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## 15-day Birding in Western Sichuan

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**Tour Code:** SC-BWS

**Length:** 15days and 14 nights

**Cities Visited/Stayed:** Sichuan

**Highlight Attractions:** null

**Experience & Features:** Birds Viewing at Mt. Wawu Shan, Mt. Holy Yala, Searching Birds at Phag Mo Gling, Tibetan Village Visiting, Balang Shan Pass

**Physical Rating :** 2

**Cultural Shock Rating :** 2

The great range of environmental conditions in Sichuan makes a fabulously bird-rich region, home to the bulk of China's endemic birds and the home of its Giant Pandas. On this exciting trip we will concentrate on seeing the endemic and near-endemic species. Although the wild mountainous terrain and torrential rivers have combined to keep the province isolated until relatively recently, today the rich diversity of habitats and a well-developed tourist infrastructure make Sichuan an appealing destination for a birding tour.

### Itinerary

#### Day 1: Chengdu

Arrive in Chengdu and prepare for the exciting plant hunting tour.

Stay overnight in Chengdu.

**Meals:**

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#### Day 2: Chengdu –Mt. Wawu Shan

Leaving Chengdu we will drive south across the Chengdu Plain making tour to Mt. Wawu Shan via the city of Meishan, which is with a record of 278 species of birds. Today we will stay in a hotel located on the halfway to the top.

Stay overnight on Mt. Wawu Shan.

**Meals:** (B/L)

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### **Day 3: Mt. Wawu Shan**

We will take cable cars to top of Mt. Wawu Shan. On the summit we will find Gray-hooded and Fulvous parrotbills and Sichuan Treecreeper. Lower down, the mountain was alive with the endemic Emei Liocichla, Golden Parrotbills, the scarce Emei Leaf-Warbler, and unforgettable Lady Amherst's Pheasants.

Stay overnight on Mt. Wawu Shan.

**Meals:** (B/L)

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### **Day 4: Mt. Wawu Shan**

We will keep birding in the forest situated on the mountain slopes, which give us a second chance to enjoy beautiful birds on Mt. Wawu Shan. This night we will stay in the same hotel located on the halfway to the top.

Stay overnight on Mt. Wawu Shan.

**Meals:** (B/L)

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### **Day 5: Mt. Wawu Shan – Kangding**

Today we will head west through deep valleys and narrow gorges to Kangding after we climb over Mt. Erlang Shan.

Stay overnight at kangding.

**Meals:** (B/L)

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### **Day 6: Kangding - Phag Mo Gling**

Today we keep heading west to Phag Mo Gling at an altitude of 4,100m, the highlight of this journey.

Stay overnight at Phag Mo Gling.

**Meals:** (B/L)

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### **Day 7: Phag Mo Gling**

Today we search birds near the monastery, meanwhile we can appreciate the beautiful landscape nearby and we are even able to see snow-capped Mt. Holy Yala, one of the four holy mountains in the Tibetan world, shining in the sun in the far north if we are lucky enough. Today we will stay at the lama's guesthouse.

Stay overnight at Phag Mo Gling.

**Meals:** (B/L)

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### **Day 8: Phag Mo Gling**

On the second day at Phag Mo Gling, we will spend the whole day on searching birds along a path hiding in wood and bushes. This gives us a chance to find more birds and probably you will find White Wagtail, Beautiful Rose-finch, White-browed Rose-finch, etc.

Stay overnight at Phag Mo Gling.

**Meals:** (B/L)

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## **Day 9: Phag Mo Gling - Yajiang**

We head west to town of Yajiang and it is an easy day which gives us some time to take a break for the further journey.

Stay overnight in Yajiang.

**Meals:** (B/L)

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## **Day 10: Yajiang - Danba**

Leaving Yajiang we will head east back to Xinduqiao, then head north to Danba via the great Tagong Grassland.

Stay overnight at Danba.

**Meals:** (B/L)

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## **Day 11: Danba – Rilong**

In the morning we will make a tour to Tibetan village where you can have a personal talk to the Tibetan villagers. Then we will head east to Rilong, where beautiful Mt. Siguanniang Shan is situated.

Stay overnight at Rilong.

**Meals:** (B/L)

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## **Day 12: Mt. Balang Shan Pass**

We will head above the main village to explore the mighty Balang Shan Pass. With luck, we might also find a covey of spectacular White Eared Pheasants or perhaps even a Chinese Monal Pheasant.

Stay overnight at Rilong.

**Meals:** (B/L)

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## **Day 13: Mt. Balang Shan Pass**

We will secondly search bird at Mt. Balang Shan Pass and this gives us a second chance to find more birds.

Stay overnight at Rilong.

**Meals:** (B/L)

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## **Day 14: Rilong – Chengdu**

Today we will head south to City of Ya'an via Mt. Jiajing Shan and then make a turn to east back to Chengdu City, ending this fantastic birding journey in Western Sichuan.

Stay overnight in Chengdu.

**Meals:** (B/L)

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## **Day 15: Chengdu -**

Depart Chengdu.

**Meals:** (B)

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