

# Chitwan National Park Tour

**Duration:** 3 Days

**Starts At:** Kathmandu

**Grade:** Easy

**Accommodation:** Hotel

**Transport:** Bus, Car

**Altitude:** 415m

**Ends At:** Kathmandu

**Group Size:** Min 2 Pax

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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## Highlights

- One-horned rhino
- Visit Nepal's first national park.
- Tharu culture

## Overview

Chitwan National Park is one of the premier glamour in Nepal. Granted with the UNESCO status in 1984, the reserve protects more than 932 sq km of lavish forests, grassland, and marshland containing sizeable animal populations, making it Asia's one of the best places for viewing wildlife. This oldest National park offers visitors the chance to experience the exotic-wildlife and natural beauty of Chitwan National Park first-hand.

You will have an excellent chance of spotting single-horned Asiatic rhinos, deer, gharial, peacock, monkeys, and some of the more than 500 species of bird. If you're lucky, you may spot a sloth bear, leopard, or wild elephant – and quite possibly the exotic royal Bengal tiger, which is the prime attraction.

Undergo jungle safari ride through the sound serenity of Chitwan jungle. Take a nature walk accompanied by a professional naturalist. Enjoy the lovely canoe ride, overlooking the Gharials lazing in the sun. Go for a bumpy elephant ride or explore the countryside and meet the friendly native ethnic group of Tharu people. And of course, enjoy the Tharu Cultural Dance Program and taste the typical local cuisines, which will be another highlight of your trip.

A 30 minutes domestic flight from Kathmandu or an overland journey about six hours drive get you to the Chitwan National Park in southern Nepal, near Nepal- Indian border.

Most trips to Chitwan National Park run from early February till the end of May and from mid-September till mid-December to avoid monsoon rain between mid-June and mid-September. Temperatures vary around 25°C around these months, and animals will move to the river and waterholes to drink, which gives you better chances to spot the Tiger. Weather sometimes gets foggy from mid-December onwards till the end of January.

Activities in the park include a jungle safari, elephant rides or jeep drive, canoe ride, bird watching, accompanied by a naturalist, and Tharu cultural dance program. Nepal's Chitwan National Park will give you a memorable experience that lasts a lifetime. Ready for discovering Chitwan?

## **Itinerary**

### **Day 01 : Drive from Kathmandu to Chitwan**

We'll receive you from your hotel and takes about 6 hours drive to the hotel in Chitwan. After some refreshments, you'll be given a briefing on the next few days' plans along with the resort facilities. After lunch, we will have a Village tour to a nearby ethnic Tharu village, where we'll get a first-hand experience of the culture and lifestyle of this indigenous ethnic group. This will be followed by a brief visit to the National Park visitors' center where we get to explore more about the history of Chitwan and an overview of the numerous exotic wildlife species that call it home. As the day fades out, we'll pause for an incredibly dazzling sunset over the Rapti River. In the evening, we will enjoy the unique Tharu cultural dance – and then take in dinner and get ready for a more exciting adventure day ahead!

### **Day 02 : Chitwan National Park Jungle Safari**

After breakfast, we head for Rapti River for a pleasant canoe ride! We will float along the river, overlooking rare species of crocodile: fish-eating Gharial and the marsh mugger. And, of course, superb bird watching is a bonus! Subsequently, we'll enjoy a serene jungle walk, and on the way back, we get the chance to see bathe an elephant! The incredible diversity of life in the Chitwan is on full display here. After lunch, the elephants will be waiting for us to climb on its broad backs for an adventurous Elephant ride. We will be provided with an excellent opportunity to see four species of deer, rhinoceros, peacocks, wild boar, sloth bear, monkey, leopard, and quite possibly the mighty royal Bengal tiger. You will also encounter numerous other species of birds and smaller mammals that call Chitwan it's home. Back at the lodge, another presentation on the Tharu cultural dance awaits us. We'll enjoy our delicious dinner and enjoy a slide presentation on the national park's interesting history.

### **Day 03 : Drive Back to Kathmandu**

After a delicious breakfast, we'll visit the Chitwan Elephant Breeding Center for one final interaction with these gentle giants before driving back to Kathmandu and transfer to your respective hotel for refreshment.

## **Trip Includes:**

- Professional tour guide for the entire tour.
- The hotel picks you up and drops you off by private taxi.
- All the long-ranges transports by tourist bus.
- Two nights of hotel accommodation in Chitwan with full board meals.
- All jungle and tour activities in Chitwan national park.
- National park entry fees.
- Company service charge and all the applicable taxes.

## **Trip Exclude:**

- Kathmandu hotel accommodations.
- Your Travel Insurance
- Tips for the tour guide.
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry.
- Other expenses which are not mentioned on price include.