THATTEKAD BIRDING ESCAPE
2 NIGHTS / 3 DAYS

Nestled along the banks of the Periyar River in Kerala, Thattekad Bird Sanctuary is a haven for bird enthusiasts. Its tropical evergreen forests, shaded woodland trails and lush riverine habitats provide excellent birdwatching opportunities. Renowned as one of South India's finest birding destinations, the sanctuary is home to a remarkable diversity of resident and endemic bird species.

Tour Highlights

- Stay amidst the lush greenery and serene forest surroundings
- Guided nature walks and birdwatching experiences
- Explore rich tropical forests and scenic trails along the Periyar River
- Experience the rich biodiversity and tranquil beauty of Kerala's Western Ghats

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival and Evening Birding Session
Arrive in Thattekad and check in at the resort. Enjoy lunch and some time to settle in before heading out for an evening birding session. Later, return to the resort for dinner and a good night's rest.

Day 2: Morning and Evening Birding Sessions
Begin the day with an early morning birding session, followed by breakfast and leisure time at the resort.
After lunch, head out for an evening birding session.
Later, return to the resort for dinner and a comfortable night's sleep.

Day 3: Morning Birding Session and Departure
Begin the day with a morning birding session, followed by breakfast.
Check out by 10:30 AM and depart from Thattekkad, taking with you wonderful memories of your birding experience.

Weather

Winter (November–February): Winter is one of the best seasons for birdwatching at Thattekad Bird Sanctuary, with pleasant weather and comfortable conditions for exploring the forest trails. Migratory birds join the sanctuary's resident species, making this period particularly rewarding for bird enthusiasts and nature photographers. Early mornings can be cool and misty, so carry a light jacket and comfortable walking shoes for the birding sessions.
Summer (March–May): Summer brings warmer temperatures and humid conditions, while the forest remains an excellent destination for observing resident bird species. Early-morning birdwatching is recommended, when birds are more active and their calls echo through the woodland. Wear lightweight, breathable clothing, carry a hat, insect repellent and sufficient drinking water, and use sunscreen for added comfort.

Best Season for Birding

November to March is ideal for birding in Thattekad, with pleasant weather and excellent opportunities to spot Western Ghats endemics, including the Malabar trogon, Sri Lanka frogmouth and Ceylon bay owl. December to February is particularly rewarding for birdwatching and photography.