

## Chitwan National Park Tour

Duration: 07 Days



### Overview

<b>Trip Grade: Easy</b>	<b>Max Altitude:</b>
<b>Activity: Jungle Safari and Tour</b>	<b>Group Size: 1 or +</b>
<b>Arrival On: Kathmandu, Nepal</b>	<b>Departure From: Kathmandu, Nepal</b>
<b>Meals: All meals during trek &amp; breakfast in kathmandu</b>	<b>Accommodation: Stone Built Houses (tea houses) during trek</b>

The first national park of Nepal and 'World Heritage Nature Site' declared by UNESCO is situated in the central development region covering an area of 932 sq.km. Your 7-day Kathmandu Valley and [Chitwan Tour](#) begin in the valley where you visit a number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites scattered in Kathmandu, Lalitpur (Patan) and Bhaktapur, which are all cities within the [Kathmandu Valley](#). These sites showcase Kathmandu's rich cultural heritage such as its architectural marvels and the ancient Hindu and Buddhist relics. During this trip, we also visit Nagarkot, a village in the hills of Bhaktapur, which is an ideal place for stunning [Himalayan](#) views. We end our tour in Chitwan, famous for housing Chitwan National Park which is another World Heritage Site. In the steamy sub-tropical jungles of Chitwan, we enjoy bird-watching and a laid-back safari by elephant-back while also getting acquainted with the tribal culture of the region. The Chitwan National Park is the home to more than 500 Asian one-horned rhinoceros and Royal Bengal Tigers. This is also the home to around 600 plant species, 50 mammals, 526 birds and 49 amphibians and reptiles. For jungle safari, Royal Chitwan National park is very famous one. Here you will travel through open grassland and dense forest on elephant back and while doing this you will come across different wild animals including rhinos, different kind of deer's, wild boars, and in rare cases, tigers. Another way you can experience this wild world is by 4 wheel drive jeep also. By jeep or elephant back, you can go deep into the heart of the park, viewing some of the rare species of flora and fauna. You can also go on foot into the park escorted by our well-trained naturalist who will interpret to you the concealed secrets of the jungle. You will have a great opportunity to see many species of birds including waterfowl, Brahminy ducks, pintails, bar-headed geese, cormorants, woodpeckers, hornbills, peacocks, peahens, floricans, red-headed trogons and many others. Another activity in the park is the boat/canoe trip down the Rapti and the Narayani Rivers. This is one of the more serene ways to explore the area as float downstream with the river's flow. On the outskirts of Chitwan, you can visit the Tharu community, and see their artistically decorated thatched huts, their typical dances and how they manage life next to the national park. A Chitwan jungle safari is certainly an adventure that the



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whole family can enjoy there.



## Itinerary

### Arrival in Kathmandu (1,300 m/4,264 ft)

Upon our arrival in Kathmandu, **Himalayan Holyland Treks and Expedition** will arrange to pick us up from the airport. We will then be transferred to Hotel. We can take a rest at our hotel room during the late afternoon. In the evening, there will be a local market tour around Thamel or near by Hotel.

### Sightseeing in Kathmandu Valley: Kathmandu Durbar Square, Pashupatinath Temple, Swayambhunath and Bauddhanath

After breakfast, we begin our sightseeing tour by visiting UNESCO World Heritage Sites within Kathmandu. Kathmandu Durbar Square showcases Nepalese art and architecture at its best. The architecture is typical of the Malla dynasty who ruled over Nepal from the 12th to the 18th century. Swayambhunath Temple is popular among the foreigners as the Monkey Temple owing to the large monkey population residing in the area. Pashupatinath Temple is situated on the banks of river Bagmati and is one of the principal temples of Lord Shiva. The Bauddhanath Stupa is one of the largest stupas in South Asia which is built on the ancient trade route to Tibet. Included meals: Breakfast

### Sightseeing in Patan and Bhaktapur and Sunrise or Sunset views from Nagarkot.

Listed in the UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Patan Durbar Square is rich in ancient arts and architecture. We also visit Bhaktapur, an irresistible city with an authentic local lifestyle preserved over centuries of isolation from the hustle and bustle of Kathmandu. While in the city square, we get to admire the Nyata-Pola Temple, the Golden Gate, water spouts and the 55 Window Palace which merge together to provide an ambience of a magical outdoor theater to its visitors. We also immerse ourselves in the authentic delicacy of the locals in Bhaktapur.

Today we also visit Nagarkot, a village in Bhaktapur which sits at 7,200 ft and boasts stunning Himalayan vistas. It is also renowned for its sunrise and sunset views of the Himalayas. Depending on your choice, we will visit Nagarkot either for sunrise or for sunset. Included meals: Breakfast

### Drive to Chitwan (815 m/2,674 ft): 4-5 hours

Today we take an early morning breakfast and drive to Chitwan located 175 kilometers from Kathmandu. We descend down along the winding road on the banks of the Trishuli River. After checking in to the hotel, there will be a briefing on the activities we will be engaged in during our stay in Chitwan. We then walk on the banks of the Rapti River to enjoy the sunset in the sub-tropical jungles of Chitwan. In the evening, we enjoy dinner along with a brief cultural program showcasing the tribal dances unique to the Chitwan region of Nepal. Included meals: Breakfast Lunch Dinner

### Chitwan National Park activities.

Early in the morning, we will be mounted on elephants for a jungle safari through dense grasslands to witness wildlife in its natural habitat. After breakfast, we visit the elephant stables and even enjoy bathing the elephants. During the afternoon we can drive through the jungles followed by a canoe ride down the Rapti River. While canoeing, we may get a close look at the Gharial and Muger crocodiles along with fresh water dolphins, otters and varieties of water birds. Or, we may even go for bird watching or nature walks and come closer to a variety of wild flora and fauna found in the park. Overnight in Chitwan. Included meals: Breakfast Lunch Dinner

### Drive from Chitwan to Kathmandu

Early in the morning, we spend our time bird-watching as Chitwan National Park is also home to a large variety of resident and migratory birds. We then have breakfast and drive towards Kathmandu. We reach there by evening and enjoy our farewell dinner with office represent of Himalayan Holyland Treks and Expedition to celebrate a successful end of our trip in Nepal. Included meals: Breakfast Dinner

#### **Final departure day.**

Our Kathmandu Valley and Chitwan Tour in Nepal comes to an end today! A representative from **Himalayan Holyland Treks and Expedition** will take us to the airport approximately 3 hours before the scheduled flight. Included meals: Breakfast



## Cost Includes

- => Pickups and drops from hotels and airports
- => Hotel in Kathmandu with BB basis
- => 2 nights/3 days accommodation in Chitwan
- => Breakfast in Kathmandu and all meals in Chitwan
- => Welcome and farewell dinners
- => Transportation in comfortable private vehicle(s)
- => English speaking, trained and experienced local tour guide
- => Food & accommodation for the guide during trip
- => T-shirt and city map
- => Heritage sites and national park entrance fees
- => All jungle activities in Chitwan as mentioned in the itinerary
- => All government and local taxes

## Cost Excludes

- => Nepalese entry visa fee
- => Airfare for international flights to and from Kathmandu
- => Lunch and dinner in Kathmandu
- => Extra night accommodation if required
- => Excess baggage charges
- => Personal expenses
- => Services not mentioned in the "What Is Included" section
- => Travel insurance and Tips to Guide.