

ANDAMAN ISLANDS ENDEMIC BIRDING TOUR

The Andaman Islands, an isolated archipelago located 1100 kilometres to the east of peninsula Indian sub-continent has its own list of endemics. The 20 endemics (Andamans and on the Nicobar Islands), includes four owls and other species such as Andaman Woodpecker, Andaman Crake and Andaman Serpent Eagle. This tour is an added attraction to the South India endemics tour.

Best time to visit: November to April
All Tours ex-Port Blair

Tour Price: US\$ 1390 per person

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Day 1: Arrive Port Blair by the early morning flight. Meet & assist at the airport. We will bird around Mount Harriet National Park, a tropical moist evergreen forest. Should sight Andaman Woodpecker, Andaman Wood Pigeon, Andaman Cuckoo Dove, Andaman Crake, Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker, Dollarbird, Collared Kingfisher, Brown Coucal, Alexandrine Parakeet, Red-breasted Parakeet, Red-breasted Parakeet, Pintail Snipe, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Andaman Treepie, Black-naped Oriole Andaman Drongo, Orange-headed Thrush, Olive backed Sunbird, White-headed Starling.

Day 2: Very early morning drive towards Sippighat, located to the South of Port Blair. The area is a marshy wetland and good for sightings of water birds & waders. Should sight the Andaman Scops Owl, Andaman Hawk Owl, Sunda Teal, Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker, Blue-eared Kingfisher, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Collared Kingfisher, White-throated Kingfisher, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Brown Coucal, Red-breasted Parakeet, Oriental Scops Owl, Brown Hawk Owl,

Edible nest Swiftlet, Common Snipe, Black-naped Tern, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Black-naped Oriole, Andaman Drongo, Orange-headed Thrush, Olive backed Sunbird. Thereafter proceed back to Mount Harriet to pick up those missed earlier. Return by evening.

Day 3: Very early morning trip to Chidiya Tapu, a patch of moist evergreen forest located to the South of Port Blair and excellent for birding. The track for birding starts 4 km before Chidiya Tapu and 2 km along the seashore forest. Should sight the Andaman Woodpecker, Andaman Crake, Andaman Treepie, Andaman Serpent Eagle, Black-naped Oriole, Andaman Drongo, Olive backed Sunbird, White-headed Starling, Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker, Stork-billed Kingfisher, White-throated Kingfisher, Collared Kingfisher, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Brown Coucal, Alexandrine Parakeet, Red-breasted Parakeet, Red-breasted Parakeet.

Day 4: Birding at Farar Ganj & in the afternoon visit areas for endemics missed out during earlier trips.

Day 5: Flight back to mainland. Tour ends.

Price: US \$ 1390 per person (ex flights), on Twin share, based on 2 people travelling. (There would be a surcharge from 20 December to 10 January)

Inclusions: Price includes accommodation on half-board, surface transportation, airport transfers, guide fees, entrance fees. This trip can also be tailor-made.

Note: Flights are not included but can be arranged.

