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MARSEL VAN OOSTEN'S IMAGE

As the group of Qinling golden snub-nosed monkeys jumped from tree to tree, Marsel struggled to keep up, slipping and stumbling over logs. Gradually he learned to predict their behaviour, and captured this male and female resting. With the Sun filtering through the canopy, they are bathed in a magical light, their golden hair glowing against the fresh greens of the forest.

The Golden Couple

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This pair belongs to a subspecies of golden snub-nosed monkey restricted to the Qinling Mountains. Among the most striking primates in the world, these monkeys are in danger of disappearing. Their numbers have steadily declined over the decades and there are now fewer than 4,000 individuals left.

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Marsel is a professional nature photographer from the Netherlands. He and his wife, Daniella, are the founders of Squiver, a company that runs specialised wildlife and landscape photography tours for small groups of all experience levels to destinations worldwide.

Image details

📷 Nikon D810

📺 Tamron 24–70mm f2.8 lens at 24mm

⚙️ 1/320 sec at f8 • ISO 1600 • SB-910 flash

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