



**THE RIVERWOOD**  
FOREST RETREATS

**GORUMARA NATIONAL PARK**

**DOOARS**

## **Tour Itineraries**

**Please choose the options available and customize your itinerary, we will send you the cost once you send us your final choice.**

## Tour Itinerary: **ONE NIGHT & TWO DAYS**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Day: The Riverwood Forest Retreat Dooars (West Bengal)**

The Riverwood Forest Retreat- Dooars would like to welcome you on a journey to the land of the tea, forests and trekking.

Your journey will start from (Hotel/Airport/Railway Station) through beautiful country side and rural bazaar to the Dooars the region of green tea gardens and forests. Depending on your time of departure you may arrive either at midday or in the evening to the resort. If you arrive around midday, you will be greeted by the manager and provided refreshments and checked into your room at the Riverwood Forest Retreat Dooars followed by a hot lunch.

The following options are available post lunch for your evening entertainment:

- A. A forest safari to Gorumara National Park to view the Indian One Horned Rhino.\*
- B. An evening visit to the Tea Garden for high tea and dinner.\*
- C. Unwind at the resort.
- D. Visit villages of the locals near the resort and understand their culture and way of life. The traditional stories depicts their century old cultural in its true native form. \*

On your return from your evening infotainment a warm dinner cooked with farm fresh vegetables is served at the dining hall ends your first day in the The Riverwood Forest Retreat.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Day: The Riverwood Forest Retreat Dooars (West Bengal)**

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Refresh before we head for the morning safari into the Gorumara National Park.

Drive through the park and disembark at the end of the drive at a watchtower to view many species of wildlife. Keep a look at the sweet water pond and the salt lick where you may sight a deer drinking water or a rhino basking by the sun as well as monkeys and wild boars may be sighted nearby.

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### **2<sup>nd</sup> Day: The Riverwood Forest Retreat Dooars (West Bengal)**

*Morning Option:*

- A. After a morning breakfast we drive to Samsing (750 m above sea level) and Suntaleykhola through lush green tea gardens and meandering mountain streams. Being a paradise for bird watchers you may be able to observe Grey Nightjar, Orange-bellied Leafbird, Maroon Oriole, Greychinned and Short-billed Minivets, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Slaty-backed Forktail, Sultan Tit, Ashy Bulbul, Yellow-vented, Golden-spectacled and Chestnut crowned Warblers, Greater Necklaced Laughing thrush, Long-tailed Sibia, White-napped and Black-chinned Yuhinas in this region. Samsing is the gateway to Lower Neora Valley National Park famous for trekking. From here we drive to serene and secluded Suntaleykhola (*suntale* means orange and *khola* means rivulet in Nepali). The region is famous for orange orchards. In winter, Suntaleykhola literally becomes the land of oranges amid undulating waves of green. One can spend time here by the river amid the Himalayas.

**Or**

- B. We wake up early morning to the chirping of birds with a freshly brewed cup of tea or coffee, after which we depart for visit to one of the biggest tea gardens in the Dooars. On our arrival we are greeted by the tea estate manager who welcomes to a scrumptious breakfast in the Managers Bungalows, which are, usually well preserved colonial cottages. After which we walk around the tea garden and can experience tea plucking and processing first hand. This is followed by an organic lunch.

### *Evening Option:*

We depart back for the resort for lunch and rest and refresh before we head for the afternoon jungle safari in the national park to view some of the wildlife available in the region, be it the Indian one horned rhino or the Indian gaur or the Asiatic elephants feeding in the grasslands to a large variety of endemic and migratory birds. After the safari as the sun sets in the distant horizon we head to a local village for a tribal dance performance. The folklore represents their old culture through dance and recitals which are accompanied with village brewed tea and cookies. On your return from your evening infotainment a warm dinner cooked with farm fresh vegetables is served at the dining hall ends your second day in The Riverwood Forest Retreat.

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After breakfast we leave for Jhalong and Bindu villages located in the Indo-Bhutan border. Bindu means point in Bengali is the last village to the North of West Bengal surrounding with forests and hills of India and Bhutan, located on the banks of River Jaldhaka which is made up of three streams (Bindu Khola, Dudh Pokhri and Jaldhaka) meet here, originating from Kupup a small glacial lake in Sikkim. The river is also considered as a natural border between India and Bhutan.

The dam at Bindu controls the water supply to Jaldhaka Hydel Project at Jhalong and acts as a bridge for crossing over to Bhutan. It is the first hydroelectric project in India. As we drive through this region we may be able to see the cultivation of Elaichi (Cardamom), Ginger and Orange. Lunch will be cooked at the destination itself after which we shall return to the resort around evening.

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