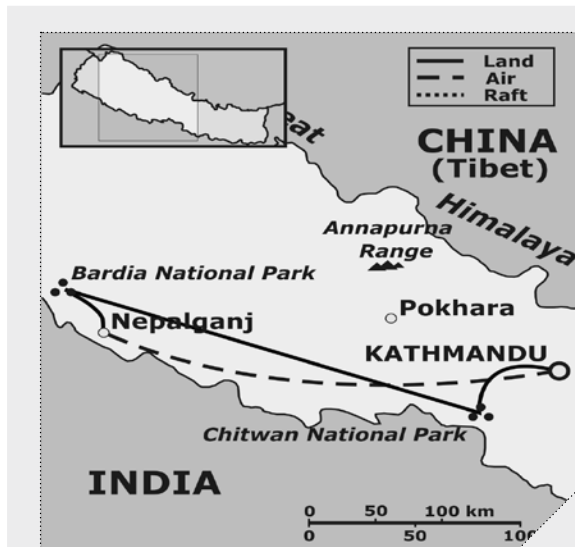


# Nepal Wildlife Safari from only £880pp\*

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Chitwan National Park, and the less visited Bardia National Park are beautiful regions full of varied, colourful wildlife. The jungle & river landscapes are home to many birds and animals including the majestic Indian elephant, endangered one-horned rhino, and the ever-elusive Bengal tiger. This tour combines exciting safari activities in both of these parks, allowing you plenty of time to immerse yourself in and experience Nepal's natural beauty and to discover its wildlife.



Several small-group departures run during the ideal travelling seasons. Call or check the website for dates and prices. Private and tailor-made options are also available on request.

Please refer to page 3 or website for details.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Kathmandu sightseeing, wildlife safaris including jungle walks, elephant rides, jeep safaris, river trips.

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>FLIGHTS INCLUDED:*</b> | <b>LOCAL PAYMENT:</b> | <b>ENTRANCE FEES:</b> | <b>AIRPORT TRANSFERS:</b> |
| X                         | ✓                     | ✓                     | ✓                         |

**FLIGHT BOOKINGS AVAILABLE**

See page 5 for details

## TOUR FACTS

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|-------------------------------|--|
| <b>Tour Code &amp; Class:</b> | WSNPNW / Standard  |
| <b>Group Size &amp; Age:</b>  | Min. - 2 Max. - 12 / Min. age - 8  |
| <b>Activity - Multi:</b>      | Sightseeing, elephant, canoe and jeep rides, jungle walks, easy river rafting. |
| <b>Activity Level:</b>        | Medium   |
| <b>Rafting Grade:</b>         | Two (Class I-II, no real rapids)   |
| <b>Accommodation:</b>         | 4 nights in hotels, 7 nights in safari lodges                                  |
| <b>Transport:</b>             | Private bus/minibus/jeep, elephant and aeroplane                               |
| <b>Meals:</b>                 | 11 Breakfasts (B), 5 Lunches (L) and 7 Dinners (D)                             |

## YOUR 12 DAY TOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1:** Arrive in Kathmandu. Transfer from airport to hotel.
- Day 2:** Kathmandu - Sightseeing tour.
- Day 3:** Fly to Nepalganj, transfer to Bardia.
- Day 4-6:** Bardia national park - Full range of safari activities.
- Day 7:** Drive through the Terai to Chitwan.
- Day 8-9:** Chitwan national park - Full range of safari activities.
- Day 10:** Travel by road to Kathmandu.
- Day 11:** Kathmandu - Free day.
- Day 12:** Kathmandu - Free time. Transfer to airport for flight.

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## DETAILED ITINERARY

### DAY 1 / ARRIVE IN KATHMANDU

We greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel in the centre of Kathmandu, where our Nepal Uncovered rep welcomes you, helps you settle in, and explains the agenda for the rest of your tour.

*Overnight at hotel in Kathmandu.*

### DAY 2 / KATHMANDU, TOUR

The first part of the morning will be dedicated to a pre-tour briefing and introduction to your local tour leader. After this we arrange for you to taken on a guided tour of the fascinating, sprawling city of Kathmandu. We take you to visit Durbar Square with its splendid array of Hindu Temples and the old Royal Palace. Next, we climb up the many steps leading to the immense Swayambhunath Stupa, which sits upon a hill overlooking Kathmandu and gives a spectacular view out over the city. You will also have plenty time to check out the numerous little gift shops that line the maze-like streets. In the evening you have an opportunity to tryout the numerous, restaurants and bars, and soak up the unique nightlife that makes Kathmandu a magnet for travellers from all over the world.

*Overnight at hotel in Kathmandu (B).*

### DAY 3 / FLY TO NEPALGANJ, TRANSFER TO BARDIA

This morning you catch an internal flight to Nepalganj and transfer by road to Bardia National Park, situated around 2 hours drive away. Upon arrival you check into your safari lodge and the next few days activities will be outlined.

*Overnight at safari lodge in Bardia (B D).*

### DAY 3 EXTRA OPTIONS

**Bardia lodge upgrade option**

*See pages 3-4 for details*

### DAY 4-6 / BARDIA NATIONAL PARK

You have three full days to enjoy a range of safari activities in and around the beautiful and tranquil Bardia National Park. The park is situated in the far western Terai, in a remote part of Nepal, east of the Karnali River, and covers an area of 968 sq km. It is about 585 km away from Kathmandu and one of the largest national parks, though one of the least explored by foreigners, making it the largest and most undisturbed wilderness area in the southern part of Nepal. About 70% of the park is covered with predominantly sal forest with a mixture of grassland, savannah and riverine forest. The park's headquarters are situated in Thakurdwara, surrounded by small rural villages inhabited by the indigenous Tharu ethnic group.

The park provides an excellent habitat for endangered animals like the rhinoceros, wild elephant (including one of the last known herds of wild elephants in South Asia), tiger, swamp deer, black buck, Gharial crocodile and Gangetic dolphin. Endangered birds include the Bengal florican, silver-eared mesia and Sarus crane. More than 30 different mammals, over 200 species of birds, and many snakes, lizards and fish have been recorded in the park's forest, grassland and river habitats. A good number of resident and migratory birds are also found in the park. Bardia is the best place in Nepal to see tigers (though sightings still aren't guaranteed).

Whilst at the park you can enjoy, amongst other activities, a jeep safari, rafting trip, elephant ride and guided walks. You can also take time to explore the surrounding Tharu villages and learn more about their traditional way of life. All these activities are included in the tour, but your exact itinerary will be finalised while you are there. Evenings are spent relaxing at your peaceful and secluded safari lodge.

*Overnight at safari lodge in Bardia (3xB 3xL 3xD).*

### DAY 7 / DRIVE TO CHITWAN

This morning we drive by road, to Chitwan National Park, which is about 8 hours drive away. The day's drive takes you through the picturesque forests and farmland of Nepal's lowland Terai region,

with the soaring peaks snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas away to the north. We make this a leisurely drive with plenty of stops available to look around, and you can try some local snacks & refreshments. We arrive at the lodge, which is located inside the park boundaries, in the late afternoon. You are at Chitwan National Park for three nights and during this time you have an exciting itinerary in and around the park. Once settled into your lodge, you can eat, drink and relax and take in some of the spectacular settings that surround you.

*Overnight at safari lodge in Chitwan (B D).*

### DAY 8-9 / CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

This morning you will hopefully enjoy a beautiful sunrise over the river behind the lodge. You will take a morning elephant back ride into the park in search of the rare, Indian one horned rhino. Travelling on the back of an elephant can be the best way to approach wildlife, especially rhino, as your human smell is obscured by the familiar smell of the elephants themselves. This means that the animals you search for are much more relaxed in your presence giving you better opportunities to study them.

You also take a canoe ride down the Rapti River, where you have the opportunity to observe the many bird species native to Nepal. You should also see many of the 160 species of migratory birds, which visit Chitwan seasonally. One highlight while on the river is the chance to watch the spectacular skill of ospreys fishing. You may also see Gharial crocodiles sunning themselves on the riverbanks.

After the canoe ride you will explore and learn about the forests in a half-day jungle walk where you should see spotted deer and antelope and hopefully spot some rhino. Experienced local guides point out the various species, their habitats and behaviour, on all of your journeys into the park.

Another excursion takes you further into the park, this time travelling by

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jeep. The greater distances you are able to cover with the jeeps allow you to see more different habitats and visit the crocodile-breeding centre, located deep inside the park.

You will also make a tour of a local village where you can gain insights into the daily life of the people of this Terai region. Your lodge will also arrange a cultural program one evening for you to attend, and, perhaps, join in the dancing (not compulsory!).

*Overnight at safari lodge in Chiwan (2xB 2xL 2xD).*

## DAY 10 / DRIVE TO KATHMANDU

Today you leave early for the drive back to Kathmandu. The 6-7 hour drive (an internal flight can be arranged if required) gives you one final chance to take in the beautiful scenery, which makes Nepal such a popular country to visit. You should arrive in Kathmandu by late in the afternoon and are transferred to your hotel to enjoy the rest of the evening as you wish.

*Overnight at hotel in Kathmandu (B).*

## DAY 10 EXTRA OPTIONS

### Chitwan to Kathmandu flight option

*See pages 3-4 for details*

## DAY 11 / FREE DAY IN KATHMANDU

Today is a free day to spend relaxing after the previous weeks activities. You may want to spend more time exploring Kathmandu and its surroundings; there are plenty of things to see and do, and great souvenir opportunities

We offer several options today, including a mountain flight up to view Everest, a tour to the nearby ancient centres of Patan and Bhaktapur, or an extension to the tour to try some exciting rafting on the Bhote Khosi river.

*Overnight at hotel in Kathmandu (B).*

## DAY 11 EXTRA OPTIONS

### Patan & Bhaktapur tour option

### Everest mountain flight option

### Bhote Kosi rafting option

*See pages 3-4 for details*

## DAY 12 / TOUR ENDS

Your tour ends after breakfast and, if required, we transfer you to the airport for your flight home. (B).

## SMALL GROUP, PRIVATE AND TAILOR-MADE TOURS

### SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES:

We have regular small group departures on this tour throughout the available seasons. Departure dates are given on our website, and on request.

### PRIVATE DEPARTURES:

You can also choose to do the tour privately, following the itinerary above, but on any other date throughout the year. We add a small supplement for these departures. Please contact us first to check availability.

### TAILOR-MADE TOURS:

Finally, this tour can also be used as a base for a private tailor-made itinerary, to be run on any dates. You can make adjustments as per your own requirements (for example, adding extra days, slightly shortening the tour, adding some rafting etc.).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### OPTIONS:

#### Booking and paying for options:

Options may be booked by selecting them on our online reservation form, and can also be added after you have made your booking, or while you are in Nepal, subject to availability at the time.

Credit Cards (add 3%), traveller's cheques or cash are accepted in Kathmandu for these payments. A receipt will be provided.

#### Single room supplement - Price: £110 p/p

If you want to guarantee yourself a single room throughout the tour, then we need to add a single supplement charge.

If you are a single traveller joining one of our Standard level group tours, then if you are happy to, you may share a twin room with another single traveller on the tour of the same sex. If there are no other single travellers available for you to pair up with at the time of your booking, then we will need to add the single supplement to your tour price, but will refund this or deduct it from your balance payment if we are able to pair you up later on.

**Note:** Couples will always be given a private double room, and triple/family rooms are available on request.

*Book in advance. Pay in advance.*

#### Extra days - Price: £25-£40 p/p/night

These are available on request in Kathmandu before and after the tour starts and finishes. If you'd like to add extra days into the time elsewhere, then please request a tailor-made tour. The price includes a night in the hotel, breakfast, all taxes and transfers. Single room supplements apply.

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## Accommodation upgrades - Price: on request

If you are booking this tour privately (i.e. not joining one of our group departures), then we are happy to arrange to upgrade the accommodation in Kathmandu, Bardia or Chitwan National Parks if required. Upgrades would normally be to the following hotels (subject to availability):

### Kathmandu:

- Yak & Yeti hotel or Dwarikas hotel.

### Bardia:

- Tiger Tops luxury tented camp.

### Chitwan:

- Rhino Residency, Temple Tiger Lodge or Tiger Tops Lodge.

Please contact us for rates if required.

*Book in advance. Pay in advance.*

## Chitwan to Kathmandu flight - £55 p/p

This option provides an internal flight from Chitwan to Kathmandu in the morning on Day 10, instead of travelling overland in your private car/minibus (approx. 6 hours). All transfers are included.

Flights are subject to availability and flight times may vary. Prices may also vary unless you add the cost of the flights to your deposit payment so that we can book them straight away.

*Book in advance. Pay in Kathmandu.*

## Everest mountain flight option - Price: £125 p/p

This flight leaves from Kathmandu early in the morning, and lasts for around an hour, taking you up towards Everest and the surrounding high peaks. You can even get glimpses of the high Tibetan plateau.

The planes have good-sized clear windows, and window seats are guaranteed.

*Book & Pay in advance or in Kathmandu.*

## Patan and Bhaktapur tour - Price: £40 p/p

This tour starts by crossing the Bagmati River to nearby Patan, often referred to as Lalitpur 'city of beauty'. Here you will spend plenty of time exploring Durbar Square, which has a fabulous concentration of Buddhist temples. After lunch we drive you out to the ancient city of Bhaktapur, for a tour of the many squares and temples, seeing stunning wooden architecture as well as exploring the narrow winding lanes which bustle with life. The tour lasts for a full day, and includes private transport and the services of a professional local tour guide. Single person supplements apply.

*Book & Pay in advance or in Kathmandu.*

## Bhote Kosi rafting option - Price: £90 p/p Min 2 people (adds 2 days to the tour)

For those wishing to enjoy some exhilarating white water rafting, this short option takes you to one of Nepal's wildest white water rivers, and one of the best two-day rafting trips in the world. This Grade 4 river (Class -IV to IV+ rapids) is just 3 hours from Kathmandu and makes an excellent adrenaline filled extension to your tour (other easier rivers are available on request).

The minimum age for this option is 16, and you need to be relatively fit and a confident swimmer, and be prepared for continuous, technical, and demanding rapids.

You will be joining a group operated by one of Nepal's premier rafting operators - please contact us to check availability.

*Book in advance. Pay in advance.*

## INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- Meals as indicated on the itinerary
- All accommodation
- Sightseeing tours as indicated on the itinerary
- All entrance fees in to sites mentioned in the itinerary
- All transport & transfers (including flights where stated)
- All entrance and activity fees at Bardia & Chitwan National Parks

## NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- International airfares
- Visa costs
- Meals not indicated on the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks, tips, and other personal expenses
- Travel insurance - please see the policies available on our website
- Any other items not mentioned above
- Departure taxes

## ACCOMMODATION:

### 1. Hotels in Kathmandu

We use a 4-star tourist class hotel in Kathmandu, which is clean, secure and offers most amenities including a swimming pool. This is usually the Shanker Hotel, a place full of character, which was formerly a royal palace.

### 2. Safari lodges in Bardia & Chitwan national parks

At Bardia National Park the level of accommodation is more basic, and in the traditional Tharu village style (normally the Forest Hideaway or Racy Shade lodges). All facilities are within the lodge complex, including restaurant, bar and pleasant gardens. Rooms are clean and comfortable with mosquito nets. Hot water is available for showers, though time restrictions may apply at

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certain times of the year.

At Chitwan National Park, we use safari lodges with comfortable clean rooms and en-suite bathrooms. We normally use lodges in and around the village of Sauraha on the edge of the park, which increases the number of activities you can do while at the park (normally Chitwan Jungle Lodge).

For further details on the hotels and accommodation used on this tour, please check out the information on our website.

Upgrades to Superior level hotels are available on request on private departures - see the Options section above or contact us for details and prices.

## TRANSPORT & TRANSFERS:

We use private cars or minibuses for all the main transfers & journeys on this tour. An internal flight is used for the journeys between Kathmandu and Bardia. A variety of transport including jeeps, elephants & canoes is used if when you visit both parks.

Upgrades to internal flights are available on request.

Both your airport arrival and departure airport transfers are included (24-hour service).

## INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS:

In order to keep our tours flexible, and to make them accessible to as many people as possible, we do not include your international flights in the set tour itinerary or price.

However, we do hold an ATOL (UK flight sales license) and are happy to book your flights for you. If you let us know your ideal dates and departure airport, then we will be happy to provide you with some flight options that we can arrange for you. You can then choose whether to book the flights through us, or make your own arrangements. Either way, your airport arrival & departure transfers are included.

## TOUR GUIDES & ENTRANCE FEES:

We provide a fully trained English-speaking guide to accompany you from the start to the end of your tour, and we use specially trained local safari guides during your stay at Chitwan and Bardia National Parks. Many of our travellers consider travelling with our guides and reps a highlight of their tour.

Entry permits to Bardia & Chitwan National Parks, along with all entry fees during the sightseeing tour in Kathmandu are included.

All national park activity costs are included, to cover one of each of the following in:

- Bardia: Elephant Ride, Jeep Safari, Jungle Walk x2, Village Walk, River rafting trip.
- Chitwan: Elephant Ride, Jeep Safari, Jungle Walk, Village Walk, River canoe trip.

To help support the local people and economy, and because we know it works best, our policy at Nepal Uncovered is to use only local guides and tour leaders on this tour. Please check our website for further details.

## MEALS:

### Kathmandu:

Breakfasts only are provided in the hotel. Kathmandu has a wealth of restaurants serving excellent food from all over the world, so you will never be short of ideas or places to eat within a short walk of the hotel.

### Bardia & Chitwan national park:

All meals are included in the lodge restaurants (breakfast, lunch & dinner), covering a good range of options, both local and western.

## WHEN TO GO:

### Monsoon season:

*June to mid-September*

While we can run this tour during the monsoon, we don't generally recommend it as the weather can be very hot & wet, and the parks hard to explore.

### Good viewing:

*Mid-September to November*

This is a good time to visit, as the weather is good, and wildlife viewing is OK. As the season progresses, the elephant grows taller, which makes it harder to spot some wildlife.

### Winter season:

*December to February*

This is a good time to visit the national parks in Nepal. The weather is fine, and many migratory birds arrive from December onwards. The elephant grass is long however, which cuts down some viewing opportunities.

### Best viewing:

*March to May:*

This is the best time to visit Nepal's National Parks. The annual cut & burn of the elephant grass is done early in this season and this allows for much improved wildlife viewing. It does get hot towards the end of the season in May, and while this brings the animals out to drink, March & April are ideal travelling times.

## TIPPING:

While an accepted part of the culture and customs in Nepal, tipping is always optional, and any amounts paid should reflect excellent service.

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It is normal and accepted for people to tip differently, and you should not feel under any pressure to tip any particular amount.

We are often asked for advice on common amounts however, and suggest that approx. 5-10% of the tour price would be a suitable budget for this tour.

## COUNTRY GUIDE:

For an in-depth overview of Nepal, including up-to-date regional security advice and information, please checkout the country guide pages on our website.

## DATES & PRICES:

We run several small-group departures during the ideal travelling seasons. These departure dates and prices are listed on our website and on a separate dates & prices sheet available on request. We can also run the set tour itinerary privately for you on other dates, or customise it to make a tailor-made tour to fit your personal requirements.

## HEALTH:

Recommended vaccinations and other health protection measures vary according to the country you are visiting, and where you are travelling from. You must obtain professional advice from your medical practitioner or a travel clinic on current vaccinations needed for your destination (1st Contact travel clinic gives free advice tel. 0800 0393073).

In general, most recommendations for Nepal include: Tetanus, Typhoid, Hepatitis A, Polio, Meningitis, Rabies and Malaria prophylactics.

## VISAS:

Many nationals can obtain their Nepalese visa in Kathmandu airport upon arrival (including UK, European & US citizens). The cost is US\$25 (UK Pounds also accepted) and the visa is obtained in the

immigration area at the point where your passport is stamped (i.e. you don't need to join an extra queue).

For further information, please check out the visa pages on our website, or contact us directly.

## RESPONSIBLE TOURISM:

We take responsible travel seriously, and as well as taking this into consideration when we design our itineraries, and select the people and agents we work with, we also donate £2 for every person travelling on of our Nepalese tours. This is split between two projects:

- Shree Nalang primary school, which is situated 80km NW of Kathmandu and caters for 5-11 year old children. Our donations are helping with renovations and building of new classrooms.
- Bardia eco lodge. We are helping to build a carbon neutral wildlife lodge with the aim of providing an environmentally sympathetic and sustainable destination for tourists, which will also benefit the local community.

If you would like to visit or support either of these projects while you are in Nepal, please let your guide or our Kathmandu representative know. Full details of our responsible travel policy are given on our website.

## PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:

After booking, we will provide you with detailed information to help you prepare for the tour. This will include helpful advice on money, health, insurance, tipping, climate, clothing etc.

Further information is also available in the County & Travel guides on our website.

## YOUR SPACE @ UNCOVER THE WORLD:

We have launched a community space for use by past, present and future travellers with us. Here you can make contact with fellow travellers in your group before you travel, or share photos

and stay in contact with them after you return home. You can also ask questions of our staff and read updates on itineraries and destination news etc. For further details, please check...

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