

## **Sample Itinerary**

### Day One

Arrive at Kathmandu airport (1332 m) and be greeted then transported to your accommodations. Guided site seeing, meeting and dinner with RPN team and trip debriefing.

### Day Two

45 minute flight to Bhadrapur (96 m), with spectacular views of the Himalayas. Then we travel by road to Ilam (1205 m) and begin our journey north into the mountains, passing tea gardens and Nepali communities. Overnight hotel stay in Ilam, overlooking tea gardens.

### Day Three

Leave Ilam after breakfast, bird watching and then drive higher into red panda habitat. We arrive at Dobato (perched on a mountain ridge-2655 m) in the late afternoon, the village closest to red panda habitat and our base for the next four nights. Light hike in the evening for bird and mammal watching. Overnight homestay at Dobato.

### Day Four, Five & Six

The next two days we will wake up early to begin tracking red pandas in the alpine temperate forests with RPN Forest Guardians. We will also likely see other mammal and bird species throughout the day. We will stop in local homes for lunch and hot refreshments and immerse ourselves in the community with fun tasks in the evenings. 2 nights home stays in Dobato.

### Day Seven

Leave Dobato after having breakfast and track red pandas along the way. Lunch at Kalpokhari (3026 m) on the Nepal and India border in the afternoon with beautiful elevated views of the Mai River Valley. Hike up to the highest peak in the Singhalila range (3636 m), with breathtaking sunsets over Mt Kanchenjunga and Mt Everest. Overnight stay in a hotel at Sandakpur.

### Day Eight

Rising in the early morning we make our way to vantage points for the panoramic view of the impressive Himalayas during sunrise. After breakfast and refreshing we hike back down to Dobato for lunch, and then drive back to Ilam.

## Day Nine

Our last day, departing Ilam after breakfast by road for the return journey back to Kathmandu. Group farewell dinner in the evening.