

# Royal Manas National Park, Bhutan



## Bhutan - Extensions



A wildlife sanctuary since 1966, and a national park since 1966, Royal Manas is Bhutan's oldest protected area, it is considered the 'conservation showpiece of the kingdom'. With both tropical and sub-tropical eco-systems, rivers and forests, grasslands and peaks, the park is ecologically rich and diverse and provides a pristine home for a vast variety of animals, birds and plants, including many rare and endangered species.

Wildlife species in Royal Manas include the Royal Bengal Tiger, Asian elephant, clouded leopard, greater one-horned rhinoceros and Himalayan black bear, whilst the golden langur primate, is found virtually nowhere else in the world. Royal Manas is also a birder's paradise with around 450 resident and migratory species of birds officially recorded in the park. Among the most sought after sightings are the rufous-necked hornbill, white-bellied heron, emerald cuckoo and white-rumped vulture, but other species you may encounter include crested bunting, oriental white-eye, Pallas fishing eagle, spotted wren-babbler, rufous-gorgeted flycatchers and blue-headed rock thrush - to name but a few. Indeed any visit to the park and its environs will undoubtedly result in a large amount of birds being ticked off your birding wish list.

Although open year round, the park is best visited between November and March and on this extension you will be accompanied by an expert birding guide to fully enhance your birding experience.



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## Suggested Itinerary

We suggest a six night itinerary to allow for travelling between Paro and Zhemgang and to fully experience the Royal Manas National Park giving you the best opportunity to spot a wide variety of birds and other wildlife. We can adapt the itinerary at the end of your group tour so that you can visit Royal Manas without having to replicate the long drive between Paro and Gangtey.

- Day 1** Your specialist birding guide will collect you from your hotel in Paro and you will drive to Gangtey in central Bhutan, a journey of around 5 hours. You will spend the evening at leisure at your hotel in Gangtey.  
Overnight: Hotel Gakiling or Yo Lo Koe Lodge or Similar, Gangtey (Meals: BLD)
- Day 2** Today is a long drive south to reach Zhemgang, close to the Indian border. Your driver will make regular comfort and refreshment stops, including lunch, and you can expect the drive to take up to 7 hours, depending on road conditions.  
Overnight: Twang Hotel in Zhemgang (Meals: BLD)
- Days 3-5** Over the course of the next three days you will spend time at the Royal Manas National Park in the company of your expert guide. He will be aware of your birding list and will do his best to spot and identify as many species as he can for you. You will no doubt find many different birds around your resort, as well as in the park itself which you can explore on the network of hiking trails. As the park is also home to an impressive variety of animals - many rare and endangered - you may well observe some other exotic wildlife on your forays.  
Overnight: Twang Hotel, Zhemgang (Meals: BLD)
- Day 6** After breakfast at your hotel you begin the long return journey. Today you will drive back to Gangtey where you will once again spend the night.  
Overnight: Hotel Gakiling or Yo Lo Koe Lodge or Similar, Gangtey (Meals: BLD)
- Day 7** You drive back to Paro today, either to your accommodation or to the airport for an onwards flight. (Meals: BL)

## Prices\*

From £1,495 per person on a twin-share basis.  
From £1,780 per person for solo travellers

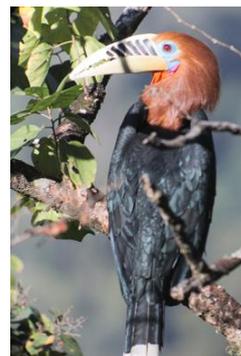
### Price includes:

4 nights hotel accommodation on a twin share basis; all meals; driver and private vehicle; specialist birding guide; park entry fees.

### Not included:

Drinks; tips; accommodation on day 7.

*\*Prices are valid until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021*



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