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Nepal Bird & Wildlife Tour

Kathmandu, Phulchowki, Koshi Tappu, Chitwan National Park, Bardia National Park

Best Time: November to March

Duration: 14 Days

Tour Pace: Easy to Moderate

Minimum tour participants: 02 / Maximum tour participants: 08

Transport: Exclusive

Birding guide: Asian Adventures Guides

Tour Code: 115

International Flight details (To be booked by guest)

Day 01: Arrive Kathmandu in the evening

Day 14: Departure from Kathmandu in morning / late morning

Domestic Flight details (To be booked by Asian Adventures at an extra cost)

Day 04: Kathmandu to Biratnagar

Day 13: Nepal Ganj to Kathmandu

Description

Home to the Mt Everest, Nepal boasts of stunning natural beauty with an enviable wildlife and cultural experiences making it a very attractive destination for tourists with varied interests. It contains the highest mountains in the world, thundering rivers, magical forests and dense lowland jungles.

The Kathmandu Valley once the bed of a large and ancient lake is now a colourful mosaic of rice paddies and quaint farm houses surrounded by high-forested hills.

Starting the tour at Kathmandu, we visit the old area with its stone-paved lanes, ancient temples and the colourful bazaars with curio shops and shops selling shawls, carpet, trekking equipment. Tourist attractions include Swayambhunath Stupa which is a 2500 years old Buddhist Stupa. The old Durbar Square consisting of the old palace and innumerable temples of different architecture styles is also an area worth visiting.

Authentic Nepali dinner with cultural show at one the many restaurants in the city. Even the stay at Hotel Dwarikas is an authentic experience of Nepal's ancient cultural heritage as it blends the rich tradition of Nepali hospitality and some of the country's most exquisite architectural traditions.

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We will visit Koshi Tappu, Chitwan & Bardia National Parks. Drives are through mountain roads, tiny villages, hamlets and naturally scenic vistas make the drive very interesting. Driving along the Trisuli and Narayani Rivers, we may catch roadside views of Brown Dipper and Himalayan Pied Kingfisher.

A larger number of bird species (over 480) has been recorded here than in any other part of Nepal due to Chitwan's diverse habitats and tropical lowland situation. The parks hold a wealth of mammals, including the endangered Indian Rhinoceros, Wild Boar, Sambar, Muntjac, Spotted and Hog Deer, and Rhesus and Common Langur Monkeys. Tiger, Leopard, Sloth Bear, Gaur (the Asiatic Bison), Ganges River Dolphin, Asian Elephant & Wild Buffalo, as well as the Marsh Muggler and fish-eating Gharial Crocodiles. We will explore the park on foot, on elephant back, in canoes and by jeep. We also spend time indulging in various other activities including village walks, cultural programs and the most popular visit to elephant breeding centre. We arrange for you visit Tharu villages and have a glimpse of Tharu culture too.

Some key bird species are species of waders, storks, ibises, egrets, terns and gulls occur here. The specialities are Bengal Florican, Indian Courser, Swamp Francolin, Red-necked Falcon, Striated Grassbird and Rufous-vented Prinia, Grey Hornbill, Woodpeckers, Minivets, Drongos, Flycatchers, Jerdon's Baza, Blue-eared Barbet, Black-naped Oriole and Siberian Blue Robin. The other birds are Bengal florican, the Lesser Adjutant, Grey-crowned Prinia, Swamp Francolin, Grass warblers, Slender-billed Babbler, Oriental Darter, Egrets, Bitterns, Storks and Kingfishers. Phulchowki will showcase many species of the Himalayas and mixed hunting flocks.

Itinerary overview

- Day 01: Arrive Kathmandu
- Day 02: Kathmandu to Phulchowki to Kathmandu
- Day 03: Kathmandu to Biratnagar to Koshi Tappu
- Day 04: Koshi Tappu
- Day 05: Koshi Tappu
- Day 06: Koshi Tappu to Chitwan National Park.
- Day 07: Chitwan National Park
- Day 08: Chitwan National Park
- Day 09: Chitwan National Park
- Day 10: Chitwan to Bardia National Park
- Day 11: Bardia National Park
- Day 12: Bardia National Park
- Day 13: Bardia to Nepal Ganj and fly to Kathmandu
- Day 14: Kathmandu to Departure

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Highlights

- Excellent Birding
- Tiger Tracking and Mammal watching
- Elephant ride
- Pristine Himalayas
- Amazing architecture
- Interesting road journeys
- Sightseeing

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Day 01: Arrive Kathmandu

Meals: On own

Arrive Kathmandu in the afternoon. You will be met and transferred to the Hotel for overnight stay.



Day 02: Kathmandu to Phulchowki to Kathmandu drop

Meals: Breakfast and packed lunch

Full day birding excursion. Phulchowki is situated about 15 km Southeast of Kathmandu, this mountain is 2759m high. It is a good spot for hiking. Rhododendron of different varieties and colours from pure white to dark red are found here. This is also the most popular bird watching spot in the valley. 265 species of birds are recorded here till date. overnight stay



Day 03: Kathmandu to Biratnagar to Koshi Tappu

Meals: Breakfast in Kathmandu hotel, lunch and dinner in Koshi Camp

Accommodation: Camp in Koshi Tappu

Morning transfer to Kathmandu airport to connect flight to Biratnagar at 0745 hrs. Arrive Biratnagar at 0830 hrs. You will be met and greet by your main birding guide of the tour. Transfer to Koshi Tappu.

Rest of the day birding in Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve which lies on the flood plains of the Sapta Koshi in Saptari and Sunsari districts of Eastern Nepal. The Reserve



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offers important habitat for a variety of wildlife. Overnight stay



Day 04 & 05: Koshi Tappu
Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner
Accommodation: Camp in Koshi Tappu

Spend the full days bird watching on foot and in boats. Koshi Tappu is one of the finest wetlands in Asia. You'll knotch up a fine list with excellent views of Waders, Terns and Gulls. Overnight stay



Day 06: Koshi Tappu to Chitwan National Park.
Meals: Breakfast, packed Lunch Koshi and Dinner in Chitwan
Accommodation: wildlife resort.

After breakfast, drive to Chitwan (birding on the way). Evening birding. Overnight stay



Day 07, 08 & 09: Chitwan National Park
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Accommodation: wildlife resort.

Spend whole days enjoying a mix of jungle walks, elephant ride, canoe ride and visit a local village to see how rural life really is. In the evening enjoy a cultural dance performed by local villagers. Overnight stay



Day 10: Chitwan to Royal Bardia National Park
Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner
Accommodation: wildlife resort.

Drive to the Bardia National Park (long drive of 9-10 hours). Royal Bardia National Park is the largest lowland sanctuary and most undisturbed wilderness area in Terai. Thickly covered with the trees and carpeted with grass & savannah, the park has the



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second largest Bengal Tiger population after Chitwan National Park. Overnight stay



Day 11: Royal Bardia National Park
Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner
Accommodation: wildlife resort.

Jungle activities include an elephant safari, nature walks, jungle drive, bird watching and trekking in the Churia Hills to observe more birds. Overnight stay



Day 12: Royal Bardia National Park
Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner
Accommodation: wildlife resort.

Other day in Royal Bardia National Park. We will spend more time looking for the Gangetic Dolphin, experience rafting on the Karnali River and take a cultural visit to Tharu village. In the evening also experience the Tharu (ethnic tribe) cultural performance. Overnight stay



Day 13: Bardia to Nepalgunj to Kathmandu
Meals: Breakfast

Drive to Nepalgunj (approx. 2 hours), then fly to Kathmandu. Upon arrival in Kathmandu transfer to Hotel for overnight stay.





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Day 14: Kathmandu to Departure

Meals: Breakfast

Transfer to airport to connect flight back to home. Tour ends



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Tour cost (per person)

US\$ 2900 (minimum 06-08 paying persons)

US\$ 3150 (minimum 04 paying persons)

US\$ 3600 (minimum 02 paying persons)



Services includes only:

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis
- Meals as per the itinerary
- All Safaris in all the National Parks as stated
- Mandatory Park Wildlife guide for safaris
- All National Park entrance fees
- Asian Adventures birding guides
- All taxes



Above cost does not include:

- Optional tours, tips, laundry, drinks, bottle water, personal expenses
- Air fare, Visa, insurance
- Any other services not mentioned in cost inclusions



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Passport details required of all the participants for booking safaris & tickets

- Full Names as mentioned on passport
- Gender
- Date of Birth
- Nationality
- Passport Number
- Passport Issue date
- Passport Expiry date



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