

Chitwan National Park Wildlife Safari



Trip Overview

The Chitwan National Park Wildlife Safari is a five-day immersive journey into Nepal's premier lowland wildlife sanctuary. Guests explore dense sal forests, riverine grasslands, and wetlands, guided by expert naturalists who highlight the park's rich biodiversity. The itinerary combines jeep safaris, canoe rides, and guided nature walks, offering close encounters with iconic species such as the one-horned rhinoceros, Bengal tigers, gharial crocodiles, and wild Asian elephants. Alongside wildlife observation, travelers experience the traditional culture of the Tharu community, gaining insights into local conservation practices. This safari provides a balanced adventure of action, education, and reflection in a world-class protected area, making it ideal for wildlife enthusiasts and photographers alike.

Total Trip Days: 4 Nights/ 5 Days

Trip Highlights

- Jeep safaris through Chitwan's core zones for rhinos, tigers, and deer
- Canoe rides along the Rapti River, observing gharial crocodiles, waterfowl, and riverine ecosystems
- Birdwatching opportunities for species such as crested serpent eagle, grey-headed fish eagle, and migratory wetland birds
- Guided wildlife walks and photography hides in buffer zones for smaller mammals and birds
- Cultural interaction with the Tharu community, exploring their coexistence with wildlife
- Evening presentations by park biologists on conservation challenges and successes
- Comfortable lodges on the edge of the park with easy access to safari activities

Itinerary

Day 1:

Your wildlife journey begins with arrival in Bharatpur, followed by a short drive to a lodge on the edge of Chitwan National Park. In the evening, a naturalist guide provides an introduction to Chitwan's ecosystems, from sal forests and riverine grasslands to wetlands. You learn about the park's iconic species, including rhinos, tigers, and gharials, and the unique conservation efforts that protect them.

Day 2:

A pre-dawn jeep safari takes you into the core zone of Chitwan, where one-horned rhinos, sambar deer, and wild boar can be observed. Your guide explains tracking methods, animal behavior, and habitat use. After lunch, a serene canoe ride along the Rapti River allows close observation of gharial crocodiles and wintering waterfowl, providing a contrasting aquatic perspective of the park's biodiversity.

Day 3:

The day begins with an extended safari in western Chitwan, where tiger

activity is higher due to less disturbance. Observation posts and open grasslands allow scanning for tigers, their prey, and other mammals. Afternoon walks along forest edges reveal colorful bird species, including the crested serpent eagle and grey-headed fish eagle. Evening presentations by park biologists offer deeper understanding of conservation challenges.

Day 4:

Morning walks in buffer zones introduce you to the traditional Tharu way of life, whose people coexist closely with wildlife. Afternoon trails and photography hides provide additional opportunities to see rhinos, birds, and smaller mammals. Your naturalist emphasizes ethical wildlife observation and encourages reflection on the delicate balance between humans and nature.

Day 5:

A final morning safari allows one last chance to spot Chitwan's flagship species. By late morning, you return to the lodge for lunch and prepare for departure. Transfer to Bharatpur Airport concludes your journey, leaving you with vivid memories of rhinos, tigers, gharials, and the diverse birdlife that make Chitwan National Park a world-class wildlife destination.