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Red Panda

I will be leading various small group (maximum 4 people) Photographic Expedition – the tours are seasonal and usually run in February/March or October/November. Or if you prefer to travel independently with one of our very knowledgeable guides then also get in touch.

The landscape is incredible and the views of the Himalayas are breath-taking.

Seeing a Red Panda in the wild is extremely rare – there are very few people in the world that have been successful at capturing images of them. Our trips have so far had a 100% sighting success rate, but nothing is guaranteed. The nature of this trip is that it is in a very unexplored remote area and therefore participants are asked to understand that this is a trip of an expedition nature rather than a tick box tour. We also ask that people have a reasonable level of fitness as often we will be trekking through mountain forest for many hours.

Day 1

Pick up will be from Bagdogra Airport at 1:30pm and transfer to Manebhanjan. We will have lunch enroute. Once at Manebhanjan we will stop for evening tea and then will meet the porters, landrovers and all the relevant documents and then make our way to Base Camp at Kaikata. We will check in to the resort and spend the evening relaxing.

Day 2 to 7

The next 6 days will consist of daily trekking for the red pandas, combined with bird photography (including our own hide set up at the resort). Our Trekking Team will go to different known Red Panda territories daily and will notify us of any sightings. If anything is seen we will go to the locations and trek. We will also do our own daily treks to search different areas. Every night we will return to the resort for dinner and overnight.

Day 8

Check out from the resort after breakfast around 8am. We will reach Bagdogra Airport by 2pm.

Resort & Facilities:

The Habre's Nest Resort, Kaiakata

- Double Bedded Rooms with Attached Western Toilets & Balcony
- Every Balcony is a Sunset Point.
- Room Heater.
- Running Water.
- Hot Water.
- Room Service.
- Mini Bar cum sitting area with a fire place.
- Power supply (Generator) from 5pm to 8am.
- Perfect Blend of Local Food with a western touch.
- In house Bird Studio with a hide.

Group Size: 4 Guest

Additional Naturalist & Photography Escort: Shivang Mehta & Shantanu Prasad

PRICES AND DATES ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST. THEY CAN VARY DEPENDENT ON CLIENT NUMBERS AND DEPARTURE DATES.

CONTACT ME DIRECTLY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Places are limited and will fill up extremely quickly.

Cost Includes:

- Pick up & Drop from Bagdogra
- Your stay & food as mentioned above.
- Naturalist service.
- Porters & Safari Landrover Cost.
- Permit cost.
- Still camera permits.
- Bottled Water.
- Red Panda Tracking.
- Nepal Permission.

Cost Excludes:

- Any other food or beverages other than mentioned above.
- Laundry service.
- Alcohol.
- Anything not mentioned above.

PLEASE NOTE: We may change the above plan according to the sighting but services will remain of the same quality only the places of stay may change. We may also go to adjacent part of Nepal for Red Panda with proper permission.

NEPAL VISA: For every Foreign guest the Nepal Visa is a must. The Required details for the visa application is as follows,

- Visa Type: Online
- Visa application Dates: 2 days before the trip starts, guest needs to apply online.
- Entry point to Nepal: KAKARBHITTA, JHAPA
- Address in Nepal: The Habre's Nest Resort, Kaiakata, Ilam District, Nepal.