

Himalaya
Indian
Sub-continent

chitwan safari



trip highlights

Drift quietly downriver in a traditional dug-out canoe, spotting crocodiles basking on the banks and an array of birdlife

Enjoy a jeep safari, on the lookout for rhino, deer and monkeys

Relax at your jungle lodge, a gentle contrast to your days in the mountains



Trip Duration	3 days	Trip Code: CHS
Grade	Discovery and Cruising	
Activities	Wildlife Safari	
Summary	3 day Wildlife Safari, 2 nights Adventure Lodge	

welcome to World Expeditions

For over 50 years, we've been creating high-quality, expedition-style adventures for active travellers with a curious spirit. From our very first trek in the mountains of Nepal to pioneering remote routes across all seven continents, our journeys are built for those who want to truly explore – not just visit.

At the heart of what we do is a simple philosophy: take the paths less travelled.

This means travelling with care, supporting local communities, minimising our impact, and unlocking experiences that most travellers will never have.

If you're ready to go further and dig deeper, we invite you to join us on the Chitwan Safari, a journey that captures the essence of a unique adventure.

why travel with World Expeditions?

When planning travel to a remote destination, many factors need to be considered. World Expeditions have been pioneering trips in Nepal since 1975. Our extra attention to detail and seamless operations on the ground ensure that you will have a memorable experience in the Himalaya. Our private vehicles are well maintained, air conditioned and comfortable. The experience and enthusiasm of our local guides ensures that we maintain the leading edge in adventure travel. Most importantly, our adventures have always sought to benefit the local peoples we interact with, safeguard the ecosystems we explore and contribute to the sustainability of travel in the regions we experience.



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trip dates

Departs daily from October to May

important notes

NB: - It is possible to commence this trip with a pick up in Pokhara at a small additional cost, ask us for details.

These short extensions usually operate for a minimum of 2 passengers travelling together, however most can be done if you are travelling alone (Solo Traveller Surcharge). If there are two or more people travelling together who cannot or prefer not to share rooms a single supplement cost will be added to your invoice.

the trip

A visit to Chitwan National Park reveals a completely different side of Nepal. Set on the terai at the edge of the Indian plains, Chitwan is a world of dense forests, wide river flats and tall grasslands that feel a world away from the mountains.

Over three days, you'll explore this jungle landscape on foot, by canoe and by jeep, with the chance to see wildlife such as one-horned rhinos, deer, monkeys, crocodiles and a variety of birdlife. With luck, you might even catch a glimpse of a sloth bear or Bengal tiger. Our jeep safaris take you deep inside the national park, while walks and quiet canoe trips offer a slower way to take it all in.

This short adventure is an ideal contrast to time spent trekking or exploring Nepal's bustling towns, giving you the chance to experience the rich diversity of the country in just a few days.

at a glance

DAY 1	KATHMANDU (1,400M / 4,593FT) TO CHITWAN (415M / 1,362FT) (5-6 HRS DRIVE)
DAY 2	CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK (415M / 1,362FT)
DAY 3	CHITWAN (415M / 1,362FT) TO KATHMANDU (1,400M / 4,593FT) (5-6 HRS DRIVE)

what's included

- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners
- Lodge accommodation at Chitwan on a twin share basis with private facilities
- Activities as per safari schedule with necessary equipment
- Transport to and from Kathmandu to Chitwan National Park
- Jeep safari and nature walk

Local cash payments are becoming increasingly popular with many operators in the adventure travel industry. The policy seems to benefit the tour operators, more than the local economies or travellers, as it avoids local taxes and transfers the cost and risk of cash handling to travellers. In accordance with our Responsible Travel practices we have chosen a policy not to ask for such payments.

what's not included

- Bottled water, aerated & alcoholic drinks
- Items of a personal nature including laundry, soft drinks, phone calls etc
- Tips and gratuities
- International airfares & departure taxes
- Visa Costs
- Travel Insurance

DAY 1 Kathmandu (1,400m / 4,593ft) to Chitwan (415m / 1,362ft) (5-6 hrs drive)

This morning you depart Kathmandu and drive to Chitwan. On arrival, you settle into your lodge before lunch. In the afternoon, you take part in an activity such as a guided walk or a visit to an observation tower. The day concludes at your lodge in Chitwan.

Accommodation: Sapana Lodge, Riverbank Lodge or similar
meals: L,D

DAY 2 Chitwan National Park (415m / 1,362ft)

Early this morning you head out to search for one-horned rhinoceros in Chitwan National Park. After returning for breakfast, you take a canoe ride along the river,

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fast facts

Countries Visited:

Nepal

Visas:

Yes*

Vaccinations:

Please consult a travel vaccination specialist for up to date information

Private Groups:

Private group options are available for this trip*

Singles:

A single supplement is not available for this trip.

Leader:

Local sightseeing guide in each city

Advice for people with limited mobility

This trip is not suitable for people with limited mobility.

*Ask our staff for more information.

with opportunities to observe birdlife and crocodiles. In the afternoon, you may join a guided wildlife walk through the park. The day concludes with a cultural performance by the Tharu community.

Accommodation: Sapana Lodge, Riverbank Lodge or similar

meals: B,L,D

DAY 3 Chitwan (415m / 1,362ft) to Kathmandu (1,400m / 4,593ft) (5-6 hrs drive)

This morning you complete your final activity in Chitwan before breakfast. You then transfer by road to Kathmandu, following the route through the foothills of the Himalaya. On arrival in Kathmandu, your trip concludes.

meals: B

This itinerary is subject to change with any change in Community regulations as well as Governmental changes and natural circumstances beyond our control.

important note

These trip notes represent the most current information for this itinerary, and may supersede any information on our website, including but not limited to the itinerary and price. The itinerary should be seen as a guide only. This itinerary may change at any time due to inclement weather, forces of nature and other circumstances beyond our control.

suggested extensions

- Everest Trek
- Annapurna Trek

country information

People from all walks of life are drawn to Nepal to experience the incredible Himalaya. Whether it is witnessing the windswept summits of the world's highest mountains, an early morning visit to a monastery high in the Himalaya, or sipping on a cup of warm Nepali tea with your trekking crew as you watch the sunrise over the mountains, we are sure you will find your adventure in Nepal with World Expeditions inspiring and rewarding. Far from the rush of the modern world, and in the delightful company of our trek crew, you will settle into a daily rhythm in the mountains that is immensely enjoyable. Our dedicated and experienced crew will take excellent care of you, helping you to relax, stay healthy and enjoy the beauty of Nepal. Their warmth and openness will give you an insight into their culture that will add a deeper dimension to your adventure. The camaraderie within your group that gradually develops on the trail, and the unexpected friendships you form with the locals you meet, will be highlights of travelling in this wonderful country.

Nepal's population of around 30 million people practice a blend of Hindu, Buddhist and traditional animist religion. While Nepal is a predominantly rural society, with 90% of the population living outside metropolitan areas, Kathmandu is rapidly urbanizing with a population of around 1 million. With over 100 different ethnic groups and languages, and an unparalleled concentration of World Heritage Sites in the Kathmandu Valley, Nepal offers a fascinating cultural tapestry like few places on earth.

climate

The weather between June and September is generally very hot and wet, with monsoonal rains occurring over this period. From September through May, conditions are much more comfortable, although evenings and mornings become quite cool between November and January. Rain is unlikely between November and March.

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dietary requirements

Provided we are advised in advance of your departure we are able to cater for vegetarian diets and can assist with medically recommended diets (allergies and intolerances). Please ensure you discuss your requirements with us well in advance (at least 1 month prior to your trip) to determine whether we can cater to such dietary requirements on your chosen adventure. Please note that options are likely to be limited in very remote locations or alternatives may be more expensive or unavailable. There may be times when those with special requirements may need to provide their own food. We are unable to guarantee a peanut-free or allergen-free trip, and therefore, we strongly encourage that travellers with life-threatening or severe allergies take all necessary medical precautions to prepare for the possibility of exposure. Passengers must travel with all necessary medications for food allergies and be capable of self-administering these medications.

what you carry

In your daypack you will need to carry a rainjacket, water bottle, camera gear, valuables and personal items such as sunscreen, lip-eze etc.

equipment required

Specialist gear required include walking boots and day pack (a comprehensive gear list is provided in the pre-departure information provided on booking).

protecting the environment

Elephant Welfare

For centuries throughout Asia the elephant has been revered, as well as utilised for the purpose of logging. However in the late 80s the use of elephants in the logging industry was banned because of over-logging, and so mahouts turned to the tourism industry for income. As a result elephant tourism experiences have popped up throughout Asia and it can be difficult for travellers to resist the temptation to ride these beautiful and incredibly intelligent creatures. In recent years there has been much research into the impact of tourism activities on elephants' well-being. From the brutal taming of baby elephants called 'the crush' to ongoing confinement and the mere fact that the elephants spine is not meant to carry heavy weights there are many instances where incorrect management results in a negative impact for the elephants. Because of this World Expeditions discourages travellers from riding on the back of elephants and we do not include elephant rides in our itineraries throughout our global program and across all World Expeditions brands.

During your time in Chitwan National Park you may see or hear of the Elephant Breeding Centre - you may pass it on the way to the jungle walk or on the way back from the canoeing trip. This establishment breeds elephants in captivity for a captive life. World Expeditions don't condone this practice; we believe the best way to experience elephants is in their natural wild habitat. We strongly encourage you to avoid visiting this establishment. If you care for the welfare of elephants you may find this establishment distressing.

vehicles & safety

During the course of your trip, we will use a variety of vehicles, all of which are fit for purpose and the conditions encountered. It should be noted that laws governing transportation safety may differ from those in your home country and whilst wherever possible, vehicles with seatbelts are provided, on occasion some vehicles may not have seat belts fitted.

visas

All nationalities require a visa for Nepal. For nationals of most countries, multiple entry Nepal tourist visas can be obtained on arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport (Kathmandu),

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however, to speed up arrival processes, it is easier to obtain your visa prior to departure. Queues are common during peak tourist arrival times, especially at the visa application counters and we strongly recommend you arrange your visa before you arrive. In order to skip the bulk of the queues, you are able, in most cases, to apply for your visa either via your nearest Nepalese embassy/diplomatic mission/consulate or by applying for an ETA – Electronic Travel Authorisation. Please note that THE VISA IS ONLY VALID FOR 6 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE, ie. you must enter and depart Nepal within six months of the date of issue of the visa.

The details for the various options available to you are outlined below:

Option 1: Via your nearest Nepalese diplomatic mission/consulate. The online form can be sourced at <https://nepaliport.immigration.gov.np/onlinevisa-mission/application> and there is a handy user manual which can be downloaded from the site to guide you through the process. The procedures differ depending on your location, for example for those from NSW, Australia, you may apply online, transfer funds and have the visa issued electronically via <https://consulatenepal.org/services/tourist-visa-to-nepal/>. Please contact your local mission/consulate for their requirements.

Option 2: Visa Application submitted Pre-arrival, with visa issued on arrival -

There is an official online application portal (<https://nepaliport.immigration.gov.np/>) that allows you to submit and print your application prior to arrival (note this can only be completed a maximum of 15 days prior). From this page, select the 'On arrival' Visa option and choose Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) as the entry point if you are flying into Kathmandu, this step changes the 'applied office' section which is vital. Note the payment portal on this option is often unavailable. Once you've applied, the form can be printed for use on arrival and payment made as outlined below.

Option 3: Visa Application submitted on arrival -

If you opt to obtain your visa on arrival and have not pre-filled the online form as noted above, join the queues to a row of computers on the right as you enter the terminal and fill out the online form. Unfortunately, at time of writing, there are no printers attached to the computers so make sure to take a screenshot of your final application, then join the queue at the left of the arrivals hall to pay for your visa (officials will need to sight the screenshot of your application). You will need to pay the application fee for which cash is recommended and will be issued with a receipt. The preferred payment is USD however AUD, CAD and GBP will also be accepted at the exchange rate of the day.

Visa costs are:

US\$30 – 15 days

US\$50 – 30 days

US\$125 – 90 days

Proceed to the immigration desk with your screenshot of the online application, receipt, two passport sized photographs if you are applying on arrival (note when using the pre-arrival service, e-versions are used however carrying a few passport photos is always advisable) and passport for processing and visa issuance.

Please bear in mind that visas may be required for countries you are visiting en route or transiting through on the way to your destination. It is important that you check the requirements of all countries you will visit. Visa costs and requirements do change regularly so we suggest you check with your travel agent or World Expeditions reservations consultant. It is your responsibility to obtain all necessary visas.

trip grading

LEVEL 1: Discovery and Cruising

These are our least demanding trips. These journeys of discovery involve little or no extended activity and are suitable for people with a basic level of fitness and good health. The itinerary may take place in remote areas (with basic facilities) and may involve long travel days on various types

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of transport. Sightseeing may be conducted on foot and all participants should be capable of carrying their own luggage from vehicle to hotel rooms.

* Suggested preparation: Once or twice a week, we recommend you walk on undulating terrain for an hour, for at least 2 -3 months prior to departure.

thoughtful travel

The environments we travel through are fragile. It is our responsibility as visitors to minimise the impact of our presence. World Expeditions were the proud recipients of the inaugural Australian National Travel Industry's Environmental Achievement award for our Responsible Travel Guidebook. This detailed guide to responsible and sustainable travel is provided to all World Expeditions clients before they travel. Please ask your consultant if you have not received your copy of our award winning book. Alternatively, you may like to download a copy from our website www.worldexpeditions.com

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adventure travel

By its very nature adventure travel involves an element of the unexpected. In remote and developing countries do not expect standards you are used to at home. Remote areas are sometimes unpredictable and itineraries may be altered. To get the most out of your adventure it is important that you are flexible, positive and eager to take on all the challenges that arise. If you are uncertain about your suitability for this trip we recommend that you speak with your consultant or travel agent.

webinars & events

Catch a Webinar – Live or On Demand - to learn more about a particular trip. Make sure the trip you choose is right for you. Watch them live, so you can ask our presenters a question, or catch the recording later at your leisure and watch it On Demand. Visit our website or keep an eye on our newsletter for upcoming presentations.

private groups

The adventures that you see on our website are just a starting point. We operate many of our trips, which means we can be flexible and create an itinerary to suit your interests and dates. Talk to our team, you'll be surprised how much more affordable it can be when you get a group of friends, colleagues, a club – you name it, to travel with you!

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trip availability

We operate small group adventures, which means availability is always worth checking early. Check trip availability online or call our team who might be able to dig a little deeper for you to find what you want, when you want.

Many adventures require services that, if not available at the time you book (like an internal flight or permit) could mean the trip is unavailable. So, book early to avoid missing out on your dream adventure.

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Check trip availability and book your tour online, or call or visit one of our offices. To book a trip, you will need to complete a Booking Form (online or request a PDF) and pay a non-refundable deposit. Please note that when booking our tours to not confirm any additional arrangements until all services related to your tour are confirmed by your dedicated Reservations Consultant.