

# Bardia Jungle Safari

**Duration:** 4 Days Days

**Destination:** Nepal

**Trip Grade:** Easy

**Best Season:** Autumn, Spring

## Trip Overview

Nepal is not only famed for its mountain peaks. Hidden amongst this beautiful country there is also a wild jungle where you can enjoy a unique safari experience. Whether you want to walk amongst the rhino, watch the indigenous birds, get down in the water with the crocodile, see the Gangetic dolphin, spot a tiger – or simply enjoy a beautiful park and have elephants grazing in your garden – then we have the trip for you.

Bardia National Park is the largest and most undisturbed wilderness area in Nepal, covering a total area of 968 square kilometers. Established in 1988 near the southern border of the far north-west corner of Nepal, this Terai treasure adjoins the eastern bank of the Karnali River in the Bardiya District.

About 70% of the park is covered with forest, with the balance a mixture of grassland, savannah, and riverine forest. The flora recorded in the park comprises 839 different species of plants that pepper the wide range of vegetation, including alluvial and subtropical – both of which provide the perfect habitat for the 642 different species hosted within the park.

No matter what kind of animal lover you are – the national park will have something to satisfy your curiosity. The Karnali-Babai river system and its myriad of lakes are the perfect habitats for the 125 recorded species of fish. However, it's the mugger crocodiles that truly rule the lakes. Take a canoe and find yourself level with the water's surface, cruising face to face with the formidable reptiles. Or if you fancy something a little less intimidating, why not go dolphin watching and marvel as the Gangetic dolphin splashes past.

The most famous animals to rule this kingdom however are the land mammals. The Bardiya National Park is home to at least 53 mammals including swamp deer, rhinoceros, wild elephant, and the infamous Bengal tiger. In fact, together with the neighboring Banke National Park, this protected area represents the Tiger Conservation Unit (TCU) – so you can be confident that when you are enjoying your safari you are helping to protect the animals within its kingdom.

Once here we have a wide variety of different activities on offer to suit your

individual safari desires. We have jungle walks for those who want to challenge themselves and get up close to the animals, as well as a jeep safari for those that want to relax and take photos as they absorb the wildlife. The park also offers canoeing and boating in the Rivers, an Elephant Breeding Center, a Crocodile Breeding Center, Tharu Museum, and of course bird watching, to take in the 407 different bird species for which the park is famed.

If you like the sound of this safari, but were looking for something a bit closer to Kathmandu, why not check out the Chitwan safari that we also have to offer? For more details about either of our jungle safaris, please feel free to contact a member of our friendly team. Or if you would like to read about what it is like to experience the national park then why not take a look at our Bardia national park blog below.

## **Detailed Itinerary**

### **Itinerary**

#### **2 Night / 3 Days Itinerary**

Day 01: On Your arrival at Nepalgunj Airport or Ambasa Stand, our friendly staff will be there to greet you. You will then be transferred to our Lodge where you will be offered refreshments and given your programmers for the day. 15:00: You will have a village tour of a nearby ethnic Tharu village where you will learn more about the life and lifestyle of the Tharu's. 20:00: Dinner.

Day 02: 06:00: Wakeup call. 06:30: Breakfast. 07:30: A magical one-hour Elephant Ride. This is followed by a visit to the Visitor's Center, Crocodile Breeding Center, and Tharu Cultural Museum. 13:00: Lunch. 15:00: Jungle Walk – accompanied by our experienced naturalist and wildlife tracker. This is an excellent opportunity to see the flora and fauna of the park up close. 20:00: Dinner.

Day 03: 06:00: Wakeup call. 06:30: Breakfast. 07:00: Bird watching: Marvel as you watch the many species of birds found in Bardia, followed by a visit to Karnali River for Dolphin sightseeing. 12:00: Lunch. 13:30: Departure for onward journey.

#### **3 Night / 4 Days Itinerary**

Day 01: On your arrival at Nepalgunj Airport or Ambasa Stand, our friendly staff will be there to receive you. You will then be transferred to our lodge where you will be offered refreshments and given your programs for the day. 15:00: You will have a village tour of a nearby ethnic Tharu village where you will learn more about the life and lifestyle of the Tharu's. 20:00: Dinner.

Day 02: 06:00: Wakeup call. 06:30: Breakfast. 07:30: A magical one-hour Elephant Ride. This is followed by a visit to the Visitor's Center, Crocodile Breeding Center, and Tharu Cultural Museum. 13:00: Lunch. 15:00: Jungle Walk –

accompanied by our experienced naturalist and wildlife tracker. This is an excellent opportunity to see the flora and fauna of the park up close. 20:00: Dinner.

Day 03 06:00: Wakeup call 06:30: Breakfast 07:00: Tiger Tracking & Bird watching: A unique chance to see the rare Royal Bengal Tiger and the many species of birds found in Bardia. 13:00: Lunch. 14:30: Jeep Safari: Sit back and get your camera as you are taken through a myriad of flora and fauna. 20.00: Dinner.

Day 04: 06:00: Wake-up call. 06:30: Breakfast. 07:00: Visit Karnali River for Dolphin sightseeing – a true highlight of the trip.12:00: Lunch. 13:30: Departure for onward journey.

#### 4 Night / 5 Days Itinerary

Day 01: On your arrival at Nepalgunj Airport or Ambasa Stand, our friendly staff will be there to receive you. You will then be transferred to our lodge where you will be offered refreshments and given your programs for the day. 15:00: You will have a village tour of a nearby ethnic Tharu village where you will learn more about the life and lifestyle of the Tharu's.20:00: Dinner.

Day 02: 06:00: Wakeup call. 06:30: Breakfast. 07:30: A magical one-hour Elephant Ride. This is followed by a visit to the Visitor's Center, Crocodile Breeding Center, and Tharu Cultural Museum. 13:00: Lunch.15:00: Jungle Walk – accompanied by our experienced naturalist and wildlife tracker. This is an excellent opportunity to see the flora and fauna of the park up close. 20:00: Dinner.

Day 03: 06:00: Wakeup call. 06:30: Breakfast. 07:00: Tiger Tracking & Bird watching; A unique chance to see the rare Royal Bengal Tiger and the many species of birds found in Bardia. 13:00: Lunch. 14:30: Jeep Safari: Sit back and get your camera out as you are taken through a myriad of flora and fauna. 20.00: Dinner

Day 04: 05:30: Wake-up call. 06:00: Breakfast. 06:30: Drive to rafting point. 09:00: Rafting: Wild Sightseeing Rafting shows you wildlife from a whole new perspective. The raft will be stopped in 3+ places and will delve into the jungle to see the wildlife from the calm of the waters. A packed lunch will be provided. 20:00: Dinner.

Day 05: 06:00: Wake-up call. 06:30: Breakfast. 07:00: Visit Karnali River for Dolphin sightseeing – a real highlight of the trip..12:30: Lunch. 13:30: Departure for onward journey.

#### **What's included**

- Hotel accommodation at respective hotels on a BB basis
- All transfers using a private car.
- All sightseeing tours accompanied by the local guide. (please note this tour will be operated in the English language unless other language

specified – We have French, Italian, German, Spanish, Japanese, Russian, Chinese, speaking guides are available)

- Necessary entrance fees to Monuments.

### **What's not included**

- Airfare to/from Nepal.
- All airport taxes.
- Excess baggage charges.
- Nepal visa fee – available upon arrival at Kathmandu airport – USD 25.00 per person for multiple entries up to 15 days.
- Beverage and expenses of personal nature.
- Personal Insurance.
- Any Optional Sightseeing Tours and extension of tours, hotel accommodation, etc.
- Tips to guide, porters, drivers, etc

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