

Langtang short bird watching tour - 6 days

Trip code	0
Package name	Langtang short bird watching tour - 6 days
Duration	6
Max. elevation	3870 m
Level	MODERATE
Transportation	All ground transportation per itinerary
Accommodation	3*** Hotel in Kathmandu and Lodge / Tea House twin sharing bed basis during the trek
Starts at	Kathmandu
Ends at	Kathmandu
Trip route	Kathmandu - Syabru Village - Rimche - Langtang Village - Kyanjin Gompa - Rimche - Dolen - Kathmandu
Cost	USD 840 per person

Highlights

- Witness majestic species like the Satyr Tragopan, Himalayan Monal, Kalij Pheasant, and Blood Pheasant in their natural habitat.
- Revel in awe-inspiring views of the central Himalayas, with towering summits reaching 7,245 meters.
- Discover the scenic Trisuli and Sun Koshi rivers, crucial migratory pathways for diverse bird species.
- Encounter elusive creatures like the Himalayan Black Bear, Red Panda, and Snow Leopard, creating a haven for nature enthusiasts.
- Journey through tea-house trails that support and uplift local communities.
- Explore a vibrant avian world, home to babblers, sunbirds, vultures, and colorful finches.

Overview

Whether you are a fervent bird watcher or a passionate photographer, the Langtang Birdwatching trip offers an incredible journey into a subtropical and alpine wonderland filled with diverse birdlife and wildlife. The experience leads to serene landscapes, including the crystal-clear Gosainkunda Lake that glistens in the sunlight, making it a perfect destination for nature enthusiasts.

Nestled in the central Himalayas, Langtang National Park lies just a 4-hour drive north of Kathmandu. Spanning 1,710 km² (660 sq mi) with elevations reaching up to 6,450 m (21,160 ft), the park showcases an extraordinary diversity of ecosystems ranging from tropical forests to alpine vegetation. Dominated by the southwest summer monsoon, Langtang is home to the pristine Langtang Khola, Bhote Koshi, and Trisuli rivers, alongside the tranquil Gosainkunda Lake at 4,380 m. The park's breathtaking landscapes and rich biodiversity make it a haven for birdwatchers, photographers, and wildlife lovers.

Langtang National Park is renowned for its lush forests, vibrant wildlife, and an impressive variety of bird species—around 373 in total. The Langtang bird-watching trek offers opportunities to observe iconic birds such as the Tibetan Snowcock, Snow Partridge, Satyr Tragopan, Blood Pheasant, and Himalayan Monal. Other notable species include the Lammergeier, Himalayan Vulture, Ibisbill, Wallcreeper, Wren Babblers, Tesias, Laughingthrushes, Redstarts, Gould's Shortwing, Fire-tailed Myzornis, Rose Finches, Accentors, and Parrotbills. Enthusiasts may also spot the Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler, Mrs. Gould's Sunbird, Red-headed Bullfinch, Brown Bullfinch, Black-throated Parrotbill, Kalij Pheasant, White-browed and Golden Bush Robins, White-winged Grosbeak, Bearded Vulture, Spot-winged Rose Finch, Beautiful Rose Finch, and Pink-browed Rose Finch.

In addition to its avian treasures, the park shelters a variety of mammals, including Common (Himalayan) Langurs, Assamese Macaques, Himalayan Thars, Ghorals, Muntjacs, and Himalayan Mouse Hares. Rare and elusive species such as the Himalayan Black Bear, Red Panda, and Snow Leopard also thrive here, enhancing its allure for wildlife enthusiasts.

The Langtang bird-watching trek begins with a 6 to 7-hour scenic drive from Kathmandu to Syabru Village (2,120 m). Upon arrival, enjoy an evening of birding to set the tone for the journey. On the second day, trek to Rimche (2,450 m), located near Lama Hotel and renowned as a birding hotspot. Spend the day exploring Rimche's rich avian diversity. The third day begins with morning birding in Rimche, followed by a 7 to 8-hour trek to Langtang (3,430 m). Day four focuses on birding in and around Langtang, including a trek to Kyanjing Gopa, where you'll stay overnight and continue exploring the region's unique birdlife. On the fifth day, trek back to Lama Hotel or Rimche, enjoying more birding opportunities along the 8-hour journey. The adventure concludes on the sixth day with an early morning trek to Domes, followed by a 3 to 4-hour drive back to Kathmandu, leaving participants with unforgettable memories of Langtang's natural beauty and wildlife.

Trip Itinerary

Day 1 : Drive Kathmandu to Syabru Village. (2120 m)- 6 to 7 hours

Embark on a captivating journey with a scenic drive from Kathmandu to Syabru Village, a picturesque settlement in the heart of the Langtang region. This 6 to 7-hour drive unveils

brehtaking vistas of verdant hills, terraced farmlands, and sparkling rivers. As you transition from the urban bustle of Kathmandu, the meandering roads lead you through idyllic countryside landscapes, traditional villages, and dense forests, offering a glimpse into Nepal's diverse natural beauty.

Upon reaching Syabru Village, you'll find yourself embraced by the tranquil charm of this hillside retreat. The village's prime location offers sweeping views of lush valleys and distant snow-capped peaks, making it an ideal base for birdwatchers and nature lovers seeking serenity and exploration.

Evening Birdwatching

As dusk falls, delve into the peaceful allure of the area with an evening birdwatching excursion. The forests and meadows surrounding Syabru Village come alive with avian activity, presenting opportunities to observe colorful species like babblers, sunbirds, and thrushes. For the keen-eyed, rarer species such as the Kalij Pheasant or the elusive Satyr Tragopan might make an appearance, especially during these magical twilight hours.

This tranquil evening perfectly sets the stage for the adventures ahead, harmoniously blending the region's rich biodiversity with its cultural and natural splendor.

Day 2 : Trek and birding to Rimche.(2450 m)

Begin your trek to Rimche, near the Lama Hotel in the Langtang region, through lush forests of oak, rhododendron, and bamboo. The trail offers serene landscapes with cascading streams, glimpses of snow-capped peaks, and excellent birdwatching opportunities. Keep your binoculars ready to spot colorful finches, woodpeckers, and elusive species like partridges and pheasants.

Upon arrival, explore Rimche's pristine wilderness, a birding hotspot where species such as the Satyr Tragopan, Himalayan Monal, and Kalij Pheasant can be found. The quiet environment also attracts wildlife like langurs and the rare Red Panda.

End the day immersed in Rimche's tranquility, reflecting on its natural beauty and biodiversity, and prepare for further adventures in the Langtang region.

Day 3 : Morning Birding in Rimche and trek to Langtang (3430m) - 7 to 8 hours.

Start your day early with a rewarding birdwatching session in Rimche, as the morning hours bring peak activity. Explore the nearby forests and meadows, listening to birdsong and spotting vibrant species in the trees and undergrowth.

Afterward, embark on a 7 to 8-hour trek to Langtang Village. The trail ascends through lush forests, open pastures, and rugged terrain, offering stunning views. Follow the Langtang Khola, passing yak pastures, small settlements, and tea houses, where you can rest and experience local culture. As you gain elevation, the ecosystem shifts to alpine terrain, with chances to spot

high-altitude birds like vultures and eagles. Upon reaching Langtang Village, enjoy its serene valley setting, traditional stone houses, and rich Tibetan Buddhist culture.

End your day with a warm meal at a local teahouse, surrounded by the breathtaking Langtang Himalayas, and prepare for the adventures ahead.

Day 4 : Birding around Langtang

Start your day with birdwatching in the Langtang region, renowned for its diverse birdlife and stunning scenery. Early mornings around Langtang Village reveal species like the Red-headed Bullfinch, Scarlet Finch, Green-tailed Sunbird, and Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher, along with majestic raptors like the Lammergeier and Himalayan Griffon.

Following this, trek to Kyanjin Gumpa, gradually ascending through alpine meadows and glacial streams, with views of snow-capped peaks. Spot high-altitude birds such as Grandalas and Snow Pigeons along the way.

Arriving at Kyanjin Gumpa, enjoy a breathtaking panorama of towering mountains, glaciers, and valleys. Explore the village's ancient monastery and its serene surroundings, rich in natural beauty and birdlife. Relax in cozy teahouses, savor warm meals, and take in views of Langtang Lirung (7,227 m). End the day in tranquil reflection, preparing for further adventures ahead.

Day 5 : Birding and trek back to Lama hotel or Rimche (8 hours)

After breakfast, begin your descent toward Lama Hotel or Rimche. The trail winds through alpine meadows, glacial streams, and lush forests, offering fresh views of the Langtang Valley.

As you descend, notice changes in the flora and fauna, with chances to spot birds like Yellow-billed Blue Magpies and White-capped Redstarts. Forested sections are especially vibrant with bird activity. Stop for lunch at a teahouse, enjoying local dishes amidst stunning scenery. The trek allows for breaks and photography, letting you savor the region's beauty at a relaxed pace.

Upon arrival at Lama Hotel or Rimche, settle into cozy accommodations, enjoy a warm meal, and unwind, ready for the next day's journey.

Day 6 : Early Morning Trek to Dolen and Drive Back to Kathmandu (3–4 Hours Walk, 7–8 Hours Drive)

Start your day with a peaceful trek from Lama Hotel or Rimche to Dolen, descending through serene forests and scenic trails. This 3–4 hour walk offers picturesque views of valleys, streams, and charming villages.

At Dolen, pause for a brief rest before embarking on a 7–8 hour drive back to Kathmandu. The journey transitions from Langtang's rugged mountain terrain to rolling hills and lively towns, leading you back to the bustling city.

Inclusions

What is included?

- Transportation from Kathmandu by Jeep, and return by Jeep (4WD- Toyota or similar vehicles)
- 6 Days Full board (Accommodation, Food (Breakfast , lunch and dinner)
- Langtang National Park fee//entrance fee
- Guide (Bird Specialist) and once assistant (Porter)
- Services charge and all taxes

What isn't included?

- Tip[s (if you feel to give, however it is expected)
- Any other personal expenses,
- Hotel in Kathmandu
- Any other services not mentioned

Complimentary