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ANDAMAN ENDEMIC BIRDING TOUR (AEBT-5N)

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*Andaman Serpent Eagle
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Andaman Endemic Birding Tour (AEBT-5N)

The Andaman and Nicobar archipelago, located in the Bay of Bengal about 1,200 km east of mainland India is a renowned biodiversity hotspot known for its high endemism. The Andaman Islands' isolation has led to the evolution of over 20 endemic bird species, making them a paradise for bird enthusiasts. Over the course of Six days, we will lead you through South Andaman's diverse habitats, including lush evergreen forests, thriving coastal mangroves, expansive wetlands, and tranquil forest edges, all essential ecosystems supporting a remarkable variety of birdlife. With its easily accessible habitats in South Andaman this tour efficiently covers key birding hotspots within five nights, maximizing the opportunity to witness the region's unique avifauna.



Andaman Crane
Photo credit: Dr. Amitava

A key highlight of this tour is nocturnal birding, where we will look for the elusive endemic Andaman Nightjar and endemic owls such as the Andaman Masked Owl, Andaman Scops Owl, Andaman Boobook, and Hume's Boobook. In addition to these, you'll encounter a variety of resident birds, migratory waders, vagrants, and wetland species, and you will likely spot many lifers, making for a diverse and rewarding birding experience.





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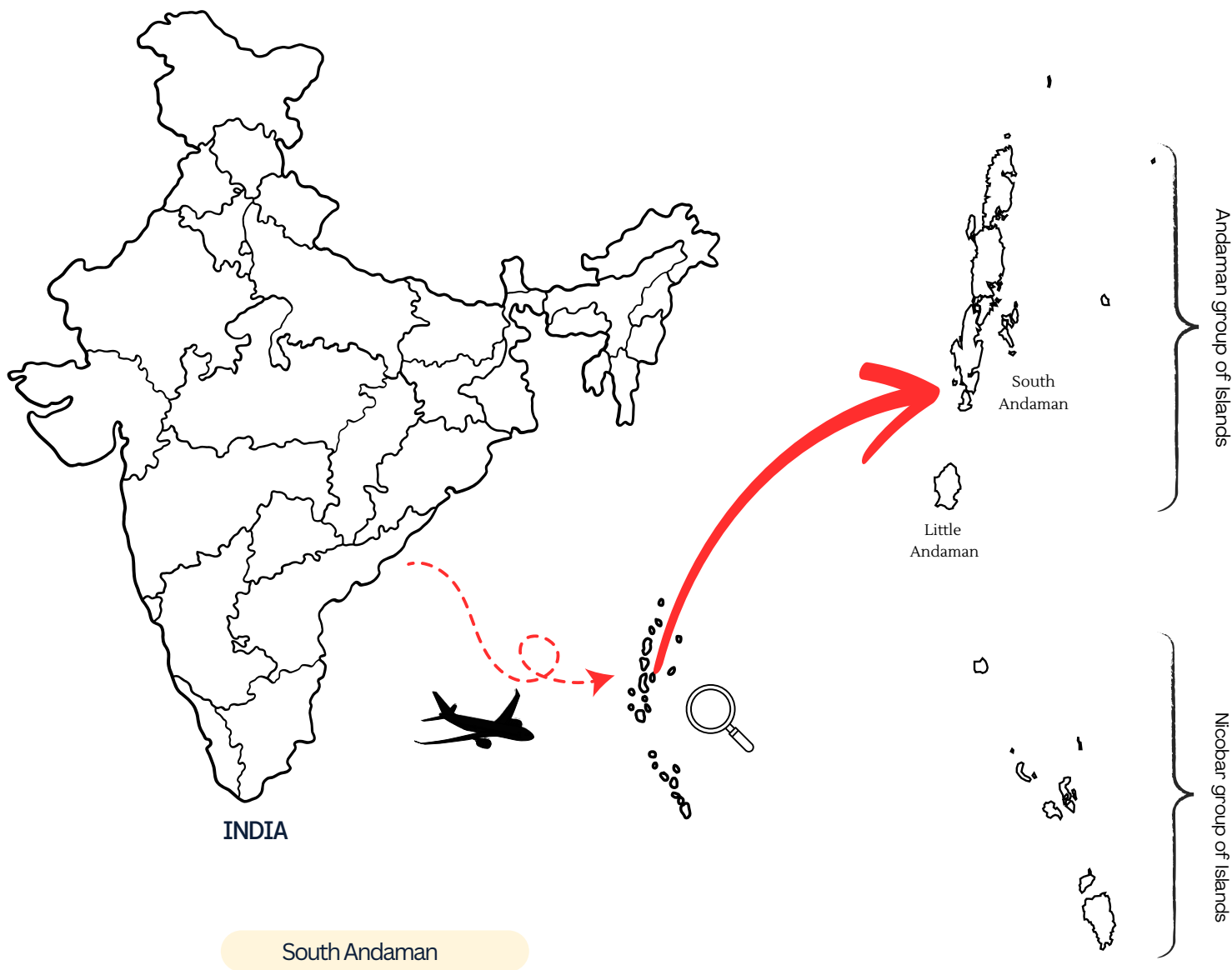
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Map & Birding Spots



Chidiya Tapu



Jirgatang



Kalatang Reserve Forest



Garacharma Wetland



Shoel bay



Sippighat wetland



Nayasahar



Ograbraj wetland



Ferrergunj Reserve Forest



Mount Manipur National park





TOUR ITINERARY

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 owl, 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.



**We kindly request you to arrive before noon
for a smooth start of the tour**



Andaman Masked-Owl





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 Crane, 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 Nayasehar 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.



Asian Fairy Blue Bird
Photo credit: P. K. Shahid



DAY-03: Shoal bay, Ograbrach and Jirkatang

We will start the day early, making our way to Shoal Bay, a diverse region characterized by dense evergreen forests interspersed with mangroves and open forest margins. As we bird along the forested roads, our primary focus will be on spotting endemic species such as the Andaman Cuckoo-Dove, Andaman Wood Pigeon, Andaman Green Pigeon, Andaman Woodpecker, Andaman Serpent Eagle, White-headed Starling, Andaman Bulbul, Andaman Shama, Andaman Crane, Andaman Drongo, and Andaman Coucal. Additionally, we will keep an eye out for a nesting Changeable Hawk-Eagle and other forest-dwelling species, including the Indian Cuckoo, Himalayan Cuckoo, Square-tailed Drongo, and Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo.

Continuing towards the open fallow lands and forest margins near Shoal Bay-19 village, we may spot species such as the White-breasted Woodswallow, Changeable Hawk-Eagle, and Oriental Cuckoo-Shrike and Black-backed Dwarf Kingfisher. In the nearby mangrove habitats, we will look for the Ruddy Kingfisher, and Mangrove Whistler and upon reaching the coastal patch, we will look out for Black-naped Terns, Greater Sand Plovers, and White-bellied Sea Eagles then we will return back to our Accommodation.

Later that evening, 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 Andaman Scops Owl, Andaman Boobook, Hume's Boobook, Andaman Maked Owl and Walden's Scops Owl then we will return back to accommodation.



Ornate Sunbird
Photo credit: Dr. Amitava





DAY-04: Chidiyatapu, Garacharma

The following morning, we will head to Chidiya Tapu Biological Park and its surrounding forest patches. This location is also known for its diverse range of endemic and resident species. Here, we will look out for any missed endemic species, the Andaman Crake, Andaman Treepie, Andaman Wood Pigeon, Andaman Green Pigeon, Andaman Cuckoo-Dove, Andaman wood pecker, Andaman Cuckoo-shrike, Andaman Flowerpecker, and other forest-dwelling birds. We may also spot Changeable hawk-eagle, Freckle-breasted woodpecker, Scarlet minivets, Ashy minivet, Small minivet, Orange minivets, Black-naped oriole, Indian white eye, Asian brown flycatcher, Black-naped Monarch flycatcher we will return to our accommodation for some rest.

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. At night, we will look out for any remaining owls and nightjar. Then, we will return to base.

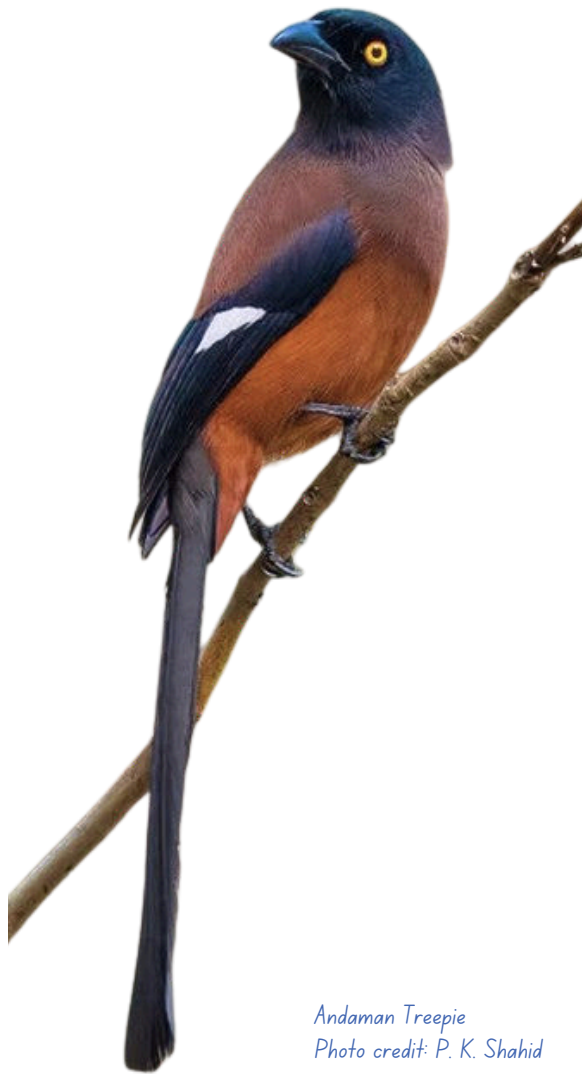


Andaman Flowerpecker
Photo credit: Dr. Amitava





DAY-05: Ferrergunj Reserve Forest / Mount Manipur National Park and Sippighat Wetland



*Andaman Treepie
Photo credit: P. K. Shahid*

We will begin our day early with a visit to either Ferrergunj Reserve Forest or Mount Manipur National Park (formerly Mount Harriet), depending on any remaining endemic species we need to target. Ferrergunj 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 Brahminy Kite, Common Kingfisher, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Tibetan Sand Plover, Oriental Pratincole, Little Tern, Black-naped Tern, Gull-billed Tern, Whiskered Tern, 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-06: 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. If your flight is scheduled for the late afternoon, you may choose to join a half-day birding tour for a small additional charge





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Per person

Group size: 06

Tour Cost



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Accommodation



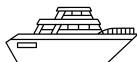
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Transportation including
Airport Pick-up and drop



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



NOTE: Twin-sharing accommodation is provided by default. Do let us know if you wish to opt for single occupancy.





Comparisons between Andaman Endemic Birding Tours & Andaman Birding Expeditions

Feature	Andaman Endemic Birding Tours (AEBT-5N)	Andaman Birding Expeditions (ABE-8N)
Name	Andaman Endemic Birding Tours	Andaman Birding Expeditions
Tour Code	AEBT-5N	ABE-8N
Duration	5 Nights / 6 Days	8 Nights / 9 Days
Group Size	06 participants (Max)	08 participants (Max)
Minimum reservations required to operate Tour	04 Participants	05 participants
Birding Region	South Andaman	South Andaman & Little Andaman
Per person Cost	Starting at 29, 370 INR	Starting at 47, 670 INR
Target Species	Focus on 20 endemic birds of the Andaman Islands with other Island resident, migratory and vagrant species.	Emphasis on 20 endemic species , with special attention to three non-endemic species like Beach Thick-knee, Ruddy Kingfisher and Nicobar Pigeon , along with coverage of all migratory, resident, and vagrant species
Approach	Systematic coverage of key endemic hotspots.	Systematic coverage of key endemic hotspots and lesser-known hidden forest patches.
Habitats Visited	Forests, Mangroves, beaches, wetlands	Forests, Mangroves, beaches, wetlands
Vehicles	Mahindra Xylo (Four-wheeler)	Mahindra Xylo (Four-wheeler) in S. Andaman Mahindra Bolero (Four-wheeler)/ Commander Jeep / Force Trax Toofan in L. Andaman
Inclusions & Exclusions	As mentioned in this itinerary	As mentioned in this itinerary
Accommodation	Comfortable hotels with Luxury/ premium/ Standard/ rooms with twin sharing by default. Can be customised.	Comfortable hotels with Luxury/ Premium/ Standard/ rooms with twin sharing by default. Can be customised.
Pace & Style	Fast-paced, intensive birding from dawn to night with intermediate breaks.	Relaxed, leisurely birding with flexible hours. Can be customised to intensive level.
Walking / Trails	Moderate trails (900 m – 3000 m)	Moderate to Long trails (1000 m -6000 m)
Best For	Birders & Photographers interested in seeing a wide variety of birds including endemics.	Hardcore birders and photographers
Birding Ease (5 as very easy)	3 out of 5	4 out of 5
Photography (5 as very easy)	3 out of 5	4 out of 5
Hassles/Obstructions	Unexpected rains, lingering morning mist can affect visibility at key hotspots between December to February	Sea sickness while travelling to Little Andaman by ship, unexpected rains, few options of good restaurants in Little Andamans. Ship schedules based on weather conditions.





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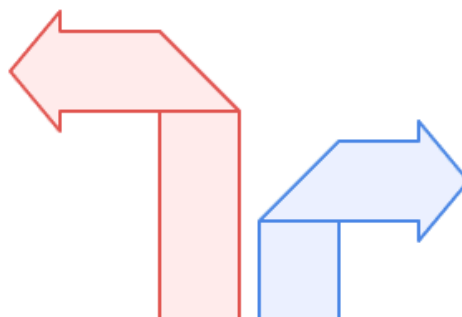
Travel Tips



Payment Terms

Full Payment

Required for bookings made less than 60 days before the tour start date.



Advance Payment

Required for bookings made more than 60 days before the tour start date. Remaining balance must be paid before tour begins

- 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.

Payment Methods



Electronic Funds Transfer

Secure bank transfers



Debit Cards

Direct bank card payments



Credit Cards

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UPI

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Thank you!

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