

Trip Name : Nepal Wildlife Tour

Starting Point	Kathmandu
Ending Point	Kathmandu
Type	GuestHouse/Hotel
Grade	Easy
Duration	7 Days
People in Group	Minimum 1 and Maximum 12
Best Time	February to June and September to December
Max. Elevation	1350 mt.

Trip Highlights:

- Tour of major World Heritage Sites
- Visit of main temples and religious shrines
- Rafting on the Himalayan White Water
- Jungle tour and Elephant safari
- Adventurous drive on the hilly road
- Small hike and activities
- Awesome Mountain views along the tour

Trip Details:

Wildlife safari is a rapidly growing activity in Nepal. Nepal's protected areas, national parks and wildlife reserves are experiencing increasing number of local and international visitors for such adventures. Watching wildlife is a great way to get back to nature. Among ten National Parks of Nepal, Chitwan National Park is more popular for wildlife safari. About 30% of the visitors visit Chitwan National Park, one of the natural World Heritage Sites in Nepal. Sagarmatha and Langtang National Parks are popular trekking destinations. Bardia National Park in western Nepal is situated in the similar climatic and geographical position like Chitwan National Park but the number of visitors is lesser than in Chitwan National Park. The number of visitors to Bardia National Park is increasing every year. Jungle safari is more related to eco-tourism. An eco-traveller prefers more natural surrounding where he/she can stay in close contact with the wildlife, birds and vegetation. It is also interesting to observe the life style of the people living nearby. The jungle safari tour provides a chance of researching floral diversity as well. Our jungle safari trip includes going into deep jungle on elephant back or four-wheel drive to view wild animals in their natural habitat. Other regular activities include canoe ride, nature walk, bird watching and village tours. About 57 species of mammals are found in Chitwan National Park. The endangered one-homed rhino, Royal Bengal tiger, Gharial crocodile, four-horned antelope, striped hyena and the Gangetic dolphin are the main attractions here. Since Chitwan is close to Kathmandu, one can reach easily by overland, air or raft. Rafting on the Trishuli River on a white water down to the tropical plains of the Terai in Chitwan gives another adventure. Rafting is one of the thrilling adventures on Nepal's raging rivers.

Suggestion: Don't forget to bring your binoculars and camera with extra batteries.

How We Make This Trip Responsible?

Trekking Encounters promotes Responsible Tourism and strictly follows the responsible travel guide lines.

Cost Includes:

- Welcome drinks in Kathmandu
- Tour pre-departure information
- An English speaking City Tour Guide as per in the itinerary
- Hotel accommodations on a twin share basis with breakfast
- All internal ground transport by private vehicle
- Full board meals (B/L/D) during the stay in Chitwan and safari activities
- Emergency co-operation service

Complimentary:

- A Trekking Encounters T-shirt
- A farewell Nepali dinner with live culture program

Cost Excludes:

- Meals in Kathmandu
- Entrance fees to the monuments
- Bar and beverages bills, bottled water
- Nature of personal expenses
- Personal cloths and equipment such as sleeping bag, jacket, boots etc.
- Insurance for accidental, medical and evacuation
- Tips to the staff
- International Airfare and Taxes

Add-Ons:**Mt. Everest Flight**

Activity: Mount Everest sightseeing flight.

Duration: One hour.

Frequency: Everyday in the morning between 6am to 9am.

Cost: US\$ 224 per person. Group discounts available.

Ground transfer: Included by a private vehicle. Two persons minimum needed.

Airport tax: Included.

Airline: Buddha Air, Simrik Airlines and Yeti Airlines.

Short Hiking Trips

Sundarijal Nagarkot Trek - 3 days.

Sarangkot Dhampus Trek - 3 days.

Poonhill Ghorepani Trek - 4/5 days.

Jomsom Muktinath Trek - 3 days.

Everest View Trek - 4/5 days.

Jungle Safari in Bardia National Park

Activities: Jungle safari on elephant-back, jungle walk, boat ride, jeep drive.

Accommodation: Jungle lodges.

Transportation: Not included.
Meals: Included.
Duration: 4 days and 3 nights.
Cost: Starts from US\$ 475 per person.

Bird Watching in Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve

Activities: Bird watching, boat ride and wildlife viewing on jeep drive.
Accommodation: Resorts, Tented camps.
Transportation: Not included.
Meals: Included.
Duration: 3 days and 2 nights.
Cost: Starts from US\$ 480 per person.

More Challenging Rafting in Trips

Seti River: 3 Class – 2 Days – 32 Kilometers – Cost starts from US\$ 80 per person.
KaliGandaki River: 4 Class – 3 Days – 56 Kilometers – Cost starts from US\$ 140 per person.
BhoteKoshi River: 4/5 Class – 2 Days – 18 Kilometers – Cost starts from US\$ 85 per person.
- **Cost includes:** Top quality Rafting equipment, Highly trained Crew, Well organized camping, Hygienic food.
- **Transportation:** Bus transportation included and depends.

Bungy Jumping / Canyoning / Paragliding / Ultralight Flight

We can check and deliver information and cost as per your interest received for Bungy Jumping, Canyoning, Paragliding and Ultralight Flight. Bungy and Canyoning can also be customized together.

Shopping Tours

Package available on demand.

Shopping items: Pashmina items, Paubha/Thangka, Woolen Carpets, Root Art, Ceramics, Shaligram (Holy Rocks), Masks of deities, Khukuri, Tea, Spices, Garments and Knitwear, Musical Instruments and Music, Glass Ornaments, Jewelry and Gems, Metal Wares, Sculptures, Wood Carvings, Rudraksha (Rosary), Incense, Natural Buttons, Fiber Products, Wood Game Boards, Fancy Hats, Bamboo Crafts, Bags and Accessories, Leather Articles, Lokta Paper and items made by Lokta, Nepali Dolls, Home Decors, Books and Maps and innumerable other unique items which are found nowhere else.

Trip Itinerary:

Day 01 : Arrival in Kathmandu.

Reception by the Office Representative at the airport and we shall transfer you by our comfortable vehicle to a hotel located in the downtown followed by a short pre-trip meeting.

Day 02 : Kathmandu City Tour.

After breakfast, sightseeing tour of World Heritage Sites will be started by an experienced City Tour Guide. Tour includes to Swoyambhunath, Boudhanath, Pashupatinath and Patan & Kathmandu Durbar Squares. The entirely stone made Krishna Temple, three-storied golden temples and the three main courtyards of the Durbar Square are the main attractions of Patan. Before ending today's tour, we move to Kathmandu Durbar

Square where we can visit the famous Kumari Ghar (Temple of Living Goddess) and the guide will give a short account of Nepal's history and art related to the shrines and palaces located here. Then we drive back to our hotel.

Day 03 : Drive to Chitwan National Park via Trishuli Rafting.

After breakfast, we take a drive for approximately 3-4 hours along the bank of the Trishuli River and meet the crew at Rafting site. Trishuli is an ideal beginners' River and takes through the remarkable landscape. Lunch we'll be served after 3/4 hrs rafting at the riverside. After lunch, drive continues to Chitwan National Park which was declared UNESCO Natural Heritage Site in 1984. There will be a short briefing on the program and facilities after rooms are assigned. After dinner, we are ready to witness the typical cultural dance performed by local Tharu community. This cultural show is known as Tharu Stick Dance.

Day 04 : Chitwan - Elephant Safari day.

You will be given wake-up call followed by tea or coffee and tour starts with elephant back-ride safari to explore the jungle and wildlife where you will be able to see the one-horned rhinoceros, several types of deer, monkeys, wild boar, sloth bear, leopard and if lucky, the Royal Bengal tiger. This exciting ride lasts for 2-3 hours. After lunch, we are ready for canoe trip on the Rapti River. A traditional dug-out canoe takes you on a silent trip down the Rapti River to view aquatic birds and the animals of the river banks. We continue our excursion to EBC (Elephant Breeding Camp) to learn more about these fascinating animals on a visit to the elephant stable.

Day 05 : Chitwan - Jeep safari day.

With the wake-up call followed by tea or coffee we are ready for a Nature Walk. This encounter on foot with the environment will introduce the main features of Chitwan. Sal forest, open grassland and reverie jungle. Our guides will help you identify some species of birds, plants and other wildlife that you may encounter with. Then we head back to our resort for a lovely breakfast. We have some free time for relaxation. After lunch, we take a jeep safari tour in order to explore the inner beauty of the forest. Depending upon the season, we are to opt to visit Crocodile Breeding Camp or Twenty Thousands Lake.

Day 06 : Drive back to Kathmandu, Nepali cultural dinner.

After breakfast, we are now retracing our drive through the scenic Highway on the bank of the Trishuli River and end our tour in Kathmandu. After refreshing and taking some rest, we will join the typical Nepali dinner with live cultural program. The show ends at 9PM and we are back to the hotel for rest.

Day 07 : Final departure.

This is the time to say good-bye and transfer to airport. Fly out Kathmandu with some beautiful memories. The drive from Thamel to airport takes about half an hour and needs to report 2 and half hours before the flight time.