

Chitwan National Park

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Destination

Nepal

Activity

Tours

Start / End Point

Kathmandu to Kathmandu

Duration

5

Max. Altitude

815 meters (2,674 feet)

Best Season

February to May and September to December

Activity Per Day

6-8 hrs

Per Person From

USD 475

Group Size

2 - 14

Trip Difficulty

Easy

Accommodation

Guest house

Meals

Breakfast

Welcome to Chitwan National Park:

Chitwan National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site in the subtropical inner Terai lowlands of south-central Nepal, is renowned for its rich biodiversity and diverse flora and fauna. The park, established in 1973, is home to several endangered species, including the Bengal tiger, one-horned rhinoceros, and

gharial crocodile, and hosts over 700 species of wildlife. The park's diverse habitats include dense tropical forests, grasslands, and riverine forests, providing a lush habitat for the wildlife. Visitors can engage in activities such as jungle safaris, elephant rides, bird watching, canoeing, and guided jungle walks, as well as cultural experiences, including visits to local Tharu villages. The park plays a critical role in conservation efforts, particularly for the one-horned rhinoceros and Bengal tiger. The best time to visit Chitwan National Park is from October to March when the weather is pleasant and wildlife sightings are more frequent. Accessible by road from Kathmandu and Pokhara, as well as domestic flights to Bharatpur, the park offers a unique opportunity to experience Nepal's rich biodiversity and natural beauty.



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Why visit Chitwan national park?

Chitwan National Park is a unique destination for nature enthusiasts, offering a unique experience in wildlife and conservation. The park boasts over 700 species of wildlife, including endangered species like the Bengal tiger, one-horned rhinoceros, and gharial crocodile. Bird watchers can enjoy the park's over 500 bird species. The unique safari experience includes jungle safaris on elephant back, in a jeep, or on foot with trained guides. The park also features stunning natural beauty, including diverse landscapes, scenic views, and traditional Tharu culture.

The park also supports conservation efforts, offering opportunities to learn about endangered species and participate in ecotourism that supports local communities. Adventure activities include elephant bathing in the Rapti River, and guided nature walks to explore the park's flora and fauna.

The park is conveniently accessible from major cities like Kathmandu and Pokhara, with options for road travel and domestic flights to Bharatpur. Wildlife photography opportunities include capturing stunning photographs of rare wildlife in their natural habitat and landscape photography of the park's diverse landscapes. Overall, Chitwan National Park offers a unique blend of adventure, relaxation, education, and cultural enrichment, making it an appealing destination for a wide range of travelers.

Culture and local test in sauraha:

Sauraha is a well-liked entry point to [Chitwan National Park](#), and it provides tourists delicious local food as well as a rich cultural experience. The Tharu Cultural Museum offers insights into the rich past of the Tharu people by showcasing historical artifacts, tools, clothes, and other items. In addition, visitors can take in popular dances, traditional dance performances, and festivals like Maghi (Tharu New Year). The cuisine of the area includes Dhikri, Bagiya, Tharu Fish Curry, and Dal Bhat. Traditional Nepali and Tharu foods are served at local cafes such Friends Cafe, Jungle Sunset Camp and Restaurant, and KC's Restaurant and Bar. To deepen their awareness of Tharu culture and heritage, visitors should partake in cultural activities, sample traditional Tharu cuisine, and show respect for local customs. Sauraha offers a singular chance to fully engage with the local way of life.



Wild camp and tower night in Chitwan National Park:

For those who love nature, Chitwan National Park offers an exciting and different experience. A close-up look at the park's flora and fauna may be had while wild camping, with opportunities for guided tours by knowledgeable naturalists and guides and up-close interactions with nocturnal creatures. Stories by the campfire and storytelling nights offer a chance to discover local traditions and conservation initiatives.

Basic amenities are offered in tents with basic amenities to provide comfort and safety. Tower nights, also called Machans, provide an opportunity to view wildlife from above. The likelihood of seeing animals like tigers, rhinos, and deer is increased during these nights because of the expansive views of the nearby rivers, meadows, and jungles. Photographers and wildlife enthusiasts will find the seclusion and elevation to be excellent for providing a tranquil and unspoiled experience.

In order to get ready for the experience, visitors should pack light, insect repellent, comfortable, neutral-colored clothing appropriate for the jungle, sturdy shoes or boots for strolling in the forest, and a camera to record the event. Snacks and extra water are also advised.

To reserve these experiences, abide by the instructions given by your guides and show your respect for the environment by keeping noise levels down, not littering, and taking care of the wildlife's natural home. Both choices guarantee an amazing experience that will deepen your connection to the natural world.

Safari & Boating in Chitwan National Park:

Chitwan National Park offers a variety of activities to explore its diverse ecosystems and wildlife. Jeep safaris and boating are popular activities that provide unique perspectives and memorable experiences. Jeep safaris allow visitors to cover more ground and increase their chances of spotting wildlife, while boating offers a serene and peaceful way to observe wildlife, especially aquatic animals and birds. Jungle safaris usually last between 2 to 4 hours, with some half-day and full-day options available. Open-top jeeps provide unobstructed views, making it easier to spot and photograph wildlife. Safaris are conducted in designated areas of the park with strict safety protocols to ensure both visitor and [wildlife safety](#).

Boating trips typically last between 1 to 2 hours and use canoes or traditional wooden boats. Guided tours are provided by knowledgeable guides, and life jackets are provided to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience. To prepare for these activities, visitors should wear comfortable, light, and neutral-colored clothing suitable for the jungle environment, as well as sturdy shoes or boots for the jeep safari and sandals or water-friendly shoes for boating. Essentials such as insect repellent, sunscreen, binoculars, a camera, and a reusable water bottle are also essential.

To ensure a safe and respectful interaction with wildlife and the environment, it is advisable to book jeep safaris and boating trips in advance with Ascend hikes. Be quiet and patient during wildlife sightings to maximize your chances of observing them.

Food and accommodation in chitwan National Park:

Chitwan National Park offers a variety of accommodation options to cater to different tastes and budgets. Luxury lodges and resorts provide high-end amenities like swimming pools, spas, fine dining restaurants, and guided tours. Mid-range hotels and resorts offer comfortable rooms, on-site restaurants, and organized safari tours. Budget guesthouses and lodges provide basic amenities, clean rooms, and a

homely atmosphere.

Food

Food options include resort and lodge restaurants offering a variety of cuisines, including Nepali, Indian, Continental, and Chinese dishes. Local restaurants in nearby towns like Sauraha offer traditional Nepali food along with popular international dishes. Popular dishes include Dal Bhat, Momo, and Tharu cuisine. Street food stalls offer quick and affordable snacks like samosas, chaat, and various fried treats.

To enjoy the local flavors and culture, visitors should book accommodations in advance, inform their accommodations about dietary preferences and restrictions, and visit local markets to explore and buy local products and handicrafts. Overall, Chitwan National Park provides a comfortable and enjoyable stay for visitors.



Is Transportation gets to Chitwan from Kathmandu and Pokhara?

Sauraha, the gateway to Chitwan National Park, is easily accessible from Kathmandu and Pokhara. There are various transportation options available to suit different preferences and budgets. Tourist buses depart daily from Kathmandu's Thamel area to Sauraha, offering a comfortable and affordable journey. Private cars or taxis can be hired from [Ascend hikes](#) or hotels in Kathmandu, with a duration of 5-6 hours. Local buses, on the other hand, are less expensive but can be crowded and less comfortable. Flights from Kathmandu to Bharatpur take 25-minute flights and a 30-minute drive to Sauraha, with a cost of around USD 100-150 per person for a one-way ticket. Flights from Pokhara to Bharatpur take 15-minute flights and a 30-minute drive to Sauraha.

Conclusion:

Sauraha provides a special fusion of gastronomic inquiry, cultural immersion, and animal adventure. In Chitwan National Park, visitors can take advantage of jungle safaris, bird viewing, and kayaking while witnessing Bengal tigers, one-horned rhinoceroses, and other species. Along with cultural activities, the area offers native food, Tharu cultural presentations, and village visits. Chitwan National Park is a top choice for those who enjoy the outdoors and wildlife because of its rich biodiversity. With their customs, festivals, and artistic expressions, the Tharu people provide a distinctive cultural experience that enriches the entire trip. This all-inclusive experience guarantees a journey that is enriching and unforgettable, leaving enduring memories of this special place, what we (Ascend Hikes) organizing a tour for Chitwan.

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Cost Includes

- All the official expenses and paperwork (like permit and tickets).
- Transport by Tourist bus.
- Government license holder Ascend Hikes Experience English Speaking Guide.
- 4 nights hotel in Chitwan national park with Tower night with Breakfast.
- All the Government Taxes.

Cost Excludes

- Lunch and dinner in chitwan are not included
- Personal expenses
- Tips and
- Others what is not listed in including all are exclude.

Group Discounts Available

No. of Persons	Price per Person
1	USD 575
2	USD 525
3	USD 475
4	USD 425
5+	USD 400

Trip Information

Useful Information

Visa Requirements: Most travelers to Nepal require a visa to enter the country. You can obtain a tourist visa upon arrival at the Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu or apply for it in advance at the Nepalese embassy or consulate in your home country.

Travel Insurance: It is highly recommended to have travel insurance that covers high-altitude trekking and climbing activities. Make sure your insurance policy includes emergency medical evacuation, as well as coverage for trip cancellation, lost luggage, and other potential incidents.

Accommodation in Kathmandu: In Kathmandu, you'll find a wide range of accommodation options, ranging from budget guesthouses to luxury hotels. Thamel is a popular area for tourists and offers a

variety of hotels, restaurants, and shops.

Local Currency and Expenses: The local currency in Nepal is the Nepalese Rupee (NPR). It's recommended to carry some cash for small expenses, as credit cards may not be widely accepted in remote areas. ATMs are available in Kathmandu, but they may be limited in other locations. It's also advisable to carry small denomination USD bills as they can be easily exchanged.

Communication and Internet: Most major towns and trekking routes in Nepal have access to mobile networks and internet services. Local SIM cards can be purchased in Kathmandu for better connectivity during your stay. However, keep in mind that the availability of network coverage and internet speeds may vary in remote mountainous areas.

Health and Vaccinations: Prior to your trip, consult with a healthcare professional or travel clinic for up-to-date information on recommended vaccinations and health precautions for Nepal. Common vaccinations include those for hepatitis A and B, typhoid, tetanus, and influenza. It's also important to bring any necessary medications and a basic first aid kit.

Responsible Trekking: Practice responsible and sustainable trekking by respecting local customs and traditions, preserving the environment, and supporting local communities. Carry out any trash you generate, use designated teahouses or lodges for accommodation, and hire local guides and porters to contribute to the local economy.

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