Specialist MammalWatching Tours 2027-29
BLACK FRIDAY SALE

Dear wildlife watcher,

It is that time of year again, **BLACK FRIDAY** is upon us and once again at Royle Safaris we have amazing one off discounts available on all of our upcoming guaranteed to run mammalwatching tours in 2027-29.
For this Black Friday sale we are offering a rare opportunity to secure your place on some of the world's most exciting specialist mammalwatching tours at reduced prices. From elusive cats and rare primates to pangolins, whales, pandas and some of the planet's least-seen mammals, these guaranteed departures give wildlife enthusiasts the chance to plan ahead, save money and join expertly guided small-group adventures to some truly remarkable destinations.
Places on many of these tours are already limited, so if there is a species or destination you have been dreaming about, now is the perfect time to get in touch.

We have 23 discounted mammalwatching itineraries spread over 21 countries in 5 continents. So anyone interested in seeing **Pere David's deer, black-footed cats, dibatags, African golden cats, mandrills, pygmy hippos, Eurasian lynx, kipunjis, black-bellied pangolins, giant pandas, Javan rhinos, Pallas's cats, Yunnan snub-nosed monkeys, Sunda clouded leopards, red-shanked doucs, wild Bactrian camels, western long-beaked echidnas, Geoffroy's tamarins, jaguarundis, southern monito-del-montes, Andean mountain cats** and **northern bottlenose whales** and a massive range of other species we have the trip and discount for you!

As always Royle Safaris takes our clients to the very best mammalwatching destinations around the world and we have an incredible track record in seeing some of the world's most elusive and endangered species. We are continually adding new trips to our inventory and below is a list of our discounted trips which includes a combination of groups tours we have been running for many years as well as some of our pioneering brand new itineraries.

Our continued success in seeing so many incredible species is largely down to the fantastic and hard working local guides that we employ all over the world. The Black Friday Sale including trips guided by Michael Wright in South Africa, Robert Ntakor in Ghana, Sid Francis in China, Luc Nygun in Vietnam, Carlos Bocos in Indonesia, Nick McPhee in Bolivia, Jirayu Ekkul in Thailand, David Couve in Chile, Marcelo Gavensky in Argentina among others.

As the world's oldest specialist mammalwatching global tour operator, Royle Safaris has been running specialist mammalwatching tours for over 16 years and has so far run over 600 trips and look forward to welcoming you on many more in the future.

Several of these trips listed below have very limited availability and with a good track record of filling these trips we would recommend being quick to get in touch with us to register interest in a trip.

There are links to more information online and of course we remain available to answer any questions you may have or help in how to secure a place on one of these tours.

We very much look forward to hearing back from you and hopefully showcasing some of these wonderful animals to you in 2027 and beyond.

Sincerely

Martin Royle – Director





- **£200 off - Ghana's Rare Mammals Tour** (Mar 2027 & Mar 2028)
- **£200 off - Vietnam's Rare Primates Tour** (Apr 2027 & Apr 2028)
- **£200 off - African Golden Cat Expedition** (May 2027 *limited availability*) & August 2027 ***LAST PLACE LEFT***)
- **£100 off - Panama Mammals Tour** (May 2027)
- **£150 off - South Africa's Rare Mammals Tour** (May-June 2027)
- **£100 off - Javan Rhino Expedition** (Jun 2027 ***LAST TWO PLACES LEFT***)
- **£200 off - Azore's Rare Whale & Dolphin Watching Special Trip** (Jul 2027 ***LAST PLACE LEFT***)
- **£300 off - Gabon Rare Mammals Tour** (Jul 2027 *limited availbility* & Jul-Aug 2027 ***LAST PLACE PLACE LEFT***)
- **£150 off - Borneo's Rare Mammals Tour** (Aug 2027 *limited availbility*)
- **£150 off - Bolivian Rare Cat Tour** (Oct 2027)
- **£250 off - Endemic Mammals of the Horn of Africa** (Dec 2027)
- **£100 off - Just Eurasian Lynx Tour** (Jan 2028)
- **£100 off - Pygmy Hippo Expedition** (Jan 2028)
- **£200 off - Sichuan Rare Mammals Tour** (Mar 2028 *limited availability*)
- **£100 off - Just European Mink Tour** (Mar 2028)
- **£100 off - Andean Mountain Cat Expedition** (Mar 2028 ***LAST TWO PLACES LEFT***)
- **£200 off - Argentina's Mega Mammal Tour** (Apr 2028)
- **£150 off - West Papua's Endemic Mammals Tour** (May 2028)
- **£200 off - Qinghai Tibetan Rare Mammals Tour** (Jul-Aug 2028 *limited availbility*)
- **£100 off - Southern Tanzania's Endemic Mammals Tour** (Nov 2028)
- **£200 off - China Mega Mammal Tour** (Nov-Dec 2028)
- **£150 off - Thailand Mega Mammal Tour** (Mar 2029)
- **£150 off - Mongolia Mega Mammal Tour** (Jun 2029)

Below follows a brief synopsis of the tours listed above, their next group tour dates, current availability and prices as well as pictures highlighting what species and sightings can be possible on each of these trips.

When wishing to make a booking with the Black Friday discount applied you will need to include the following Discount Code in the email: **RSBF2026**

We very much look forward to hearing back from you.

Please note that the discounts on offer are per person and only valid for bookings on the specified trip listed and valid for bookings that are received before the end of 2026 (expiry date 23:59 on 31st December 2026).
For more information on our offers and sales please refer to our terms and conditions here.

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Ghana's Rare Mammals Tour

*not online – PDF brochure available on request

Dates: 3rd March – 18th March 2027 **Price:** £4,795 Single Sup: £350

Dates: 3rd March – 18th March 2028 **Price:** £4,875 Single Sup: £375









Top 10 Mammal Targets: White-bellied Pangolin / Black-bellied Pangolin / Gambian Mongoose / Western Tree Hyrax / White-thighed Colobus / Red-flanked Duiker / Lowe's Monkey / Pel's Anomalure / Benin Tree Hyrax / Mona Monkey

Summary: Ghana is home to some of the last remaining tracts of rainforest and savanna in West Africa. National Parks such as Kakum and Mole are home to populations of lions, forest & savanna elephant, bongo and other large mammals which have been extirpated from many neighbouring countries.

Whilst seeing some of the large mammals is very tough in Ghana there are some smaller species which have started to make this wonderful country quite famous.

Home to three species of **pangolins**, two species of **tree hyrax**, fours species of **anomalure** (African flying squirrel) as well as a wealth of **primates**, diurnal **squirrels** and small carnivores the country offers a bounty for any mammalwatching enthusiast.

This trip is designed for the best mammalwatching the country has to offer and we have secured the services of the pangolin finding expert Robert Nkator and his team who are regarded as near pangolin whisperers with a great reputation among the mammalwatching community, we are confident of finding as many of these wonderful species as possible as we explore Ghana.

The trip visits a combination of primary and secondary rainforest and savanna as we target both of the smaller species of pangolin (we have a 75% success rate in seeing both of these species and around 90% in seeing one of the two species), which are the **white-bellied (or tree) pangolin** and the **black-bellied (or long-tailed) pangolin**. We also visit various forest which are perhaps the only (or certainly the most reliable) locations for species such as **Pel's anomalure, white-thighed colobus, Gambian mongoose** among other species.

We have extended the trip to also include a couple of nights exploring the forested hills east of the Volta River where we will try to find the recently described **Benin Tree Hyrax**.

2027
8 Places Available

2028
8 Places Available

Photo Credits: black-bellied pangolin - Rod Cassidy

Vietnam's Rare Primates Tour

Dates: 1st Apr – 15th Apr 2027 **Price:** £4,195
Single Sup: £600

Dates: 1st Apr – 15th Apr 2028 **Price:** £4,285
Single Sup: £650



Top 10 Mammal Targets: Red-shanked Douc / Black-shanked Douc / Grey-shanked Douc / Pygmy Slow Loris / Buff-cheeked Gibbon / Hatinth Langur / Delacour's Langur / Annamese Silver Langur / Rhesus Macaque / Northern Pig-tailed Macaque / Assamese Macaque / Long-tailed Macaque

2027
8 Places Available

202
8 Places Available

Summary: Vietnam is home to 25 species of wild primate, for such a small country with a huge human (not one of the primates included) population this is incredible. This tour aims to showcase as many of these primate species as possible, we will not see all 25, but we do hope to be able to see around half (with some good luck). This tour travels from the south to the north and visits various locations which are among some of the only places where certain species still cling to existence.

Whilst on this particular trip the primates are major focus of this trip; with some of the rarest species in the world inhabiting these forests. Some of the **langurs**, **gibbons** and **douc-langurs** are so endangered that there are only 50-100 left in the world. Some of these species are intensively studying and we have a very good chance of seeing them, some are not protected very well at all and so they will be harder to find, but we will endeavour to do our best at all locations or course. Once again (as with all Royle Safaris trips) we will employ the best local guides at each national park to try and find as many species and interpret the amazing behaviour we see.

Alongside the primates we will also be watching out for the larger species that inhabit these forests such as **sambar deer**, **muntjacs** (we now have a reliable spot for the **Annamite** muntjac) and of course a whole host of rarer species which are near mythical, such as the **Annamese striped rabbit** and **Saola** (if the latter is even still in existence).

We can also arrange extensions to see two other very critically endangered and range restricted primates if you wish; these being the **Tokin Snub-nosed Monkey** and the **Cat Ba Langur**. The Cat Ba Langur extension is very popular and done with all of the correct legal permissions.

Photo Credits: Red-shanked douc / Marie King

African Golden Cat Expedition

*not online – PDF brochure available on request

Dates: 22nd May – 1st Jun 2027 **Price:** £3,850 Single Sup: £450

Dates: 12th Aug – 22nd Aug 2027 **Price:** £3,850 Single Sup: £450



Top 10 Mammal Targets: African Golden Cat / African Forest Elephant / African Palm Civet / White-bellied Pangolin / Marsh Mongoose / Demidoff's Galago / Giant Forest Hog / L'Hoest's Monkey / Lion / Leopard

Summary: Guided by Uganda's foremost mammalwacthing guide (Harriet Kemigisha and her well established team) and traveling to locations which have had recent repeated success in seeing **African Golden Cats**, this is the first expedition style trip of its kind in the world. A small group tour dedicated to spending time on a developed strategy to find Africa's most elusive cat and one of the world's most beautiful mammals.

Over the last few years people have been visiting looking specifically for this species and this has lead to local guides exploring every possibility for a way to find them. This hard work has paid off and there now appears to be a couple of locations which are offering repeated sightings. It is still a very hard animal to see, but we are proud to add the **African Golden Cat** to the growing list of rare and elusive mammals which Royle Safaris offers specific expedition style tours to see.

The tour will visit 2 of the most iconic locations for wildlife watching in Uganda. All of which are different habitats (showing the versatility of this cat); from rainforest in Kibale to the savanna and the Afro Montane forests of Bwindi. All of these locations harbour good chances to see the **Golden Cat** as well as a wealth of other wildlife, Uganda is perhaps the only place in the world that can combine typical African 'big game' viewing, with world class primate watching and the chance for incredibly rare mammals such as **African Golden Cat** and **Giant Pangolin**.

All in all we think any mammalwatcher or general wildlife enthusiast would thoroughly enjoy this trip. It is also popular with our clients booking this trip to add in an extra day at the start and one at the end of the trip so they can do **chimpanzee** and **mountain gorilla** trekking as well, which we can arrange an add on easily.

2027 first trip
3 Places Available

2027 second trip
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Photo Credits: golden cat (top left) – felidaefund.org / L'hoest's monkey & lions – Samuel Marlin / golden cat (bottom right) – Laila Bahaa-el-din

Panama Mammal Tour

*not online – PDF brochure available on request

Dates: 23rd May – 1st June 2027

Price: £3,795
Single Sup: not always available



Top 10 Mammal Targets: Western Night Monkey / Kinkajou / Central American Woolly Opossum / Western Lowland Olingo / Mantled Howler Monkey / Hoffman's Two-toed Sloth / Geoffroy's Tamarin / Silky Anteater / Lesser Capybara / Rothschild's Porcupine

2027
6 places available

Summary: This specialist mammalwatching trip is to be lead by expert local guides throughout. With this expertise you will be well equipped with excellent local knowledge as you go in search of mammals in one of the world's most underrated mammal watching countries.

Being the southernmost country of Central America, Panama has a lot of species found in northern South America as well as many species found only in Central America. All this makes Panama a wonderful place to either visit as a first time mammal watching trip to the region or as a trip to try and fill in missing species from previous trips to countries such as Costa Rica or Colombia.

The trip spends most of the time around the historic and world-famous Canopy Tower (which is located inside the wonderful Soberania National Park). Whilst based in the Canopy Tower your specialist guides will take you to iconic and great mammal watching locations such as around the Canopy Tower itself and Semaphore Hill, Pipeline Road, Barro Colorado Island, Gatun Lake (via boat), Panama Rainforest Discovery Center, Metropolitan Nature Park and Fort San Lorenzo located on the Caribbean coast.

Neotropical mammals are a fascinating group of animals which include many unique and iconic members, such as **sloths, marmosets, anteaters, armadillos** and more. All of which are unique to the Americas.

Unlike other parts of the world such as Africa or the Pantanal of Brazil, the majority of the mammals found in Panama here are small to medium-sized, and many are predominantly nocturnal. So we have tailored the activities to maximise the chances of seeing as many species as possible.

Photo Credits: night monkeys – WolfmanSF / silky anteater – Quentin Questel / Geoffroy's tamarin – Ben Keen / Rothschild's porcupine – Bertis Y. Franco Perez

South Africa's Rare Mammals Tour

*not online – PDF brochure available on request

Dates: 20th May – 2nd Jun 2027

Price: £4,995
Single Sup: £1,350



Top 10 Mammal Targets: Ground Pangolin / Caracal / Southern Aardwolf / Aardvark / Honey Badger / Black-footed Cat / Zorilla / Cape Fox / African Wild Dog / Serval / Black Rhino / Meerkat / Brown Hyena

2027
8 Places Available

Summary: South Africa is one of the world's premier wildlife watching destinations, but there is a lot more to this wonderful country than the traditional Big Five, great white sharks and whale watching. This specialist mammalwatching tour aims to showcase many of the species which often go under the radar.

The field guides are full of species of mammals which are seldom ever seen, but that is all about to change if you book onto this trip. Animals which have long been enigmas such as **aardvarks, ground pangolins, black-footed cats, honey badgers** and **brown hyenas** are all seen with regularity in the sites we visit as part of this trip.

Travelling the breadth of South Africa in the safe hands of some of Africa's top mammalwatching local guides we visit a combination of private properties and national parks as we go in search of rare mammals of all sizes. From the huge endangered **black rhino** and the colourful **African wild dog** to the tiny **four-toed elephant shrew** and the very elusive **riverine rabbit;** all these species and many more are targeted on this trip.

Of course whilst traveling through South Africa you will also see many of the common species which help to make South Africa a famous wildlife watching destination. So you will get to see **lions, white rhinos, leopards, African elephants, Cape buffalo** (the traditional Big Five) as well as up to 60 species of mammals.

With some luck there is a chance of seeing a very impressive 6 species of cat including **lion, leopard, cheetah, caracal, African wild cat, black-footed cat** and **serval.**

We also optional extensions to Kruger and Madikwe National Parks for anyone wishing to further explore South Africa.

Photo Credits: aardvark & aardwolf – Chris Daniels / ground pangolin & Karoo rock sengi – Chris Scharf

Javan Rhino Expedition

Dates: 1-10 June 2027 **Price:** £3,995
Single Sup: £95






£100 OFF

Top 10 Mammal Targets: Javan Rhino / Banteng / Javan Mousedeer / West Javan Ebony Langur / Javan Small-toothed Palm Civet / Javan Slow Loris / Sunda Colugo / Sunda Leopard Cat / Javan Rusa / Sunda Palm Civet

2027
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Summary: One of the world's rarest mammals, with around 35 remaining in the wild, none in captivity, the **Javan Rhino** is on the edge. But in recent years the species has been increasing in number and the species is beginning (slowly) to reveal it's secrets. Over the past decade Royle Safaris has been working hard with local guides, wildlife photographers and the Indonesian parks authorities to work out a way of seeing this magnificent species whilst minimising impact in the only forest they call home (Ujung Kulon National Park). We have had success and now we offer the world's only dedicated expeditions into the heart of this forest and to a particular hotspot for rhino activity.

By boating silently up and down a couple of favoured rivers deep in the core area of the park we have gained an impressive success rate in seeing these animals along with a wealth of other life. With expert local guides, trackers and our tour leader we stand a favourable chance of seeing one of the last **Javan rhinos**.

For anyone interesting in exploring more wild places in Java we have an optional post tour extension for mammals such as **Javan Gibbon, Javan Ferret-badger, Javan Slow Loris, Sunda Porcupine** and others. Contact us for more on this itinerary.

We must also let you know that all of these trips to Ujung Kulon National Park are dependant on the core area of the park being open to tourism again. As of the start of 2026 the core area was still closed, but we are hopeful that in spring time 2026 we will once again be able to run trips to the park.

Photo Credits: Javan rhino (top left) & banteng – Chris Scharf / langur – Alex Meyer / Javan rhino (bottom right) – Toby Nowlan

Azores Rare Whale & Dolphin Watching Trip

*not online – PDF brochure available on request

Dates: 24th July – 1st August 2027

Price: £2,695









Top 10 Mammal Targets: Sperm Whale / Northern Bottlenose Whale / Short-finned Pilot Whale / Sowerby's Beaked Whale / Atlantic Spotted Dolphin / False Killer Whale / Risso's Dolphin / Pygmy Sperm Whale / Striped Dolphin / Azore's Noctule

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Summary: Jutting out of the Atlantic Ocean the rugged yet beautiful Azores are one of the best whale watching locations in the world. After an exploratory trip in 2025 Royle Safaris was stunned with the diversity of marine mammal life here and so we started work on getting our first dedicated whale and dolphin watching group together.

The Azores is home to a good amount of resident cetacean species, such as the largest toothed whale in the world, the **sperm whale** and its smaller cousins like **Risso's dolphins, common bottlenose dolphins, common dolphins** and **striped dolphins**; but it is the visitors to the archipelago which really make the Azores a whale watching mecca. We choose the last week in July for this trip as this is the time of year with the best chances of seeing the amazing **northern bottlenose whale** as they arrive here for a short period, making this area perhaps the only reliable place in the world for this species. Another regularly seen species around this time of year is a much smaller beaked whale, **Sowerby's beaked whale**, which means it is very possible to see not one but two species of the elusive beaked whale family.

Along with these high profile targeted summer visitors there are other species which visit for the summer and are very easy to see, such as **Atlantic spotted dolphins** and **short-finned pilot whales.** It is not uncommon to come here for a week and see over 10 species of marine mammal! There is nowhere else on the planet which can be as productive for marine mammalwatching. And as well as all of the species mentioned above there are some annual sightings of very rare and special species here and with some luck we may see **pygmy sperm whale, dwarf sperm whale, false killer whale, orcas** and maybe a **sei whale** which is the only baleen whale which is in the area at this time.

As well as these marine mammals we will of course look for the only endemic mammal of the islands, the **Azores noctule** bat which are commonly seen (even flying in the daytime) around most of the island.

Photo Credits: northern bottlenose whale – Whitehead Lab / Atlantic spotted dolphin - Hobbyfotowiki

Gabon Rare Mammals Tour

Dates: 1st June – 10th June 2027 **Price:** £8,295 Single Sup: £995

28th July – 6th August 2027 **Price:** £8,295 Single Sup: £995





£300 OFF





Top Mammal Targets: Mandrill / African Forest Elephant / Black Colobus / Red River Hog / Western Gorilla / Common Chimpanzee / Giant Pangolin / African Palm Civet / Hammer-head Bat / Servaline Genet

First group 2027
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Second group 2027
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Summary: Gabon is 80% forest, let that statistic settle in a second. 80% of the entire country is covered in pristine forest. There are not many countries in the world that can boast such a record. Not only is there such vast tracts of forest left in Gabon the country has a small population which is nearly all centred around the few cities and towns. This means that the forests are full of wildlife, the downside is that getting from A to B can be challenging. We take a combination of overnight trains, private vehicles and boats to get from the two main protected areas in the country (three protected areas if you wish to also book our optional pre-tour extension to Ivindo) which is Lope and Loango National Parks.

This tour is a specialist mammalwatching tour but it may be further defined as a primate watching tour. The two major targets are the **Mandrills** and **Western Gorillas**. The **Mandrills** of Lope National Park have been studied for years and the researcher allows tourists to come into the park and experience the vast troops of loud and colourful **Mandrills** with him. The same experience is offered in Loango with the **Gorillas** and in between these primate tracking experiences you can see over 10 species of **primates**, forest **Duikers**, many **Forest Elephants** and other rare species such as **Manatees**, **Genets** and if you are very lucky you could see a **Giant Pangolin** as they have been seen here before but are very hard to find.

Many people who book this this also book our pre-tour extension to Ivindo National Park, this is a very wild park and the only way in and out is via hiking and the wildlife watching is done from a raise platform overlooking a bai (a clearing in the forest) where **Gorillas**, **Red River Hogs, Forest Elephants** and **Sitatunga** are near daily visitors. If you wish to know more about the Ivindo tour then you can contact us and we will send over the PDF brochure.

Photo Credits: mandrill, western gorilla, red river hog & black colobus – Chris Scharf

Borneo's Rare Mammals Tour

Dates: 18th Aug – 1st Sep 2027

Price: £5,495
Single Sup: £950



Top 10 Mammal Targets: Sunda Clouded Leopard / Proboscis Monkey / Marbled Cat / Binturong / Otter Civet / Sun Bear / Sunda Stink Badger / Borneo Orangutan / Asiatic Elephant / Banded Civet

2028
Limited Availability

Summary: Borneo has long been known as a wonderful rainforest and wildlife watching destination, enjoyed by hardcore enthusiasts and casual wildlife lovers alike. But in the last decade there are various sites which have turned Borneo is one of *the* destinations for mammalwatching globally. Deramakot is one of these locations and this tour spends a week here, as well as visiting Tabin Wildlife Resort and a stay along the amazing Kinabatangan River.

This tour focuses on some of the rarer mammals which live in Borneo's rainforests. This means many of the activities to look for wildlife will be done at night. Guided by the famous and tireless Mike Gordon throughout the itinerary we have a great track record in seeing several of the rarest mammals in Borneo. We don't pretend that the trip will be successful in seeing all of the targeted species (such a trip would probably be the single greatest trip in mammalwatching history) but we have a good success rate in seeing several rare species.

We also like to visit a couple of different forest reserves (in this case Tabin and Deramakot) to give you the best overview of different habitats and also increase our chances of seeing as many species as possible. It is not just nocturnal life that we spend time looking for however, we also have time dedicated to see the Orangutans, Elephants and Proboscis Monkeys (as well as various primates species).

We also have an optional post tour extension which explores the amazing and seldom visited Tawau Hills National Park and Maliau Basin. These locations can result in great chances for rare mammals as on the main trip as well as some new species which cannot be found on the main trip, for more information on this trip please click see below.

Photo Credits: clouded leopard & sun bear – Chris Scharf / otter civet & marbled cat – Mark Langston

Bolivian Rare Cat Tour

Dates: 4th – 16th Oct 2027

Price: £5,195
Single Sup: £560



Top 10 Mammal Targets: Jaguar / Pauma / Ocelot / Jaguarundi / Geoffroy's Cat / Chaco Peccary / Tayra / Pale Titi Monkey / Bolivian Red Howler Monkey / Bolivian River Dolphin

2027
6 Places Available

Summary: When people think of a tour to see **Jaguars** they immediately think of the northern Pantanal region in Brazil and the location around Porto Jofre has become an incredible place to see this species, but as a result the crowds and numbers of boats around the **Jaguars** has also increases, as have the prices. So we at Royle Safaris have been working hard to find alternative places to the Pantanal (with a means of setting up small-scale sustainable ecotourism centred around Jaguars that will not get out of hand like it has in Brazil (to some extent) and this search has led us to Bolivia. The lowlands of Santa Cruz province are full of wildlife and forest tracts and farmland is home to a surprising diversity and density of cats.

We have teemed up with local guides to discover and open up some of these areas and as of 2022 when we first ran these trips we have a 100% record of number **Jaguar** sightings (including at least 3 different Jaguars seen on each trip) and two of these four trips have netted all 5 of the targeted species of cat including more than one sighting of each (excluding **Geoffroy's cats** – where one was seen on each trip), we also have a 100% success rate in seeing the very endangered and amazing looking **Chaco Peccary**.

We visit 3 distinct areas on this itinerary, firstly a private reserve with a large **Jaguar**, **Jaguarundi** and **Ocelot** density and then the amazing dry Chaco forest of Kaa Iya National Park where **Jaguars**, **Pumas** and **Tapirs** live alongside Chaco endemics such as the **Chaco Peccary**, **Southern Three-banded Armadillo** and **Pale Titi Monkeys**. We then finish the trip with a visit to Trinidad and nearer the true Amazon, here we have a great chance to see the endemic **Bolivian River Dolphin** and (whilst not a mammal) one of the world's rarest birds, the endemic **Blue-throated Macaw**.

Photo Credits: jaguar, ocelot, jaguarundi and peccary – Anita Ericson

Endemic Mammals of the Horn of Africa

*not online – PDF brochure available on request

Dates: 1st Dec – 19th Dec 2027

Price: £5,890
Single Sup: £350









Top 10 Mammal Targets: Dibatag / Abyssinian Genet / Hamadryas Baboon / Beira / Salt's Dik-dik / Maned Rat / Pelsen's Gazelle / Silver Dik-dik / Soemmerring's Gazelle / Somali Sengi

2027
6 places available

Summary: In recent years intrepid mammalwatchers are finding new places to explore and find some of the world's most elusive and sought after species. Whether that is the island of New Guinea, the rainforests of Central & West Africa or various Indonesian islands with their host of endemic inhabitants; the net result has been an explosion in the amount and diversity of mammals which can be reliably seen.

Royle Safaris is the only international tour operator which views these expansions to new locations as an opportunity to work with the locals and increase eco tourism on the ground and run small group tours on a regular basis. One of the latest locations for mammalwatchers is the Horn of Africa. An area which has been ravaged by war in recent years and with countries like Somalia and Eritrea some of the Horn of Africa is still not safe or open to travel to, however that doesn't mean that the whole region is off limits. Northern Ethiopia (an area called Somali Region (not to be confused with the country Somalia) and Djibouti are remarkably safe and stable and they are also home to some of the regions most sought after species.

Our main targets on this trip are some of Africa's most range restricted ungulates; namely **beira**, **dibatag**, **Salt's dik-dik, Genther's dik-dik, Silver dik-dik** and **Pelsen's gazelle**. But it is not just the antelopes here which are our focus, we also should see the impressive **hamadryas baboon** as well as a range of rodent species, including gundis and maned rats. There is also a chance for **Abyssinian genet, African golden wolf, African wild cat** and many other species of mammals.

As well as visiting these stunning locations in Ethiopia, we will also be visiting the very seldom visited country of Djibouti which offers more chances to see **beira** and some of the antelopes including Soemmerring's gazelle and more endemic rodents. By visiting both of these countries you will be in for a full immersive experience of the Horn of Africa as well as maximising the chances to see all of these amazing species.

We also an have optional pre tour extension to visit the Bale Mountains National Park and other areas in Central Ethiopia which can add **gelada, Ethiopian wolf, mountain nyala, giant mole-rat, Bale monkey** and many other iconic endemic mammals of the Ethiopian highlands.

Photo Credits: Salt's dik-dik – David Castor / Atlantic spotted dolphin - Hobbyfotowiki / Hamadryas baboon - André Karwath

Just Eurasian Lynx Tour

*not online – PDF brochure available on request

Dates: 5th Jan – 10th Jan 2028

Price: £1,750
Single Sup: £250



Top 10 Mammal Targets: Eurasian Lynx / Moose / Western Roe Deer / Mountain Hare / European Polecat / Common Raccoon Dog / Red Fox / Eurasian Red Squirrel / European Pine Marten / Eurasian Wild Boar

2028
3 places available

Summary: This guided specialist **lynx**-watching tour to Estonia offers wildlife enthusiasts a rare and thrilling opportunity to track one of Europe's most secretive apex predators.

Boasting a remarkably stable population of roughly 600 **Eurasian Lynx**, Estonia's vast, unfragmented habitats provide the absolute best odds on the continent for an encounter and this specialised tour is designed around the solitary cat's prime habitat, taking participants deep into the pristine old-growth forests and boggy landscapes that dominate the country's northern forests.

Led by an expert local tracker, we will spend a large amount of time in prime **lynx** habitat at the best time (evening and night) when the **lynx** are most active. The primary hub for this adventure is concentrated within the nation's wild northern and eastern expanses, most notably Lahemaa National Park and sometimes Alutaguse National Park.

Lahemaa features dense taiga woodland broken up by small roadside meadows, creating an optimal hunting landscape where lynx frequently track their preferred prey, roe deer.

By exploring the forests in the late-afternoon we will look for signs of **lynx** (such as footprints and scratch marks) to help narrow down our area of focus for the extensive nocturnal spotlighting drives.

Winter aligns perfectly with the **lynx** mating season, a period when these usually silent felines become highly active, vocal, and prone to patrolling territory boundaries in broad daylight at times. Furthermore, the persistent winter snow cover provides invaluable help for ground tracking, allowing guides to easily decipher paths, follow fresh paw prints, and predict the animals' movements through the brush.

While a **lynx** encounter can never be completely guaranteed due to the animal's naturally elusive and wild nature, the journey itself proves incredibly rewarding. Spending days embedded in the quiet, frozen wilderness allows you to connect deeply with the Baltic ecosystem, often crossing paths with other spectacular regional fauna such as **moose, mountain hares, wild boars**, and rare owls.

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Pygmy Hippo Expedition

*not online – PDF brochure available on request

Dates: 25th Jan – 4th Jan 2028

Price: £4,995
Single Sup: £580









£100 OFF

Top 10 Mammal Targets: Pygmy Hippo / West African Chimpanzee / Water Chevrotain / King Colobus / West African Potto / Olive Colobus / Diana Monkey / Zebra Duiker / Jentkin's Duiker / Sooty Mangabey / Johnston's Genet / Common Cusimanse / Slender Squirrel / Red River Hog

2028
6 places available

Summary: Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) is home to the largest remaining tract of primary rainforest in the whole of West Africa. One of the best examples of this forest is the untouched paradise of Taï National Park. Taï is a vast ecosystem that, whilst under pressure, has managed to remain a haven for wildlife and a wildlife watching trip here will almost certainly have more success than similar trips in other parks in West Africa. The most famous residents of the park are the many tool-using chimpanzees and the wonderful and iconic **Pygmy hippos**.

Other than the **pygmy hippos** and **chimps** there are eleven species of primate recorded here as ell as **Leopard, forest elephant, bongo**, **Jentink's duiker, zebra duiker, water chevrotain, olive colobus**, **Johnston's genet, pardine genet, Liberian mongoose** and **giant pangolin**.

This tour is focused on trying to find and observe this amazing, elusive, little-known and rare mammal. Taï is by far the best place in the world for this species and the local guides and rangers in the region report more frequent sightings of them here than anywhere else. Indeed the park has the largest population of them in the world, perhaps as many as half of the global population. Throughout this trip you will spend many hours in the forest, we have various techniques to try and find the **hippos**, including exploring the rivers in boats and or kayaks, walking the forest trails and checking out the pools of water that hippos use to rest and stay cool in and also staking out feeding areas deep in the forest. A combination of these techniques as well as making the most of the most recent information from the locals means we are ideally situated to have the best possible chances of seeing this rare animal. However we have to say that they are rare and elusive and no sightings are guaranteed.

All but one of our trips since 2023 have resulted in **Pygmy Hippo** sightings! (however pygmy hippos were seen in the week before and after that failed trip).

Photo Credits: pygmy hippo (top left) – paVan / pygmy hippo (top right) – Mark Langston / Diana monkey & king colobus – Chris Scharf

Sichuan Rare Mammals Tour

Dates: 1st Mar – 14th Mar 2028

Price: £4,495
Single Sup: £495



Top 10 Mammal Targets: Giant Panda / Pallas's Cat / Red Panda / Sichuan Takin / Chinese Mountain Cat / Tibetan Gazelle / Golden Snub-nosed Monkey / Asiatic Black Bear / Tufted Deer / Chinese Ferret Badger

2028
Limited Availability

Summary: When people think of China they rarely think of wildlife and if they do think of Chinese animals that inevitably think of giant pandas. This one species is so iconic and so famous around the world that it is hard to imagine them as wild animals that live a life completely removed from people, but in recent years more and more giant pandas are living wild lives away from the disturbance of people. This is testament to fantastic conservation work and we will be hopefully benefiting from this conservation work as we enter a huge bamboo ecosystem in the mountains of one of the last remaining wild **giant panda** habitats. By hiking in this forest we will be in prime **panda** habitat and will hopefully be rewarded with one of the rarest sights in nature.

However this is only the first of three very different habitats we will be exploring, from the bamboo zone we will travel to the edge of the Tibetan plateau and to the rocky and rugged wilderness of Ruoergai where typical high altitude species such as **Pallas's cat** and **Chinese mountain cat** live and then down into the forested mountains of Tangjiahe where **musk deer**, **serow**, **gorals**, **badgers** and **bears** live. We will spend a considerable amount of time exploring these habitats for wildlife and trying to see as many of these species as possible and hopefully get some rare species too.

Since we started to revisit China in 2023 after the covid-19 pandemic we have run 14 trips and have been successful in seeing **Giant Pandas** on 11 of these trips (a 78% success rate). **Panda** sightings have included watching a mother and cub in a tree for over 1 hour, a large male at 5m range, a young male feeding for 3 hours and a mating pair! So anyone wishing to experience the best of mammalwatching in Sichuan and also spend time specifically looking for **giant pandas** this is the only trip for you.

Photo Credits: giant panda – Wouter Pieters / Sichaun takin – Chris Scharf / Chinese mountain cat & Chinese red panda – Steven White

Just European Mink Tour

*not online – PDF brochure available on request

Dates: 3rd March – 7th March 2028

Price: £1,950
Single Sup: £200





£100 OFF





Top 10 Mammal Targets: European Mink / Eurasian Wild Cat / Raccoon Dog / Golden Jackal / European Pine Marten / Brown Rat / Daubenton's Bat / Noctule / Kuhl's Pipistrelle / Soprano Pipistrelle

6 places available

Summary: This is a specialized short mammal-watching tour to look for the critically endangered **European Mink**.

Working with expert local guides in Romania who have been pioneering mammalwatching here to point where Romania is now perhaps the greatest mammalwatching destination in Europe, we are proud to bring this specialist trip to see one of Europe's and the world's rarest mammals.

There has been repeated success with sightings over several years.

But it is still an elusive species and we don't offer a 100% guarantee. March which is the mating time for the **European Mink** and the Danube Delta is definitely the 'only' accessible and somewhat reliable place in the World to see this rare mammal!

As the name of the tour would suggest the mink is our prime target but we will try to see many other mammals as well. There are not many places in Europe where we can hope to see one of the rarest mammals, but the Danube Delta in Romania still offers this chance for mammal watchers! The **European Mink** was once widespread from Northern Spain and Western France throughout Central Europe towards the Ural Mountains but it has severely declined due to many factors. One of the strongholds now is in the Danube Delta and we have a good chance to connect with it on our four nights stay inside the delta.

Photo Credits: European mink (top and bottom left) Janos Olah / European mink (top and bottom right) Zoltan Gergey

Endemic Mammals of West Papua

*not online – PDF brochure available on request

Dates: 8th May – 24th May 2028 **Price:** £9,250



Top 10 Mammal Targets: Western Long-beaked Echidna / Ursine Tree Kangaroo / Ground Cuscus / Grizzled Tree Kangaroo / Waigeo Spotted Cuscus / Long-fingered Triok / Stien's Cuscus / Arfak Ring

Summary: Join the legendary Carlos Bocos and a host of wonderful local trackers as you head to the new frontier of mammalwatching and explore the rugged mountains and forests of West Papua on the island of New Guinea.

6 places available

For as long as most can remember New Guinea has been a place where mammals were never seen, many birders would visit and see a treasure trove of stunning birds-of-paradise and other species, but their reports would be stark in their lack of mammals seen. But all that has changed thanks in large part (if not solely) because of the tireless work of Carlos Bocos. A guide many will be familiar with he is opening up more and more places in the west of New Guinea (the Indonesian side) and as a result many species of mammals are starting to be seen. His two trips (one exploratory and one our (and the world's) first dedicated mammalwatching trip to the region, have resulted in over 60 different species of mammals being seen including all of the top targets which include two species of **tree kangaroo** and the near mythical **western long-beaked echidna.**

There is a range of marsupials to be seen on the trip including several species of **cuscus** including the beautiful **Waigeo spotted cuscus** as well as endemic **ringtails, possums, dorcopsis** (a forest wallaby), **spiny bandicoots, dasyures** and the **long-fingered triok**. But it is not just the marsupials unique to the island which are our focus, there is a wealth of **rodent** and **bat** species to see also, these include a newly discovered species of **horseshoe bat**, which our last group was the first to capture and it is currently being described. From large **fruit bats** to tiny **myotis** there is the possibility for around 15 species of bat and 10 species of rodent with the major target being the poorly understood and unique **New Guinea jumping mouse.**

We do have to put a small warning on this tour however, the hiking involved in getting into the Arfak mountains is extremely tough, it can take 8-10 hours to hike up the mountain, on often wet and slippery trails which can be very steep at times (and require the use of handrails). Only people with a good level of physical fitness can come along on this trip as a result.

Photo Credits: Grizzled tree kangaroo & Striped possum – Himanshu Nagar

Snow Leopards & Tibetan Mammals Tour (Qinghai)

Dates: 26th July – 9th August 2028

Price: £4,195
Single Sup: £595









£200 OFF

Top 10 Mammal Targets: Wild Yak / Snow Leopard / Tibetan Fox / Pallas's Cat / Tibetan Antelope / White-lipped Deer / Chinese Red Pika / Midday Gerbil / Himalayan Wolf / Tibetan Gazelle / Eurasian Lynx

Summary: China is not necessarily a country that makes you think of pristine ecosystems and safari holidays, however this is incorrect. There are many places in China that are full of wildlife incredible ecosystems that can be explored; this tour explores one of the least visited in the world, not just China. This itinerary will visit the Tibetan Plateau and associated mountainous ecosystems of the Chinese province, Qinghai. This rugged and sparsely populated area is home to large numbers of iconic and endangered species such as **snow leopards, wild yak, Tibetan antelope, Himalayan brown bear, Tibetan wolves** among many others.

For the last 2-3 years the sightings of **snow leopards** here have steadily increased and an average of numerous sightings per trip has resulted in us organising this specific high altitude mammal watching tour. We are very confident that the **snow leopard** sightings and regularity of the sightings here is at least what it is in Ladakh. But in addition to the **snow leopards** this itinerary visits areas which are very good for **Tibetan antelope, wild yak, Alpine musk deer, white-lipped deer, Tibetan wolves, Tibetan foxes, kiang** and other mammal species of the Tibetan Plateau. But we also have found quite reliable locations for **Himalayan brown bear** and even **Eurasian lynx** in recent months.

You will be experiencing rural China and technically Tibetan culture and everything from the food, culture, architecture you will encounter will differ from the typical Chinese imagery that most people have when they thing of the superpower that China is nowadays and the ultra-modern cities.

This is a unique tour that explores part of China that are rarely visited, to get a good idea of what to expect we recommend you read through the below information. We have outlined a detailed itinerary for the entire trip. However due to weather conditions the route and activities may vary once we get there, although we will endeavour to stick to the stated itinerary as much as possible.

2027
JUST 4 PLACES LEFT

Photo Credits: Tibetan antelope & Eurasian lynx– Oleg Rozkho / snow leopard – John Oates / Tibetan fox – Samuel Marlin

Andean Mountain Cat Expedition

*not online – PDF brochure available on request

Dates: 22nd March – 1st April 2028

Price: £6,750 – single supplement not available



Top 10 Mammal Targets: Andean Mountain Cat / Garlepp's Colocolo / Mountain Viscacha / Vicuna / Bolivian Big-eared Mouse / Culpeo / Molina's Hog-nosed Skunk / Northern Huemul / Garlepp's Mouse / Puma

2028
3 places available

Summary: Many existing wildlife watching tours to Chile focus on the wonderful pumas of Torres del Paine, the unique island of Chiloe and of course the Sub-Antarctic islands of the far south. But there is much more to the wildlife of Chile than those locations, in fact the northern Andean regions of Chile are home to some of South America's most elusive species. One of which is the focus of this tour, one of the world's most secretive and little known predators; the special **Andean Mountain Cat.**

In recent years more and more people have entered the high altitude mountains and deserts of the **Andean mountain cat's** range and with the help of awesome and dedicated local guides this once near impossible to see cat is beginning to show itself.

Chile is a unique country, with incredible topography and vast longitudinal span means Chile has an extraordinary, array of high peaks and plateaus, towering snow-capped volcanoes and vertiginous coastal mountains. The country is stretches over 4,000 kilometres north to south; from the arid Atacama Desert in the north to the subantarctic islands of the south. With a distinctive ribbon like shape there is nowhere more than 180 kilometres wide (from coast to neighbouring country) and with a rugged coastline on the west and the Andean mountains on the east, Chile has some of the most spectacular scenery in South America.

Thanks to its unusual geography, and a comprehensive domestic airline network, it is possible to visit a wide range of habitats within a single holiday in Chile – from the Andean snowline and seabird filled waters of the Pacific, to the south's wild coastline and the beech forests bordering the Straits of Magellan at the very tip of the continent.

It is still a very hard animal to see, but we are proud to add the **Andean Mountain Cat** to the growing list of rare and elusive mammals which Royle Safaris offers specific expedition style tours to see.

The tour will visit the most reliable location for sightings (Lauca National Park) and by using techniques developed by the local guides we will visit areas of high probability for sightings during the peak times of activity. The nights will be long, but rewarding with many other mammal species known from here and commonly seen, including **southern mountain visacha**, **vicuna**, **Garlepp's colocolo, north Andean huemul, highland tuco-tuco, culpeo** and others.

Photo Credits: Chris Daniels

Argentina Mega Mammal Tour

*not online – PDF brochure available on request

Dates: 10th Apr – 2nd May 2028

Price: £9,950
Single Sup: £1,590









Top 10 Mammal Targets: Franciscana / Southern Monito-del-monte / Geoffroy's Cat / Patagonian Weasel / Southern Huemul / Long-nosed Shrew-opossum / Pichi / Puma / Northern Huemul / Southern Colocolo

Summary: Argentina is one of the world's largest countries and being a "long" country north to south, there is a huge range of climates and ecosystems. This in turn means there is a huge wealth of wildlife to be found here, but up until recently Argentina has not been a major mammalwatching (or even wildlife watching) destination. Yes people would visit as a stopped off point to visit the sub-Antarctic islands and Antarctica itself and Peninsula Valdes has always been popular with whale watchers; but the vast tracks of pampas, mountain ranges, tropical and subtropical forests and rugged coastlines have been largely unexplored by mammalwatchers.

That has all started to change in the last few years, no little part due to the finding of one of the continent's best guides and a very enthusiastic mammalwatching convert, Marcelo Gavensky.

Royle Safaris has worked with Marcelo and other wildlife guides in Argentina for years and this itinerary is the work of love and passion a long time in the making.

We have decided to base the tour around seeing some of South America's most underrated species, the **northern** and **southern Andean huemel** (species of deer) endemic to the Southern Cone of South America. Once we decided on this we had the basis of a route and in visiting both the northern and southern parts of Argentina we started to develop stop offs in many places which are hotspots for range restricted and endemic mammals.

The trip will be visiting habitats and areas where well over 100 species of mammals have been seen, we don't expect to see 100 species but 50+ is a definite target for this trip and among these dozens of species are there some very cool ones including **Geoffroy's cat**, **South American sea lion**, **franciscana**, **southern monito-del-monte**, **lesser grison**, **Wolff's mountain viscacha** and many more. With some luck we could find an amazing 11 species of **armadillo**, 7 species of **tuco-tuco** and 9 species of **cat**. However to see all 9 species of cat would require unbelievable luck.

All in all we are happy to announce this new itinerary, to showcase the very best of Argentine mammalwatching and hopefully start to fully integrate Argentina into the mammalwatching community.

2028
7 places available

Photo Credits: southern huemul – Alejandroaguilarc / southern monito-del-monte – Marcel Gavensky / screaming hairy armadillo – Arnaud Boucher

Southern Tanzanian Endemic Mammals Tour

*not online – PDF brochure available on request

Dates: 23rd Oct – 4th Nov 2028

Price: £5,995
Single Sup: £250









Top 10 Mammal Targets: Kipunji / Black-and-rufous Sengi / Eastern Tree Hyrax / Sanje River Mangabey / Rondo Dwarf Galago / Tanzania Coastal Galago / Udzungwa Red Colobus / Bushy-tailed Mongoose / Natal Red Duiker / Suni

Summary: Following in the footsteps of one of the mammalwatching communities leading figures, Dr. Charles Foley, Royle Safaris is in development of a mega mammal trip to Tanzania. Mostly visiting the southern parts of this incredible and ridiculously mammal diverse countries. We will be targeting all of the endemic primates to the mainland (we can also arrange an extension to Zanzibar for anyone wanting to have a clean sweep of Tanzanian endemic primates).

Primates do make up a large part of this trip with no less than 12 species including the **kipunji, Sanje river mangabey, Udzungwa red colobus, yellow baboon, Syke's monkey, Angolan black-and-white colobus** and many nocturnal **galagoes.**

But it is not just primates which we will target on this trip, there is another group of mammals which is unique to Africa and has a diversity hotspot in Tanzania, these are the **sengis** (otherwise known as elephant-shrews) and we have a chance to see four different species including the stunning **black-and-rufous sengi.**

We will visit a number of forests as well as a private farm which is jam packed with rodents, meaning that no true mammalwatcher will want to miss this place. Along the way visiting these reserves we will have a chance to see many more commonly seen Tanzanian species such as **African bush elephants, Maasai giraffe, bushbucks, suni, duiker** species, **rusty-spotted genet, common slender mongoose** and other rarer species like **bushy-tailed mongoose, honey badger, striped weasel** (outside chance).

With some luck there is a chance for over 70 species of mammals here and with the specialist nature of such a trip this would be the perfect way to see many of the species which are included in the field guides but are hardly ever seen.

2028
7 places available

Photo Credits: kipunji - NR1&GLAFan2004 / red-and-black sengi - Joey Makalintal / Sanje river mangabey – Marc Veraart / Angolan colobus - Tomas Hejlek

China Mega Mammals Tour

*not online – PDF brochure available on request

Dates: 25th Nov – 16th Dec 2028

Price: £10,995
Single Sup: £900





£200 OFF





Top 10 Mammal Targets: Pere David's deer / Yangtze Finless Porpoise / Yunnan Snub-nosed Monkey / Golden Snub-nosed Monkey / Chinese Red Panda / Yunnan Flying Squirrel / White-headed Langur / Skywalker Hoolock Gibbon / Himalayan Takin / Western Black-crested Gibbon

2028
8 places available

Summary: This ambitious three-week mammalwatching journey crosses China from the eastern coast to the forests, mountains and tropical valleys of the south-west, combining some of the country's most distinctive primates and marine mammals.

Beginning in Shanghai, we spend time in the north east looking for **Pere David's Deer, Amur Hedgehog**, **Northern Hog Badger**, **Tolai & Chinese Hares** and the **Yangtze Finless Porpoise**.

From here we head to some of China's richest montane habitats, around Jinfo Mountain we search for **Francois Langur, Forest Musk Deer, Masked Palm Civet** and **Mainland Leopard Cat** and then in Labahe we hope for a rich diversity of mammal life including **Red and White Giant Flying Squirrel, Sambar, Tibetan Macaque, Malayan Porcupine, ferret-badgers, Maned Serow, Chinese Goral, Tufted Deer, Chinese Red Panda, Sichuan Takin, Eurasian Otter, Yellow-throated Marten** and on leaving here **Golden Snub-nosed Monkey**.

We then head to Yunnan and the south of China, and the spectacular Hengduan and Gaoligong landscapes. Key targets here **include Yunnan Snub-nosed Monkey, Himalayan Takin, Assamese Macaque, Shortridge's Langur, Gongshan Muntjac, Blanford's Fruit Bat**, several **flying squirrels**, **Phayre's Squirrel, Northern Palm Civet** and **Bengal Slow Loris**. We also go to find the recently described **Skywalker Hoolock Gibbon** before a final week in Yunnan's western and central forests, where we have chances for **Himalayan Long-eared Flying Squirrel**, **Shan State Gray Langur**, **Western Black Crested Gibbon, Indochinese Gray Langur** and **Chinese Giant Flying Squirrel** before the tour concludes via Kunming and Nanning, but not without first a stop at Guangxi Chongzuo for the critically endangered **White-headed Langur**. Overall, this is a fast-moving, field-focused itinerary using trains, flights, road transfers, daylight watches, spotlighting and patient scanning to sample an exceptional range of China's mammals.

This is the most comprehensive mammalwatching trip ever conducted as a group tour in China and it is the one of Royle Safaris series of cutting edge Mega Mammal Tours around the world.

Photo Credits: Yunnan snub-nosed monkey - Rod Waddington / Chinese red panda – Mark Langston / Pere David's deer – Tim Felce / white-headed langur - Richard Fuller

Thailand Mega Mammals Tour

*not online – PDF brochure available on request

Dates: 8th – 30th Mar 2029

Price: £9,395
Single Sup: £2,300





£150 OFF





Top 10 Mammal Targets: Kitti's Hog-nosed Bat / Sun Bear / Large-spotted Civet / Pileated Gibbon / Germain's Grey Langur / Eden's Whale / Banded Linsang / Sunda Pangolin / Siamang / Indochinese Clouded Leopard

Summary: This uniquely put together expert led mammalwatching tour of one of the world's newest hot mammalwatching locations is a must for any mammalwatcher.
Beginning in the Upper Gulf of Thailand, you will trade land for sea to spot massive **Eden's whales** and other rare cetaceans before plunging directly into the rugged, hilly terrain of Kaeng Krachan and the limestone habitats of Kanchanaburi. Here, the focus shifts to a mix of stealthy predators like the **Indochinese leopard** and highly specialized creatures, such as the world's smallest mammal, **Kitti's hognose bat**.
As the tour snakes northward into the rugged interior of Thailand's Western Forest Complex and Isan region, the landscapes expand into massive, restricted-access sanctuaries. In Huay Kha Kaeng and Phu Khieo, you enter the true bastions of megafauna (**Eld's deer, Asiatic elephant, Banteng** and maybe **Indochinese tiger** or **dhole**).
The latter half of the tour delivers an unforgettable grand finale as you fly from the mist-shrouded jungles of Khao Yai down to the deep, equatorial south of Yala and Narathiwat provinces. Spending multiple days in the legendary Hala-Bala – Bang-Lang forest complex, the tour shifts into an nocturnal rhythm as we look for species such as **Malayan tapir, banded linsang, Indochinese clouded leopard** and **Sunda colugo**. By the time you make a final journey back to the coast of Chonburi for the rare **Germain's grey langur**, you will have completed an intensive loop through Thailand's finest wildernesses.
What makes this trip so special is that it is not just the mega fauna that we will be targeting with equal billing, but we will also be looking to find a large diversity of **rodents** (including many **squirrel** species) as well as a large number of **bats** and other small mammals, form **hares** to **shrews**. Thailand is rapidly becoming a must visit destination for mammalwatchers and this trip is perfect for anyone wishing to see much in one overall tour.

2029
7 places available

Photo Credits: Eden's whale – Jirayu Ekkul / Pileated gibbon – Charles J. Sharp / Sun bear – Jirayu Ekkul / Kitti hog-nosed bat – Christian Drerup

Mongolia Mega Mammals Tour

*not online – PDF brochure available on request

Dates: 4th – 24th Jun 2029

Price: £7,595
Single Sup: £1,200









Top 10 Mammal Targets: Przewalski's Horse / Wild Bactrian Camel / Gobi Bear / Mongolian Saiga / Mongolian Khulan / Goitered Gazelle / Long-eared Jerboa / Kozlov's Pygmy Jerboa / Corsac Fox / Siberian Ibex

Summary: This 21-day expedition reveals the hidden treasures of Mongolia's Great Gobi, traversing two distinct ecoregions—the Trans-Altai (Great Gobi A SPA) and the Dzungarian (Great Gobi B SPA) deserts—each with its own characteristic vegetation, geology and wildlife.

We range from Har-Us Lake and the Dzungarian cold desert, through high-altitude Alag Khairkhan and sacred Eej Khairkhan, into the Shar Khuls and Ekhiin Gol oases of Great Gobi A, before returning via Khermen Tsav, Zulganai Oasis, Khongoryn Els and Yolyn Am.

Along the way we seek the "Great Gobi Six"—**Saiga**, **Goitered Gazelle, Przewalski's Horse, Gobi Bear, Wild Bactrian Camel** and **Asiatic Wild Ass**—together with **Argali, Siberian Ibex, Long-eared Jerboa**, a remarkable diversity of **jerboas**, **hamsters**, **voles** and **bats**. As well as mammals (which are the main focus of the trip) there is also a great range of desert reptiles, plus high-altitude and true-desert bird specialties including the Mongolian Ground-jay which can be seen on this wonderful trip into the desert.

This is a genuine field expedition rather than a comfort tour, with long overland drives, wild camping in remote oases and mountain basins, and nights beneath a vast, star-filled sky. The program emphasizes intensive field techniques, including spotlighting for mammals (and reptiles), Sherman live-trapping of small mammals, bat detection with acoustic equipment, and extensive scanning from ridges and oasis edges.

Guided by experienced naturalists and local rangers, the journey not only offers exceptional wildlife encounters but also supports on-the-ground conservation through shared observations and close collaboration with protected-area staff in one of the planet's last great wild deserts.

This is the latest in Royle Safaris expansion of our Mega Mammal Tours, which are sweeping 3 week long adventures across certain countries with the aim of seeing a comprehensive overview of mammals, both large and small, with special focus on small mammals and bats.

2029
6 places available