

# Footprint

## Adventures

the way to go.....



## Travel Itinerary



### Royal Safari Chitwan National Park

Available year-round 3 days 2 nights Royal Chitwan National Park including transport. After the rich cultural experience of Kathmandu valley, this package offers you two unforgettable nights at one of the resorts of the Royal Chitwan National Park accompanied by wildlife safari on elephants, canoe ride and nature walks to view the myriad flora and fauna.

Of all the world's remaining jungles, one of the most enchanting is Royal Chitwan National Park in the Himalayan Kingdom of Nepal. Here, at Chitwan Jungle Lodge, you will discover a lost world of towering trees and twisting vines; of pre-historic rhino and lumbering elephant; of crocodile, python and deer; of brilliantly colored birds and if you are fortunate -the superb Royal Bengal Tiger.

To fully experience the jungle you must live within it - nothing less will do. Chitwan Jungle lodge lies in the park, on the banks of the river Rapti. Only the sounds of the nature disturb the peace of the forest-birdsong, the rustle of deer in the bushes or the tempting call of elephants. From the moment you wake at dawn to roam through the jungle on elephant back, to the quiet talk around the camp fire at day's end, Chitwan Jungle Lodge offers an unforgettable experience.

Walk deep into the jungle, led by one of the lodge's experienced naturalists; or journey by Land Rover to distant hills, far from the world of man. Drift down river in a dug-out canoe, past a pageant of bird life; or watch, by flickering firelight, the dances of the Tharu people. Our naturalists are here to share their knowledge of the jungle with you, and our new visitors' center and slide show are packed with information to enrich your stay.

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Nothing can equal the excitement of seeing the magnificent Royal Bengal Tiger. Of course, no-one can guarantee a tiger sighting, but the search itself is enthralling, taking you far into the jungle. Beneath the forest canopy grows a riot of plant life - flame of the forest, wild fig trees, exotic orchids a veritable feast of nature.

Seated high on the back of a trained elephant, exploring the grasslands and forest, you become a part of the life of the jungle. It is the experience of a lifetime. On our elephant safaris you will approach closely but safely to some of the world's rarest animals, including sloth bears, bison and the awesome one Horned Rhino, including a large variety of colorful birds.

The River Rapti glides past the jungle, snaking its sinuous way through wide grasslands, rushing over shallow rapids and meandering between sandy banks. A journey down river by traditional dug-out canoe offers you the chance to quietly observe the exotic species of birds and animals that drink at the water's edge.

Only 4 ½ hours scenic drive from Kathmandu (or an exciting white water raft trip down the Trisuli River), Chitwan Jungle Lodge lies deep within the jungle. Built from Natural materials it blends perfectly with its jungle surroundings, and offers luxurious facilities.

All the individual bungalows at Chitwan Jungle Lodge are perfectly blended with natural surroundings. The rooms are tastefully decorated with private solar powered hot and cold running showers.

In our dining hall Continental, Chinese, Nepalese buffet dinner, lunch and breakfast are served. Our open bar is located in between the conical shaped kitchen and dining hall with thatched roofs. It has

a well-stocked bar. Adjoining to it you can also buy some souvenirs.

## Tentative Programme

### 1st Day

8:00 Depart Kathmandu or Pokhara.

On arrival at Chitwan welcome briefing by the lodge manager.

1:00 P.M. Lunch

3:30 Elephant ride/nature walk/visit to observation tower.

6:30 Slide show/Tharu stick dance.

7:00 Dinner

### 2nd Day

5:30 A.M. Wake up call

5:45 Tea/Coffee.

6:00 Elephant ride/bird watching.

8:00 Breakfast.

9:00 Canoe ride/elephant briefing/swimming and bath.

1:00 P.M. Lunch.

3:00 Nature walk/elephant ride/Canoe ride.

6:30 Tharu Stick Dance/slide show.

7:00 Dinner.

### 3rd Day

5:30 A.M. Wake up call

5:45 Tea/Coffee

6:00 Bird watching/Elephant ride

8:00 Breakfast

9:00 Departure for Kathmandu or Pokhara.

### Note:

**All timings are subject to change according to the season. Canoeing will be offered from October until mid-March only.**





## ROYAL CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

Please inform the Lodge Manager if you wish to do any different or independent activities. Also, if you want to walk out of the lodge and down to the swimming hole, ensure that a guide accompanies you. Never wander about the jungle yourself.

Chitwan Jungle Lodge is very comfortable and in a great location within the park. Facilities are not luxurious - there is no electricity in the Park, so all lighting is by hurricane lantern and candle. Hot water for showers comes from solar heating. However, after trekking, it will seem luxurious, and we are sure you will appreciate the rustic style. The food is excellent - a combination of western and traditional Nepali. The friendliness and knowledge of the staff will be a highlight of your stay here.

Situated in the Rapti Valley, Chitwan National Park is approximately 80 miles southwest of Kathmandu by road. The region in which the park is situated is known as the Terai, a flat and highly cultivated plain which constitutes the entire southern quarter of the country. Extremely hot in the summer while mild and cool in winter, this region produces most of the country's food. Early this century, the Terai was a rarely visited jungle expanse with very few inhabitants, the only visitors being members of the Nepalese upper class on hunting trips.

During the 1950's malaria was eradicated and the population began to expand rapidly. The jungle was slowly cleared by loggers and farmers in search of new fields. Conservationists soon realized that if action was not taken it wouldn't be long before all the animals of the Terai would be extinct. Thus, in 1962 King Mahendra designated Chitwan as a rhinoceros

preserve. In 1973 it was finally gazetted in parliament as the first national park in Nepal.

Today there are only about a thousand one horned rhinos left in the world, and over 300 of these are in the Chitwan National Park. Fewer than 2000 tigers remain in the sub continent, more than 40 live in Chitwan. There are many other animals as well: the fish eating gharial crocodiles, buffaloes, sloth bear, hog deer and wild peacocks.

Remember, that although there are many animals to be seen in Chitwan, it is not a zoo. Nor is it like the vast open plains of southern Africa. It is a small compact jungle park where you must go out and find the animals. Bear in mind that it is even possible that you may not see anything at all. Yet if you rise early in the morning and go on a jungle walk or elephant ride with the park guides, you are very likely to spot some wildlife. It should also be noted that there are over 400 species of birds living in the park, and if you are interested in bird watching there will be plenty of opportunities.

## Recommended Clothing

A jacket or sweater from November through February. Lightest clothing with sunglasses and hats from April onwards. Pants should be worn during elephant rides. No wallets etc. in the back pockets as they may fall out. Bright colors such as red and white should be avoided since these colors have been known to upset the rhinos. Comfortable walking shoes are essential. Please carry only the bare necessities but not jewelry and valuable things. During the warmer months swimming suits are recommended. We wish you a happy stay.

**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.**