

Jungle Lore Birding Lodge Pangot, near Nainital, Uttarakhand Facebook | WhatsApp

Pangot - The Bird Watchers' Paradise

Pangot is a small Himalayan village situated 15 kilometers from Nainital, a very quaint settlement of the local Kumaoni hill folk. It is a 25-minute drive from Nainital. The entire drive is through the forested area of Cheena Peak Range via Snow View Point and Kilbury. These habitats are excellent for bird watching and treks. This green belt supports an enormous variety of flora and fauna. More than 250 species of birds have been recorded in this area.

Renowned for Birding and nature walks, you can choose to soak in the terrific uninterrupted natural beauty or read a book and relax as you spot birds and wildlife right from the comfort of your room's sit out area. We can also arrange a trek to Naina Peak which at 2611 meters is one of the highest peaks in Nainital.

For those wanting more touristy options, one can also easily spend a couple of hours visiting the scenic spots of Nainital such as Dorothy Seat, Land's End and Tiffin Top. You can enjoy boating, sailing yachts, horse-riding or shopping in the local Tibetan market for handicrafts, candles, wooden products, shawls etc.

You can also choose to explore the six natural caves in the cave garden discovered a few years ago.

Jungle Lore Birding Lodge

Jungle Lore Birding Lodge has 4 cottages with attached toilets with running hot and cold water with 01 separate dining area.

One of the cottages is a living room that serves as a common dining hall giving travelers a chance to meet other like-minded nature lovers.

The kitchen serves a variety of scrumptious traditional Indian homemade meals and they are happy to customize dishes as per your preferences. Special care is taken in hygienic preparation of all meals.

The other cottages are independent bedrooms with twin beds. Two of them have wooden attics and each attic can accommodate two - three additional persons. The cottages are located on different terraces; each one has its own sit-out area. Heaters are provided in each cottage during winters.

Please refer to the lodge features carefully on Page 4, 5 & 6 before making a reservation.





How to Reach

To get to Pangot, one can take any of the following options: Google Maps <u>29.423293</u>, <u>79.426158</u>



By Road

- Drive from Delhi via Kathgodam and Nainital: 8 hours
- Drive from Delhi via Ramnagar (Corbett National Park) and Kaladungi: 7½ hours

By Train

- Overnight air-conditioned train from Old Delhi railway station (departing at 2235 hr.) to Kathgodam (arriving at 0615 hr.) and then 2 hr. drive to Pangot via Nainital.
- Overnight air-conditioned train from Old Delhi railway station (departing at 2235 hr.) to Ramnagar (arriving at 0500 hr.) and then 2½ hr. drive to Pangot via Kaladungi.
- There are now day trains to Kathgodam and Ramnagar as well.
- There are trains from Kolkata, Dehradun and other cities too.

By Flight

• There is a daily flight from Delhi to Pantnagar. Pantnagar is 100+ km from Pangot.

Note

• Road transportation, train and air tickets can be arranged at an extra cost.

Tariff in Indian ₹ (accommodation with breakfast)

	Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy
Cheer Cottage with attic	7000	7400
Khalij Cottage	6500	7000
Marten Cottage with attic	6000	6400
Koklaas Cottage	5000	5400



Note:

- Only accommodation, Breakfast and Morning Tea is included in the price
- GSTax 12% is extra
- Extra person (over 05 years of Age): 25% of the double room cost
- Children under 5 years of age Free
- Validity: till March 31, 2023
- Rates are subject to change without any prior notice.

Buffet

- Breakfast Rs. 350 per person
- Lunch Rs. 500 per person
- Dinner Rs. 600 per person



GSTax 5% is extra

Check deals at the website or online booking engine

*Cancellation rules for the above tariff

- Less than 15 days before arrival date- No Refund
- Less than 20 days before arrival date- 60% Refund
- Less than 25 days before arrival date- 75% Refund
- No Refund in case of roadblock, accidents, snow fall, no show etc.
- 50% of the total refundable amount (as per the above policy) will be released within 30 days of cancellation and the balance 50% will be adjusted into the future bookings.

Payments

An advance of 100% is required. Please check with us to make the payment. You can pay through Online Wallet as well.

The activities here are numerous and most of them can be availed at a cost as specified at the lodge. We suggest you book them in advance with us. Please see holiday options.

Bird Watching

More than 290 species of birds have been recorded in the area. One can have excellent birding opportunities in the lodge itself. Besides, there are numerous walks through the terrace fields into thickly wooded oak forest which are extremely rewarding. Opt for short or long holidays with us. We arrange for the services of a bird guide and use of bird hides. Please speak with our manager to book this service which is chargeable.



Treks

China peak (2611 meters) is one of the highest peaks in Nainital. Since the biotope is of thick forest, this is a sheer trekkers delight.

Day treks are organized for individuals, small groups, and families with picnic lunch.

Overnight and 2-3-night treks are also organized with all equipment and staff. The most popular trek is the old trail from Pangot to Corbett via Kunjakharak and Akash Kanda.

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Boating

Nainital, which is just 15 km away from Pangot, is famous for boating. Yachts, paddle boats and rowing boats are available on hourly basis.



Horse Riding

Horse riding is one of the most interesting activities in Nainital to visit scenic spots such as Dorothy Seat, Land's End and Tiffin Top. A Three-day horse-riding tour is conducted from Corbett Park to Pangot. You may ask us for this tour.



Shopping

The Tibetan market along the edge of the Nainital lake is very popular for curios and candles.



Picnic

Kilbury is a nice and quiet place to get panoramic views of the snow-clad mountains. You may go with a packed lunch and enjoy the flora and fauna of this place.



Cooking Class

We are happy for you to interact with our chef. We can arrange a free cooking lesson and you can share your favorite recipe with us too.





Yoga & Meditation

The lodge can be hired for yoga and meditation retreats. Should you wish to conduct a programme with an expert teacher from Isha Yoga Center, do let us know and we shall organize it for you.



Excursions

You may visit our other lodges in Kumaon and Garhwal regions or Uttarakhand, please email us



Accommodation

Each room has a double bed with fresh linen, fresh towels and warm blankets / duvets. Heaters are provided in cold weather.

As one approaches the lodge from the parking area, one comes to Cheer Cottage first, then the Dining Room (Guldar), then Koklas Cottage, then Khalij and then in the end is Marten Cottage.

Cheer Cottage

As soon as one descends into the parking area from the main road and walks down 13 steps, one reaches Cheer Cottage. The cottage is equipped with a double bed, a wooden attic with two separate floor mattresses, *en suite* toilet with a WC and a hot shower, a wooden verandah overlooking the valley and the garden. Buckets and mugs are provided in the toilet for wash up if the water pressure is less in the shower or faucet. The size of the room is about 15'x18'.





Koklass Cottage

Walking down 15 steps from the dining room, one reaches Koklas Cottage. The cottage is equipped with a double bed, *en suite* toilet with a WC and a hot shower, a small sit-out facing the jungle and the garden. Buckets and mugs are provided in the toilet to wash up if the water pressure is less in the shower or faucet. The size of the room is about 11'x12'.



Khalij Cottage

Walking down 33 steps from Koklas Cottage, one reaches Khalij Cottage. The cottage is equipped with a double bed, an extra bed, *en suite* toilet with a WC and a hot shower, a sit-out facing the approach path & the jungle. Buckets and mugs are provided in the toilet for wash up if the water pressure is less in the shower or faucet. The size of the room is about 14'x16'.



Marten Cottage

Walking down 15 steps from the Khalij Cottage, one reaches the Marten Cottage

The cottage is equipped with a double bed, a wooden attic with two separate floor mattresses, *en suite* toilet with a WC and a hot shower, an enclosed verandah facing the approach path & the jungle. Buckets and mugs are provided in the toilet for wash up if the water pressure is less in the shower or faucet. The size of the room is about 12'x14'.



• Also, please read the notes on the website – Know where you are headed.

We encourage you to think about the environment and try to re-use towels & linen. Please place them in the basket if you want them replaced.

Dining Room (Guldar)



Walking down 16 steps from Cheer Cottage, one reaches the Dining Room. The dining room also serves the purpose of a restaurant. When we have a full-house we serve buffet meals.

à la carte snacks are served on prior order as per the menu. Please give adequate notice.

The meals are wholesome and hygienic. The menu consists of Indian and Kumaoni dishes.

We usually serve traditional home-cooked Indian food. We try to keep spice and chilly levels moderate but if you still find the food too hot, do let our staff know and we'll be happy to suit it to your taste. Please inform us if you have any special dietary requirements.



On prior intimation, we can also arrange a private dinner in the verandah of your cottage or provide you room service.

We stock a limited selection of beverages at the lodge. All beverages are chargeable. Alcohol is not served at the lodge; the clients may get their own.

We discourage the use of pre-packaged food items and bottled water as it adds to pollution and is an additional cost for us to carry it all the way back to Haldwani for proper disposal. The guests may get their own food items as per their preference and are requested to take away as much non-biodegradable material with them. We serve filtered water that is safe to drink.

We also provide packed meals for your return journey. Let us know in advance and we will arrange it for you.

Other Notes

- It can sometimes be quite chilly outdoors at night, even in summer, so do dress warmly. We expect snow in winter.
- The power supply is 220V. The plug size is Standard English. The power supply in Pangot can be very
 erratic. The government has a load-shedding system and shuts down supply sometimes. Unfortunately, the
 timings of load-shedding are not fixed, power supply may disappear in the mornings on some days, and in
 the afternoon on others.
- As our focus is on developing a nature-centric experience at the lodge, we do not have electricity generators
 which cause sound and atmospheric pollution. We usually use emergency lights when there is no electricity
 and all pathways are lit by them at night. A staff member can escort you to your cottage.
- We would urge our guests to refrain from smoking in and around the lodge, inside the cottages and in the dining areas.
- The smaller mammals, wild animals & birds occasionally do enter and pass through the lodge. Guests are
 requested not to walk alone at night, Members of our staff will be happy to accompany guests back to their
 cottages. Please do not walk barefoot anywhere, not even inside your cottages. If there are unwanted



guests in your cottages (spiders, insects, geckos, etc.) please alert our staff who will remove them. Macaques and Langurs visit the lodge too. Please ensure that you keep eatables away from them.

- If there are wild animals in the surroundings, the village dogs may bark at night causing disturbed sleep.
- We do not have an in-house laundry. We send it out to a nearby facility in the village hence we are unable to take responsibility for them. If you would like your clothes laundered, please place the items in the bag and they will be laundered within 24 hours. Please note that laundry charges are extra.
- We advise you to be careful with your valuables. If there is something you would like to keep safe, our manager will be happy to assist you.
- Pangot does not have a bank to exchange foreign currency. The nearest ATM is in Nainital, 15 km from Pangot. Please contact our manager for any assistance.
- Nainital is the closest town that has a hospital. If you have any medical conditions that we need to be aware of, please inform our manager. We do not have doctors on call.
- If you'd like to leave a tip for our staff at the end of your stay, please do not tip any of our staff individually. There are many unseen hands who work hard to make your stay comfortable, and we strive to divide tips between the entire staff. Please leave tips in the Tip Box.
- Check out time is 11 am.
- We do not have the facility to charge credit cards at the lodge. We recommend that you carry enough spare
 cash to pay for hotel taxes and any extra expenses that you may incur. The room payment can be made
 through the payment gateway.