

## Kaligandaki Valley Birding Trekking

<b>Trip code</b>	0
<b>Package name</b>	Kaligandaki Valley Birding Trekking
<b>Duration</b>	21
<b>Max. elevation</b>	m
<b>Level</b>	EASY
<b>Transportation</b>	All round ground vehicals
<b>Accomodation</b>	3***hotel + Lodge twin sharing bed basis during the tour.
<b>Starts at</b>	Kathmandu
<b>Ends at</b>	Kathmandu
<b>Trip route</b>	kathmandu - Pokhara - Ghandruk - Tadapani - Ghorepani - Sikha - Tatopani - Marfaa - Jomsom - Muktinath - Jomsom - Pokhara - Chitwan - kasi Tappu - kathmandu.
<b>Cost</b>	USD 2,250 per person

## Highlights

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## Overview

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### Kaligandaki Valley Birding Trekking;

A 21-day birding trekking adventure in the Kaligandaki Valley of Nepal offers an opportunity to explore the diverse avian species while trekking through stunning landscapes. The Kaligandaki Valley is known for its rich biodiversity, including a variety of bird species.

### Bird watching Tour in Annapurna Region;

Annapurna Bird Tour provides a golden opportunity to explore the cross-section from Subtropical forest to the Alpine pastures. The Annapurna bird watching trail follows the lush green Modi River valley. The sunrise and sunset over Annapurna Himalayan Range is just a spectacular view from the Annapurna Base camp.

The Annapurna bird watching tour is within the Annapurna conservation area special birds there are includes Golden Eagle, Himalayan Monal, Kalij Pheasant, Spiny Babbler, Red-billed Blue Magpie; Small Racquet-tailed Drongo, Green-shrike Babbler, Green-tailed Sunbird, Booted and Bonelli's Eagle, Ibisbill, Slaty-backed Forktails, Himalayan Griffon, Lammergeyer, and Crested Serpent Eagle etc.

## **Trip Itinerary**

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### **Day 1 : Arrival Kathmandu, Rest & briefing**

Upon arrival, you will be welcomed by one of the representative of Nature Trail Travel & Tours. He will then further escort you to your respective hotel for overnight stay.

### **Day 2 : Full Day Bird walk Phulchoki with pack lunch**

Today, after breakfast, you will drive to Phulchoki Jungle, where you can start bird watching. In Phulchoki Jungle, you will have the opportunity to witness a diverse range of bird species in their natural habitat. The lush surroundings and tranquil atmosphere make it an ideal location for bird-watching enthusiasts. After a fulfilling day of birding, you can unwind and relax at a comfortable hotel in Kathmandu, ensuring a restful night's sleep before your next adventure.

### **Day 3 : Half Day Bird walk Bagmati River + Half Day Local Sightseeing**

Experience the beauty of nature with a half-day bird-watching excursion on the picturesque Bagmati River. Immerse yourself in the tranquil surroundings as you spot a variety of colorful birds in their natural habitat. Afterward, continue your adventure with a half-day local sightseeing tour in Kathmandu, where you can explore iconic landmarks and immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of this vibrant city.

### **Day 4 : Drive from Kathmandu to Pokhara**

Early in the morning, after breakfast, board a bus and drive to Pokhara. It's a drive of about six hours through lush green forest, meandering roads through the hills, and graciously flowing rivers. You will cross lively markets and clusters of villages on the roadside. Lunch will be taken at one of the roadside restaurants on the way to Pokhara. Upon reaching Pokhara, you will be received and driven to the hotel. Check into the hotel in Pokhara.

### **Day 5 : Drive to Nayapull and go Birding and Trekking to Ghandruk 1960m**

Drive to Nayapul and go birding in Ghandruk. Nayapul is a small town located near Pokhara that serves as the starting point for various treks in the Annapurna region. Once you arrive in Nayapul, you can embark on a scenic trek towards Ghandruk while also indulging in birdwatching along the way. The trail offers breathtaking views of the Himalayas and diverse bird species, making it a perfect adventure for nature enthusiasts and trekkers alike.

### **Day 6 : Birding and Trekking from Ghandrung to Tadapani 2500m .**

Birding and trekking from Ghandrung to Tadapani are popular activities among nature enthusiasts in Nepal. Ghandrung, located in the Annapurna region, offers breathtaking views of the Himalayas and is home to a variety of bird species. As you trek from Ghandrung to Tadapani, you will have the opportunity to spot colorful birds such as the Green-tailed Sunbirds, making it an unforgettable experience for birdwatchers and hikers alike.

### **Day 7 : Birding and Trekking from Tarapani to Ghorepani 3210m**

Popular activities for nature lovers in Nepal include birding and trekking from Tarapani to Ghorepani. The trail offers breathtaking views of the Himalayas and allows birdwatchers to spot a wide variety of avian species along the way. From colorful pheasants and elusive raptors, making this unforgettable experience suitable for both hikers and bird enthusiasts.

### **Day 8 : Birding and Trekking from Ghorepani to Tatopani**

In Nepal, nature lovers enjoy birding and trekking from Ghorepani to Tatopani. Ghorepani, located in the Annapurna region, offers breathtaking views of the Himalayas and is a starting point for many treks. The trail from Ghorepani to Tatopani takes you through lush forests, charming villages, and serene hot springs, providing an unforgettable experience of both natural beauty and cultural immersion. If you're lucky, you might see an endemic bird of Nepal called the spiny babbler along the way, in addition to many other species.

### **Day 9 : Birding and Trekking from Tatopani to Ghasa**

For birders who want to go from Tatopani to Ghasa, Nepal is a popular location. Along with spectacular vistas of the Annapurna mountain range, this trail is also home to a variety of birds. Birders may observe a vast diversity of avian life in this location, including the colorful Kalij pheasants and many other species.

### **Day 10 : Birding and Trekking from Ghasa to Marpha**

When birding and trekking from Ghasa to Marpha, you will see fewer birds. compared to other popular birding destinations. This is because the Ghasa to Marpha route is known more for its stunning mountain views and challenging trekking trails, rather than being a prime birdwatching spot. However, you may still come across some unique avian species during your journey, adding an unexpected touch of natural beauty to your adventure.

### **Day 11 : Birding and Trekking from Marpha to Muktinath**

Comparatively to Marpha and Muktinath, birding and trekking are quite interesting because they offer a special fusion of nature and spirituality. The birding experience allows you to witness a variety of mountain species in their natural habitat, while trekking through the picturesque landscapes provides breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. Additionally, reaching Muktinath offers a chance to explore the sacred temple and immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of the region.

## **Day 12 : Birding and Trekking from Muktinath to Jomosom**

Birding from Muktinath to Jomosom offers a thrilling experience with a diverse range of habitats, including alpine meadows and river valleys, attracting a variety of bird species, including rare and beautiful ones like the Chukar Partridge and Snow Partridge.

## **Day 13 : Fly or Drive from Jomosom to Pokhara**

When traveling from Jomosom to Pokhara, you have the option to either fly or drive. Flying is a quicker and more convenient mode of transportation, taking approximately 20 minutes. On the other hand, driving allows you to enjoy the scenic beauty of the region and takes around 7-8 hours, depending on road conditions.

## **Day 14 : Drive to Chitwan Sauraha**

The drive from Pokhara to Chitwan Sauraha takes approximately 4-5 hours, depending on traffic and road conditions. Along the way, you'll pass through scenic landscapes, including lush green hills and small villages. It's advisable to start early in the morning to make the most of your day in Chitwan Sauraha and to avoid heavy traffic on the route.

## **Day 15 : Full Day Birding Royal National Park Chitwan**

Full Day Birding Royal National Park Chitwan offers a unique opportunity to explore the diverse avian species in their natural habitat. With experienced guides, visitors can embark on an immersive journey through the park's lush forests and wetlands, spotting a wide range of colorful birds such as hornbills, kingfishers, and eagles. The park's rich biodiversity and conservation efforts make it a haven for birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts alike.

## **Day 16 : Birding in Royal National Park Chitwan**

Royal National Park Chitwan, home to over 500 bird species, is a popular destination for nature enthusiasts. Its diverse ecosystems, including grasslands, wetlands, and forests, provide a unique opportunity to observe rare and exotic bird species in their natural habitat.

## **Day 17 : Drive to Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve**

The drive from Saurah Chitwan to Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve takes approximately 8–9 hours, depending on traffic and road conditions. Along the way, you will witness the beautiful landscapes of Nepal, passing through small towns and villages. It is advisable to plan for breaks during the journey to stretch your legs and enjoy local refreshments.

### **Day 18 : Full day Birding Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve**

Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve offers a full-day birding experience, allowing visitors to explore over 400 bird species, including endangered and migratory birds. The reserve features mesmerizing flocks taking flight and the melodic calls of various bird species. This experience is perfect for avid birders and nature enthusiasts, leaving visitors in awe of the incredible birdlife found at Koshi.

### **Day 19 : Birding in Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve**

Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve in Nepal is a popular birdwatching destination with over 400 bird species. Its diverse habitats, including wetlands, grasslands, and forests, offer ample opportunities to observe a variety of avian species.

### **Day 20 : Fly or Drive back to Kathmandu**

When deciding whether to fly or drive back to Kathmandu from Koshi Tappu, it is important to consider the distance and time constraints. Flying would be a quicker option, allowing you to reach your destination in a matter of hours. However, driving offers the opportunity to explore the scenic landscapes of Nepal along the way, providing a more immersive experience. Ultimately, the choice depends on your priorities and preferences for convenience or adventure.

### **Day 21 : Final Departure Day**

It's time to say goodbye to your house and treasure the memories and experiences you've shared as your final day of life draws near.

## **Inclusions**

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### **What is included?**

- Airport pick up – drop by private tourist vehicle.
- Hotel accommodation in Kathmandu with bed & breakfast basis.
- Hotel accommodation in Chitwan and with breakfast, lunch & dinner basis.
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- Professional birding guide and Porter for entire trip.
- ACAP fee and local fee.
- Farewell dinner in Nepali restaurant with cultural dance program in Kathmandu.
- All necessary office service charge and government taxes.

### **What isn't included?**

International airfare & necessary airport taxes.

Nepal entry visa fees at present USD 25 for 15 days, USD 40 for 30 days and USD 100 for three month.

Lunch & dinner in Kathmandu.

Temple & monasteries entry fees in Kathmandu.

All personal & bar expenses during the trip.

Tips for guide (tipping is expected).

Personal expenses (phone calls, laundry, bottle or boiled water etc) and any other expenses which are not mentioned above

## **Complimentary**