



CENTRAL INDIA
WESTERN INDIA
SOUTH INDIA WITH GOA
HIMALAYAS WITH NEPAL
EAST INDIA
NORTH EAST INDIA
SRI LANKA
BHUTAN
KENYA & TANZANIA

# WILDLIFE AND BIRDING

INDIA - INDIAN SUBCONTINENT - EAST AFRICA









# **CENTRAL INDIA**

We have travelled extensively across central India and offer all major and minor Wildlife Parks.

#### **Popular Parks**

- Tadoba (Core and buffer areas of Moharli, Navegaon, Kolara)
- Pench (Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra)
- Kanha (Kisli, Kanha, Sarhi, Mukki)
- Bandhavgarh (Tala, Magdhi, Khitauli)

**Experiential Parks** - Satpura, Panna

**Lesser known Parks** - Umred Karhandla, Bori, Tipeshwar

### **Highlights of Central Region**

- Tigers (Tadoba, Pench, Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Panna)
- Sloth Bears (Satpura)
- Leopards (Satpura, Tadoba, Kanha)
- Barasinghas (Kanha)
- Vultures (Bandhavgarh and Panna)
- Full Day Game Drives (Safaris)
   in Kanha / Bandhavgarh









# **WESTERN INDIA**

Western India comprises bird watching and Wildlife areas of Gujarat and Rajasthan:

### **Bird watching**

- Little Rann of Kutch (LRK) and Greater Rann of Kutch (GRK)
- Jamnagar (Gujarat)
- Nalsarovar (Gujarat)
- Bharatpur (Rajasthan)
- Desert NP (Rajasthan)
- Jorbeer (Rajasthan)
- Tal Chappar (Rajasthan)

#### Wildlife

- Sasan Gir (Gujarat)
- Jhalana & Amagarh (Rajasthan)
- Bera & Jawai (Rajasthan)
- Sariska (Rajasthan)
- Ranthambhore (Rajasthan)

# **Highlights of Western Region**

- Asiatic Lions in Sasan Gir
- Birding in LRK and GRK for Migratory Desert and Waterbirds
- Bird watching on Narara / Pirotan
   by a Coral walk in Jamnagar
- Leopards in Jawai and Jhalana
- Tigers in Ranthambhore
- Great Indian Bustard in DNP
- Migratory Birds in Bharatpur
- Raptors in Jorbeer and Tal Chappar









# **SOUTH INDIA**

South India comprises Wildlife & Bird Watching areas in Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu:

#### **Bird Watching**

- Bondla and Mollem (Goa)
- Dandeli (Karnataka)
- Mudumalai (Tamil Nadu)
- Munnar (Kerala)
- Thattekad (Kerala)

### Wildlife (all in Karnataka)

- Kabini and Bandipur
- Daroji Bear Sanctuary (Hampi)
- Honnekeri (Bidar)

#### **Highlights of South India**

- Kingfishers and Exotic
   Western Ghat birds in Goa
- Sloth Bear in Daroji
- Tigers in Bandipur and Kabini
- Black Panther in Kabini
- Exotic Western Ghat birds in Dandeli, Thattekad, Mudumalai and Munnar
- Blackbucks in Honnekeri

## **Offbeat Nature Getaways**

- Karnataka Sakleshpur,
   Bhadra, K Gudi, Jog Falls,
   Vilaspur (Bidar)
- Tamil Nadu Valparai









# **HIMALAYAS**

Wildlife and Bird Watching areas in plains (Terai region), foothills and higher altitude areas of Himalayas in India and Nepal

#### **Bird Watching**

- Rajaji & Corbett National Park
- Darjeeling Foothills Gajaldoba,
   Mahananda, Lava, Neora
   Valley, Latpanchar, Buxa
- Kumaon / Garhwal Sattal,
   Pangot, Binsar, Shitlakhet,
   Munsiyari, Chopta
- Ladakh (Tso Moriri, Hanle)
- Pokhara (Nepal)

#### Wildlife

- Corbett National Park
- Dudhwa, Kishnapur, Pilibhit and Katarniyaghat
- Spiti, Uley, Hemis and Hanle
- Singalila National Park
- Chitwan and Bardiya (Nepal)

### **Highlights of Himalayas**

- Tigers in Corbett, Dudhwa,
   Chitwan and Bardiya
- Rhinos in Chitwan and Bardiya
- Snow Leopards in Spiti, Uley (Ladakh) and Hemis (Ladakh)
- Red Panda in Singalila
- Kumaon and Darjeeling Foothills
- Wildlife and Bird watching at Hanle (Ladakh)









# **EAST INDIA**

Wildlife and Bird Watching areas in East India comprising West Bengal plains and Orissa (Odisha)

### **Bird Watching**

- Sundarban National Park
- Bhitarkanika National Park
- Chilika Lake / Manglajodi
- Simlipal National Park

#### Wildlife

- Sundarban National Park
- Nandankanan Zoological Park

### **Highlights of East India**

- Crocodiles and exotic birds sighted in Sundarban (On Islands when walking and during boat safaris). Tigers are sighted infrequently.
- Crocodiles, Kingfishers,
   Woodpeckers and overall
   Birding in Bhitarkanika
- Countryside boat safaris for Waterbirds in Manglajodi
- Full day safaris in Simlipal National Park
- White Tigers in Nandankanan
   Zoological Park









# **NORTH EAST INDIA**

Wildlife and Bird Watching areas in North East India comprising National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

### **Bird Watching**

- Kaziranga National Park
- Manas National Park
- Nameri National Park
- Eaglenest Wildlife Sanctuary

#### Wildlife

- Kaziranga National Park
- Manas National Park
- Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary
- Hoollongapar Gibbon
   Sanctuary

# **Highlights of North East India**

- One Horned Rhinos and Elephants in Kaziranga. Tigers are sighted as well.
- Walking in Tiger Territory in Nameri
- Golden Langur near Manas
- Hoollongapar Gibbons near
   Jorhat
- Birding in Kaziranga
- Exotic Himalayan Birds in Eaglenest









# SRI LANKA

Wildlife and Bird Watching areas of Sri Lanka.

#### **National Parks and Sactuaries**

- Yala National Park
- Sinharaja Forest Reserve
- Anawilundawa
- Bundala National Park
- Kalametiya
- Uda Walawe National Park
- Kumana National Park
- Wasgamuwa National Park
- Maduru Oya National Park
- Gal Oya National Park
- Angammedilla National Park

# **Highlights of Sri Lanka**

- Leopard sightings in Yala
   National Park
- Elephant sightings at parks across Sri Lanka
- 34 Endemic Birds sighted in parks comprising Sri Lanka orange-billed babbler. Sri Lanka Magpie, Sri Lanka scimitar-babbler, Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill. Sri Lanka Serendib scops-owl etc.









## **BHUTAN**

Bird Watching areas of Bhutan comprise destinations of Eastern, Central and Western Bhutan.

Bird Watching in Bhutan is typically done as part of a circuit (7-day, 10-day and 14-day circuit)

# **Bhutan Birding Highlights**

- 745 bird species sighted
- 40+ critically endangered, threatened and vulnerable species sighted
- Waterbirds (near rivers),
   Forest birds (in reserve forest areas) and high altitude birds (near Mountain passes) are sighted
- Black Necked Crane
   Sanctuary near Gangtey is popular with all travellers.

#### Best season

- Spring Season (March-April) is the breeding period, and it is the best birding season.
- Autumn season (Oct-Nov) is the period for raising broods and witnessing the migration of birds to warmer habitats.









# **KENYA - TANZANIA**

Wildlife and Birdwatching areas of East Africa popular and offbeat destinations of Kenua and Tazania.

#### **National Parks - Conservancies**

- Kenya Masai Mara, Ol
  Pejeta, Samburu, Amboseli,
  Tsavo West and Tsavo East,
  Nairobi National Park
- Tanzania Serengeti,
   Ngorongoro, Maniyara

#### **Bird Watching areas**

- Kenya Parks Amboseli,
   Tsavo West and Tsavo East
- Kenya Lakes Nakuru,
   Naivasha, Elmenteita,
   Baringo, Bogoria, Magadi

### **Highlights of East Africa**

- Sighting the Big 5 (Elephant, Lion, African buffalo, Rhino, Leopard), Cheetah and wide ranging wildlife in parks of Kenya and Tazania
- Bird watching in Amboseli and Tsavo West
- Experiential Lodges across
   East Africa offering wide
   ranging upclose experiences









# **PHOTOGRAPHY**

We at Nivalink regularly assist
Wildlife / Bird Photographers
looking at all the logistics
organised for Photography Tours
such as:

- Arrival / Departure and internal travel Planning
- Convenient lodge
   accommodation alongwith
   transit stays at access points
- Transfers
- Permits / Specialised Guides
- Specialised logistic partners for remote area travel
- Help with Camera / Lens rentals / Battery / Gears etc.

Photographers arrive typically for

- Big Cat Photography Tiger /
   Lion / Leopard / Snow Leopard
- Endemic Birds / Target Bird
   Photography
- India culture, Himalayas, Bird and Wildlife exploration
- Research and Photography of a specific species e.g. Red Panda
- Events such as a bird fair or participating in census activities









# **GETAWAYS**

List of Wildlife / Bird watching destinations that are easy to access and double up as standalone Premium / Luxury getaways:

**Central India -** Tadoba, Pench, Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Satpura

**South India** - Kabini, Bandipur, Dandeli, Thattekad, Munnar

Gujarat and Rajasthan - Little Rann of Kutch (LRK), Velavadar, Sasan Gir, Ranthambhore, Sariska, Jawai - Bera

Himalayas with Nepal - Chitwan (Meghauli side), Corbett, Bhimtal-Sattal, Binsar (Inside Sanctuary), Rajaji National Park

East and North East India -Sundarban, Kaziranga

Sri Lanka - Yala National Park

Wildlife / Bird Watching Getaways are popular with nature centric travellers for a standalone getaway and also popular for groups for celebrations / offsites / reunions.









# **HOLIDAYS**

Wildlife and Birding Holidays are opted by travellers who love to explore different parks.

Indian Travellers typically look at Wildlife / Bird Watching Holidays for 5-10 days with 2-4 destinations as part of a circuit such as:

- Central India Tadoba Pench Kanha Bandhavgarh
- Gujarat Velavadar Sasan
   Gir Little Rann of Kutch (LRK)
- Uttarakhand Corbett Binsar
   Sattal-Bhimtal
- Assam Manas Kaziranga Nameri
- Kenya Ol Pejeta Lake
   Nakuru / Naivasha Masai
   Mara OR Masai Mara Nairobi
   National Park Amboseli Tsavo West
- Tanzania Maniyara -Serengeti - Ngorongoro -Tarangire

International Travellers looking for Wildlife / Birding Holidays look at longer holidays with 2-6 weeks duration with multiple circuits combined into one seamless flow.









# **CELEBRATIONS**

Jungle lodges and resorts at
Wildlife destinations are popular
options for Celebrations / Offsites /
group getaways. Nivalink offers
complete end-end solutions for
group travel to Wildlife
destinations.

Following are the factors driving selection of destination:

- Access (Proximity to Airport Or Railway Station)
- No. of Rooms (guests look to do a buyout i.e. take entire hotel for exclusivity)
- Availability of Safari Permits
   (For India) and Accommodation
- Add on experiences besides the game drive
- Open area or spaces for event/ get together

Some of popular destination for Celebrations / Offsites / Group getaway are:

- Pench (Madhya Pradesh Or Maharashtra)
- Bharatpur, Ranthambhore & Sariska (Rajasthan)
- Corbett (Uttarakhand)
- Sasan Gir (Gujarat)

# **OUR SERVICES**

Accommodation - We have direct relationship with major local, regional and International wildlife hotel / resort / jungle lodge chains across India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and East Africa. Our extensive travel experience to Wildlife and bird watching destinations, ensure that we offer a stay at a suitable location via a vis park access.

Flights - Domestic scheduled flights
(Low cost carriers as well as full
service carriers) and charter flights can
be organised. We have access to
Online fares, GDS fares, Corporate
Fares and Group Fares for most costefficient flight solution.

**Transport** - We have a set of handpicked local service provider at every major and minor access point for transfers.

Permits and Guides - Wildlife Travel in India, we are able to organise safari permits across wildlife destinations. We also organise good quality Jeeps, guides, naturalists and drivers to ensure best of safaris experiences at all destinations in India and abroad.

**Experiences** - Wildlife and Bird watching has many experiences such as boat safaris, night safaris etc. that we are able to organise.





# **Our Affiliations**











# **ABOUT US**

Nivalink is a 22 year Organisation. Nivalink Safaris, Wildlife and Bird Watching service of Nivalink since 2006, is led by Niraj Vashi (Founder and Director of Nivalink).

Nivalink Safaris is a reflection of passion for Birding and Wildlife Photography of Niraj, having extensively explored Parks across India, Nepal and Africa.

Nivalink Safaris has till date planned 2000+ wildlife holidays for 1000+ travellers across India and 60+ countries over the world

#### Nivalink Safaris has organised

- Wildlife / Bird watching focussed
   Standalone getaways (3-4 days)
- Wildlife / Bird watching focussed
   Breaks (5-6 days)
- Wildlife / Bird watching Holidays
   (1 to 5 weeks)
- Customised Holidays with Wildlife / Bird watching components (Few days to 12 weeks)
- Corporate Offsite / Groups around Wildlife / Birding Theme for upto 120 travellers



# **OUR STORY**

Nivalink Safaris is a byproduct of our passion for nature. Our first Wildlife Holiday was Kenya (2001) and few years later (2005) we did our first India Wildlife Holiday. 2006 is when we formally started a Nivalink - Wildlife Travel Service.

A Wildlife Holiday was about to get spoilt because of unseasonal rains (June 2013) and we turned it around to do some **bird watching**. That was beginning of our bird watching journey and ever since that we have explored many destinations exclusively for its exotic birds and we continue to do so.

We have till date (2023) done 100+ Wildife Holidays of our own, in true Nivalink Spirit of "We Explore Before You Travel!"

We branded Wildlife Travel and Birding services of Nivalink as "Nivalink Safaris" in October 2022

# **TESTIMONIALS**

Nivalink is a very good company. I have travelled many times to India (since 1986) with Nivalink and no problem. All is very professional - **Pierre Cheron (France) -** Organised more than 40 Wildlife Photography trips within India and Brazil over 12 years

Happy to meet with you finally. Last travel was perfectly organised as usual. Next one soon. - **Court Didier (France)** - Organised more than 50 Wildlife trips within India over 17 years

Wanted to let you know that we are back from the trip. Had a fantastic trip!! Both Kaziranga and Sundarbans were a completely different experience. Thank you so much for organizing the wonderful trip. Looking forward for the next - Reeba Vaidyanathan (Regular traveller with Nivalink)

I'm happy to have selected Nivalink holidays to take care of my itinerary. They did a very professional job from organizing the pick up to drop to all travel arrangements. The hotels they booked us in where good and the safaris arranged to perfection. - **Dr Kandasamy** (Bird Watcher and Wildife traveller)

# **CONNECT WITH US**



