

# In search of the elusive Red Panda

Tinchule Forest of Nepal & Singalila National Park in India is one of the most exotic Himalayan forest in eastern indo-nepal region. Singalila NP is a national park of India located on the Singalila Ridge at an altitude of 7000 feet to 12000 feet above sea level, in the Darjeeling district of West Bengal. It is well known for the trekking route to Sandakphu that runs through it.

The area is one of the best place for the Exotic Red Panda. Apart from this other mammals found here are- Himalayan Black bear, Black Panther, Leopard, Leopard Cat, Serow, Barking Deer, Yellow-throated Marten, Wild Boar, Pangolin, Pika etc.

Tinchule-Singalila is a Birding Paradise. More than 300 species of birds found here. It has a huge list of exotic birds like- Blood Pheasant, Satyr Tragopan, Kalij Pheasant, Brown and Fulvous Parrotbills, Rufous-vented Tit, and Old World babblers like the Fire-tailed Myzornis and the Golden-breasted Fulvetta, Rosefinches, bull finches, Wren Babblers, Laughingthrushes, Nuthatches, Treecreepers, Yuhinas, Minivets, Partridges and many more.

The whole Tinchule-Singalila tour will be an experience of a life time. Four of the five highest peaks in the world can be seen from this park which are Mount Everest, Kangchenjunga, Lhotse and Makalu. And seeing a Red Panda in a place like this is just mind-blowing, Dream of every photographer. We will have a team of porters to help us with our equipment during trekking. Not sure if you can trek? Don't worry, there will be safari cars going with us. You can hop on any time you want. The safari cars used here are the historic Land Rovers. These cars are alive only here in the world, a heritage in deed.

The unique eastern Himalayan habitat makes this place exclusive for exotic Himalayan Birds, Including Satyr Tragopan, Blood Pheasant etc. Other sightings possible in this area- Clouded Leopard, Black Leopard, Indian Leopard, Himalayan Black Bear, Yellow Throated Martin, Leopard Cat, Asiatic Golden Cat, Binturong, Wild Boar, Barking Deer, Himalayan Serow, Ghoral, Mask Deer and many more..

The facilities at the homestay include 4 double rooms with en-suite facilities, all rooms have balconies with a wonderful valley and sunset view, room fireplace, running hot and cold water, in-house bird studio, lounge and dining with a bar, trained naturalists.



