



CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

ABOUT THE CHALLENGE

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 3 pax - £50 supplement for 2 pax

- **5 DAYS**

Day 1: Kathmandu – Chitwan National Park

(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. We break for lunch en-route. On arrival at the National Park, we check in and relax, and can enjoy a wander around.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner provided. Hotel accommodation.

Day 2: Village Visit & Canoe Safari

This morning we visit a nearby village, where we see how the indigenous Tharu people live. With different customs and way of life to the mountain communities we have seen, the Tharu are well-known for being resistant to malaria. We have an enjoyable morning exploring 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. We then explore the beautiful Rapti River, which flows 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.

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner provided. Hotel accommodation.

Day 3: Bird-Watching Walk & Jeep Safari

Our morning starts early, with a bird-watching walk. The bird-life 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. We head back to relax, and after an early lunch we head out by jeep on tracks deep into the National Park, hoping to spot the elusive tiger, sloth bear, rhino and the many other creatures that live here.

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.

Important Information

Extension requires a minimum of 3 people to operate. To operate this for 2 people a supplement of £50 pp will be payable.

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 and back (car or minibus depending on group size)
- 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
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Discover Adventure reserves the right to change the route or itinerary for safety reasons should local conditions dictate.

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