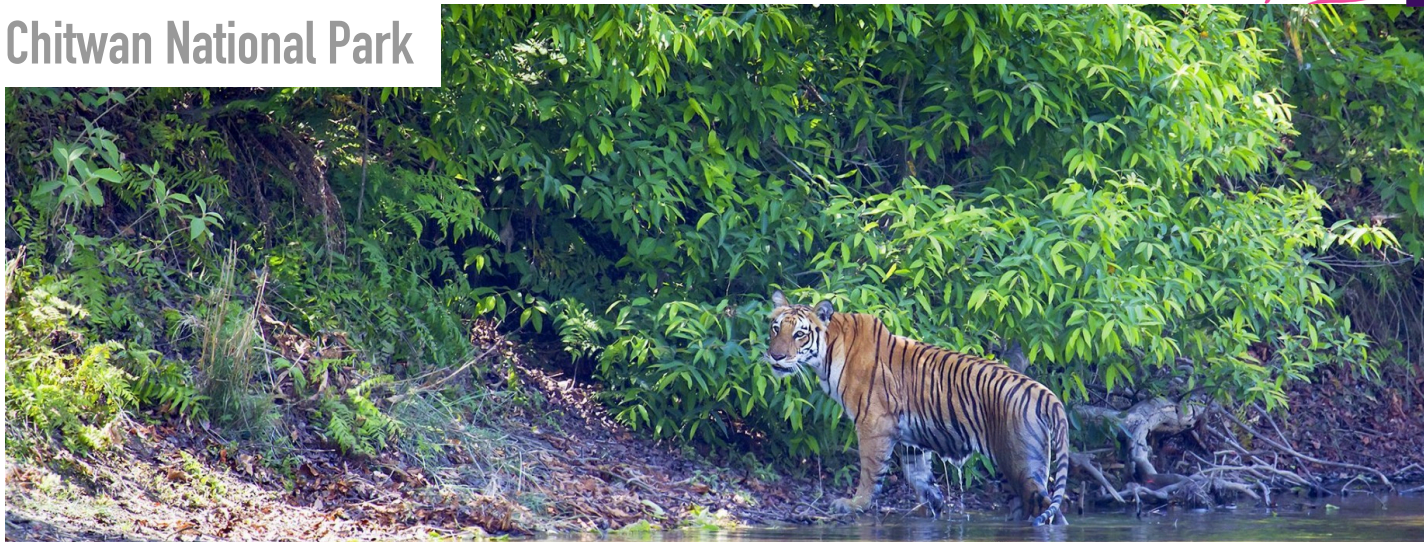


Chitwan National Park



Duration: 5 days

Chitwan National Park lies in Nepal's subtropical Terai lowlands in the south of the country. It was Nepal's first National Park, awarded World Heritage Site status in 1984.

Its dense jungle, marshy wetlands and rippling grasslands are a haven to wildlife such as the one-horned rhino, sloth bear, gharial, leopard, and the creature everyone hopes to catch a glimpse of – the elusive Royal Bengal tiger. We will also keep our eyes open for the many other species of animals and birds which live here, including several species of deer and monkey.

We explore this beautiful and enchanting habitat by jeep and dug-out canoe, and also visit a local community, where the way of life is very different to what we have experienced in the mountains of Nepal.

Min 2 pax

Single supplement: £70

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Kathmandu – Chitwan National Park & Village Visit

(main group departs Nepal)

We leave Kathmandu and drive through the valley, heading south to Chitwan National Park. The drive takes approx. 5 hours, with plenty of fascinating sights to enjoy on the way, breaking for lunch en-route. On arrival, we check in and relax, before heading off later in the day to visit a nearby village. The indigenous Tharu people have a very way of life to the mountain communities we will have seen on our main challenge. We explore the village, where we will be welcomed into one of the mud-houses, as well as observing farming methods. Much of the work here is done by oxen, and we may get the chance for an ox-cart ride.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner provided. Hotel accommodation.

Day 2: Canoe Safari & Jeep Safari

This morning we head out to explore the beautiful Rapti River, flowing through the lush Chitwan jungle, by canoe.

It's a serene trip, with abundant aquatic birdlife and a good chance of seeing crocodiles, including the critically-endangered gharial, and other wildlife on the river-banks. The canoe trip is a wonderful introduction to the diversity of habitats and species in the National Park.

We head back to the hotel to relax, and after an early lunch we set off by jeep on tracks deep into Chitwan National Park, hoping to spot the elusive Bengal Tiger, sloth bear, rhino and the many other creatures that live here.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner provided. Hotel accommodation.

Day 3: Bird-Watching Walk

Our morning starts early, with a bird-watching walk. The birdlife here is colourful and diverse; over 276 species have been recorded in the immediate area of our hotel alone! It's wonderfully atmospheric in the early morning forest. After lunch, we head out for more exploration by bicycle with our local guide. We ride through several Tharu villages, such as Bachauli and Jankauli, to learn more about the local culture and the indigenous people of the Terai region. Heading back to our hotel to enjoy our final sunset and evening in Chitwan National Park.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner provided. Hotel accommodation.

Day 4: Chitwan National Park – Kathmandu

After breakfast we take a short internal flight back to Kathmandu for our last night in Nepal. Once we arrive you are free to explore, shop for souvenirs, or simply relax at the hotel.

Breakfast provided. Provide own Lunch and Dinner. Hotel accommodation.

NB: Activities in Chitwan National park may be undertaken in a different order to that detailed above, depending on local conditions.

Day 5: Fly Kathmandu to London

Morning transfer to the airport for the flight back to London.

Breakfast provided.

Extension requires a minimum of 2 people to operate.

Single supplement: £70

NB: It is advisable to book early to guarantee availability and avoid any disappointment.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Hotel accommodation in shared twin/double rooms in The Royal Park Hotel, Ratnanagar in Chitwan National Park and good standard hotel in Kathmandu
- Meals as indicated in itinerary

- National Park fees and activities as in itinerary
- Private transport to Chitwan (car or minibus depending on group size) and internal flight back to Kathmandu
- Transfer to airport
- NB: If usual accommodation is unavailable a similar alternative may be offered

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

- Meals as indicated in itinerary
- Personal spending, tips for guides/drivers, extra food, drinks, etc



Discover Adventure reserves the right to change the route or itinerary for safety reasons should local conditions dictate.

Please note: This document was downloaded on 26 Feb 2021, and the challenge is subject to change.