



Bardia & Chitwan National Park

Chitwan National Park is one of Asia's finest and richest wildlife sanctuaries, lying 120km southwest of Kathmandu. Bardia National Park offers visitors the chance to explore the most undisturbed wilderness area in the Terai lowlands. This itinerary gives you the chance to explore both of these fabulous parks.

Safaris in search of the diverse wildlife of the parks can be taken by elephant, jeep, boat and on foot.



DAY 1 • DEPART FROM UK

Depart from the UK on your overnight flight to Delhi.

DAY 2 • ARRIVE DELHI • FLY TO LUCKNOW

Arrive in Delhi and transfer to the domestic terminal for your flight to Lucknow. On arrival, transfer to your hotel where you will stay for 1 night on a bed and breakfast basis.

DAY 3 • TO BARDIA

Today you will drive across the border into Nepal, arriving at Karnali Lodge in mid afternoon. You will stay here for 6 nights on a full board basis. The villages of the indigenous Tharu people surround the park and the jungle lodge embraces much of the Tharu architecture offering a perfect mix of nature, culture, adventure and luxury. The lodge's double rooms are complete with en suite bathroom. There is a central dining area and Western and Nepali cuisine is served. The fully-stocked bar remains open until the last person goes to bed. The rest of the day will be at leisure.

DAY 4 • JEEP SAFARIS

Today you will explore the park by jeep, getting a feel for the park.

DAY 5 • WALKING SAFARIS

Explore the park on foot with your guide, concentrating on watching the birds and smaller mammals.

DAY 6 • RIVER SAFARIS

Today you can rest your legs and drift quietly down the river, giving you the chance to observe the animals at close quarters without disturbance. If you are fortunate you may be able to see gangetic dolphin in the river.

DAY 7 • ELEPHANT SAFARIS

Today explore the park and the banks of the river from a different viewpoint – the back of an elephant. Many of the animals don't separate the human passenger from the elephant, and treat you as just another animal, allowing you to observe them more closely.

DAY 8 • JEEP SAFARIS

Today you have your final two jeep safaris before you bid farewell to the park.

DAY 9 • TO CHITWAN

After breakfast, transfer to Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge at Chitwan, where you will stay for 4 nights on a full board basis. Arriving in late in the afternoon, you will have the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 10 to 12 • JEEP SAFARIS

Spend 3 days exploring the jungle by jeep. The park is home to a large number of mammals and reptiles and over 400 species of birds. The park is also home to the animal for which the Lodge is named, the Royal Bengal Tiger.

DAY 13 • TIGER TOPS THARU • JUNGLE WALKS

This morning take a short transfer to Tiger Tops Tharu Lodge, where you will stay for 2 nights on a full board basis. Set in a tranquil garden overlooking the forest and villages, it is inspired by the indigenous Tharu people. The grounds are home to 200 bird species and one horned rhinoceros, wild boar, leopard, sloth bear, civets and jungle cats are frequent visitors. During the next two days you will enjoy a programme of birdwatching, jungle walks and village walks.

DAY 14 • BIRDWATCHING • JUNGLE WALKS

After your day exploring the area, you will take a short sunset river safari to bid farewell to this magical place.

DAY 15 • TO KATHMANDU • FLY TO DELHI

After breakfast transfer to Kathmandu for your afternoon flight to Delhi. On arrival transfer to the Park Plaza Hotel for a 1 night stay on a bed and breakfast basis.

DAY 16 • DEPART TO UK

Transfer to airport for return flight to UK.

DATES

This tour is run on an individual basis, and can start any day between 1st November and 30th April.

COST

Please see our Price Guide at the front of the brochure.

PRICE INCLUDES:

Accommodation and food as described; programme of events as described; 10 game drives in private jeeps; 1 day elephant safari; 1 day boat safari; 3 days of walking safaris; sunset boat safari; services of English speaking naturalist as required; air-conditioned car for transfers; portage at airports; all local taxes.

PRICE EXCLUDES:

Flights; visas; camera fees; personal items such as drinks; laundry; phone calls; insurance; tips.

DEPOSITS

A Standard Deposit is required for this tour as detailed in our Booking Conditions.

OTHER INFORMATION

The flights listed in the itinerary are easily available from online agents. We will be happy to advise you about booking.

This tour can link with our other itineraries to create a bespoke itinerary for you.

It is possible to join the tour from any country of origin, so long as you arrive in Delhi during day two of the itinerary.