

## NEPAL BIRD WATCHING TOUR



It is an ornithologist's dream: cascading clouds shadowing lofty peaks and distant valleys; lush forests and tranquil rice fields bursting with fragrances and some of the most magnificent birds this side of the Himalayas. Nepal is a land of extremes, and its wildlife is no exception. The combination of truly unparalleled landscapes and brilliant creatures makes it an irresistible destination for nature watchers, especially those who love to watch the feathered friends of the skies take flight.

### Kings of the Skies

Birds have long been revered in Nepali culture, and it is easy to see why – from majestic eagles to mysterious nightjars, the region is full of rare and wondrous species. Popular sites for spotting include **Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve**, **Chitwan National Park**, and the **Annapurna** region, perfect for catching glimpses of egrets, ibises, storks, herons, Indian peafowl, great barbet, and much more. Many of these areas are protected and offer sighting posts for watchers as well as sites ideal for camping or other accommodation. With hundreds and hundreds of bird species to discover throughout the seasons, Nepal provides an incredible escape for both amateur bird watchers as well as professional observers.

As well as excellent opportunities to spot birds, the Indian Rhino, langur, Sambar and Hog Deer are known to make an appearance. Whether in the great **Phulchowki Mountain** (Kathmandu Valley's most abundant locale for birds) or the sprawling wetlands, visitors can expect to see a variety of animals and grab some coveted snapshots. Watchers can either make the trek alone or with experienced tour guides, which not only provides additional safety into more challenging terrain, but a refreshing insight into the surrounding region and the societies with thrive within.

If you are drawn to atmosphere of beautiful temples, dramatic mountain ranges and lush valleys – and birds are your passion – then Nepal is a must-see. Journey to the Roof of the World and explore the same skies that these noble beasts of legend have reigned over for thousands of years, and discover just what makes Nepal one of the most unique and precious places on the planet.

Type: 

Trip Duration: 08 days

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Day 1: Arrive Kathmandu Airport (1350 meters), meeting and greetings by your guide and transfer to transfer hotel.

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Day 2: Full day birding tour around Phulchowki (2760 meters)

Drive to Phulchowki hill (18 k.m), south east of Kathmandu valley; just above Godawari village. The Phulchowki hill (2760 meters) is the highest hill that encircle the Kathmandu valley. The sub tropical forest in the Phulchowki is the nearest and reachest for bird watching tours from Kathmandu.

Days 03 & 04: Chitwan National Park

Drive to Chitwan National Park (165 k.m., 5 hours driving) on private vehicle

Established in 1973, Chitwan National Park is the first national park of Nepal that covers a pristine land of 932 sq. k.m and it is situated in the subtropical lowlands of southern central part of Nepal. The park also has been listed in World Heritage Site in 1984 by UNESCO.

Main attractions of Chitwan visit are bird watching, elephant riding, canoeing, jungle walk, Ox cart riding tour etc...

Days 05 & 06: Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve

From Chitwan drive to Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve in south - eastern lowland. The main attraction here are Arna (wild Buffalo, Blue Bull, Gangetic Dolphin and mammalian species like varieties of deer, cats, bats, boar etc..

More than 300 different kind of species of birds have been recorded in the Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve. They are mostly include birds of prey, waterfowls, waders, water birds and so on.

Day 07: Drive to Biratnagar Airport and fly to Kathmandu. Transfer to Biratnagar Airport and fly back to Kathmandu.

Day 8: Departure or trip extension....

## **COST DETAILS**

### **Cost Includes**

- Accommodation at 3\* level hotel in Kathmandu with breakfast
- Jungle lodge / accommodation in Chitwan and Koshi Tappu (Meals are included)
- Private vehicle and English speaking guide
- All applicable entry fees and taxes
- Flight from Biratnagar to Kathmandu
- All pick up and transfer
- One Farewell dinner in Kathmandu

### **Cost Excludes**

- Lunch and dinner in Kathmandu
- Personal expenses
- International flight
- Travel Insurance
- Tipping for guide and driver