

## Kathmandu Valley Birding Tour

<b>Trip code</b>	
<b>Package name</b>	Kathmandu Valley Birding Tour
<b>Duration</b>	5
<b>Max. elevation</b>	2760 m
<b>Level</b>	EASY
<b>Transportation</b>	All round grounded vehicals
<b>Accomodation</b>	3***hotel twin sharing bed basis during the tour
<b>Starts at</b>	Kathmandu
<b>Ends at</b>	Kathmandu
<b>Trip route</b>	Kathmandu - Phulchuki - Godawari - Shiv puri - Nagargung - kathmandu
<b>Cost</b>	USD 500 per person

## Highlights

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- Begin your adventure at Shivapuri Nagarjun National Park, a lush haven of oak and rhododendron forests. Here, you can spot many other species, like the striking Kalij pheasant and various woodpeckers.
- Ascend to Phulchowki Hill, the highest point in the valley, for panoramic views and an opportunity to see rare birds like the Rufous-bellied Woodpecker, Satyr Tragopan, and many other species.
- Local Communities, Interact with friendly locals, learning about their harmonious relationship with the feathered residents of the valley. Discover their traditional bird-watching techniques and stories.
- Cultural Delights between birdwatching excursions, explore the valley's rich cultural heritage. Visit ancient temples, monasteries, and UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Kathmandu, Patan, and Bhaktapur.

## Overview

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### **Kathmandu Valley Birding Tour.**

A 5-day birding tour in the Kathmandu Valley, Nepal, can be a fantastic experience for bird enthusiasts. The Kathmandu Valley is home to a diverse range of bird species, including both resident and migratory birds. Nestled amidst the Himalayan foothills, the Kathmandu Valley is not only a cultural and historical treasure trove but also a haven for birdwatching enthusiasts. This enchanting destination offers a unique blend of urban charm and pristine natural beauty, making it a perfect spot for a birdwatching adventure.

The Kathmandu Valley Bird Watching Tour is a captivating journey into the heart of Nepal's diverse avian landscape. Spanning over several days, this tour takes you on a remarkable journey through lush forests, serene wetlands, and picturesque farmlands. With over 500 species of birds, the valley is a birdwatcher's paradise, featuring both resident and migratory birds.

### **Why Choose Us:**

Our experienced guides and naturalists are passionate about birdwatching and the conservation of Nepal's unique avian ecosystem. We offer comfortable accommodations, delicious Nepali cuisine, and transportation tailored to your needs. With a commitment to responsible tourism, we ensure minimal environmental impact during your tour.

### **Conclusion:**

The Kathmandu Valley Bird Watching Tour is an opportunity to connect with nature, culture, and the joy of discovery. Whether you're a seasoned birder or a novice enthusiast, this journey promises unforgettable encounters with some of the world's most stunning avian species. Immerse yourself in the beauty of Nepal's Kathmandu Valley, where every dawn brings a new chorus of wings and melodies.

## Trip Itinerary

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### **Day 1 : Arrive Kathmandu and transfer to Hotel**

Arrive Tribhuvan International Airport, meeting and transfer to Hotel Royal Singi – Centrally located 4 Star or Similar.

### **Day 2 : Full Day Birding around Phulchowki Hill**

Phulchowki (2760 m) is the highest of the mountains encircling the Kathmandu valley. This broad-leaved subtropical forest is the richest for birds and wildlife in the valley and remains the most convenient place to see some of the birds that are rare or local to Nepal. Phulchowki lies 18 km

south-east of Kathmandu, above Godawari Village (1525 m).

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### **Day 3 : Full Day Birding around Shivapuri National Park**

The Shivapuri National Park covers the area of 144 sq km which is the major watershed supplying drinking water to the capital city of Kathmandu. Lying in the transition zone between the subtropical and temperate climatic zones, its diverse vegetation is composed of pine, oak, rhododendron and others. The park is rich in wild mushrooms about 129 species in total. The wildlife habitats Himalayan black Bear, Leopard, Jungle cat and Rhesus monkeys. The park is home to over 177 species of birds including 9 threatened species and over 100 species of butterflies including rare and threatened.

### **Day 4 : Full Day Birding around Nagarjun**

Nagarjung is nearest place for bird watching from Kathmandu, with a gentle walk along an easy trail through lovely hill forest. Warblers are abundant and this is a favorite haunt of Blue Whistling Thrush and the eye-catching White-crested Laughingthrush – an aptly named species that once heard is never forgotten!

In the evening transfer to Nepalese Restaurant for Typical Nepalese Dinner with live Cultural Program.

### **Day 5 : Departure, tour end**

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## **Inclusions**

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### **What is included?**

- Airport pick up – drop by private tourist vehicle.
- Hotel accommodation in Kathmandu with bed & breakfast basis.
- All Meals (Lunch , dinner and Breakfast) with cup of tea/coffee during the tour.
- Professional Birding guide and Porter for entire trip.
- 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**