



North India Culture & Nature Tour

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Join Marigold Travels for a spectacular opportunity to experience the beauty and splendor of India's natural areas, and visit major points of cultural interest. With an emphasis on birding and nature viewing, a carefully planned itinerary will span 4 bird sanctuaries and 6 cities. Katrina's 20 years of traveling and staying in India lend a personal and intimate element to this adventure.

Let nature guides take you on a rikshaw ride through the Keoladeo National Park. Enjoy visiting Khichan village to experience the multitude of demoiselle cranes and other birds that visit each winter. In Khichan we will stay at Kurjah Resort which offers a luxury and comfort based ambiance. The Resort is a very peaceful and dynamic place where birds can be viewed from the comfort of your patio. Experience major points of cultural interest including the Taj Mahal and Jaipur's Amber Palace as we stay in Heritage hotels, visit forts and monuments, explore local markets and museums and enjoy a camel safari in Pushkar.

This trip is suited to all levels of birders and nature lovers, offering a relaxed atmosphere and chances for independent exploration. Our experienced bird guide Rajveer will travel with us each day and Lisa will provide assistance to ensure a bountiful sighting day for all. We will end each day with a social hour and species counting.

Our local guide on this tour is a Naturalist named Rajveer Singh. Rajveer has led trips with National Geographic for the past 5 years and with other well known international operators like Wild Planet Adventures, Betchard Expeditions,

Mountain Travel Sobek etc. His academic qualifications are as follows: Nature & Wildlife Interpreter Degree from the Forest Dept of Rajasthan, B Ed. Kanpur University, B.A. Rajasthan University.

Leading the tour are Katrina Ulrich and Lisa Hakanson. With 21 years travel experience in India, Katrina will aid in navigating the colorful and complex country that is India. Lisa brings her years of bird watching in the US to India to discover with you the joys of birding in North India:

"I got my start in bird watching from my mother who loved to feed and watch the backyard birds. She showed me how to use a field guide for identification and there were always bird books on the table. We have a property in Wisconsin and enjoyed feeding and watching flocks of grosbeaks, indigo buntings and others. She was also good at bird sounds and I love to build my skill at that too. About 9 years ago I made a good friend at work who was an avid birder and brought me to my first organized birding event-Warbler Weekend with St Paul Audubon Club! That opened my eyes to the birding community and I was really hooked. My friend and I have traveled around the US for birding festivals, with a little vacationing thrown in too! I have learned so much from all the wonderful guides and fellow birders on those trips. I am an amateur at best, but love the quest, pouring over field guides to make proper identifications, and experiencing the natural world."

Limited to 10 people.

Details

Cost of \$3500 for 12 days and 13 nights includes:

~Comfortable Heritage accommodations with western conveniences

~3 meals/day plus bottled water & snacks

~All transport within India including transfer from airport to hotel

~Luxury tour bus with English speaking driver

~Entrance fees and guides

~International travel not included

~\$650 Single Supplement

A \$600 non-refundable reservation fee (goes toward your total trip fee) will secure your space.

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