



# Best of India – Epic Indian Travel

## Red Panda, Rhino & Elephant Expedition – Kaziranga & Singalila

From the vast flood plain grass lands of Kaziranga National Park—last strong hold of the Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros—to the misty rhododendron forests of Singalila Ridge, home to the enchanting Red Panda, this expedition traverses two of India's most extraordinary wildlife landscapes. Journey through the tea-garden heart land of Assam and the high-altitude forests of West Bengal, searching for iconic mega fauna and over 300 rare bird species. Expert naturalists, intimate lodge accommodation and the raw beauty of northeast India make this a wildlife journey of a lifetime.

### Delhi – Gateway & Arrival [1 Night]

India's vibrant capital serves as the starting point – one night to settle in, receive your expedition briefing and prepare for the journey northeast to Kaziranga

### Kaziranga – Rhino, Elephant & Tiger Country [3 Nights]

Three full days of jeep safaris through Kaziranga's iconic grasslands and marshes – searching for the Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros, Asian Elephant, Wild Buffalo and Bengal Tiger

### Singalila – Red Panda Expedition in the High Himalayas [4 Nights]

Four nights at an intimate lodge on the Singalila Ridge – tracking the elusive Red Panda through rhododendron forests with expert trackers who have a near-100% sighting success rate

### Delhi – Farewell & Fly Home [1 Night]

A final night in Delhi before onward connections home – time to reflect on an extraordinary journey through the wildlife heartlands of northeast India

**Tour Route: 10 Nights / 11 Days • Delhi [1N] – Fly Guwahati – Kaziranga [3N] – Fly Bagdogra – Singalila [4N] – Fly Delhi [1N] – Fly Home**

*Best season: October to April – Kaziranga's peak wildlife season when the grasslands are accessible and rhino sightings are at their finest; Singalila's Red Panda is most active in the cooler months. Expert naturalists and jeep safaris provided throughout.*



# Expedition Tour Highlights



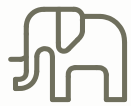
## Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros

Kaziranga is the last great stronghold of the Greater Indian One-Horned Rhinoceros – home to over two-thirds of the world's entire population. Jeep safaris through the park's iconic grasslands and marshes offer near-guaranteed sightings of these prehistoric giants



## Red Panda – The Fire Fox of India

Singalila National Park is the finest place in the world to encounter the Red Panda in its natural habitat. Expert trackers with a near-100% success rate guide you through the rhododendron and mixed high-altitude forests of the Singalila Ridge



## Asian Elephant & Wild Buffalo

Kaziranga's floodplain grasslands support one of Asia's densest concentrations of large mammals – Asian Elephant herds, Wild Water Buffalo and Gaur roam freely alongside the rhino in extraordinary numbers



## 300+ Bird Species

Both parks are birding paradises – Kaziranga's wetlands attract Grey-headed Fishing Eagle, Lesser Adjutant and Swamp Partridge, while Singalila's forests harbour Blood Pheasant, Satyr Tragopan, Fire-tailed Myzornis and Himalayan rarities



## Himalayan Scenery & Kanchenjunga Views

The Singalila Ridge offers some of the most dramatic mountain panoramas on earth – clear days reveal Kanchenjunga, Mt. Everest, Lhotse and Makalu rising above the forest canopy in an unforgettable spectacle



## Expert Naturalists & Exclusive Jeep Safaris

Six exclusive jeep safaris in Kaziranga with expert naturalist guides, combined with dedicated Red Panda tracking sessions in Singalila led by trackers born and raised in the jungle – the finest wildlife expertise in northeast India



DAY 01

## Arrive New Delhi — Gateway to the Expedition

*Delhi — India's ancient and modern capital — is the starting point for your Red Panda, Rhino & Elephant Expedition. Your Epic Indian Travel representative meets you on arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport and transfers you to your hotel in the heart of the city. This first evening is yours to relax, explore the neighbourhood and prepare for the extraordinary wildlife journey ahead.*

### Expedition Briefing

- Your Epic Indian Travel representative meets you at Indira Gandhi International Airport and transfers you to your hotel. All travel documents, park permits and a full expedition briefing are provided this evening — covering the wildlife, habitats and logistics of both Kaziranga and Singalila
- Equipment check and any last-minute preparations. Your guide is available to answer all questions about the itinerary, the national parks and the wildlife you are likely to encounter

### Delhi — First Evening

- Delhi rewards the curious traveller — the evening offers time to explore the vibrant streets of Connaught Place, sample the extraordinary street food of Chandni Chowk or simply rest after a long international flight
- Your guide is on hand to recommend the best local restaurants and evening walks in one of the world's great capitals

### Overnight

- Delhi

DAY 02

## Delhi to Guwahati to Kaziranga – Into Rhino Country

*A nearly morning flight from Delhi to Guwahati marks the beginning of the wildlife adventure. From Guwahati airport, a scenic 5-hour drive through the tea gardens and floodplains of Assam leads to Kaziranga National Park—one of the most wildlife-rich landscapes in all of Asia. An afternoon jeep safari introduces you to the park's extraordinary inhabitants.*

### Delhi to Guwahati

- Rise early for the morning flight from Delhi to Guwahati (approx. 0710 hrs departure, arriving 0935 hrs). Your Epic Indian Travel representative meets you at Guwahati airport and the drive to Kaziranga begins – 250 kilometres through the lush Assam countryside
- The drive passes through tea estates, river tributaries and small market towns that give a vivid sense of life in northeast India – arriving at the lodge in time for lunch

### First Jeep Safari – Kaziranga

- The afternoon brings your first jeep safari into Kaziranga National Park. The Central Range – the most productive zone for rhino sightings – is the focus of this introductory drive
- The Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros is almost certain to be encountered, often at remarkably close range, grazing in the tall elephant grass or wallowing in the park's shallow pools

### About Kaziranga

- A UNESCO World Heritage Site covering 625 sq km along the Brahmaputra River, protecting over 2,600 Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros alongside Bengal Tiger, Asian Elephant, Wild Water Buffalo and an extraordinary diversity of waterbirds



DAY 03 / 04

# Kaziranga — Full Days of Rhino, Elephant & Tiger Safaris

*Two full days of morning and afternoon jeep safaris through Kaziranga's diverse range zones—the Central, Western and Eastern Range serach offer distinct habitats and wildlife encounters. These are among the most productive wildlife safari days available anywhere in India, with near-guaranteed rhino sightings and excellent chances of elephant, tiger and wildbuffalo.*

## The Safari Rhythm

- Each day follows the classic Kaziranga rhythm: an early morning jeep safari departing at dawn, when the park's animals are most active and the light is at its most beautiful for photography
- The morning drive typically lasts three to four hours before returning to the lodge for breakfast. An afternoon safari departs in the cooler hours of the late afternoon, returning at dusk

## The Range Zones

- The Central Range is the park's most famous zone — dense with rhino, elephant and buffalo in the open grasslands and shallow wetlands
- The Western Range offers a more forested landscape with excellent tiger habitat; the Eastern Range provides a wilder, more remote experience with superb birdwatching along the Brahmaputra's braided channels

## Wildlife Regularly Encountered

- Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros (near-guaranteed), Asian Elephant, Wild Water Buffalo, Gaur, Swamp Deer (Barasingha), Hog Deer, Jackal and Bengal Tiger (excellent chance)
- Birdlife includes Grey-headed Fishing Eagle, Lesser Adjutant Stork, Crested Serpent Eagle, Osprey, Open-billed Stork, Swamp Partridge and Whistling Teal

## Overnight

- Kaziranga Lodge



DAY 05

# Kaziranga to Bagdogra to Singalila — Into Red Panda Country

*The expedition leaves the grass lands of Assam behind and heads for the high-altitude forests of West Bengal. A nearly morning flight from Guwahati to Bagdogra is followed by a scenic four-hour drive to the Singalila National Park gate at Manebhanjan 4th end dramatic Land Rover ascent through the park to the lodge on the Singalila Ridge.*

## Guwahati to Bagdogra

- After an early breakfast, depart for Guwahati airport to board the morning flight to Bagdogra (approx. 1035 hrs departure, arriving 1140 hrs). Your Epic Indian Travel representative meets you at Bagdogra
- The drive to Singalila covers 100 kilometres through the foothills of the Himalayas, passing through Darjeeling's famous tea gardens and the bustling hill town of Mirik

## The Land Rover Ascent

- At Manebhanjan 4 the gateway to Singalila National Park 4 vehicles switch to sturdy Land Rovers for the final two-hour ascent through the national park to the lodge on the Singalila Ridge at over 3,000 metres
- This drive through rhododendron forest and bamboo groves is itself a wildlife experience 4 Red Panda, Barking Deer and a wealth of birdlife may be encountered on the way up

## About Singalila National Park

- Established in 1986, Singalila protects one of the finest Red Panda habitats in the world 4 a mosaic of rhododendron, oak, fir and bamboo forest on the West Bengal 3 Nepal border
- The park is also home to Himalayan Black Bear, Yellow-throated Marten, Barking Deer, Serow and over 300 bird species. On clear evenings, the Kanchenjunga massif dominates the horizon

## Overnight

- Singalila Lodge

DAY 06

# Singalila — First Red Panda Tracking Day

*The first full day of Red Panda tracking in Singalila National Park. Animals are most active in the early morning — rise before dawn and head into the forest with the lodge's expert trackers, who have an extraordinary near-100% success rate in locating these elusive and enchanting creatures.*

## Pre-Dawn Tracking

- The day begins before sunrise. The lodge's dedicated trackers — many born and raised in the surrounding villages — lead the morning expedition into the forest. Spotting scopes and binoculars are provided
- The trackers know every tree hollow, bamboo thicket and rocky outcrop where Red Pandas are known to rest and feed. Their knowledge of individual animals and territories is extraordinary

## The Red Panda — Fire Fox of India

- Known locally as the "Fire Fox" for its rich russet coat, the Red Panda is a master of camouflage in the rhododendron canopy. Patient observation is rewarded with prolonged views of this charismatic animal feeding on bamboo shoots or grooming in the morning sun

## Birding Studio

- Between tracking sessions, the lodge's in-house birding studio offers a remarkable opportunity to photograph the park's extraordinary avifauna at close range
- Blood Pheasant, Satyr Tragopan, Kalij Pheasant, Fire-tailed Myzornis and Golden-breasted Fulvetta are among the species regularly attracted to the studio's feeding stations

## Overnight

- Singalila Lodge

DAY 07 / 08 / 09

# Singalila – Continued Red Panda Tracking & High-Altitude Birding

*Three more full days on the Singalila Ridge—the rhythm of the expedition settles in to a deeply satisfying pattern of early morning tracking sessions, birding studio visit and afternoon forest walks. Each day brings new encounters and the chance to observe Red Panda behaviour in extra ordinary detail.*

## Daily Tracking Rhythm

- Pre-dawn departures with the trackers, scanning the rhododendron canopy and bamboo groves for the distinctive russet form of the Red Panda. Trackers monitor individual animals and their territories
- Extended observation of feeding, resting and social behaviour is common — guests often spend hours with the same individual animals across successive days

## Sandakphu Summit Excursion

- Sandakphu—the highest peak in West Bengal at 3,636 metres — is within reach on a full-day excursion. On clear days, the summit reveals Kanchenjunga, Mt. Everest, Lhotse and Makalu in an unobstructed 180-degree arc
- The sunrise from Sandakphu is among the finest in the Himalayas — a highlight of the entire expedition

## Birdlife of the Ridge

- Over 300 species recorded in the park, including Blood Pheasant, Satyr Tragopan, Rufous-vented Tit, Brown and Fulvous Parrotbills, Wren Babblers, Laughing thrushes, Rosefinches, Bullfinches and the spectacular Fire-tailed Myzornis
- The lodge's birding studio provides unparalleled photographic opportunities throughout the stay

## Other Wildlife

- Himalayan Black Bear, Yellow-throated Marten, Barking Deer, Serow, Large Indian Civet and — with luck — the elusive Clouded Leopard. The forest is also rich in orchids, rhododendrons and high-altitude wildflowers

DAY 10

## Singalila to Bagdogra to Delhi – Farewell to the Forest

*The final morning on the Singalila Ridge—one last dawn walk in the forest before checking out and beginning the journey back to Delhi. The drive down through the national park and tea gardens to Bagdogra airport offers a final chance to absorb the extraordinary landscapes of northeast India.*

### Final Morning in Singalila

- Rise early for a final pre-dawn walk with the trackers – a last opportunity to encounter the Red Panda in the morning forest before the expedition draws to a close
- After breakfast, check out from the lodge and board the Land Rovers for the descent through Singalila National Park to Manebhanjan, then onward to Bagdogra airport

### Bagdogra to Delhi

- The afternoon flight from Bagdogra to Delhi (approx. 1550 hrs departure, arriving 1805 hrs) brings the northeast India chapter of the journey to a close
- Your Epic Indian Travel representative meets you at Delhi airport and transfers you to your hotel for the final night

### Delhi – Final Evening

- Delhi offers a last evening to explore – a farewell dinner in one of the capital's excellent restaurants, a stroll through Lodi Garden or a final browse of the craft markets of Hauz Khas Village
- Your guide is on hand to make recommendations and arrange reservations for this final night in India

### Overnight

- New Delhi Hotel

DAY 11

## Delhi — Fly Home

*The final morning of the expedition. After a leisurely breakfast in Delhi, transfer to Indira Gandhi International Airport for your onward flight home. Your Epic Indian Travel representative is on hand to assist with check-in and bid you farewell after an extraordinary journey through the wildlife heartlands of northeast India.*

### Transfer to the Airport

- After breakfast, your Epic Indian Travel representative transfers you to Indira Gandhi International Airport in good time for your departure
- This is the moment to reflect on an extraordinary journey from the prehistoric grandeur of Kaziranga's rhino-filled grasslands to the misty rhododendron forests of Singalila and the enchanting Red Panda

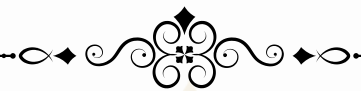
### Extend Your Stay

- For those wishing to extend their stay, Epic Indian Travel offers a range of extension tours from the Golden Triangle of Delhi, Agra and Jaipur to the tiger reserves of Ranthambore and Jim Corbett, or the birding paradise of Bharatpur
- Speak to your representative about tailoring the perfect extension to your expedition

### Tour Complete


- 10 Nights/11 Days • Delhi 3 Kaziranga 3 Singalila 3 Delhi

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# Why Choose Epic Indian Travel for Your Red Panda & Rhino Expedition?


EpicIndian Travel is India's premier specialist wildlife expedition operator for trusted forth equality of our naturalists, the intimacy of our lodge selections and our deep commitment or responsible wildlife tourism. Our Red Panda & Rhino Expedition is designed for the serious wildlife enthusiast who demands the very best in guiding, access and conservation ethics.



**Red Panda & Rhino Specialist Focus**  
We specialise in northeast India wildlife expeditions where the experience is intimate, expert-led and deeply rewarding 4 with dedicated Red Panda trackers, exclusive jeep safaris and a network of local naturalists maximising every chance of a sighting



**Expert Trackers & Naturalist Guides**  
Our trackers bring extraordinary knowledge of Red Panda behaviour, territory and movement in Singalila, and unrivalled expertise in Kaziranga's range zones 4 helping you read the landscape and get the most from every session



**Small Group Expeditions**  
We keep our expeditions intimate and unhurried, ensuring more personal attention, better viewing positions and a calmer, more respectful presence in the field



**Responsible Wildlife Tourism**  
We work closely with local communities in Assam and West Bengal and conservation partners to support responsible travel and the long-term protection of Red Panda habitat and the Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros

## Book Your Red Panda & Rhino Expedition

Getting started is simple 4 just follow these steps and we'll handle everything else.

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| <p>01</p> <p><b>Send Us an Email</b><br/>Write to <a href="mailto:epicindiantravel@gmail.com">epicindiantravel@gmail.com</a> with your details: number of participants and preferred travel dates in October to April</p>            | <p>02</p> <p><b>Receive Your Itinerary</b><br/>We'll put together a personalised expedition itinerary tailored to your interests, fitness level and preferred lodge options.</p>             | <p>03</p> <p><b>Customise to Your Needs</b><br/>Review and let us know any changes 4 we'll refine the routing, lodge selection and activity mix until it fits your plans perfectly.</p>                               |
| <p>04</p> <p><b>We Share the Costs</b><br/>Once finalised, we'll send you a detailed cost breakdown including wildlife entry fees, lodge stays, transfers and specialist tracking services.</p>                                      | <p>05</p> <p><b>Confirm and We Book</b><br/>On your approval, we secure all permits, lodge bookings and ground arrangements 4 including the best available tracker teams for your dates.</p> | <p>06</p> <p><b>Combine Other Destinations</b><br/>Your expedition can be extended to include the Golden Triangle, Ranthambore Tiger Reserve or Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary, creating a wider India wildlife journey</p> |
| <p>07</p> <p><b>Conservation Partnerships</b><br/>We work closely with conservation-focused partners and local communities to support responsible travel and long-term protection of northeast India's extraordinary ecosystems.</p> |  |   |

