



Binsar-Munsyari Birding Tour

(19-24 November 2019)

Munsyari- Its name refers to a 'place with snow'. Situated on the banks of Goriganga River, it is a fast growing tourist destination, and mountaineers, glacier enthusiasts, high altitude trekkers and nature lovers commonly use it as their hub or base camp. Munsyari also falls on the ancient salt route from Tibet and is at the entrance of the Johar Valley, which extends along the path of the Goriganga River to its source at the Milam Glacier. It is inhabited mainly by the Shauka tribe. The town is surrounded by snow-capped peaks, with a key attraction being the trekking route to Khalia Top. This area is rich in avian fauna too with some special birds like Cheer Pheasant, Satyr Tragopan, White-throated Tit etc.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival at Kathgodam Railway Station by overnight train, pick up and transfer to Camp Milieu for freshen up and birding at camp's studio. Post breakfast depart for Dhaulchhina (Buffer zone of Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary). Arrival at Dhaulchhina and check in at hotel, lunch and rest. Afternoon birding around resort.

Day 2: Morning birding around resort. Check out from the resort after breakfast and departure for Munsyari. It takes about 7 hours to reach Munsyari from Dhaulchhina. Lunch on way and birding near Ginni Band and Kalamuni top area. Arrival at Munsyari during evening hours, check in at Hotel and night stay.

Day 3: Whole day birding around Thamri Kund entry trail, Kalamuni Top and Baladi Farm area with packed breakfast. Lunch and dinner at hotel.

Day 4: Whole day birding around Nanda Devi Temple area with packed breakfast. Lunch and dinner at hotel.

Day 5: Whole day birding on Madkot road. Visit to Tribal History Museum while returning from birding. Back to hotel during evening hours and night stay.

Day 6: Early morning check out from hotel and departure for Kathgodam Railway Station. Drop off at Kathgodam Railway Station by 07:45 pm and tour concludes.

Target birds: Himalayan Monal, Cheer Pheasant, Chukar Partridge, Bearded Vulture, Golden Eagle, Speckled Wood Pigeon, Snow Pigeons, White-throated Tit, White-browed Fulvetta, Variegated Laughingthrush, Winter Wren, Golden Bush Robin, Alpine Accentor, Black-throated Accentor, Rufous-breasted Accentor, European Goldfinch, Pink-browed Rosefinch, Grey-crested Tit etc.

Tour Cost: Rs.36,000/- per person

**Tour Cost Includes**

- Conveyance charges from Kathgodam Railway Station and back
- One night stay at Binsar and Munsyari on twin sharing basis with all meals
- All meals (vegetarian and non-vegetarian) as mentioned in the itinerary except dinner on last day
- All entry fees, guide charges, taxi and driver charges
- Expert and Local Guide fees
- All applicable taxes

Tour Cost Excludes

- Travel cost to and from Kathgodam
- Any extra food item not included in the meal as per itinerary
- Mineral Water
- Any alcoholic beverage
- Any non-alcoholic beverage not included in the meal as per itinerary
- Laundry, phone call, etc. personal charges
- Tips
- Anything which is not mentioned in "Tour cost includes"