

Monsoon India & Kashmir Birding Tour 2026

Duration: 16 Days. Arrival city – Mumbai

Dates: from 03 August 2026. Departure city- Delhi

Target Species

- Lesser Florican monsoon display grasslands near Ajmer
- Forest Owlet rare Western Ghats endemic at Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary
- Rock Bush Quail dry scrub habitats in Rajasthan
- Broad-tailed Grassbird monsoon grassland specialty near Pune
- Indian Grassbird wetlands and reedbeds near Delhi
- Bristled Grassbird wetland edge habitats near Delhi
- Painted Spurfowl dry rocky forest in Ranthambore
- Kashmir Nuthatch high-altitude forest in Kashmir
- Kashmir Flycatcher breeding areas in Kashmir
- Kashmir Nutcracker subalpine conifer forests in Kashmir

- Orange Bullfinch upper Himalayan valleys in Kashmir
- Plus Vigors's Sunbird, White-bellied Minivet, and many other regional specialties.

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 – Mumbai

Arrive in Mumbai and transfer to your hotel. Depending on your arrival time, there may be an evening orientation and a short birding walk nearby. Overnight in Mumbai.

Day 2 – Mumbai → Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary

After breakfast, drive to Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary. Spend the afternoon birding in and around the sanctuary, looking for Forest Owlet, Vigors's Sunbird, and other Western Ghats forest specialties. Overnight near Tansa.

Day 3 – Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary

Enjoy a full day of birdwatching, exploring different forest types and open patches to maximize chances of finding the Forest Owlet and other endemics. Overnight near Tansa.

Day $4 - \text{Tansa} \rightarrow \text{Pune}$

Morning birding session at Tansa before driving to Pune. On arrival, settle in and, if time permits, enjoy some evening birding in the surrounding grasslands. Overnight in Pune.

Day 5 – Pune

Full day birding around Pune, targeting the Broad-tailed Grassbird and other monsoon grassland species. Overnight in Pune.

Day $6 - \text{Pune} \rightarrow \text{Jaipur} \rightarrow \text{Ajmer}$

Morning flight from Pune to Jaipur, followed by a drive to Ajmer. Depending on arrival time, enjoy an evening birding session around Ajmer. Overnight in Ajmer.

Day 7 – Ajmer

Full day birdwatching in Ajmer, looking for Lesser Florican, Rock Bush Quail, and White-bellied Minivet. Overnight in Ajmer.

Day $8 - Ajmer \rightarrow Ranthambore$

Morning birding in Ajmer before driving to Ranthambore. Afternoon birding in search of Painted Spurfowl and other dry forest specialties. Overnight in Ranthambore.

Day 9 – Ranthambore \rightarrow Jaipur \rightarrow Srinagar

Morning birding in Ranthambore before returning to Jaipur for your flight to Srinagar. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel or houseboat. Overnight in Srinagar.

Day 10 – Kashmir (Srinagar)

Full day birding in Kashmir, focusing on high-altitude species including Kashmir Flycatcher, Kashmir Nuthatch, and Kashmir Nutcracker. Overnight in Srinagar.

Day 11 - Kashmir

Another full day in Kashmir, visiting different habitats to target species such as Orange Bullfinch and other Himalayan specialties. Overnight in Srinagar.

Day 12 - Kashmir

Final full day birding in Kashmir, targeting any remaining endemics and enjoying the alpine scenery. Overnight in Srinagar.

Day 13 – Srinagar → Delhi

Morning flight from Srinagar to Delhi. Birding around Delhi for Indian Grassbird and Bristled Grassbird in wetlands and grasslands. Overnight in Delhi.

Day 14 – Delhi → Haiderpur Wetland → Haldwani

Birding around Delhi, with the option to search for Finch's Weaver if recent sightings are available. Continue to Haldwani via Haiderpur Wetland for waterbirds, storks, and other wetland species. Overnight in Haldwani.

Day 15 – Haldwani → Delhi

Morning birding in Haldwani before returning to Delhi. Overnight in Delhi.

Day 16 – Delhi – Departure

Depart from Delhi for your international flight home.

Inclusions in the Price:

All ground transfers and transportation, domestic flights, all meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner), and comfortable accommodations throughout the tour are included.

Exclusions from the Price:

International flights, visa fees, personal expenses, travel insurance, alcoholic beverages, tips, and any items not specifically mentioned in the inclusions.