

## Phulchowki Bird Watching Tour

<b>Trip code</b>	0
<b>Package name</b>	Phulchowki Bird Watching Tour
<b>Duration</b>	1
<b>Max. elevation</b>	2695 m
<b>Level</b>	EASY
<b>Transportation</b>	Private tourist vehicle with AC for round trip
<b>Accommodation</b>	
<b>Starts at</b>	Kathmandu
<b>Ends at</b>	Kathmandu
<b>Trip route</b>	Kathmandu - Godawari - Phulchoki - Kathmandu.
<b>Cost</b>	USD 240 per person

## Highlights

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Marvel at the stunning vistas of the Kathmandu Valley and the surrounding hills as you explore.

Discover diverse environments, ranging from temperate to subtropical forests, which enhance your bird-watching experience.

Spot over 265 bird species, including rare and endemic varieties, across various habitats.

Enjoy the convenience of this easily accessible bird-watching destination, just a short distance from Kathmandu.

Benefit from the expertise of knowledgeable local guides who will assist you in spotting and identifying different species.

Take in spectacular views of several prominent mountains, including Mt. Everest, the Langtang Range, Ganesh Himal, and Manaslu.

## Overview

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**Embark on a captivating birdwatching adventure in the Kathmandu Valley, exploring the lush landscapes of Godawari and Phulchowki, two top birding destinations in Nepal.**

Starting in the tranquil village of Godawari, renowned for its verdant forests and diverse birdlife, you'll have the opportunity to spot a variety of species, from vibrant sunbirds to majestic eagles, as you navigate its winding trails.

The journey continues to Phulchowki, the highest peak in the Kathmandu Valley at 2,762 meters. As you hike through dense rhododendron forests, you'll hear the calls of various bird species, with expert guides enhancing your birdwatching experience. At the summit, you can spot a variety of birds, including laughing thrushes, yuhinas, and barbets, while enjoying stunning views of the snow-capped Himalayas.

As the day concludes, you'll depart Phulchowki with unforgettable memories of rare bird sightings and the tranquil beauty of Nepal's landscapes. The Godawari-Phulchowki Bird Watching Tour in the Kathmandu Valley offers an inspiring blend of adventure and discovery, promising an experience that will linger long after your return home.

## Trip Itinerary

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### Day 1 : Phulchowki Bird Watching Tour

After a hearty breakfast, our guide will pick you up for an exciting drive southeast from Kathmandu. You'll cross the Bagmati River bridge, which separates Kathmandu from Lalitpur district, and travel through the city, towns, and farm villages until you reach the cooler alpine area of Godavari, known for its famous botanical garden and herb plantations.

Approximately 40 minutes southwest of Kathmandu, we'll arrive in Godawari. After parking the vehicle, we'll enjoy a tea break before starting our hike. We'll then trek through a lush forest rich in rhododendrons, oak trees, and a variety of birds. From Godavari, the best way to observe birdlife is to embark on a hike with periodic stops to enjoy the views and search for birds. After a few hours of climbing in the refreshing mountain air, you'll reach the summit of Phulchowki.

Reaching the summit of Phulchowki involves a long hike, typically taking 4 to 5 hours of walking through nature. Once at the top, you'll be rewarded with breathtaking views stretching from Annapurna in the west to Mount Tseringma (Gauri Shanker) in the east. We'll pause here for a hearty packed lunch and take in the stunning scenery. A small army canteen is available where you can purchase tea, coffee, water, soups, and cookies.

Phulchowki's forested hills are rich with exotic flora and approximately 90 bird species, including the endemic Spring Babbler, Himalayan Cutia, Mountain Hawk Eagle, Rufous-bellied Pied Woodpecker, and Black-throated Parrotbill.

Following a rewarding day of birdwatching and enjoying the natural beauty of Phulchowki, we'll descend to the road-head and drive you back to your hotel, concluding a marvelous day of scenic exploration.

## Inclusions

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### What is included?

- Professional Birding Guide on trip.
- Private tourist vehicle with AC for round trip.
- All the entrance fees .
- Lunch and safe drinking water.

### What isn't included?

- Personal expenses during the tour.
- Tips for guide and driver

### Complimentary