

Tour Code: GW-BW-008

Birding in Yunnan Northwest (13 days)

Highlight: birding in Yunnan Northwest and Gaoligong Mountains Nature Reserve

The Gaoligong Mountains Nature Reserve, a protected area comprising the Gaoligong Mountains and the nearby Nu Jiang Reserve in the western Yunnan, is a class Protected Area of World Wildlife Fund, and World Biosphere Reserve and a part of World Heritage Site of UNESCO. The Nature Reserve with its range of natural forests protects a large number of flora and fauna, and especially the rare and endemic species. 525 species of birds are recorded, which fall under 58 families and 19 orders. Species under protection are Scater's monal, golden eagle, cinereous vulture, Mrs. Hume's pheasant, kalij pheasant, satyr tragopan, and silver pheasant.

Birding tips:

- For birding-watchers, start the birding before the dew disappeared in the morning; go again at around 17:00 at dusk; get back to the hotel before 21:00 for rest.
- The best season for birding in Yunnan Northwest: Middle Nov. – Late April.

Day 1/Arrive in Lijiang

Arrive in Lijiang, pick up from the airport. Then visit Black Dragon Pool, Mu's Palace, Lijiang Ancient Town. In the afternoon, watch birds around Longshan Pass in the direction of Yongsheng. (L,D)



Day 2/Lijiang-Lashihai-Tina's Guesthouse

Morning birding in Lhashihia Wetland, you will have a chance to watch more than 50 species of birds (especially from November to next March for winter migratory birds). Noon to Jinsha River Valley for lunch and rest. Afternoon drive to Tina's Guesthouse and enjoy the beautiful scenery on the way. At around 16:00, start 1.5 hours trekking to Xiaoshan Pass for birding, then get back to the hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 3/Tina's Guesthouse-Haba Snow Mountain-Shangri-La

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Depart in the early morning to Mianshaba of Haba Snow Mountain Nature Reserve, for birding. Arrive at the hotel in Shangri-la in the afternoon. By dusk, watch birds in the surrounding of Shika Snow Mountain. Then drive back to the hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 4/Shangri-La-Tacheng Town

In the early morning, drive to Napahai Lake, located 8km to the northwest of Zhongdian County. It is the ideal habitation for black-necked cranes, and the plateau wetland bird populations. In the afternoon, drive to Tacheng Town. By dusk, birding at Bazu Village. Stay overnight in the local guesthouse (with private toilet). (B,L,D)

Day 5/Tacheng Town-Shigu Town-Shaxi

After breakfast, drive to Yunnan Sunb-nose Monkey Base, watch the monkeys and birds in the forest. Pass by the Shigu Village (Stone Drum Village), named after a drum-shaped marble plaque, standing at the First Bend of the Yangtze River. Then reach Shaxi Old Town, visit Sideng Street in Shaxi which is the only surviving fair market of the ancient tea-horse merchant's track, incredibly the complete theatre and its performing stage, temples, village gate are all well-preserved. Then, watch birds at the surrounding mountain of Duanjiadeng Village before dark. Stay overnight in Shaxi. (B,L,D)

Day 6/Shaxi-Dali

After breakfast, trek to Shibao Mountain which is famous for its red rock formations called Danxia landscape and the Buddhist grottoes that feature unique stone-carving. Visit Baoxiang Temple. Birding on the mountain. In the afternoon, drive to Dali Ancient Town. Birding around the hundred-year-old trees in Zhoucheng Village. Stay overnight in Dali. (B,L,D)



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Day 7/Dali-Liuku

After breakfast, drive to the mountainside of Cang Mountain. Take trekking and birding along the mountain road. In the afternoon, drive about 5 hours to Liuku. Stay overnight in Liuku. (B,L,D)

Day 8/Liuku-Pianma

After breakfast, drive to Pianma Pass for birding, with altitude of 3140m. Late afternoon, reach Pianma, the border town of Gaoligong Mountain.

Day 9/Pianma-Liuku-Baihualing

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After breakfast, drive back to Liuku, birding on the way. Drive to Baihualing of Gaoligong Mountain. Stay overnight in guesthouse or workstation (no star). (B,L,D)

Day10/Baihualing

Start from reception center, along the path, trekking 3 hours to visit the waterfalls (included the Beauty Waterfall).Have picnic lunch, visit the alp hot spring, and take a natural hot spring bath. Then, trekking 2 hours back to the Baihualing. Stay overnight in workstation. (B,L,D)

Day11/Baihualing

Trekking about 4 hours to Huangzhuhepian Area along the ancient Tea & Horse Route, and birding on the way.Picnic food for lunch.Then, trek back to Baihualing. Stay overnight in workstation. (B,L,D)

Day12/Beihualing-Baoshan

Trekking and birding in the surroundings of Baihualing. After the lunch at workstation, drive to Baoshan city in the afternoon. Stay overnight in Baoshan. (B,L,D)

Day13/Baoshan-Kunming-

After breakfast, transfer to the airport, fly to Kunming and connect your next stop. (B)

Note: B(Breakfast) L(Lunch) D(Dinner)

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