

CHITWAN JUNGLE SAFARI TOUR



Chitwan National Park, located in the lush lowlands of south-central Nepal, stands as one of Asia’s premier wildlife reserves. Spanning over 930 square kilometers, this protected area has been recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1984, celebrated for its rich biodiversity and unique ecosystems. The park’s dense forests, grasslands, and riverine areas provide a sanctuary for a variety of rare and endangered animals.

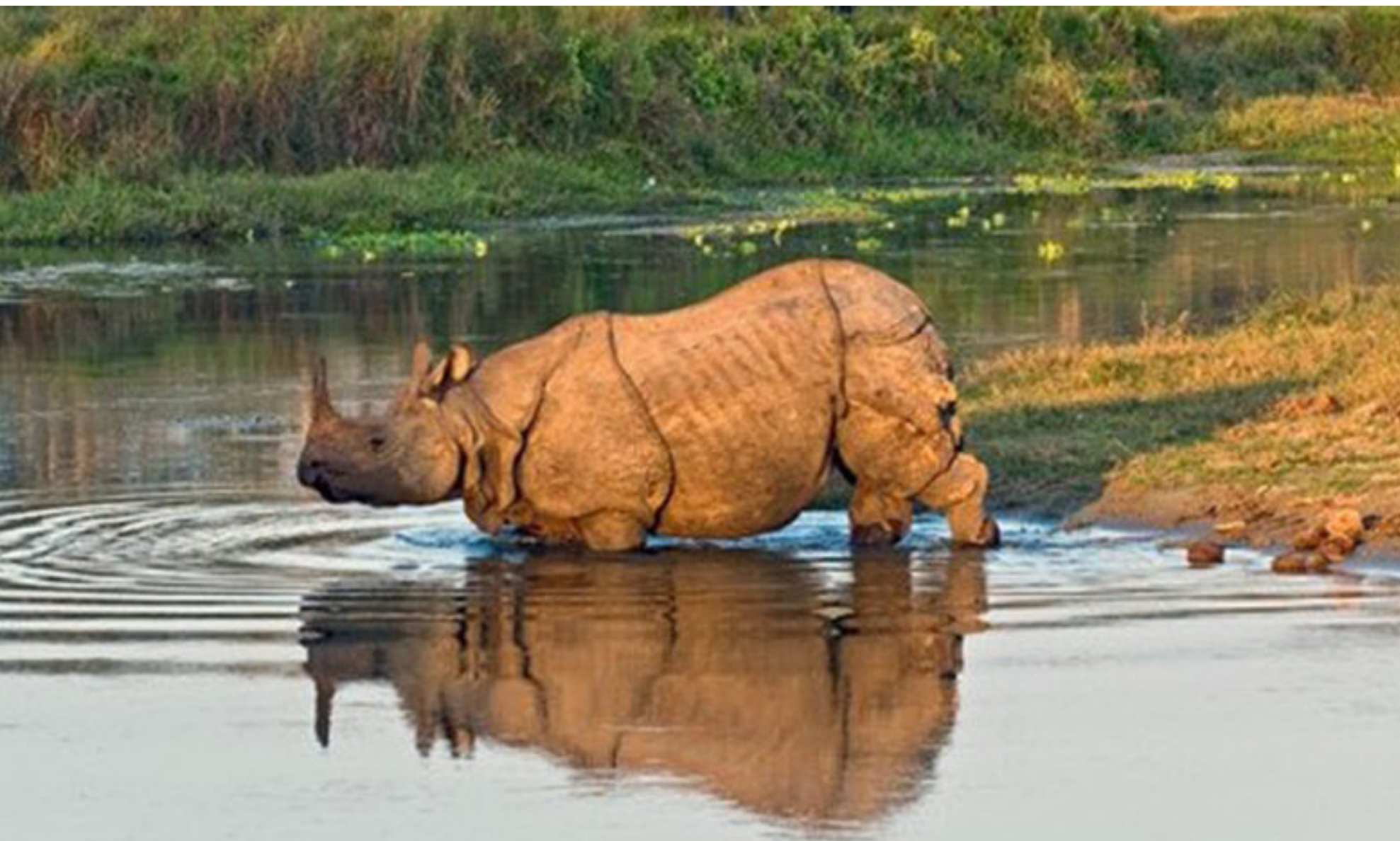
Visitors to Chitwan have the incredible chance to explore this vibrant natural environment through exciting jungle safaris. Whether on the back of an elephant, in a jeep, or on foot, the park offers many ways to witness its abundant wildlife up close. Among the most remarkable species are the elusive Bengal tiger, the iconic one-horned rhinoceros, leopards, and the gharial crocodile, along with a dazzling array of birdlife that attracts birdwatchers from around the world.

Trek Highlights:

- Wildlife Spotting — See rare and endangered animals like the Bengal tiger, one-horned rhinoceros, leopards, and sloth bears in their natural habitat.
- Jeep Safari — Explore deeper into the park with a thrilling jeep ride along rugged trails and riverbanks.
- Bird Watching — Spot over 500 species of birds, including the colorful kingfisher, hornbill, and migratory waterfowl.
- Canoe Ride on the Rapti River — Experience a peaceful boat trip to observe aquatic wildlife and crocodiles along the river.
- Tharu Cultural Experience — Visit Tharu villages to learn about the indigenous people’s traditions, dance, and lifestyle.
- Nature Walks — Take guided jungle walks with expert naturalists to discover plants, insects, and smaller wildlife.

Where is Chitwan Jungle Safari Tour?

Chitwan Jungle Safari is located in Chitwan National Park, which lies in the lowlands of south-central Nepal. The park stretches across the subtropical Terai region, mainly in the Chitwan District, and covers an area of about 932 square kilometers. The closest major town is Sauraha, which serves as the main gateway for visitors to the park. Sauraha is approximately 150 kilometers southwest of Kathmandu, Nepal’s capital, and is accessible by road (around 5-6 hours by bus or car) or by a short domestic flight to Bharatpur Airport, which is about 25 kilometers from the park.



Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Drive from Kathmandu to Chitwan

Travel from Kathmandu to Chitwan by tourist bus, private vehicle, or short domestic flight to Bharatpur. On arrival, transfer to Sauraha and check into your lodge or resort. In the afternoon, explore the charming Tharu village or stroll along the Rapti River. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Tharu cultural dance performance and taste local cuisine.

Day 2: Full day Jungle Safari Adventure

Begin your day with an early morning elephant-back or jeep safari inside Chitwan National Park, spotting wildlife such as rhinos, deer, monkeys, and, if lucky, the elusive Bengal tiger. After breakfast, take a guided nature walk to learn about the park’s flora and fauna. In the afternoon, enjoy a canoe ride along the Rapti River to see crocodiles, aquatic birds and beautiful river scenery. End your day with another opportunity to soak in the sunset over the jungle.

Day 3: Morning safari and return to kathmandu

Start with a final morning safari or a visit to the Elephant Breeding Center to learn about conservation efforts. After breakfast, prepare for your journey back to Kathmandu by road or a short flight from Bharatpur. Arrive in Kathmandu in the afternoon or evening, concluding your memorable jungle safari experience.

Best time for the Chitwan Jungle Safari Tour

The best time to enjoy a Chitwan Jungle Safari is during the autumn (October to early December) and spring (February to April) seasons. During these months, the weather is dry, skies are clear, and temperatures are pleasant, making wildlife spotting much easier. The grasslands are shorter after the monsoon, improving visibility for viewing animals like rhinos, deer, and even the elusive Bengal tiger.

Winter (late December to January) is also a good time to visit, though mornings can be cool and misty, creating a serene jungle atmosphere. By midday, the temperatures warm up, and you can still enjoy safaris comfortably. Monsoon season (June to September) is generally not ideal due to heavy rainfall, flooded rivers, and leech-prone trails, but the park becomes lush and vibrant, and birdwatching opportunities are excellent for spotting migratory species.



Inclusions:

- Accommodation in comfortable lodges or resorts near Chitwan National Park (twin-sharing basis)
- All meals during the stay in Chitwan (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- Transportation from Kathmandu to Chitwan and back by tourist bus, private vehicle, or domestic flight (as per booking)
- Welcome drink on arrival at the lodge/resort
- Guided jungle safari activities including jeep safari or elephant-back safari, canoe ride, and nature walk
- Experienced English-speaking naturalist/guide for all park activities
- Tharu cultural program with traditional dance and music performance
- Chitwan National Park entry permits and conservation fees
- All applicable government taxes and service charges

Exclusions:

- Domestic flight fare (if not included in the chosen package)
- Travel insurance, including emergency evacuation coverage
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone calls, beverages, and snacks outside of included meals
- Alcoholic drinks and bottled water
- Tips and gratuities for guides, drivers, and lodge staff
- Optional activities not mentioned in the itinerary
- Additional night stays in Kathmandu or Chitwan beyond the scheduled itinerary
- Any expenses caused by unforeseen circumstances such as natural disasters, flight delays, or political disturbances



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