



Thailand Bird Watching

Professional Bird Watching & Bird Photography Tours

Central and Northern Thailand Bird Watching 14 days (Central to north by a domestic flight)

Guest Name:

Tour Request: Central & Northern Thailand Bird Watching 14 Days

Tour Date:

Tour Code: CT&Nr-TBW#00014D

Duration: 7 Days

Destination: Khao Yai/Kaeng Krachan/Pak Thale

Expert Bird Leader: *One of our Professional Bird Leader.*

Vehicle Type:

Driver Name:

Room Type Request: **Twin share**

Deposit 30% After Trip Confirm.

Cash on Tours: 70% or Bank Transfer 2 Week, Before Trip Start.

Overview

This 14 days tour is designed around the very best birding destinations in the central and the north of Thailand. It offering a great selection of striking and sough-after Thailand specials. We will travel from the central to the north by a domestic flight to avoid taking a very long ride in the van, yet still get the best out of the meticulously crafted itinerary. The brief information of each region and each birding site indicated below.

Central Thailand covering the broad alluvial plain of the Chao Phraya River, where the country largest rice production areas occur. There is also a mountain range appears at the northeastern rim of the region, the Phetchabun mountain range which is separated the central plain from the northeastern plateau. On the southwestern rim of the central, there is the Tenasserim mountain range in Phetchaburi Province which form the boarder line between Thailand and Myanmar. Below Bangkok, it encompasses with a shallow bay called “the Inner Gulf of Thailand”, where the intertidal mudflat occurs extensively from the east to the west of the inner gulf and it is the country single most critical habitat for migratory shorebirds and waterbirds.

Two major national parks that we will focus in the central include Khao Yai and Kaeng Krachan National Park. Other birding sites that we will also explore comprise of Limestone mountain in Saraburi Province, Pak Thale salt-pans, Laem Phak Bia sand spit, rice fields and wetlands in Phetchaburi Province. Khao Yai National Park is the first established national park in Thailand. Khao Yai together with other adjacent national parks and forest reserves were declared as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2005, which called Dong Phrayayen-Khao Yai Forest Complex. Khao Yai NP is the most visited park in Thailand as its location is not far from Bangkok and the park contains very good facilities for tourists. It is also well-known for the great place for birds and wildlife watching. Kaeng Krachan National Park is the largest park in the country and declared as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2021. It renowned for its high diversity of birds and wildlife, many birders named it “the capital of Thailand birdwatching”. Its location is a conjunction point

between the upper and the lower part of the country. The high season for birding in this park extends longer than other parks in Thailand. However, tourist facility in this park is completely different from Khao Yai NP, it is very limited as the whole area is a very steep mountain and caught much less attention from tourists. There is only one road go through the park from the entrance to the top peak, a first half of the road is a good paved road but a second half is a rough and steep dirt road. Pak Thale salt-pans is situated along the shoreline of the Inner Gulf of Thailand, it is one of the country largest traditional salt production area. These salt-pans are well-known as the international important site for migratory shorebirds in Southeast Asia, where it is a suitable wintering site for some of critically endangered species such as Spoon-billed Sandpiper and Nordmann's Greenshank (over 10% of global population of Nordmann's Greenshank wintering in the inner gulf of Thailand), as well as considerable numbers of many other shorebirds. Laem Phak Bia sand spit located nearby Pak Thale salt-pans, it holds other few species of rare shorebirds that restricted to a sand bar habitat. We must take a boat through mangroves to get to this sand spit, on the boat we can also connect with more species inhabit the mangroves too. Rice fields in Phetchaburi Province are also very interesting to explore, some of birds that spend their winter in rice paddies is a critically endangered species such as Yellow-breasted Bunting. Rice paddies are apparently a fabulous habitat that holds a high diversity of birds, hang around for few hours in this habitat can be very productive afternoon.

Northern Thailand is a mountainous region with many picturesque national parks. It is a cooler climate area of the country where pristine pine forests and montane forests occur at higher elevation. Some mountains with over 2,000 meters peaks created unique habitats for many high altitude species that could not find in other places in Thailand. Dry-dipterocarp and mixed deciduous forest dominated lower elevation area and foothills below 800 meters. Rice fields and lakes at low land areas are also good habitats for many appealing migrant and resident species. Thereby, northern Thailand offering a great selection of spectacular and sought-after Southeast Asian species, along with a huge array of migrants from the northern hemisphere.

When we are in the north we will focus only birding destinations in Chiang Mai Province, where many country top birding sites are located not too far apart from each other. The main destinations as following; Doi Inthanon National Park, the highest peak of the country at 2,565 meters above sea level where a unique habitat occurs and home to some of locally endemic birds that restrict to this habitat. The park has an altitudinal gradient of forest types that created diverse habitats for many spectacular species. Doi Ang Khang situated on the border between Thailand and Myanmar. It is a steep mountain with a breathtaking panoramic view. Even though majority of forest areas on Doi Ang Khang have been encroached and converted to agriculture areas, but some are remain in healthy condition, as well as acceptable amount of regenerating forests. Thus, it is surely still excellent for birding. Doi San Ju and Doi Lang, they are located on the same mountain ridge right on the border of Thailand and Myanmar. Doi San Ju is on the west side of the mountain ridge and Doi lang is on the east side, but the road that connects these 2 places was blocked by the Thai army for a safety reason. So, getting to birding spots on these places we have to take the road from different side of the ridge in different district. Then, we will explore Doi San Ju for one day and strike out for Doi Lang on another day. Tham Pha Plong Temple, a peaceful and beautiful Buddhist temple situated at the outer perimeter of Doi Chiang Dao, a huge limestone mountain complex and declared as UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Rice fields in Fang district will be a place for relax and easy birding before sunset on the day that we are exhausted from long travel or a big day birding on the mountain. Many common species yet appealing to see can be found in this habitat.

Please look at the itinerary for expected species that we stand a high chance to see at each destination. Birds name mentioned in the itinerary are not 100% guarantee.

Tour Facts

Top Birds : Oriental Pied Hornbill, Great Hornbill, Wreathed Hornbill, Tickell's Brown Hornbill, Austen's Brown Hornbill, Siamese Fireback, Silver Pheasant, Rufous Limestone Babbler, Red-headed Trogon, Orange-headed Trogon, Banded Kingfisher, Long-tailed Broadbill, Silver-breasted Broadbill, Black-and-Red Broadbill, Black-and-Yellow Broadbill, Banded Broadbill, Dusky Broadbill, Greater Flameback, Greater Yellownape, Great Slaty Woodpecker, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Crimson Sunbird, Kalij Pheasant, Grey Peacock-pheasant, Green-legged Partridge, Bar-backed Partridge, Ferruginous Partridge, Blue Pitta, Ratchet-tailed Treepie, Spoon-billed Sandpiper, Nordmann's Greenshank, Asian Dowitcher, Malaysian Plover, White-faced Plover, Chinese Egret, Yellow-breasted Bunting.

Mrs Hume's Pheasant, Mountain Bamboo Partridge, Spot-breasted Parrotbill, Himalayan Cutia, Scarlet-faced Liocichla, Doi Inthanon Sunbird, Gould's Sunbird, Ashy-throated Warbler, Rufous-throated Partridge, Giant Nuthatch, Crested Finchbill, Rusty-checked Scimitar-babbler, Annam Limestone Babbler, Rufous-bellied Niltava, Silver-eared Mesia, Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker, Slaty-bellied Tesia, Chestnut-headed Tesia, Pygmy Cupwing, White-capped Water-redstart, White-crowned Forktail, Slaty-backed Forktail, Collared Falconet, White-bellied Redstart, Siberian Rubythroat, Black-throated Bush Tit, Hodgson's Frogmouth can be possible in late March and April, Green Cochoa and Purple Cochoa are easier to find in June-August.

Other Wildlife : Wild elephant, Sambar Deer, Barking Deer, Mouse Deer, White-handed Gibbon, Pig-tailed Macaque, Stump-tailed Macaque, Spectacled Langur, Dusky Langur, Black Giant Squirrel, Variable Squirrel, Burmese Striped Squirrel, Water Monitor Lizard, Land Monitor Lizard, Yellow-throated Marten, Malayan Sun Bear, Gaur, Leopard

Habitats Covered : Tropical rainforest, Montane evergreen forest, Pine forest, Mixed deciduous forest, Dry evergreen forest, Dry dipterocarp forest, limestone mountain, salt-pans, mangroves, sand spit, rice paddies and wetlands

Expected Climate : The central is cool in the morning on the mountain tops, hot and more humid lower down especially in the afternoon. The north is cold in the morning on the mountain tops, warm and more humid lower down. Rain and mist is possible in both regions.

Group Size : 1-8

Tour Pace and Walking : Easy to moderate pace, undemanding walking on a forest trail, mostly along paved roads and in national parks

Accommodation : Comfortable hotels and resorts

Ease of Birding : Easy to moderate. Most species provide good visuals in open conditions but get trickier within forested environments.

Number of Species Expected : 350+

Photographic Opportunities : Good to excellent

Itinerary

Day 1 : Bangkok to Khao Yai National Park

Pick up from the hotel in Bangkok at early morning around 5.30 am. Travel to Khao Yai National Park, we will check in at the hotel before enter the park. Then, visit several birding spots that can be productive for Oriental Pied Hornbill, Great Hornbill, Wreathed Hornbill, Austen's Brown Hornbill, Red Junglefowl, Green-billed Malkoha, Black-crested Bulbul, Puff-throated Bulbul, Grey-eyed Bulbul, Black-headed Bulbul, Green-eared Barbet, Blue-throated Barbet, Blue-eared Barbet, Coppersmith Barbet, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Hair-crested Drongo, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Ashy Drongo, Black-winged Cuckoo-shrike, Scarlet Minivet, Ashy Minivet, Red-wattled Lapwing, Ashy Wood-swallow, Indochinese Roller, Crested Serpent Eagle, Golden-fronted Leafbird, Blue-winged Leafbird, White-rumped Shama, Verditer Flycatcher, Taiga Flycatcher, Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher, Sulphur-breasted Warbler, Pin-striped Tit Babbler, Olive-backed Sunbird, Yellow-vented Flowerpecker, Cambodian Flowerpecker, Black-naped Oriole, Greater Flameback, Asian Fairy Bluebird, Paddyfield Pipit, Olive-backed Pipit, Grey Wagtail, Blue Rock Thrush, Brown Shrike, Spotted Dove, Zebra Dove and many more.

Meals : B / L / D

Overnight : Fortune D2 Plus Khaoyai

Day 2 : Khao Yai National Park

This morning we will heading to the top peak of the park and search for the top of the most wanted list of Khao Yai, the elegant Silver Pheasant and the Thai national bird Siamese Fireback. There is a well maintain board walk near the top peak that we can spend our time to find other species that we missed from yesterday, then we will birding down from the higher elevation to the lower areas. Today can be very productive for Red-headed Trogon, Orange-breasted Trogon, Banded Kingfisher, Common Green Magpie, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Long-tailed Broadbill, Silver-breasted Broadbill, Black Eagle, Hill Blue Flycatcher, Mountain Bulbul, Ashy Bulbul, Vernal Hanging-parrot, Red-breasted Parakeet, Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike, Common Iora, Sultan Tit, White-browed Scimitar-babbler, White-crested Laughingthrush, Black-throated Laughingthrush, Heart-spotted Woodpecker, Blue Whistling-thrush, Orange-headed Thrush, Thick-billed Green Pigeon, Mountain Imperial Pigeon, Brown-backed Needletail and many more.

Optional : In the afternoon, in case of we still missing some of our main target species and not productive enough, we will travel to the other forest reserve near Khao Yai NP. This place is a pristine dry-dipterocarp forest where we might see more species inhabit very dry habitat.

Meals : B / L / D

Overnight : Fortune D2 Plus Khaoyai

Day 3 : Limestone Mountain in Saraburi Province / Phetchaburi Province

Leave the hotel for limestone mountain in Saraburi Province, search for the country endemic species, Rufous Limestone Babbler. Other birds also can be found here such as White-rumped Shama, Coppersmith Barbet, Ashy Drongo, Black Drongo, Taiga Flycatcher, Asian Brown Flycatcher and so on. Then, travel to Phetchaburi Province. After check in at the hotel, around 4.00 pm. we will head off to the rice field. Spend 2 hours in the rice paddies we can connect with Yellow-breasted Bunting (Critically Endangered Species), Baya Weaver, Asian Golden Weaver, Amur Stonechat, Grey Wagtail, Pied Fantail, Greater Coucal, Asian Koel, Oriental Reed Warbler, Freckle-breasted Woodpecker, Asian Pied Starling, Black-collared Starling, White-breasted Kingfisher, Little Green Bee-eater, Zebra Dove, Spotted Dove, Red-turtle Dove, Asian Palm Swift, Germain's Swiftlet, Black Drongo, Brown Shrike, Plain Prinia, Yellow-bellied Prinia, Streak-eared Bulbul, Scaly-brested Munia, White-rumped Munia, and Plain-backed Sparrow.

Meals : B / L / D

Overnight : Sun Hotel

Day 4 : Pak Thale Salt-pans

After breakfast at the hotel, strike out for Pak Thale salt-pans, the country best and the most well-known shorebirds habitat. This morning can be very productive for many shorebirds and waterbirds

include Spoon-billed Sandpiper, Nordmann's Greenshank, Asian Dowitcher, Eurasian Curlew, Eurasian Whimbrel, Bar-tailed Godwit, Black-tailed Godwit, Great Knot, Red Knot, Curlew Sandpiper, Broad-billed Sandpiper, Terek Sandpiper, Marsh Sandpiper, Greater Sand Plover, Lesser Sand Plover, Red-necked Stint, Common Greenshank, Common Redshank, Spotted Redshank, Black-winged Stilt, Grey Plover, Pacific Golden Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Brown-headed Gull, Caspian Tern, Whiskered Tern, Common Tern, Little Tern, Little Cormorant, Indian Cormorant, Painted Stork, Grey Heron, Great Egret, Intermediate Egret, Little Egret and so on.

After lunch, we will take a boat through mangrove to Laem Phak Bia sand spit to find special shorebirds that restricted to this tiny sand spit, the increasingly scarce Malaysian Plover and the recently elevated White-faced Plover. Other species in the mangroves and on the sand spit such as Collared Kingfisher, Black-capped Kingfisher, Brahminy Kite, Chinese Egret (a rare waterbird), Javan Pond Heron, Striated Heron, Sanderling and Lesser Crested Tern. More species that we might come across on the way from one spot to another such as Wood Sandpiper, Common Sandpiper, Long-toed Stint, Pied Avocet, Asian Openbill, Spotted Dove, Zebra Dove, Red Turtle Dove, Little Green Bee-eater, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Black Drongo and Oriental Magpie Robin. Late afternoon travel to our resort tonight, Baan Maka Nature Lodge.

Meals : B / L / D

Overnight : Baan Maka Nature Lodge

Day 5 : Kaeng Krachan National Park

Leave the lodge early morning around 5.30 am. with a packed breakfast to strike out for one of the country best birding site. We will ride 4WD truck straight up to the top peak of the park at km.30, Panoenthung Campground. The highlight on this peak is a Ratchet-tailed Treepie, a locally endemic to only this peak, you cannot find this bird in other place in Thailand. Stroll around the peak and down to km.27 might stand a chance to see at least one of them. Other birds that we can connect with around this area include Great Hornbill, Collared Babbler, White-browed Scimitar-babbler, Great Barbet, Blue-throated Barbet, Greater Green Leafbird, Banded Kingfisher, Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo, Hair-crested Drongo, Grey Treepie, Red-headed Trogon, Flavescent Bulbul, Black-crested Bulbul, Mountain Bulbul, White-browed Shrike-babbler, Verditer Flycatcher, Dark-sided Flycatcher, Rufous-browed Flycatcher, Black-winged Cuckoo-shrike, Long-tailed Broadbill, Orange-bellied Flowerpecker, Streaked Spiderhunter, Rufous-fronted Babbler, Yellow-bellied Babbler, White-rumped Shama and many more.

Meals : B / L / D

Overnight : Baan Maka Nature Lodge

Day 6 : Kaeng Krachan NP

After light breakfast at the lodge head back to the park again, but today we will explore the low land section of the park. Birding along side the road can be very productive for Oriental Pied Hornbill, Great Hornbill, Tickell's Brown Hornbill, Crested Serpent Eagle, Black-thighed Falconet, Greater Flameback, Greater Yellownape, Great Slaty Woodpecker, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Bronzed Drongo, Ashy Drongo, Asian Barred Owlet, Dollarbird, Indochinese Roller, Sultan Tit, Black-and-Red Broadbill, Black-and-Yellow Broadbill, Banded Broadbill, Silver-breasted Broadbill, Orange-headed Trogon, Golden-crested Myna, Hill Myna, Black-crested Bulbul, Black-headed Bulbul, Stripe-throated Bulbul, Ochraceous Bulbul, Vernal Hanging-parrot, Blue-winged Leafbird, Great Iora, Blue-eared Barbet, Green-eared Barbet, Coppersmith Barbet, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Asian Fairy Bluebird, Common Flameback, Crimson Sunbird, Ruby-cheeked Sunbird and many more.

After lunch, we will spend our afternoon in a bird hide outside the park. Birds that can be seen in the hideout include Green-legged Partridge, Bar-backed Partridge, Ferruginous Partridge, Grey Peacock-pheasant, Blue Pitta, White-crested Laughingthrush, Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush, Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush, Emerald Dove, Racket-tailed Treepie, Siberian Blue Robin, Puff-throated Babbler, Brown-cheeked Fulvetta, Black-naped Monarch, Hill Blue Flycatcher, Indochinese Blue Flycatcher, Black-crested Bulbul, Black-headed Bulbul, Stripe-throated Bulbul and so on.

Meals : B / L / D

Overnight : Baan Maka Nature Lodge

Day 7 : Kaeng Krachan NP and fly to Chiang Mai Province

Last morning of the tour we will return to the lower section in the park again to hunt for more species that we still missing from yesterday. Head back to the lodge for lunch and set off for the airport, fly to Chiang Mai Province late afternoon flight.

Meals : B / L

Overnight : Sakulchai Place Hotel

Day 8 : Tham Pha Plong Temple and rice paddies in Fang district

Around 5.30 am., leave the hotel for Tham Pha Plong Temple, located at the foothill of a huge limestone mountain of Doi Chiang Dao. The walk up to the temple we can connect with Orange-breasted Trogon, Pin-tailed Green-pigeon, Thick-billed Green-pigeon, Annam Limestone Babbler, Black-hooded Oriole, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Hair-crested Drongo, Asian Fairy Bluebird, Coppermith Barbet, Red-whiskered Bulbul, Black-crested Bulbul, Sooty-headed Bulbul, Black Bulbul, White-headed Bulbul, White-crested Laughingthrush, Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush, Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush, Green-billed Malkoha, White-rumped Shama, Verditer Flycatcher, Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher, Blue Rock Thrush, Puff-throated Babbler, Pin-striped Tit Babbler and many more. After lunch heading to the hotel in Fang district, check in and relax. At 4.00 pm. start birding again at the rice paddies nearby the hotel. Birds we might see in this habitat such as Amur Stonechat, Pied Bushchat, Little Green Bee-eater, Brown Shrike, Long-tailed Shrike, Scaly-breasted Munia, White-throated Kingfisher, Common Kingfisher, Paddyfield Pipit, Ashy Wood-swallow, Asian Pied Starling, Black-collared Starling, Great Myna, Common Myna, Oriental Magpie Robin, Chinese Pond Heron and Cattle Egret.

Meals : B / L / D

Overnight : Tangerine Ville Hotel

Day 9 : Doi Ang Khang

Leave the hotel around 6.00 am, then traveling up the mountain to Doi Ang Khang. We will spend this morning visit several birding spots on this mountain that can be productive for Giant Nuthatch, Chestnut-vented Nuthatch, Crested Finchbill, Flavescent Bulbul, Brown-breasted Bulbul, Striated Bulbul, White-headed Bulbul, Dark-backed Sibia, Rufous-backed Sibia, Grey-capped Woodpecker, Stripe-breasted Woodpecker, White-browed Shrike-babbler, Burmese Shrike, Long-tailed Shrike, White-browed Scimitar-babbler, Silver-eared Mesia, Maroon Oriole, Black-hooded Oriole, Ashy Drongo, Scarlet Minivet, Long-tailed Minivet, Short-billed Minivet, Cook Swift, Japanese Tit, Black-winged Cuckoo-shrike and many more. In the afternoon we will visit a botanical garden in the Royal Project where we can connect with Spot-winged Grosbeak, Gould's Sunbird, Black-throated Sunbird, Green-tailed Sunbird, Streaked Spiderhunter, Annam Limestone Babbler, Yunnan Fulvetta, Blue-winged Minla, Black-breasted Thrush, Chestnut-thrush, Grey-winged Blackbird, White's Thrush, Dark-sided Thrush, and several species of White-eye. Head back to the hotel around 5.00 pm.

Meals : B / L / D

Overnight : Tangerine Ville Hotel

Day 10 : Doi San Ju

Leave the hotel very early at 4.30 am. for the feeding spot on Doi San Ju, then set up a portable bird hide and wait for many species show up at sunrise. Because of limited space at the spot, so there is a very high competition on this spot among other groups of birders and photographers. This spot is the easiest place in Thailand to see Mrs Hume's Pheasant (one of the world rarest Pheasant) at point-blank range. Other species often occurring at this spot are Mountain Bamboo Partridge,

White-browed Laughingthrush, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-babbler, Giant Nuthatch, Chestnut-vented Nuthatch, Ultramarine Flycatcher, Rufous-gorgetted Flycatcher, Olive-backed Pipit, Grey Bushchat, and Long-tailed Shrike. We might spend around 2-3 hours at this feeding spot, then we will move on slowly along the road and also stop at few more feeding spots that no need of setting up a portable bird hide again. Birds that we might see during the rest of the day such as Himalayan Cutia, Spot-breasted Parrotbill, Scarlet-faced Liocichla, Rufous-bellied Niltava, Large Niltava, White-bellied Redstart, Siberian Rubythroat, Black-throated Bush Tit, Chestnut-bellied Rock-thrush, Blue Whistling-thrush, White-browed Shrike Babbler, Yunnan Fulvetta, Golden Babbler, Golden-throated Barbet, Hume's Treecreeper, Grey Treepie, Slaty-blue Flycatcher, Hill Prinia, Lesser Yellowname, Long-tailed Broadbill and many more.

Meals : B / L / D

Overnight : Tangerine Ville Hotel

Day 11 : Doi Lang

Leave the hotel at 5.00 am. Because of the road going up the mountain to the birding spot is a very rough dirt road, so we have to change from our van to a truck. Doi Lang is mostly covered by a dense and tall montane forest. Birds that inhabit this area many species are similar to Doi San Ju, but some species are much easier to see over here. There is also a particular species that only can see here, which is a Fire-tailed Sunbird, but not easy to find one. The highlight species such as Scarlet-faced Liocichla, Chestnut-headed Tesia, Brown-crowned Scimitar-babbler, Whiskered Yuhina, Striated Yuhina, Crested Finchbill, Spot-breasted Laughingthrush, Red-tailed Laughingthrush, Himalayan Bluetail, Golden Bush Robin, Orange-flanked Bush-Robin, White-gorgetted Flycatcher, Dark-backed Sibia, Rufous-backed Sibia, Rufous-bellied Niltava, Spectacled Barwing, Spot-winged Grosbeak, Black-throated Parrotbill, Rufous-winged Fulvetta, Black-throated Bush Tit, Black-breasted Thrush, Grey-sided Thrush, Eyebrowed Thrush and so on.

Meals : B / L / D

Overnight : Tangerine Ville Hotel

Day 12 : Fang thermal spring and travel to Doi Inthanon National Park

Leave hotel early around 6.00 am. for Fang thermal spring, it is one of the most famous tourists attraction in Fang district and worth visiting. Strolling around hot springs and a stream nearby can be productive for Asian Barred Owlet, Spot-winged Grosbeak, Coppersmith Barbet, Lineated Barbet, White-faced Jay, White Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, Ashy Minivet, Scarlet Minivet, Rosey Minivet, Grey Bushchat, Black-crested Bulbul, Black-headed Bulbul, Stripe-throated Bulbul, White-capped Water-redstart, Common Kingfisher, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Greater Coucal, Black-hooded Oriole, Black-naped Oriole, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Black-winged Cuckooshrike, Green-billed Malkoha, Barn Swallow, Striated Swallow, White-crested Laughingthrush, White-rumped Shama, Blue Rock-thrush, Blue Whistling-thrush, Little Pied Flycatcher, Taiga Flycatcher, Verditer Flycatcher, Hume's White-eye, Chestnut-flanked White-eye, Oriental Magpie Robin, Olive-backed Sunbird, Streaked Spiderhunter, Oriental Honey Buzzard and many more.

Get back to the hotel before lunch to pick up our luggages, then travel to Doi Inthanon National Park.

If we arrived Doi Inthanon NP before sunset, we will check out the lower elevation area inside the park where a dry-dipterocarp forest occur and searching for Collared Falconet. Other species that we might see here such as Black-headed Woodpecker, Lineated Barbet, White-faced Jay, Red-billed Blue Magpie, Sooty-headed Bulbul, and White-rumped Falcon.

Meals : B / L / D

Overnight : Mr. Daeng Bird Center Resort

Day 13 : Doi Inthanon National Park

After breakfast around 6.30 am., travel straight up to the top peak of the park, which is also the highest peak of Thailand at 2,565 meters above sea level. This peak has the unique habitat of the higher elevation peat bog surrounded by very pristine cloud forest called "Ang Ka Peat Bog", it is the only one in the country. We will take slow paces on a well-maintain boardwalk goes around this

miraculous peat bog in a loop. Spending few hours in this boardwalk and also around the top peak can be very productive for Doi Inthanon Sunbird (a locally endemic sub-species), Gould's Sunbird, Ashy-throated Warbler (a locally endemic species), White-browed Shortwing, Snowy-browed Flycatcher, Slaty-bellied Tesia, Pygmy Cupwing, Rufous-throated Partridge, Dark-sided Thrush, Yellow-bellied Fairy Fantail, Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker, Davison's Leaf Warbler, Rufous-winged Fulvetta, Silver-eared Laughingthrush, Dark-backed Sibia, Chestnut-tailed Minla, Blue-winged Minla, Eye-browed Thrush, Grey-sided Thrush, Speckled Wood Pigeon, Ashy Wood Pigeon and so on. Then, we will travel down to the mid-elevation area where we might connect with Slaty-bellied Tesia, Lesser Shortwing, White-gorgetted Flycatcher, Hume's Treecreeper, White-throated Fantail, Yellow-bellied Fairy-fantail, Black-eared Shrike-babbler, Clicking Shrike-babbler, Mountain Bulbul, and Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo.

After lunch, we will go to a stream near electric power generation station and also visit a nearby waterfall behind the Royal Project. Birds that we might bump into at this area include White-capped Water-redstart, Plumbeous Redstart, Pygmy Cupwing, Streaked Wren-babbler, White-crowned Forktail, Slaty-backed Forktail and so on.

Head back to the resort around 6.00 pm.

Meals : B / L / D

Overnight : Mr. Daeng Bird Center Resort

Day 14 : Doi Inthanon National Park to the airport

We will spend our last morning to explore more new species around the park's second checkpoint, here we can stroll along the road and also light trek in the short forest trail called "Jeep track". This morning might be productive for Long-tailed Minivet, Short-billed Minivet, Grey-chinned Minivet, Little Pied Flycatcher, Mountain Tailorbird, Yellow-cheeked Tit, Rufous-backed Sibia, Chestnut-crowned Warbler, Chestnut-vented Nuthatch, Slaty-bellied Tesia and more. After lunch leave Doi Inthanon for Chiang Mai airport.

Meals : B / L

Optional : You can add one more day in this itinerary, then it will be 15 days tours, by adding an extra day in Doi Inthanon National Park. Because of the park is a huge place, there are more birding spots left to explore. Moreover, there are also bird hideouts made by hill tribes people in the park. On the extra day you can spend sometime in one or two of these bird hideouts. It might increase number of species in your trip checklist and also provide you an opportunity to see some beautiful birds at point-blank range.

Note : The itinerary is indicative only, it is subject to change according to the situation. The main destinations might swap around and more extra birding spots can be added. The accommodation mentioned above can be changed in case of no room available by the time you are booking the tour. We are totally flexible to adjust any option in the program to deliver you a bespoke itinerary. Discuss with us to customize the itinerary that best suits you.

Tour inclusions

- English-speaking birding guide
- Luxury van and petrol
- Park entrance fees
- All accommodation mentioned in the itinerary
- All meals mentioned in the itinerary
- Bottled drinking water, fruits and soft drinks
- Refreshments
- Insurance

Tour exclusions

- Other services not mentioned in the itinerary such as Thai massage etc.
- Alcoholic drinks
- Mini-bar charges at hotels
- Souvenirs
- Telephone calls, laundry and other items of a personal nature
- Special gratuities; tips for guide, driver and services

Things to bring

- Personal medication
- Raincoat (or waterproof jacket) or umbrella
- Insect repellent
- Hat or cap
- Light sweater or fleece jacket
- Long-sleeves shirt and pants are recommended
- Trekking or Hiking boots are recommended