



Pheasant Extension in East China

8 Days Pheasant Extension in East China

Apr 1-8, 2024



Outline

- Day 1: Fuzhou, China
- Day 2: Fuzhou
- Day 3: Fuzhou / Emeifeng
- Day 4-5: Emeifeng
- Day 6: Emeifeng / Dongzhai
- Day 7: Dongzhai
- Day 8: Dongzhai / Chengdu



Reeves's Pheasant



Overview

This is a pre-extension of our "Ultimate China Pheasant Tour" which covers some important pheasant habitats of eastern and central China where we can search for several range-restricted pheasants that we have little chance to see in the main tour.

We will firstly visit Fuzhou Forest Park which features a typical forest system in South China, we will look for the rare and endemic White-necklaced Partridge, then we will visit Emeifeng which belongs to Wuyi Mountain Range and are good to search for Cabot's Tragopan, Elliot's Pheasant, White-necklaced Partridge, Silver Pheasant, Koklass Pheasant, etc. Our last destination on this extension is Dongzhai National Nature Reserve where we will focus on Reeves's Pheasant.

Although we focus on pheasants, we will also be rewarded by some other specials in the eastern and central forests. We will try hard for the elusive Spotted Elachura in Fuzhou Forest Park, while Crested Ibis, Fairy Pitta, Black-capped Kingfisher, Crested Kingfisher in Dongzhai are also exciting to see.



Crested Ibis



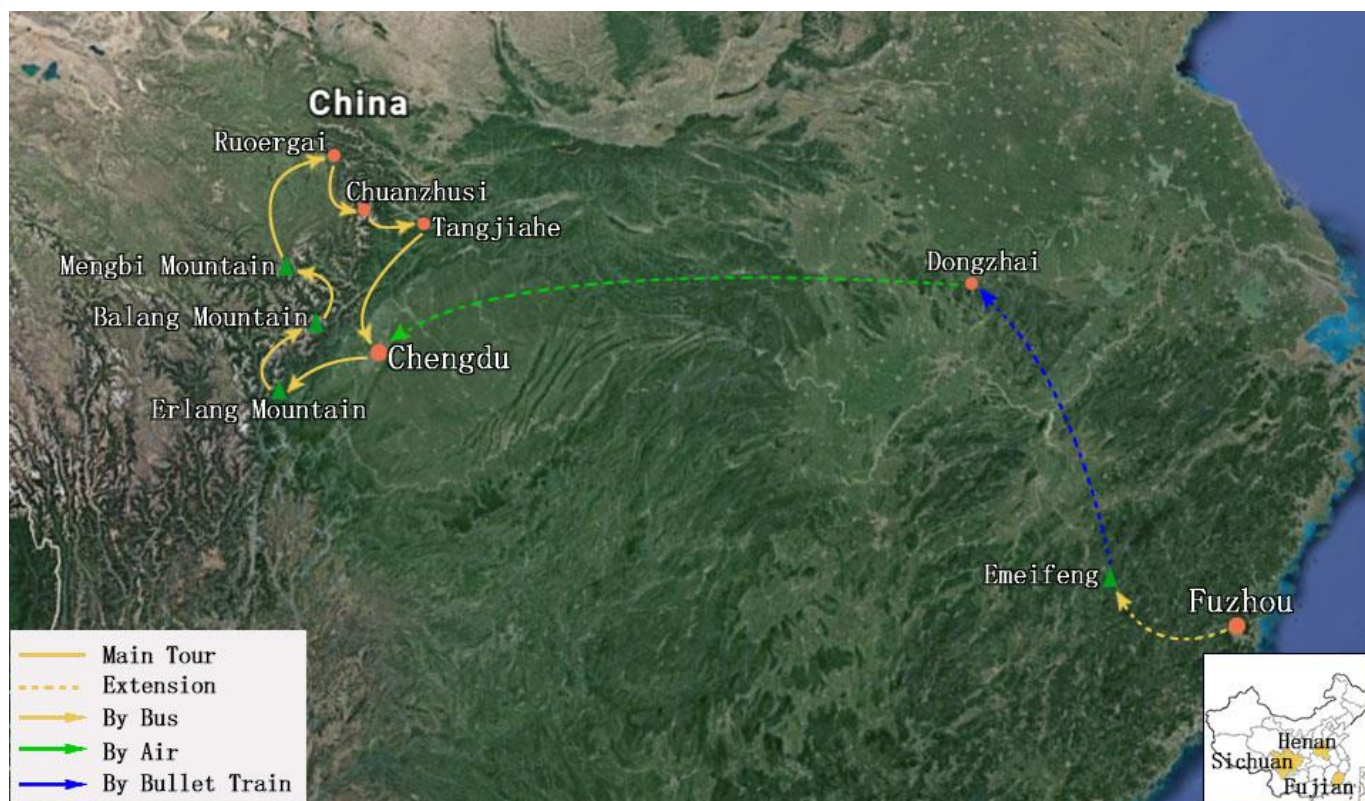
Highlights

1. This excursion focuses on pheasants of eastern and central China in which you have the best chances of seeing those endemic and special pheasants. We run the trip in the best season when our targeted pheasants are during the mating season.
2. Our experienced guides have guided birding tours in these areas for many decades, they know local birds and the latest bird info well. At the same time, they have rich experiences of guiding birders from different countries that ensure they understand your needs well.
3. Besides pheasants, this trip covers some popular and classic birding sites in eastern and central China.
4. Small groups with more flexibility. The group is limited to 8 so that we can maximize the chances of each participant.
5. We have been a reliable local partner for some western birding and wildlife companies for over a decade. The experience helps us understand our client's needs and preferences well.
6. We have a strong logistic team to ensure our trip goes smoothly and to ensure you a comfortable and enjoyable journey.

Tour Info Sheet

Highlight Birds	Reeves's Pheasant, Cabot's Tragopan, Elliot's Pheasant, White-necklaced Partridge, Silver Pheasant, Koklass Pheasant, Chinese Bamboo Partridge, Crested Ibis, Spotted Elachura, Black Eagle, Oriental Scops Owl, Mountain Hawk Eagle, Serpent Eagle, Greater Coucal, Red-headed Trogon, Rufous Woodpecker, Pale-headed Woodpecker, Scarlet Minivet, Large Woodshrike, Common Tailorbird, Red-whiskered Bulbul, Mountain Bulbul, Chestnut Bulbul, Grey-headed Parrotbill, Grey-sided Scimitar Babbler, Black-streaked Scimitar Babbler, Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush, Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush, Orange-bellied Leafbird, etc.
Numbers of Species to Expect	100-130
Ease of Birding	mostly easy with a few tricky species
Other Attractions	Hui style architecture, Fujian cuisine
Photography Opportunities	birding focused but with good photography chances
Habitats Covered	subtropical forests, woodlands
Expected Climate	comfortable, cool in the morning, rain is possible
Physical Requirements	mostly easy, demanding but optional in certain parts
Accommodation	very comfortable
Transportation	19-seat van

Map



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Fuzhou, China.

Upon arrival at Fuzhou Changle International Airport, you will be met by your AlpineBirding bird guide or driver, then get transferred to the hotel. For early arrivals, we can visit a local birding site to do a relaxing birding. We will meet the whole crew at dinner when we get a chance to discuss our stirring pheasant tour.

Day 2: Fuzhou National Forest Park & surrounds.

Built in 1960, Fuzhou National Forest Park covers 860 hectares and is rated as one of the top ten forest parks in China. This extensive natural area features more than 2,500 kinds of rare and precious trees from 36 countries that have been introduced and planted inside the park. Inside the park, there are many gardens for certain groups of precious trees species.



Chinese Bamboo Partridge

The nice eco-environment makes the park an ideal habitat for some endemic and special pheasant species including the endemic White-necklaced Partridge, also Chinese Bamboo Partridge, and the elegant Silver Pheasant. Besides, we will spend the daytime looking for other sought-after species such as the elusive Spotted Elachura, and Mountain Hawk Eagle, Greater Coucal, Red-headed Trogon, Rufous Woodpecker, Pale-headed Woodpecker, Scarlet Minivet, Large Woodshrike, Common Tailorbird, Red-whiskered Bulbul, Mountain Bulbul, Chestnut Bulbul, Yellow-browed Warbler, Pallas's Warbler, Grey-headed Parrotbill, Black-streaked Scimitar Babbler, Orange-bellied Leafbird, Tristram's Bunting, etc.

Day 3: Fuzhou to Emeifeng.

We can spend some time in the forest park before transferring to Emeifeng. Upon arrival, we can spend some time searching for small forest species before sunset, then we will bring our focus back to pheasants.

Day 4-5: Emeifeng National Nature Reserve.

Belonging to Wuyi Mountain Range, Emeifeng features a notable vertical zonality of different flora species. The well-protected ecosystem provides an excellent habitat for a great variety of birds. It is renowned for being the best place to look for game birds, including some rare and endemic pheasants in Southeast China. To make the best use of our time, we will cover ground in our vehicle transport in the morning to look for Cabot's Tragopan, Elliot's Pheasant, White-necklaced Partridge, Silver Pheasant, Koklass Pheasant, Chinese Bamboo Partridge.



Silver Pheasant

When not patrolling the area for game birds, we will focus on the search for some other forest species including Large Hawk Cuckoo, Black Eagle, Serpent Eagle, Collared Owlet, Great Barbet, Speckled Piculet, Bay Woodpecker, Grey-chinned Minivet, Blyth's Shrike Babbler, White-bellied Erpornis, Grey Treepie, Sultan Tit, Yellow-cheeked Tit, Brown Bush Warbler, Pygmy Cupwing, Chestnut Bulbul, Black Bulbul, Mountain Bulbul, Buff-throated Warbler, White-spectacled Warbler, Chestnut-crowned Warbler, Hartert's Leaf Warbler, Rufous-faced Warbler, Grey-headed Parrotbill, Indochinese Yuhina, Black-chinned Yuhina, Rufous-capped Babbler, Grey-sided Scimitar Babbler, Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush, Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush, Spotted Elachura, Spotted Forktail, Slaty-backed Forktail, and the Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush.

Day 6: Emeifeng to Dongzhai.

Today is relatively long considering the transportation but with good rewards as we will transfer to Dongzhai, another amazing birding site that proved to be the most reliable place to see the mind-blowing Reeves's Pheasant. After arrival at our well-suited guesthouse in Dongzhai, we will go birding around if time permits.



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Day 7: Dongzhai National Nature Reserve.

Dongzhai is located on the north side of Dabie Mountain and is in the transition zone between the middle and low mountains to the east plain. The rich and various forest resources here are home to many endemic and unique species found in the central region of China. We will spend the full day here enjoying the gorgeous endemic Reeves's Pheasant and the endangered Crested Ibis.

During our exploration, we can also encounter other specials including Fairy Pitta, Black Baza,

Chinese Sparrowhawk, Crested Goshawk, Oriental Scops Owl, Rufous Turtle Dove, Chestnut-winged Cuckoo, Asian Koel, Large Hawk Cuckoo, Indian Cuckoo, Grey Nightjar, Black-capped Kingfisher, Crested Kingfisher, Speckled Piculet, Grey-capped Woodpecker, Grey-headed Woodpecker, Brown-rumped Minivet, Black-winged Cuckooshrike, Black Drongo, Ashy Drongo, Eurasian Jay, Collared Crow, Brown-breasted Bulbul, Rufous-faced Warbler, Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler, Silver-throated Tit, Black-throated Tit, Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler, Masked Laughingthrush, Blue Whistling Thrush, White-crowned Forktail, Yellow-rumped Flycatcher, Russet Sparrow, Forest Wagtail, etc.

Day 8: Dongzhai to Xinyang, then fly to Chengdu.

We will spend one more morning here to ensure we encounter our targets. In the afternoon, we will drive to Xinyang to catch our internal flight to Chengdu for our main tour, the "Ultimate China Pheasant Tour".



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