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SAM VEASNA CONSERVATION
TOURS

THE GIANT IBIS BIRDING TOUR: 3 DAYS, 2 NIGHTS

Experience Giant Ibis and other incredible bird species in the heartland of Cambodia's Northern Plain

Day 1: Siem Reap to Tmat Boey

Day 2: Tmat Boey

Day 3: Tmat Boey to Siem Reap

Tour Packages

05:00AM Start

Tmat Boey and Bengal Florican Grassland Package.

We will pick you up early to see Bengal Florican before heading to Tmat Boey. Breakfast on Day 1 is included in this package.
No Preah Vihear Temple visit.

Tmat Boey, Bengal Florican Grassland and Preah Vihear Temple Package.

This package has everything: Bengal Florican, Giant Ibis, White-shouldered Ibis and a day visit to one of Cambodia's most special temples on Day 2.

10:00AM Start

Tmat Boey Package.

This only includes birding at Tmat Boey for Giant Ibis and White-shouldered Ibis.
No Bengal Florican Grassland or Preah Vihear Temple visits.

Tmat Boey and Preah Vihear Temple Package.

Birding at Tmat Boey for Giant Ibis and White-shouldered Ibis and visiting Preah Vihear Temple on Day 2.
No Bengal Florican Grassland visit.

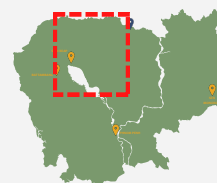


"3-days birdwatching in the local community of Tmat Boey was a great experience.

Guide, driver, local guides, cook, etc were great !

And I like that part of my money went to the local communities."

Philippe Delacretaz, 1st February 2023



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DAY 1: SIEM REAP TO TMAT BOEY

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5:00 AM PACKAGES START

05:00 – Pick up from your hotel

This is a 2 hour drive from Siem Reap to Stoung Bengal Florican Conservation Area. A prepared breakfast will be provided when we arrive at the site.

06:30 – Birding at Stoung Bengal Florican Conservation Area

Our guides have a very good track record of finding these Critically Endangered birds, the first of the six targets, they should be seen within the first few hours of the trip. Whilst we are enjoying the floricans, other birds we typically see include Sarus Crane, storks, Manchurian Reed Warbler, Pied and Eastern Marsh Harrier, Small Buttonquail, Bluethroat and Red Avadavat.

10:00 – Leave Stoung Bengal Florican Conservation Area for Tmat Boey Ecolodge

We will travel to the Tmat Boey Ecolodge, birding in dry forest along the way. During our birding stops, we will have lunch and hope to see White-rumped Pygmy Falcon.

10:00 AM PACKAGES START

10:00 - Pick up from hotel in Siem Reap

15:00 – Arrive at Tmat Boey Ecolodge.

We will get checked into the Tmat Boey Ecolodge. After we are settled in, we may get a chance to see our second Critically Endangered species in the evening, as we try to see the White-shouldered Ibis at a roosting site.

19:30 – Dinner and night at Tmat Boey Ecolodge



Drive Time:

5 hours

Walking Distance:

3-5km

Key Species:

Stoung Bengal Florican Conservation Area:

Bengal Florican, Sarus Crane, Small Buttonquail, Manchurian Reed-warbler, Pied Harrier.

Tmat Boey:

Giant Ibis, White-shouldered Ibis, Pale-capped Pigeon, Woolly-necked Stork, Black-headed Woodpecker, Great Slaty Woodpecker, Yellow-crowned Woodpecker, Streak-throated Woodpecker, Spotted Wood-owl, Brown Wood-owl, Brown Fish-owl, Oriental Scops Owl, Brown Prinia, White-browed Fantail

Habitat:

Stoung Bengal Florican Conservation Area: Seasonally inundated outer-floodplain grassland with some small areas of scrub.

Tmat Boey: Lowland deciduous dipterocarp forest, often mistakenly referred to as dry forest. Trapeangs dot the landscape and there are fairly extensive areas of bamboo in riverine areas..



DAY 2: TMAT BOEY

ITINERARY

For full Tmat Boey bird list: [CLICK HERE](#)

PACKAGES WITHOUT PREAH VIHEAR TEMPLE

04:30 ~ 18:00 – Wake up to search for Giant Ibis followed by a full day of birding

SVC coordinates a scheme where the local people are paid to protect the nests of the two Critically Endangered ibis present – Giant and White-shouldered Ibis. Consequently, our guides have a 90% record of finding these species for visiting birders! We will try to get good views of both species during the time we spend here. The birding is excellent and our guides, with the help of the SVC-trained local guides, have made a special effort to locate the day roosts of nocturnal species such as Spotted Wood Owl and Brown Fish Owl.

PACKAGES WITH PREAH VIHEAR TEMPLE

10:00 - Return to Tmat Boey for early Lunch

11:00 - Leave for Preah Vihear Temple

13:00 - Arrive and explore Preah Vihear Temple

Preah Vihear Temple is one of the most spectacular temple complexes outside of Angkor Wat. It was only allowed tourists to visit in 2008 due to past conflicts on the Thai border.

16:00 - Depart Preah Vihear Temple

18:00 - Arrive back at Tmat Boey for dinner.

Optional evening birding for owls and other nocturnal species.



Drive Time:

1 hour. 4 hours with Preah Vihear Temple Packages

Walking Distance:

10-12km

Key Species:

Birds: Giant Ibis, White-shouldered Ibis, Pale-capped Pigeon, Woolly-necked Stork, Black-headed Woodpecker, Great Slaty Woodpecker, Yellow-crowned Woodpecker, Streak-throated Woodpecker, Spotted Wood-owl, Brown Wood-owl, Brown Fish-owl, Oriental Scops Owl, Brown Prinia, White-browed Fantail

Mammals: Indochinese Ground Squirrel, Cambodian Striped Squirrel

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DAY 3: TMAT BOEY TO SIEM REAP

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04:30 – Wake up for birding around Tmat Boey

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Tmat Boey also supports an incredible 16 species of woodpecker including the fantastic Black-headed Woodpecker, the huge Great Slaty Woodpecker and the scarce Rufous-bellied Woodpecker. Our guides know where to find these and all of the dry forest specialities such as Indian Spotted Eagle, White-rumped Pygmy Falcon, Collared Falconet, Rufous-winged Buzzard, Indochinese Bushlark, Brown Prinia, Neglected Nuthatch and White-browed Fantail at this or nearby sites.

11:00 – Lunch at Tmat Boey Ec lodge

12:30 – Leave for Siem Reap.

Additional option is to visit Koh Ker Temple on the way back to Siem Reap which is a spectacular temple complex in the forest.

16:00 – Arrive back in Siem Reap

We will drop you off at your requested hotel

END TRIP



Drive Time:

3 hours

Walking Distance:

6-8km

Key Species:

Birds: Giant Ibis, White-shouldered Ibis, Pale-capped Pigeon, Woolly-necked Stork, Black-headed Woodpecker, Great Slaty Woodpecker, Yellow-crowned Woodpecker, Streak-throated Woodpecker, Spotted Wood-owl, Brown Wood-owl, Brown Fish-owl, Oriental Scops Owl, Brown Prinia, White-browed Fantail

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