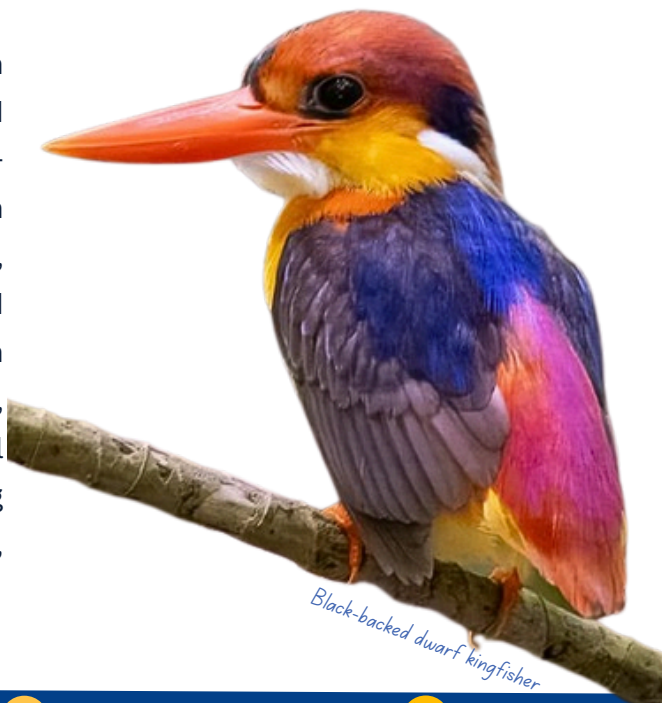


**Note:** The schedule for government ferries to Little Andaman will be announced about a week in advance. The journey will take approximately 8 hours by ship, with departures available either during the day or overnight, depending on the assigned vessel from South Andaman. Currently, a larger vessel operates three times a week i.e., on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays, while a speedboat service runs on Thursdays. Travel and birding plans will be adjusted accordingly based on the ferry schedule (as of now this itinerary follows day departures for little Andaman).

We will depart from Sri Vijaya Puram by boarding a Ship to Little Andaman, during the journey, we will keep a lookout for seabirds such as Black-naped Terns, Little terns, and White-bellied Sea Eagles. Upon arrival, we will proceed to our accommodation, drop off our luggage, and head to Hut Bay Beach for our first birding session of little Andaman. Hut Bay Beach offers a rich habitat comprising sandy shores, mangroves, pandanus vegetation, and secondary deciduous forest margins, making it an excellent location to spot a variety of birds.

Here, we will look for Black-naped terns, Common terns, Little terns, Blue-eared Kingfisher, Black-capped Kingfisher, White-breasted Wood-swallow, Black-browed Reed Warbler, Clamorous Reed Warbler, Indian Cuckoo, pacific reef egret, Beach thicknee, Whimbrel, Eurasian curlew, White-nest swiftlet, Plume-toed swiftlet, Brown back needle tail, Barn swallow, Eastern red-rumped swallow, Black-bellied plover, Sanderlings, Grey-headed lapwing and many other species. we will continue our birding along the same stretch, looking for additional species including Asian Glossy Starling, Rosy Starling, Vernal Hanging Parrot, Black Drongo,

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Dusky Warbler, Pin-tailed Snipe, Common Snipe, Long-toed Stint, Wood Sandpiper, Marsh Sandpiper, Eastern Marsh Harrier, and Crested Serpent Eagle. As night falls, we do birding session at R. K. pur area where we will search for Andaman Nightjar, Andaman Masked Owl, Andaman Scops Owl, Andaman Boobook, and Oriental Scops Owl (Walden's). After an eventful day of birding, we will return to our accommodation to rest and prepare for the next day's adventure.

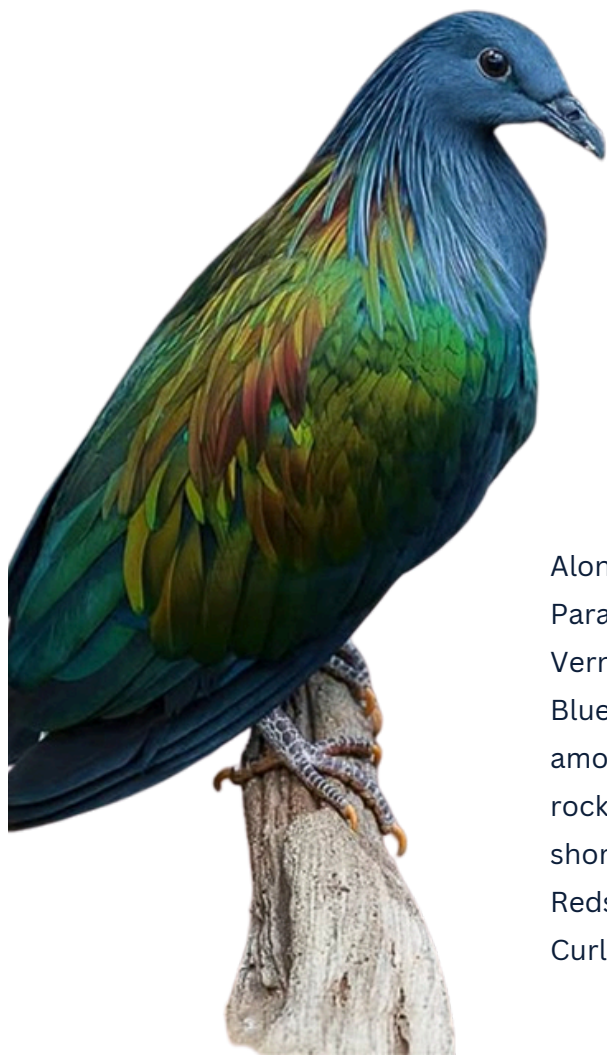


Black-backed dwarf kingfisher





### DAY-04: Birding at Harminder Bay Forest



*Nicobar pigeon*

We will begin the day early with a visit to the lush tropical evergreen forests of Harminder Bay. As we walk along the forested trails, we'll focus on spotting the elusive Nicobar Pigeon and a range of Andaman endemics including the Andaman Cuckoo-Dove, Andaman Wood Pigeon, Andaman Green Pigeon, Andaman Woodpecker, Andaman Serpent Eagle, White-headed Starling, Andaman Bulbul, Andaman Shama, Andaman Crake, Andaman Drongo, and Andaman Coucal.

Along the way, we'll also keep an eye out for Long-tailed Parakeet, Red-breasted Parakeet, Alexandrine Parakeet, Vernal Hanging Parrot, Black-hooded Oriole, Asian Fairy Bluebird, Dollarbird, and White-breasted Woodswallow among others. Later, as we explore the nearby intertidal rocky shores and sandy beaches, we will look for coastal and shorebird species like the Beach Thick-knee, Common Redshank, Pacific Reef Egret, Tibetan Sand Plover, Eurasian Curlew, Eurasian Whimbrel, and Greater Sand Plover.

### DAY-05: R. N point, Lotus point & Butler-bay Beach

We will begin our day early and head to R. N. Point, where we'll explore a 5 km forested trail. Along the way, we'll focus on locating any endemic species we may have missed, including the Andaman Crake, Andaman Treepie, Andaman Wood Pigeon, Andaman Green Pigeon, Andaman Cuckoo-Dove, Andaman Woodpecker, Andaman Flowerpecker, and other forest specialists. There's also a good chance of encountering species like the Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Freckle-breasted Woodpecker, Scarlet, Ashy, Small, and Orange Minivets, Black-naped Oriole, Indian White-eye, Asian Brown Flycatcher, and Black-naped Monarch Flycatcher. After the morning session, we'll return to our accommodation for some rest. Following lunch, we'll visit nearby locations such as Lotus Point and Butler Bay in search of other wetland and coastal birds.





### **DAY-06: Birding at Whitesurf Waterfall, Ongi Tikrey & return to Sri Vijaya puram (Port Blair)**

Today will be dedicated to focused birding. In the morning, we will explore forest patches near White Surf Waterfall and Ongi Tikrey, targeting key species such as the Violet Cuckoo, Andaman Wood Pigeon, Indian White-eye, and Andaman Treepie. Special attention will be given to locating kingfishers, including the Blue-eared Kingfisher, Black-backed Dwarf Kingfisher, and Small Kingfisher. We will also keep an eye out for any previously missed species. By evening, we will return to our accommodation to pack up, and then proceed to board the return ship to Port Blair (Sri Vijaya puram).

### **DAY-07: Wetland birding at Ograbrach & Garacharma**

After lunch, we will set off for the Garacharma wetlands, an excellent spot to observe a variety of warblers, pipits, stonechats, and wagtails, including the Black-browed Reed Warbler, Thick-billed Warbler, Clamorous Reed Warbler, Oriental Reed Warbler, Dusky Warbler, Richard's Pipit, Eastern Yellow Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, and Amur Stonechat, along with other common wetland and shorebirds.

We will visit the Ograbrach Wetlands, an excellent habitat for waterbirds and shorebirds. Here, we will look for the endemic Andaman teal along with migratory, resident, and waders such as the Common Redshank, Long-toed Stint, Red-necked Stint, Black-winged Stilt, Terek Sandpiper, Tibetan Sand Plover, Common Sandpiper, Greenshank, Marsh Sandpiper, Common Kingfisher, Blue-eared Kingfisher, common kingfisher, Red throated pipits and White-nest swiftlet. Then we will head towards Jirkatang, to spot to look out for any missed owls.



*Pacific reef heron*







### DAY-08: Ferrargunj Reserve Forest / Mount Manipur National Park and Sippighat Wetland

We will begin our day early with a visit to either Ferrargunj Reserve Forest or Mount Manipur National Park (formerly Mount Harriet), depending on any remaining endemic species we need to target. Ferrargunj Reserve Forest features a mixed dry deciduous habitat, while Mount Manipur National Park has dense mixed evergreen forests, towering trees, and lush undergrowth. We will navigate forested trails and margins as we search for key species such as the Andaman Serpent Eagle, Andaman Woodpecker, Andaman Flowerpecker, Andaman Shama, Andaman Bulbul, Andaman Wood Pigeon, and the elusive Andaman Crake, along with any other endemic species we may have missed. After this, we will return to our base.

Later in the evening, we will head to a different patch of the Sippighat wetland, characterized by dense reeds and a relatively larger mudflat and water body. Here, we will look out for a variety of species, including the Pacific Swallow, White-nest Swiftlet, Eurasian Coot, Brahminy Kite, Common Kingfisher, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Tibetan Sand Plover, Oriental Pratincole, Little Tern, Black-naped Tern, Gull-billed Tern, Whiskered Tern, White-rumped Munia, Ruddy-breasted Crake, Baillon's Crake, Broad-billed Sandpiper, Watercock, Slaty-breasted Rail, Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler, Red-throated Pipit, and Bluethroat. Following this session, we will return back to accommodation. There will be no night birding session, as clients may have early flights the next morning.

### DAY-09: Departures

After breakfast at your accommodation, our representative will escort you to the airport for your departure to mainland India. This day does not include any birding activities as part of the original itinerary. However, if your flight is scheduled for the late afternoon, you have the option to opt for a half-day birding tour at an additional charge.







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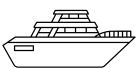





Per person

Group size: 08

**Tour Cost**



## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- 1** Accommodation 
- 2** Transportation including Airport Pick-up and drop 
- 3** Ferry Tickets 
- 4** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner 
- 5** Guide Fee 
- 6** Fuel Cost 
- 7** Water Bottles 
- 8** Entrance Fees 



## TOUR EXCLUSIONS

- 1** Domestic Flight Tickets 
- 2** Camera Fee 
- 3** Beverages (Non-Alcoholic or Alcoholic) 
- 4** Laundry Services 
- 5** Personal Expenses 
- 6** Medical Cost or Incidental Cost 
- 7** Any damages to personal equipments 





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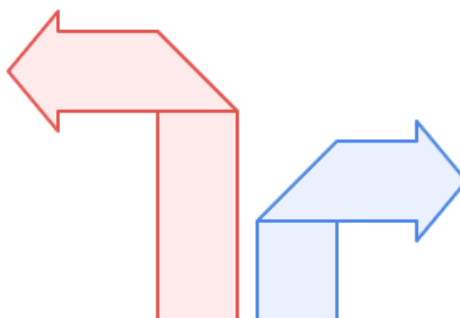
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**Full Payment**  
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- All group tours (scheduled or customized) must be booked in advance.
- For bookings made more than 60 days before the tour start date, an advance payment must be made, amount will be specified in the email communication. The remaining balance must be paid before the tour begins.
- For bookings made less than 60 days before the tour start date, full payment is required at the time of booking.
- We accept payments through electronic funds transfer (EFT), debit cards, most major credit cards, and UPI. Payment details and instructions will be shared once your seat availability is confirmed. After receiving your payment, we will send an acknowledgment.

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Barn Swallow

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