

Bardia National Park Extension



COUNTRIES VISITED: NEPAL

TRIP TYPE:

TRIP GRADE:

TRIP STYLE:

TRIP LEADER:

GROUP SIZE: 1 - 10 people

NEXT DEPARTURE: 20 Apr 2021

Bardia is rich flora and fauna including Bengal tiger, single-horned Asiatic rhinoceros, wild elephants, leopards, deer and wild boar. There are fewer tiger in Bardia compared to Chitwan however you have a higher chance of seeing one.

If you are looking for a complete change from the mountains why not consider the option of travelling to the west of Nepal for a visit to the jungle in Bardia National Park? To get to Bardia National Park you will fly for an hour and half to Nepalganj airport and then drive for two hours to reach your lodge.

Bardia National Park was first set up as Royal Karnali Reserve in 1976 and then upgraded to National Park status in 1988. Bardia is the largest National Park in the Terai with a size of 968 km² and when including neighbouring Banke National Park (established in 2010) together they form Tiger Conservation Unit (TCU) Bardia-Banke covering a total area of 1,518 km² (in comparison the size of Chitwan National Park is 932 km²).

Once you get to Bardia your lodge's resident naturalist will meet to discuss your plans and what activities you would like to do throughout your stay. As part of your package the following activities are normally included: jungle drive in a jeep, bird watching, nature walk, canoeing, ox cart ride, village tours and bathing with an elephant. In the evenings most lodges will organise a cultural show with traditional local Tharu dances or a slide show about Bardia National Park.

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DAY 1: FLY TO NEPALGANJ, TRANSFER TO YOUR LODGE IN BARDIA NATIONAL PARK

Activities in Bardia National Park

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Lodge in Bardia

We arrange your transfer to domestic terminal at Kathmandu airport for the flight to Nepalganj. On your arrival you will be met by a representative from the lodge for the drive to Bardia.

Activities at lodge in Bardia National Park:

Upon arrival at your lodge in Bardia you will be served a welcome drink and after a short briefing on the program and about their facilities you will be taken to your room. The final program for your stay will be given to you on arrival however we have written the proposed program below. Please note the activities will be adjusted according to the lodge, length of your stay, the season and present weather conditions. The following is an outline program for the rest of the day:

3:30pm Jeep Safari: a driver along with a naturalist guide will take you into Bardia National Park. Crossing the savannahs and entering into the dense jungle you will get the chances to spot various birds and animals in their natural habitat.

6:30pm Slide Presentation: one of the resort's jungle experts will introduce background data and history of the Bardia National Park as well as some other topics relating to wildlife

7:30pm Dinner in the central dining hall.

DAY 2: ACTIVITIES IN BARDIA NATIONAL PARK

Activities in Bardia National Park

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Lodge in Bardia

The following is the program for the day:

5:30am Wake-up call: followed by tea or coffee.

6:00am Canoeing: A traditional dug-out canoe takes you on a silent trip down the river to view aquatic birds and the animals on the river banks.

8:30am Breakfast.

10:00am Elephant stable visit and bathing: Learn more about these fascinating animals during a visit to the elephant stables. Bathing with the elephants in the river will follow although not in winter months.

1.00pm Lunch.

3:00pm Safari walk through Sal forest, open grassland and riverine jungle. The naturalist guides will identify the species of birds, plants and other wildlife that you may see along the way.

6:30pm Tharu Stick Dance: Farmers of the nearby villages will show their traditional skills and dances.

7:30pm Dinner in the central dining hall.

DAY 3: ACTIVITIES IN BARDIA NATIONAL PARK

Activities in Bardia National Park

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Lodge in Bardia

The following is the program for the day:

5:30am Wake-up call: followed by tea or coffee.

6:30am Bird watching: time spent with naturalist guide watching and identifying birds.

8:30am Breakfast.

9:00am Tharu Village Visit: we proceed for a short walk to visit the native Tharu Village. The naturalist guide will brief you about the social and cultural aspect of the villagers and their lifestyle.

1.00pm Lunch.

3:00pm Jeep Safari: a driver along with a naturalist guide will take you for a second jeep safari into Bardia National Park.

7:30pm Dinner in the central dining hall.

DAY 4: FLY BACK TO KATHMANDU

Activities in Bardia National Park

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Lodge in Bardia

After morning jungle activities, you will be driven to Nepalganj for your flight back to Kathmandu. You will be met on arrival to Kathmandu and transferred to your hotel. Please note your Kathmandu hotel is not included in the cost of this extension, if you require an additional night's hotel accommodation in Kathmandu we can arrange this for you.

DATES & PRICES

ACCOMMODATION

FOREST HIDEAWAY IN BARDIA



Forest Hideaway is a long established lodge in Bardia and is known for its friendly, helpful and knowledgeable staff and guides.

The accommodation is in Tharu style cottages constructed from reed and bamboo and covered with a layer of mud and topped with traditional thatched roof. Inside the decoration is simple and functional and all beds are supplied with mosquito nets.

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