

# A Key Birding Site in Northern of Thailand 8 Days Tour

More Than You Expected

## **Tour Fact Sheet & Bird Highlights**

Hauy Hong Krai > Green Peafowl, Rufous Treepie, Red-billed Blue Magpie

Doi Inthanon > Green-tailed Sunbird, Ashy-throated Warbler, Black-tailed Crake, Green Cochoa, White-

rumped Falcon, Hodgson's Frogmouth, Pygmy Wren Babbler

Doi Ang Khang > Giant Nuthatch, Red-faced Liocichla, White-browed Laughingthrush

Doi Sanju > Hume's Pheasant, Himalayan Cutia, Spot-breasted Parrotbill, Black-throated Tit,

Spot-breasted Laughingthrush

Chiang San & Mekong River > Pied Harrier, Fire-throat, Jordon's Bushchat, Small Pratincole, Red Avadavat

**Doi Tung** > Rusty-naped Pitta, Green Cochoa.

Habitats Covered : Open farmland, Botanical garden, Orchard, Rice field, River bank, Freshwater lake,

Deciduous forest, Pine forest, Hill evergreen forest, Peat swamp on the summit

Tour pace & walking : Easy

**Accommodations** : 3 star comfortable hotel and resort

Expected Number of Species : November – February, 200+, March – May, 180+

Photographic Opportunities : December - February is excellent

The Weather : November - December 20-25 C., January 10-15 C., February 25-30 C.

(on summit 1-8 C.)

#### **Thailand Itinerary**

Tour Start : Chiang Mai

Tour End : Chiang Mai or Chiang Rai

Duration : 8 Days tour

## Day 1 : Chiang Mai > Hauy Hong Krai > Doi Inthanon

Then transfer 45 mins. to **Hauy Hong Krai - King Initiated Project** for birding in dry dipterocarp forest. Birds that we expected to see here such as Green Peafowl, Red-billed Blue Magpie, Asian Barred Owlet, Black Baza and more good species. We have buffet lunch at **Pub Pla restaurant**, Then head off to **Mae Hiab Agricultural University**, where inside is mostly an open farmlands, birds such as Ashy Wood Swallow, Little Green Bee-eater, Stonechat, Black-collared Starling, Greater Coucal, Red Avadavat, Siberian Rubythroat, White-breasted Waterhen, Red-wattled Lapwing, Chinese Pond Heron, White-throated Kingfisher can be found here.



Then transfer to **Doi Lor** to watching *Small Pratincole, Bronze-winged Jacana, Lesser-whistling Duck, Hoopoe, Black-collared Starling, Blue-tailed Bee-eater and more. Then to Bann Hong Wildlife Res. (40 mins) to look for Green Peafowl (for here is easy to take photography), Next drive to Doi Inthanon foothill where the main habitat is dry dipterocarp forest, birds that commonly found here such as Collared Falconet, White-rumped Falconet, Rufous Treepie, Sooty-headed Bulbul, Greater Rackettailed Drongo, Black Kite, Black-headed Woodpecker, Common Flameback etc.* 

Meal : L

Stay : Daeng Bird Cafe' (2 star)

### Day 2, 3: Doi Inthanon National Park

We will spend two full day birding inside Doi Inthanon National Park, We will searching the highlight spots which including

- 1) The Second Check Point (Km.38); species that can be found in this zone such as Mountain Tailorbird, Rufous-bellied and Small Niltavas, White-gorgeted Flycatcher, White-browed Scimitar-Babbler, Yellow-cheeked Tit, Grey-cheeked Fulvetta, Dark-backed, Rufous-backed and Long-tailed Sibias, Asian Emerald Cuckoo, Chestnut-tailed Minla, Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher, White-browed Piculet, White-throated Fantail, Silver-eared Mesia, Spectacled Barwing, Hume's Treecreeper, Greychinned, Long-tailed, Short-billed and Scarlet Minivets, Flavescent, Mountain and White-headed Bulbuls. 2.) The highest summit (and also the highest peak of Thailand) at 2,685 meters above sea level. The summit of the park has a very unique ecosystem with Rhododendron spp. covered all over the top and there is the country only peat swamp right on the summit. This special habitat holds a number of unique species that are almost impossible to find elsewhere in Thailand and we will make a special effort to explore this area for those great birds such as Green-tailed Sunbird (UNCOMMON), Mrs Gould's Sunbird, Grey Bushchat, Ashy-throated Warbler(LOCALLY ENDEMIC), Chestnut-tailed Minla, Blue-winged Siva, White-throated and Yellow-bellied Fantails, Rufous-winged Fulvetta, Greybellied Tesia, Dark-backed Sibia, Snowy-browed Flycatcher, Red-flanked Bluetail, White-browed and Lesser Shortwings, Pygmy Wren Babbler, Davison's Leaf Warbler, Rufous-throated Partridge, Chestnutcrowned Laughingthrush, Dark-sided Thrush, Eurasian Woodcock and a lot more good species.
- 3.) A campsite; time will be spent around here in the morning or maybe in the afternoon depends on our success from other spots. The park's mid-elevation birds that can be seen here such as Collared Falconet, Great Barbet, Orange-bellied Leafbird, Great Tit, Hill Prinia, White-headed Bulbul, Grey Treepie, Chestnut-bellied, Chestnut-vented and Velvet-fronted Nuthatches, Black-throated Parrotbill, White-tailed Robin, Scaly Thrush, Oriental White-eye, Black-tailed Crake (RARE, maybe vagrant) etc.
- **4.) Waterfalls**; there are few waterfalls inside the park, where we stand a good chance to see White-capped Water Redstart, Slaty-backed and White-crowned Forktail, and other more stream preferring



species. During the night time, if we do night watch we might connect with Brown Wood Owl, Brown

Boobook, Hodgson's Frogmouth and Mountain Scope-Owl (Dec.-Jan.)

Meals : B/L

Stay : Daeng Bird Cafe'

## Day 4 : Doi Inthanon > Doi Ang Khang

After breakfast, leaving this wonderful park we next travel to Doi Ang Khang (3-4 hrs.), a rugged and picturesque mountain with several excellent birding spots. We will, however, occasionally stops to enjoy birding on the way to our destination. Some birding spots such as **Nong Bong** freshwater swamp in Vocational Training Center of Border Patrol Police, Mae Tang District, habitats around here including dry dipterocarp forest, freshwater swamp and orchard. Rufous Treepie, Eurasian Jay, Red-billed Blue-magpie, Rufous Woodpecker can be found in this area. In case of arrival several hours before sunset, after check in, we will spend the rest of the day searching few good spots. Various species maybe seen such as Giant Nuthatch (a region's tough species), Siberian Rubythroat, White-browed Laughingthrush (an elusive species), Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler, Daurian Redstart, White-capped Water Redstart, Red-flanked and Himalayan Bluetails, Spectacled Barwing, Dark-sided, Black-breasted and Scaly Thrushes, Hill Blue Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker, Stripe-breasted Woodpecker, Brown-breasted Bulbul, Crested Finchbill, Long-tailed Broadbill, Common Rosefinch, Spot-winged Grosbeak, Black-throated Sunbird, Jerdon's and Grey Bushchat etc.

Meals: B/L

Stay : Pha-Dang Happy House (2.5 star)

#### Day 5 : Doi Ang Khang > Fang

Today we have a full day to explore more good spots in this superb area and also spend some time in the afternoon to visit the Royal Project, which can be a productive site to find more birds and some species we missed yesterday. By the end of the day we will travel (1 hr.) to Fang town.

Meals : B/L

Stay : <u>Tangerrine Ville Hotel</u> Click!

## Day 6 : Doi Sanju

Doi Sanju located at a perimeter of Doi Pha Hom Pok National Park, which formed a border line between Thailand and Myanmar. It is one of the best birding and bird photography site in Thailand and rapidly became the country popular location in recent years. Guide will take you to many birds feeding spots along the Thailand–Myanmar border security road at 2,020 meters above sea level. At each spot is not only great for birding, but also providing great opportunities to snap excellent shots of



rare and uncommon birds. We will have a very early departure from the hotel to the first feeding spot. Then set up our bird hide tents to secure the space and wait for our prime targets, a rare and much desired **Mrs Hume's Pheasant** and **Mountain Bamboo Partridge** (another sought-after specialty) show up at the first light. Today we will spend a whole day birding along the border road. This magnificent place is famous for holding many great species that really hard to find elsewhere including Ultramarine Flycatcher, Large and Rufous-bellied Niltavas, Grey-headed and Spot-breasted Parrotbills, Black-throated Tit, Chestnut-flanked Bush Robin, White-bellied Redstart, Rufous-tailed Robin, Himalayan Cutia, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler, Striated Bulbul, Crested Finchbill, Whiskered Yuhina, Dark-backed and Long-tailed Sibias, Stripe-breasted Woodpecker, White-tailed Leaf Warbler, Chestnut-crowned Warbler, Black-eared Shrike-Babbler, Chestnut-fronted Shrike-Babbler, Rufous-winged Fulvetta, White-gorgeted Flycatcher, Blue-winged Minla, Hodgson's Frogmouth (nesting in Feb.-Apr.), Black Magpie and a lot more good species.

Meals : B-box / L-box

Stay : Tangerine Ville Hotel

#### Day 7: Fang > Tha Ton > Golden Triangle > Chiang San Lake

After breakfast, Guide bring you to **Tha Ton temple** the famous place for tourism and then transfer to birding side in **Tha Ton rice filed** bird such as Wire-tailed Swallow, Richard's Pipit, Small Pratincole, Chestnut-capped Babbler and more. Then transfer 2 hr. to **Golden Triangle** (click)

After visit golden triangle we will check in and rest one hour, before we go to **Chiang San Lake** and **Nong Lom bird hide** for watching some waterbirds such as Mandarin Duck, Cotton Pygmy-Goose, Lesser Whistling-Duck, Northern Shoveler, Ferruginous Pochard, Baer's Pochard, Tufted Duck, Eurasian Wigeon, Garganey, Gadwall, Chinese Spot-billed Duck, Indian Spot-billed Duck, Common Teal, Northern Pintail, Pheasant-tailed Jacanaand more. The highlight of this site is a stunning huge flock of Pied Harriers that roosting around the lake (only in Dec. - Apr.). Before sunset we will settle ourselves into the bird hide and wait for about 50-100 Pied Harriers alight on the sleeping ground just in front of the hide, which you can easily take the number of great shots.

Meals: B/L

Stay : Siam Triangle Hotel Click!

#### Day 8 : Chiang San paddy filed & lake > Chiang Rai attraction > Chiang Rai airport or Chiang Mai

A final morning will be spent birding along the Mekong River banks, you might have a chance to get additional species for the trip. Birds that can be found in this area such as Small Pratincole, Grey-breasted Prinia, **Jordan's Bushchat (status rare)**, Dusky Crag-Martin, Rufous-winged Buzzard, Yellow-eyed Babbler, Chestnut-capped Babbler and more. Then guide bring you to tourist attraction spot in Chiang Rai, depending the time we have. Example place 1.) **Doi Tui** botanical garden, hight



chance to see Grey-winged Blackbird, Green Cochoa(Uncommon), Rusty-naped Pitta(Rare) 2.) <u>Wat Rong Khun</u> 3.) <u>Wat Rong Sae Ten.</u> Then transfer to Chiang Rai Airport or 3.30 hr. to Chiang Mai.

Meals: B / L Meals: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

## See directions on a Google Map https://goo.gl/maps/zo8BbM3NWsVDuw4N8 Click!

## Price Thai Baht / Person

| Group Size  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| THB./Person |   |   |   |   |

**NOTE**: Single room supplement = 7,500 THB.

#### This includes:

- ✓ Highest experienced-birding guide with a spotting scope (working hours 06:00 20:00\*\*)
- ✓ All ground transfers \*\*
- ✓ All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- ✓ Meals as indicated and unlimited cold drinking water bottle
- ✓ Accommodations base twin beds room or request
- ✓ Field equipments (for photographer private bird hide, chair, mew worm, bean bag)
- ✓ Bird of Thailand check list and Travel insurance

The tour package EXCLUDES: Dinner (100-250 THB/meal/person), All bird hide entrance fee, Thai massage, Laundry, Telephone calls, Any beverage & Alcoholic drink, Snack, Extra bed and counter bar in the hotel room, Birding guide and driver gratuities

## Payments and Cancellation Policy

## 1. Payments Policy

Please note that payments can be made via bank transfer or PayPal.

In order to secure your booking we need 40% deposit. At once your payment is initiated then your booking will be saved, fixed and confirmed. First-Come, First-Served. OR you can pay in full amount (100%) just once if you are ready. Request of payment via PayPal charge 4.5%. Money transfer through bank accounts, bank transfer fees are the expenses of the sender.

## Remaining cost (60%) is to be paid

- Payment required 30 days prior to scheduled arrival via PayPal or bank transfer OR
- Payment also can be done on the first day of the tour via credit smart card SIMs (charge 3.5%) OR pay in cash directly to our birding guide with your country currency or in Thai Baht.

If you prefer pay by the two latter methods, please let us know as soon as possible not later than 30 days before the tour starts. If the service is already carried half-way through of the itinerary, but you still



do not pay the remaining cost. We will drop the service immediately until you pay the outstanding amount.

#### 2. Cancellation Policy

- In case of a cancellation occurring 60-31 days before the tour starts, a cancellation fee is the 50% of the deposit or full transferred money.
- A cancellation made within 30 days before the tour starts is subject to no refund.

Please note, in case of no show or cancellation made by any case during the tour is carrying out, the total price of the tour is subject to no refund.

## **Krung Thai Bank Public Company Limited**

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Account name: Wild Bird Eco Tour Thailand

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## Required information, please send to us.

- Photocopy of your passport
- > Your main focus; Bird Watching OR Bird Photography
- > Food preference and limitation; vegetarian, no spicy food at all, food allergy, etc.

#### Things to bring:

- Bird guide hand book of Thailand, Field notebook, eBird app.
- Light walking boots or sports shoes
- Long hiking trousers and long-sleeved shirt, Raincoat or rain jacket (May-Jan.)
- Mosquito repellent, Sunscreen lotion
- Warm clothes (Dec. Feb. temperature around 1 10 C. on the top of the mountains)
- Personal medications, Water bottle for refilling

## NOTE: Dear Clients, please read below before booking our service:

- \* This is the original itinerary, the routes and timing may change according to unanticipated circumstances such as local conditions, habitat burnt down by local people, global warming effect, heavy rains, a number of general tourists in the weekend and in nature trials we do birding. We will attempt to adhere as close to the original itinerary as possible.
- \* We don't 100% guarantee to see all birds mentioned in the itinerary. Nevertheless, our guides will do their best for your satisfaction.
- \*\* Birding guide & driver standard working hours are between 06:00-20:00 (including dinner, night watch & checklist summary). They can start working a little earlier and finish a little late. If you want to extend extra hours, please do not hesitate to discuss with them and pay extra for their overtime working.