



## Around Nepal Bird Watching Tour

<b>Trip code</b>	0
<b>Package name</b>	Around Nepal Bird Watching Tour
<b>Duration</b>	14
<b>Max. elevation</b>	m
<b>Level</b>	EASY
<b>Transportation</b>	Domestic flight and grounded vahicals depending on group size.
<b>Accomodation</b>	3***hotel twin sharing bed basis during the Tour.
<b>Starts at</b>	Kathmandu
<b>Ends at</b>	Kathmandu
<b>Trip route</b>	Kathmandu - Nepalgunj -Bardiya -Chitwan - Pokhara - Lumbini - Godawari - Kathmandu.
<b>Cost</b>	USD 1,880 per person

### Highlights

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View numerous species of birds around Godawari Park nearby Kathmandu city.  
Enjoy birding at Shore of Rapti River in Chitwan National Park.  
Experience adventure jungle activities including Elephant ride, canoeing and jungle walk.  
Chitwan National Park is home of over 560 species of birds including Bengal Floricans, Hornbill, Babblers etc.  
Enjoy the breathtaking view of Phewa lake in Pokhara.  
Stunning mountain view of Annapurna himalayas from Pokhara.

### Overview

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**This is a complete tour package where bird enthusiasts can observe various species of bird all over Nepal.**

Nepal is famous in various aspects. Moreover, the country is renowned as one of the most beautiful country which is rich in natural resources, wild life, reptiles and bird species. In this tour, we have focused on perceiving several species of birds. Bird watching is all about observing the birds in their natural environment. Observing the birds is one of the most interesting activities in order to enjoy the beauty of nature. This itinerary has been designed especially for the Bird Lovers around the world.

Around Nepal bird watching tour begins with a scenic flight to Nepalgunj. The flight from Kathmandu to Nepalgunj will take around one hour. Upon arrival at Nepalgunj, one of the representatives of Nature Trail Travel & Tours will receive you at the airport and then escort you towards Bardia National park for the Birding tour. Bardia National park is located in far western development region in Nepal. If you are lucky, here you can spot the Tigers as well; this place is very famous for Tracking Royal Bengal Tigers as well. You will stay and enjoy the wild life activities and bird watching tour in Bardia for 4 days. Afterwards, you will be driven to Lumbini, birth place of Gautam Buddha. In Lumbini, one can observe diverse species of migratory birds in open area near the rivers and in residential area. Continuing our birding tour, from Lumbini you will be driven to Chitwan National Park, famous for wild life and bird watching tour. Entertaining yourself with jungle activities for two days, you will drive to Pokhara, city of lakes where you can observe different kinds of migratory and non-migratory birds. From Pokhara, we drive back to Kathmandu which will take around six hours. In Kathmandu, you will end your bird watching tour with a day visit to Shivapuri National park where you can allocate birds like: Himalayan Griffion, Black Vulture, beard Vulture, hen harrier, Sparrow hawk, common Buzzard, fly catcher, bush catch, babbler etc. This trip can be done throughout the year. However, August, September, October and November are the seasonal months where one can allocate non-migratory as well as migratory birds. Thus, we recommend you to travel during these period.

## **Trip Itinerary**

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**Day 1 : Arrival in Kathmandu. Upon arrival, pickup and transfer to your respective hotel.**

Upon arrival, you will be welcomed by one of the representative of Nature Trail Travel & Tours. He will then further escort you to your respective hotel for overnight stay.

**Day 2 : Fly Kathmandu to Nepalgunj (1hour flight) and drive to Bardia NP**

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the domestic airport for your flight to Nepalgunj. Upon arrival at Nepalgunj, you will be picked up by one of our representative and will be driven to the hotel inside Bardia National park. Enjoy the welcome drinks and check into the hotel. Rest and relax in the garden and around the resort. Afternoon enjoy the nature walk. At evening, have dinner and stay at the same hotel.

**Day 3 : Birding in Bardia National Park**

After breakfast, start your walking tour inside the national park. Pack lunch will be served in afternoon. After lunch, explore and enjoy the jungle walk till late afternoon and walk back to the hotel. Dinner and rest at evening.

#### **Day 4 : Jeep safari with picnic lunch, whole Day Bird Watching.**

After breakfast, jeep drives to explore the community forest. After lunch, walk around the harvested land area, river habitats, river banks and open water areas to see the wide variety of Birds.

#### **Day 5 : Boat ride on Karnali River and bird watching tour**

After Breakfast, start boat ride on Karnali River and explore the birds that come in the river shores to fulfill the thrust and gets chance to feed themselves with fishes. Followed by the Pack lunch, enjoy evening walk back to the resort experiencing the local life. You will also be benefited by the sights of the different species of birds.

#### **Day 6 : Drive from Bardia to Lumbini – approx. 7 hrs. drive**

After breakfast, our drive starts from Bardia to Lumbini. The drive will take around 7 hours to reach Lumbini from Bardia. Upon arrival, check-in to the hotel and rest overnight.

#### **Day 7 : Full day bird watching tour in Lumbini including Jagdishpur Tal**

Early Morning drive to Jagdishpur Tal, which is the best wetland sanctuary in Nepal. Actually, in the winter, many migratory waterbird species come here. After that, we explore the Lumbini Garden. Lumbini is very famous for the sarus, or crane. They are the tallest flying birds, which are also endangered species. They can be seen in Lumbini Garden, the birthplace of Buddha, in the harvested land, and also in open places. Before having lunch, complete sightseeing tour inside the garden to capture the variety of birds like parakeets, owls, sarus, etc. After lunch, proceed for a sightseeing tour of the harvested land and open area.

#### **Day 8 : Drive to Chitwan National Park and explore in the evening – approx. 5 hrs. drive**

After breakfast, drive from Lumbini to Chitwan which will take around 3/ 4 hours. Upon arrival, check-in to the hotel, enjoy the welcome drink and after refreshment have lunch. Afterwards explores the garden in the hotel and walk through the town. Sometimes beautiful colorful bird can surprise you with its mesmerizing sound and beauty.

#### **Day 9 : Full Day bird watching activities inside national park**

Enjoy a day Bird watching program in National Park with the bird specialist and get back to the hotel for the lunch. You can walk along the river banks in evening. Chitwan is home of the stork bird. They can be seen often while walking along the Rapti river banks. Sometimes, huge

numbers are seen in the same place while they are in search of their pray at the same time we can grab the view of sunset.

### **Day 10 : Drive Chitwan to Pokhara – approx. 5/6 hrs. drive**

After breakfast, drive to Pokhara and have lunch on the way. Arrive hotel and after refreshment, we can enjoy boating in the Fewa lake which can also give chances to see the lake birds, as well as the birds in the jungle of fewa lake.

### **Day 11 : Full Day birding tour in Pokhara**

Whole day walk the hiking trail up to the peace pagoda which is also very famous for bird watching. If we are lucky we can observe: Bessa, Laughing Thrush, vultures, bulbuls, fly catchers, woodpecker's etc.

### **Day 12 : Drive to Kathmandu, check-in to the hotel, refreshment and stay overnight – approx. 6 hrs. drive**

On the following day, you will be driven back to Kathmandu via Prithvi highway. The drive will take around six to seven hours depending upon traffic to reach Kathmandu from Pokhara. Upon you arrival at Kathmandu, you will be transferred to your respective hotel for overnight stay.

### **Day 13 : Bird watching in Godawari forest**

Kathmandu is home to a variety of birds like the Sparrow, Crow, Bulbul, Parrot, Pigeon, Koel, Owl, and Dove, which can be enjoyed mostly anytime, and on this day we are likely to wake up early in the morning. After breakfast, drive to the Godawari forest, Godawari, and Phulchoki, which are very famous for the wide variety of birds as well as wild life. Entertain yourself by observing several species of birds' throughout the day. After lunch, hike down and drive back to Kathmandu.

### **Day 14 : Departure to homeland**

Depending upon your flight schedule, transfer to airport for departure.

## **Inclusions**

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### **What is included?**

Airport pick up – drop by private tourist vehicle.

Domestic flight from Kathmandu to Nepalgunj.

Hotel accommodation in Kathmandu with bed & breakfast basis.

Hotel accommodation in Chitwan and Bardiya with breakfast, lunch & dinner basis.

Hotel accommodation in Pokhara and Lumbini with breakfast, lunch & dinner basis.

Professional birding guide for entire trip.

National park fee.

Farewell dinner in Nepali restaurant with cultural dance program in Kathmandu.

All necessary office service charge and government taxes.

All necessary pick up drop by private vehicle as per itinerary.

### **What isn't included?**

International airfare & necessary airport taxes.

Nepal entry visa fees at present USD 25 for 15 days, USD 40 for 30 days and USD 100 for three month.

Lunch & dinner in Kathmandu.

Temple & monasteries entry fees in Kathmandu.

All personal & bar expenses during the trip.

Tips for guide (tipping is expected).

Personal expenses (phone calls, laundry, bottle or boiled water etc) and any other expenses which are not mentioned above.

### **Complimentary**