

Nepal Wildlife Safari

Country(ies): Nepal

Tour type: Small Group

Transport: A/C minibus, 4x4 jeeps & flight

Group size: Min: 2 | Max: 12

Days: 13 days

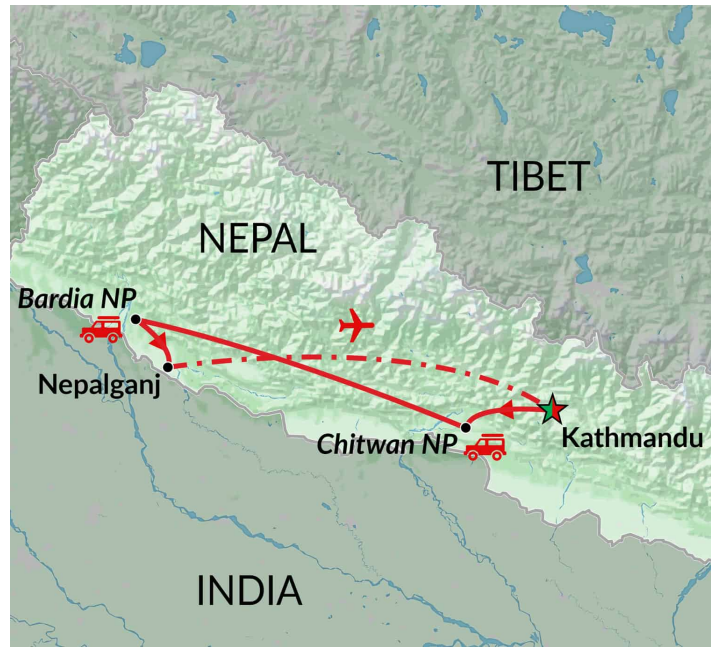
Start Location: Kathmandu, Nepal

End Location: Kathmandu, Nepal

Meals: Breakfasts - 12, Lunches - 5, Dinners - 7

Highlights:

Temples and Stupas of Kathmandu, Nagarjun Forest Reserve, remote Shreeban Nature Camp, Chitwan & Bardia National Parks (jeep safaris, jungle walks, birdwatching, village tour, easy rafting and log canoe rides)



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive in Kathmandu, transfer to hotel

We meet you at Kathmandu airport and transfer you from airport to hotel. Introduction to local area.

OVERNIGHT: Kathmandu - 3-star hotel

MEALS: None

EXTRAS: Extra day in Kathmandu - pre-tour Single room supplement (NPTMWS)

Day 2: Kathmandu city tour

This morning you will be given a pre-tour briefing before enjoying a full tour of Kathmandu. You will visit the many Temples and Palaces of Durbar Square as well as the impressive Swayambunath stupa which perched on a hilltop, offers incredible views over the city and the rest of the Kathmandu Valley. Take your time to explore the many market stalls before enjoying dinner at one of the many varied restaurants in town.

OVERNIGHT: Kathmandu - 3-star hotel

MEALS: Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Day 3: Nagarjun Forest

Today you'll take a nature walk through the Nagarjun Forest Reserve on the side of the valley, where you should see deer and monkeys, and enjoy some of the best birdwatching in the area.

OVERNIGHT: Kathmandu - 3-star hotel

MEALS: Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Day 4: Drive to Shreeban Nature Camp, nature walk

From Kathmandu we have a short drive and a couple of hours walking (jeeps available) brings you to the Shreeban Nature Camp, from where you'll get spectacular mountain views, and a chance for more birdwatching and easy trekking through the surrounding farmland and forest. You'll have the remainder of the afternoon and a little time tomorrow morning for activities or excursions including a visit to a local Nalang Village for a unique introduction to the culture of the region. Rockclimbing, and hanggliding can also be arranged for you if you are a much more active person.

OVERNIGHT: Dhading - Shreeban Nature Camp

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 5: Drive to Chitwan National Park

We have a leisurely drive today (approx. 6 hours) through the Terai region to Chitwan National Park. We'll make plenty of stops en-route.

OVERNIGHT: Chitwan - park lodge

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 6: Chitwan National Park

We spend today exploring Chitwan National Park in search of, amongst others, tiger, rhino and wild elephant. We'll take a river ride by log canoe, a jeep safari and a walking safari, and we'll also enjoy a village tour to see first hand the traditional day to day life of the locals.

OVERNIGHT: Chitwan - park lodge

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 7: Drive to Bardia National Park

After breakfast, you start the journey to Bardia National Park through the low-lying Terai region. We like to make the journey leisurely, stopping off at many points of interest and enjoying some snacks and lunch along the way. Once we arrive in Bardia, you are transferred by jeep to your lodge inside the park. The evening is free to take in your surroundings.

OVERNIGHT: Bardia - Bardia Eco Lodge

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 8: Bardia National Park, park activities

The tranquil Bardia Park is situated in the far west of Nepal's Terai region and is home to a variety of wonderful wildlife. During your 3 full days inside the Park, you will experience Nepal's largest wildlife sanctuary by jeep safari, easy river rafting trip and guided jungle walks. There is also the chance to visit some of the local people and take part in cultural shows designed to help you understand their way of life. Your evenings are spent relaxing at your lodge on the edge of the park.

OVERNIGHT: Bardia - Bardia Eco Lodge

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 9: Bardia National Park, park activities

Today and tomorrow you will continue with our exploration of the park. Your safari activities will be planned around recent sightings, the weather conditions and on how keen you are to either sit and wait in the hope of seeing a tiger, or whether you'd prefer to be more active and concentrate more on bird watching, looking for deer, monkeys, otters and other wildlife.

OVERNIGHT: Bardia - Bardia Eco Lodge

MEALS: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 10: Bardia National Park, park activities

Your safari activities will conclude today and you'll spend your final night in Bardia National Park

OVERNIGHT: Bardia - Bardia Eco Lodge

MEALS: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

EXTRAS:

Day 11: Fly to Kathmandu from Nepalgani

Today we travel to Nepalgani to take a flight back to Kathmandu. After arriving you will be transferred to your hotel and the remainder of the day is free.

OVERNIGHT: Kathmandu - 3-star hotel

MEALS: Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Day 12: Kathmanudu, free day

Today is kept as a free day, leaving you to enjoy Kathmandu at your own pace. There are many options available including visits to the nearby towns of Patan and Bhaktapur as well as the chance to experience an Everest mountain flight.

OVERNIGHT: Kathmandu - 3-star hotel

MEALS: Breakfast

EXTRAS: Everest Mountain Flight

Day 13: Kathmandu, transfer to airport

Your time is free today until we transfer you to the airport in time for your flight home.

OVERNIGHT: N/A

MEALS: Breakfast

EXTRAS: Trisuli white water rafting Extra day in Kathmandu - post-tour

Included:

- All accommodation as stated in the itinerary
- Private car, minivan or minibus
- All transfers, including 24-hour airport arrival & departure transfer service
- Internal flight from Nepalgunj to Kathmandu
- Services of a local escort throughout the tour
- Specialist city guides and wildlife safari guides in Kathmandu, Chitwan and Bardia
- All national park entry and activity fees
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All entrance fees to sites visited in the itinerary

Excluded:

- International flights (available on request)
- Visa fees (available on arrival for most nationalities)
- Travel insurance (compulsory, available on request)
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks and other personal expenses (e.g. laundry)
- Tips for tour leader, guides and porters
- Any other items not mentioned above

Options

Our tours are designed to include all that you need to enjoy a really special time in the destination you're visiting. However, we do also offer some extra options to complement the tour and add some additional sightseeing or activities, or some extra time at either end of the tour.

All accommodation based options (e.g. Single supplements, extra nights, cruise upgrades) should be booked and paid for in advance so that we can make the appropriate arrangements. Other options may either be booked and paid for in advance or while you are on the tour, though we recommend booking in advance to ensure there are no issues with availability.

Many options are priced the same throughout the year, but some may incur single or high season supplements - full details are given on the tour reservation form or on request.

Everest Mountain Flight

Min numbers: 1

This short but spectacular flight takes you from Kathmandu up towards and around Everest and the surrounding high peaks and Tibetan plateau. The planes have good sized clear windows, and window seats are guaranteed. The flight takes around 1 hour and we aim to book one of the first flights of the morning when the views tend to be better and the flights are less liable to delays or cancellations. Transfers to and from your hotel are included. If the flight does not run due to poor weather, we will aim to reschedule it for later in your tour. If that is not possible then you will be refunded.

Extra day in Kathmandu - post-tour

Min numbers: 1

This option adds an extra day to the end of your tour, staying in the same hotel as the main tour itself (subject to availability). Your airport departure transfer is still included. Prices shown are per person and based on two people sharing.

Note: Single room and peak season supplements apply.

Extra day in Kathmandu - pre-tour

Min numbers: 1

This option adds an extra day to the start of your tour, staying in the same hotel as the main tour itself (subject to availability). Your airport arrival transfer is still included. Prices shown are per person and based on two people sharing.

Note: Single room and peak season supplements apply.

Single room supplement (NPTMWS)

Min numbers: 1

The tour price is based on 2 people sharing twin/double rooms. This option books a single room in all the accommodation throughout the tour. If you are a single traveller and would be happy to share a room, let us know and we will see if we can pair you up with another single traveller of the same sex. If a room share is not available when you book then we will add the single room supplement to your booking and it will be payable with your balance payment unless we have arranged a room share for you by then. If a room share is arranged after you

have paid the supplement then we will refund it to you. Room shares are arranged in order of booking.

Note: Single supplement prices may vary seasonally.

1. Group Size/Tour Leaders/Guides

We are committed to being a small group operator, as we feel this gives everyone in the group the best chance to get to know their fellow travellers and to hear and make the most of their guide. There's no point in us providing great guides if you've got to peer over 30-40 shoulders to see them! So, we won't ever put you in a 50-seater coach with 49 other people and just one guide. Instead, we set this Nepal group departures to have a maximum of 12 travellers. Average group sizes are around 8 people, lower during the low season (December-February, June-September).

Fully trained English-speaking Nepalese trekking, rafting and safari guides are provided in Nepal and many of our travellers consider them a highlight of their tour. We also provide a fully trained English-speaking guide for any sightseeing tours. A tour leader (often your trekking guide) will accompany you throughout the trip.

We support and follow international guidelines for the employment of any trekking porters we use, including those of the IPPG (International Porter Protection Group)

At Encounters Travel we only use local Nepali guides and reps. We feel this gives you the best experience of the country and the sites you are seeing.

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