



## Bardia Aventure Safari

The Far West of Nepal is one of the least explored regions of the Himalayas. Within this region is a seldom visited national Park which still offers challenging adventure. Established in the 70s, Royal Bardia National Park was upgraded to National Park status in 1988. However, it was not until 1994 that facilities existed for independent visitors. Therefore Royal Bardia National Park remains very much-untouched wilderness which appeals to the nature lover and naturalist.

### Tharu Style Resort

Known as 'Tharu', the indigenous people of lowland Nepal live in close harmony with nature. Depending on the forest for building materials and medicines,

and on the rivers for fish, these farmer/ fishermen still live as they have for generations.

In keeping with these rural surroundings, accommodation ranging from standard to deluxe, is built in traditional clay and timber style with grass roofs and Tharu decoration. With a restaurant offering set buffet and a la carte meals, Forest Hideaway provides the perfect relaxed setting from which to explore the pristine conservation area that is Royal Bardia National Park. Electricity has not yet reached Bardia - kerosene lamps are used for lighting and gas for cooking. Natural solar energy heats the water except in the cool months of January and February when we provide refuse generated hot water and bedtime hot water bottles to keep you snug!



## Safari Activities

Offering walking, jeep and elephant-back safaris as well as a range of cultural tours and activities, Forest Hideaway provides the visitor with access to a natural wonderland.

- Elephant-back safaris
- Walking safaris
- Educational walks for children
- Bird Watching
- Jeep safaris
- Culture tours
- Tharu dances
- Fishing

## Endangered Species

As well as dozens of more common animals and hundreds of birds, Royal Bardia National Park is home to 19 of the 39 species legally protected in Nepal. With 8 types of ecosystems, Bardia holds the key to the survival of many species. In fact, the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) has identified Bardia as playing a major role in the survival of the world tiger population.

- royal bengal tigers
- river dolphins
- rhinoceros
- pangolins
- great pied hornbills
- wild elephants
- black buck antelopes
- bengal floricans
- gharial crocodiles

## Conservation

Originally a hunting reserve, Bardia became a wildlife conservation area in 1976 and was upgraded to National Park status as recently as 1988. As well as

providing a home for a wide range of mammals, birds and reptiles, Royal Bardia National Park provides the ideal environment for the study of wildlife. The WWF and the King Mahendra Trust for Nature Conservation are both active in the Park monitoring wildlife movement and breeding habits as well as pursuing a policy of forestry care and educating local people on the meaning of, and need for, protected areas.

## Positive Tourism

As well as adhering to the rules of nature conservation, Forest Hideaway endeavours to pass on the positives of tourism to the local community. Over 70% of our staff come from the surrounding villages, a third of whom have received formal certified training since beginning employment. Local craftsmen and builders are employed on an adhoc basis and as many local products as possible are used in both the kitchen and in the decoration of the resort.

## Essential Facts

**When to come** - the best time to visit Forest Hideaway is from October to end June.

**Transport** - Bardia is 585 km south-west of Kathmandu - 12 hours by road or 1 hour flying time.

**Day 01:** Arrive by bus and jeep at hotel at approx. 7 AM Tharu village/culture tour.

**Day 02:** Whole day walking Safari to view and swim with Gangetic dolphins.

**Day 03:** Exploration of tiger territory. Elephant back safari. Tharu Cultural program (evening)

**Day 04:** Bird watching Depart.

**Optional day:** Arrive Nepalgunj by flight. Arrival and dinner at hotel at approx. 7.00 PM.

**Important:** Before you travel please check your **Tour Voucher** and **Arrival Information** for the latest joining instructions. This will be sent to you upon receipt of final payment.

**All itineraries are subject to change without prior notice.**