Bardiya National Park Jungle Safari

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Specifically, the **Bardiya Jungle Safari** tour is designed for travelers seeking an authentic wildlife and cultural experience in Nepal. Spanning 968 square kilometers in Nepal's far-western region, Bardiya National Park represents the largest uninhabited wilderness in the Terai. Because this region remains less touristy and congested, it therefore offers exceptional opportunities to observe nature and wildlife undisturbed. The park's unique protected ecosystem harbors over 250 species of birds, the legendary Royal Bengal tiger, Asia's one-horned rhinoceros, and various fascinating, endangered reptiles. Additionally, further wildlife thriving in the park includes wild elephants, blackbucks, gharials, and swamp deer. You can even spot the rare Gangetic Dolphin cruising the waters of the Karnali River. Ultimately, this conservation area tour immerses you in a pristine natural environment paired with rich cultural elements, leaving you with unforgettable memories of Nepal. For official travel guidelines and destination insights, you can also explore the Nepal Tourism Board.

Your adventure begins the very moment you arrive. Visitors enjoy immersive jungle safaris, bird watching, cultural events, and other thrilling activities within Bardiya's lush, natural forest. Meanwhile, for those looking for extra excitement, optional activities include tent camping and river rafting along the Karnali and Bheri rivers. You can also explore our other incredible wilderness packages, such as the Chitwan National Park Jungle Safari, to compare wildlife experiences across the country.

The Local Tharu Culture

The indigenous Tharu people of the Western Terai are renowned for their vibrant culture, art, and mastery of living in harmony with nature. In the evening, guests experience traditional Tharu cultural dance performances. Utilizing local natural resources, local builders consequently

construct traditional Tharu dwellings using twigs and brush heavily plastered with river mud and clay. Thus, you can step off the beaten path to explore this untouched wilderness and experience diverse Terai traditions firsthand.

Highlights of Bardiya Jungle Safari Tour

- Wildlife exploration thrives effortlessly in a less congested, pristine region.
- Moreover, over 95% of visitors successfully observe the Royal Bengal tiger and other iconic wildlife.
- Thrilling river rafting opportunities likewise await on the Bheri and Karnali rivers.
- Comfortable lodging sits directly within the park boundaries.
- Travelers consistently enjoy breathtaking sunrise and sunset views from the banks of the Karnali River.
- Finally, immersive experiences highlight authentic Tharu culture and typical Terai living in Nepal.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Which region houses Bardiya National Park?

Bardiya sits primarily in the Midwestern region of Nepal. It borders the Kailali District (Sudurpashchim Province) to the west, the Surkhet District (Karnali Province) to the south, and the Banke District to the east. Altogether, the total protected area spans 2,025 square kilometers. If you want to check your travel routes across other destinations like Kathmandu and Pokhara Tours, our team is always ready to assist.

How do travelers reach Bardiya National Park?

Travelers typically take a 50-minute domestic flight from Kathmandu or Pokhara to Nepalgunj, with daily departures available. From Nepalgunj, our team consequently provides a convenient 2-hour jeep transfer directly to the park. Local buses also run to Ambassa or Thakurdwara, although they unfortunately operate on limited schedules.

Which rivers traverse Bardiya National Park?

The Babai River flows directly through the center of the park, whereas the Karnali River simultaneously forms its stunning western boundary.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Bardiya & Cultural Village Tour

Welcome to Nepal! Upon your arrival at the airport in Nepalgunj, a friendly representative from our company will warmly greet you in the arrivals area. We will then escort you to a comfortable private tourist vehicle and drive you smoothly to your designated jungle lodge in Bardiya. After checking in and enjoying a relaxing lunch, you will take a guided walking tour of a local Tharu village to learn about their traditions and lifestyle. Unwind by watching a breathtaking sunset over the riverbank before returning to the lodge for a delicious dinner and a comfortable overnight stay.

Location: Nepalgunj Airport to Bardiya

Drive Hours: Approximately 2 hours

Accommodation: Comfortable Jungle Lodge in Bardiya

Meal Plan: Lunch and Dinner (Breakfast varies by arrival time)

Tour Hours: Approximately 2 to 3 hours (Village tour and sunset view)

Day 2: Full-Day Jeep Safari & Wildlife Exploration

- Get up and enjoy a hearty breakfast at the hotel before setting out on an exciting Jeep Safari deep inside Bardiya National Park. This is an exceptional opportunity to view rare crocodile species, several bird species, the Gharial, the Tiger, the jungle elephant, and many other wild animals in their natural habitat. Pause for a peaceful lunch in the wilderness, and following lunch, you will visit the Tharu Museum and the Crocodile Breeding Center. Return to the hotel in the evening to relax and enjoy a wonderful dinner and comfortable overnight stay.
    - Location: Bardiya National Park
    - Drive Hours: Local park transfers (approx. 30 minutes to 1 hour depending on

trail entry points)

- Accommodation: Comfortable Jungle Lodge in Bardiya
- Meal Plan: Full Board (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner)
- Tour Hours: Approximately 6 to 7 hours (Full-day safari, museum, and breeding center visits)

Day 3: Guided Jungle Walk & Tiger Region Safari

- Awake and have a delicious breakfast at the lodge. Next, embark on an immersive half-day trek through the pristine jungle accompanied by an expert naturalist guide, allowing you to experience nature up close and track wildlife movements on foot. After returning to the lodge for lunch, head out for an afternoon elephant safari and deep exploration into the designated tiger zones to catch a glimpse of the majestic wildlife. Conclude your adventurous day with a relaxing dinner and overnight stay at your accommodation.
    - Location: Bardiya National Park Jungle & Tiger Zones
    - Drive Hours: Local park and trail transfers (approx. 30 minutes to 1 hour)
    - Accommodation: Comfortable Jungle Lodge in Bardiya
    - Meal Plan: Full Board (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner)
    - Tour Hours: Approximately 5 to 6 hours (Half-day jungle walk and afternoon elephant safari)

Day 4: Bird Watching, Elephant Breeding Center & Final Departure

- Wake up and have a final, relaxing breakfast at the lodge. Spend a peaceful morning touring the historic Elephant Breeding Center to see baby elephants and enjoying dedicated bird watching in the surrounding area. After enjoying lunch at the lodge, our team will assist with your check-out formalities and seamless departure toward your onward destination, such as Kathmandu, Pokhara, Sunauli, or Birgunj, wishing you a safe and pleasant journey!
    - Location: Bardiya to Onward Destination (Kathmandu, Pokhara, Sunauli, or Birgunj)
    - Drive Hours: Varies by onward destination / Approx. 2 hours to Nepalgunj Airport for domestic flights
    - Accommodation: Not applicable (Departure day)
    - Meal Plan: Breakfast and Lunch
    - Tour Hours: Morning activities (approx. 3 to 4 hours before departure)

Inclusions

- **Arrival and Departure arrangements:** Seamless airport pick-up and drop-off transfers to and from Nepalgunj.
- **Accommodation:** Comfortable stay in a jungle lodge or resort.
- **Meal Plan:** Three delicious meals daily (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner) along with complimentary hot beverages (tea and coffee).
- **Activities & Permits:** All scheduled jungle safari activities, guided nature walks, cultural village tours, and official national park entrance fees.
- **Expert Guidance:** Professional English-speaking, government-licensed nature guides and wildlife trackers throughout your excursions.

Exclusions

- Personal costs, tipping.
- Bar tabs.
- The price of travelling to Bardiya (There are several ways).
- Additional Bardiya activities include fishing, rafting, cannon riding, and Jeep safaris.