

Wildlife & Himalayas Extended: Chitwan, Bardia & Mustang Highlights

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Destination
Nepal

Duration
9 Nights 10 Days

Starting from
Rs. 1,35,000 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↗ Kathmandu · 2N

↗ Chitwan National Park · 2N

↗ Bardia National Park · 2N

↗ Pokhara · 1N

↗ Mustang · 2N

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Overview

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This premium Nepal tour package combines the best of Nepal's lowland wildlife and high Himalayan culture. Ideal for travelers seeking a balanced Nepal Adventure tour package that pairs jungle safaris with dramatic Mustang scenery. Highlights include:

- Chitwan National Park wildlife safaris
- Bardia National Park remote tiger and rhino habitats
- Mustang region (Jomsom, Kagbeni, Muktinath) high desert landscapes and Tibetan-influenced culture
- Scenic domestic flights between Pokhara, Jomsom, and Kathmandu

This itinerary is tailored for travelers comfortable with domestic flights and moderate travel days. Permits are required for some Mustang areas.

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✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Accommodation for 9 nights in 3–4 lodges and hotels (as detailed)
- ✓ Daily breakfast, selected lunches and dinners as per itinerary
- ✓ Domestic flights: Bharatpur–Nepalgunj, Nepalgunj–Pokhara, Pokhara–Jomsom–Pokhara (subject to schedule)
- ✓ All transfers and ground transportation in private vehicle
- ✓ Park entry fees and required local permits for Chitwan and Bardia
- ✓ Guided activities: jungle safaris, canoe trips, village visits, local cultural program
- ✓ English-speaking guide throughout the trip
- ✓ Airport pick-up and drop-off in Kathmandu
- ✓ Note: Upper Mustang special permit is not included and must be arranged in advance if visiting Lo Manthang.

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International airfare to/from Nepal
- ✗ Nepal entry visa fees and visa-on-arrival charges
- ✗ Personal travel insurance (mandatory)
- ✗ Meals not specified in the itinerary
- ✗ Personal expenses (tips, laundry, phone calls)
- ✗ Optional activities (e.g., helicopter flights, premium private experiences)
- ✗ Upper Mustang (Lo Manthang) restricted-area permit and associated fees if you choose to extend
- ✗ Any expenses due to flight delays or cancellations, bad weather, or government decisions

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival & Welcome in Kathmandu

Arrive at Tribhuvan International Airport, Kathmandu. Meet and transfer to your hotel in Thamel. Short orientation and briefing about the journey ahead. Evening at leisure with an optional stroll through vibrant Thamel markets and a welcome dinner featuring Nepali cuisine.

Day

2

Kathmandu Valley Cultural Highlights

Full-day guided sightseeing of the valley: explore Kathmandu Durbar Square, see the hilltop Swayambhunath (Monkey Temple) and visit the majestic Boudhanath Stupa. Learn about local art, pagoda architecture and Newar culture. Evening free for souvenir shopping.

Tip: Carry small change for temple donations and permit photocopies.

Day

3

Drive to Chitwan National Park

Drive (~5-6 hours) from Kathmandu to Chitwan via scenic hills and rivers. Check-in at your jungle lodge. Evening cultural program featuring Tharu cultural dance and an introduction to park activities planned for the following day.

Day

4

Chitwan: Jungle Safari & Activities

Full day of wildlife activities in Chitwan National Park: morning jeep safari or guided nature walk, canoe trip on the Rapti River for birdwatching, and a guided village visit.

Important: Elephant-back rides are discouraged due to welfare concerns; preferred activities include jeep safaris and guided walks.

Day

5

Transfer to Bardia (via Nepalgunj)

Early transfer to Bharatpur Airport for a short domestic flight to Nepalgunj. From Nepalgunj, drive to Bardia National Park (approx. 1-1.5 hours). Evening orientation and optional short wildlife walk near the lodge.

Day

6

Bardia: Remote Jungle Adventure

Full day exploring Bardia National Park—one of Nepal's least disturbed wildlife havens. Activities include jeep/4x4 safaris, guided jungle walks, and river-based birdwatching. Excellent chances to spot one-horned rhino, Bengal tiger, and diverse birdlife.

Note: Bardia is remote—expect fewer crowds and pristine wilderness.

Day

7

Bardia to Pokhara (via Nepalgunj) & Lakeside Evening

Return drive to Nepalgunj and domestic flight to Pokhara (flight may route via Kathmandu depending on schedules). Afternoon at Phewa Lake—boat ride, lakeside promenade and optional visit to the World Peace Pagoda for sunset views of Annapurna range.

Day

8

Fly to Jomsom — Enter Mustang

Morning scenic flight from Pokhara to Jomsom (subject to weather) with spectacular views of the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri ranges. Transfer to Kagbeni / Jomsom, explore ancient settlement of Kagbeni, and short excursion towards Marpha village (apple capital) if time permits.

Day

9

Mustang Highlights: Muktinath Excursion or Upper Mustang Exploration

Full-day exploration in the Mustang region: option A — drive to Muktinath Temple (sacred site for Hindus and Buddhists) and visit nearby villages; option B — further exploration of Upper Mustang foothills and gompas (subject to permits and time). Breathtaking high-desert landscapes and Tibetan-influenced culture are the day's focus.

Important: Upper Mustang (Lo Manthang) requires special permits and advance planning; this itinerary covers the Jomsom/Kagbeni/Muktinath highlights within available time.

Day

10

Return to Pokhara / Kathmandu Departure

Morning flight from Jomsom to Pokhara then transfer flight to Kathmandu (depending on schedules) for onward international departure. If your international flight is late, enjoy a final city meal or last-minute shopping in Thamel. End of services for the Nepal Adventure tour package.

? Frequently Asked Questions

❓ **What is the best time to visit Nepal?**

Nepal's prime seasons are October–November (post-monsoon) and March–April (spring). October–November offers crystal-clear skies, superb mountain views, and major festivals like Dashain and Tihar, making it ideal for trekking and sightseeing. March–April brings blooming rhododendrons, pleasant weather, and fewer crowds. Winter (December–February) is cooler with snow at higher elevations, perfect for budget travelers seeking discounts. Monsoon season (June–September) brings lush landscapes but frequent rains, landslides, and leeches on trails. For snow experiences, visit December–February at hill stations like Kalinchowk or Upper Mustang. Spring and autumn are best for trekking, while winter offers clear mountain views with crisp air.

❓ **How can Indian citizens reach Nepal?**

Indians can reach Nepal by air, road, or rail. By air, fly to Tribhuvan International Airport (Kathmandu), Gautam Buddha Airport (Bhairahawa), or Pokhara International Airport from Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Varanasi, and Bengaluru. By road, major border crossings include Sunauli–Bhairahawa (for Lumbini/Pokhara), Raxaul–Birgunj (fastest to Kathmandu), Panitanki–Kakarbhitta (eastern Nepal), and Banbasa–Mahendranagar (far-west). Good highways connect borders to major cities. By rail, take Indian Railways to Jayanagar–Janakpur–Kurtha line or reach border towns like Gorakhpur, Raxaul, then cross by road. Road travel offers scenic views but expect monsoon delays due to landslides.

❓ **Do Indian citizens need a visa for Nepal?**

No, Indian citizens do not need a visa to visit Nepal. However, you must carry valid identification – either an Indian passport or Voter ID with photograph. Aadhaar cards are generally not accepted for air travel, so check current requirements before departure. Children should carry valid photo ID as required by airlines and immigration authorities. This visa-free access makes Nepal one of the most convenient international destinations for Indians. You can stay for extended periods, but if planning to work or study, additional permits may be required. Always verify the latest entry requirements before travel, as policies can change.

❓ **What are the local transportation options within Nepal?**

Nepal offers various transportation options. In cities, use metered taxis or ride-hailing apps like Pathao and Tootle (available in Kathmandu/Pokhara). City buses and minibuses are the cheapest option, with Sajha Yatayat operating key routes in Kathmandu Valley. For intercity travel, choose tourist buses or private cars for comfort to destinations like Pokhara, Chitwan, and Lumbini. Domestic flights save time to Pokhara, Bharatpur (Chitwan), Lukla, and other destinations. Motorbikes and bicycles are popular in Pokhara and Thamel for short distances. For mountain areas, jeeps and local buses connect remote regions, though roads can be challenging during monsoon season.

❓ **Where should I stay in Nepal and what accommodation options are available?**

Kathmandu's Thamel district is perfect for budget travelers and trekkers, offering guesthouses, hostels, and mid-range hotels. Durbarmarg and Lazimpat provide upscale options. In Pokhara, stay in Lakeside for lake views, restaurants, and easy access to activities. Luxury options include Dwarika's Hotel and Hyatt Regency (Kathmandu), Temple Tree Resort and Fish Tail Lodge (Pokhara). For wildlife, choose jungle lodges in Chitwan like Meghauri Serai or Barahi Jungle Lodge. Hill stations like Nagarkot and Bandipur offer mountain view resorts. Budget travelers can find Zostel hostels, homestays, and guesthouses starting from \$5-15/night. Mid-range hotels cost \$25-60, while luxury resorts range \$100-300+ per night.

❓ **What are the must-visit attractions in Nepal?**

Nepal's top attractions include Kathmandu Valley's UNESCO sites: Pashupatinath Temple, Boudhanath Stupa, Swayambhunath (Monkey Temple), and the Durbar Squares of Kathmandu, Patan, and Bhaktapur. Pokhara offers Phewa Lake, World Peace Pagoda, and Sarangkot for sunrise views. Chitwan National Park provides jungle safaris for rhinos and tigers. Lumbini, Buddha's birthplace, features sacred gardens and international monasteries. For trekking, visit Everest region (fly to Lukla) or Annapurna region for Poon Hill and Annapurna Base Camp treks. Nagarkot and Dhulikhel offer Himalayan sunrise views near Kathmandu. Adventure seekers should try Everest mountain flights, paragliding in Pokhara, and white-water rafting on various rivers.

❓ **What local food and cuisine should I try in Nepal?**

Nepal's staple dish is Dal Bhat - lentils, rice, vegetable curries, and pickles, offering unlimited refills. Try momos (dumplings) with spicy chutney, available in vegetarian, chicken, or buffalo varieties. Thukpa and thenthuk are hearty Tibetan-style noodle soups. Sample Newari cuisine including bara (lentil pancakes), choila (spiced meat), chatamari (Nepali pizza), and yomari (sweet dumplings). Other specialties include sel roti (festival rice doughnut), gundruk (fermented greens curry), aloo tama (bamboo shoot curry), and sekuwa (grilled meat). Drink masala chai, tongba (warm millet brew), or local raksi spirit. Popular restaurants include Bhojan Griha and Thamel House (Kathmandu), and Moondance and Rosemary Kitchen (Pokhara).

★ **Traveller Reviews**



Chetan Khatri

★★★★☆ 4/5

Well-Scheduled Tours

The tours were well-scheduled without feeling rushed. It allowed for plenty of exploration and relaxation time.



Priya Joshi

★★★★★ 5/5

A Spiritual Journey

The spiritual sites visited during the tour were enlightening and peaceful. I highly recommend this tour for anyone seeking spirituality.



Anshul Sinha

★★★★☆ 4/5

Vast Array of Experiences

This tour packed a vast array of experiences into a short period! I was surprised at how much we accomplished!



Garima Sharma

★★★★★ 5/5

Stunning Sunrise Views

Watching the sunrise over the Himalayas was a life-changing experience! Highly recommend it.



Kiran Gupta

★★★★★ 5/5

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