

## Nepal Golden Triangle Birding Tour

<b>Trip code</b>	25
<b>Package name</b>	Nepal Golden Triangle Birding Tour
<b>Duration</b>	9
<b>Max. elevation</b>	1380 m
<b>Level</b>	MODERATE
<b>Transportation</b>	All grounded vehicals depending on group size.
<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 - Pokhara - Chitwan - Kathmandu
<b>Cost</b>	USD 1,050 per person

## Highlights

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## Overview

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**Nepal Golden Triangle Birding Tour comprises of the most three famous towns of Nepal which includes: Kathmandu, Pokhara and Chitwan.**

Golden triangle tour is one of the most famous tour packages in Nepal while we have added a birding tour within. The tour consists of the sightseeing tour along with bird watching activities in the three most developed cities of Nepal. Kathmandu, the heart of the country and the capital city is full of heritage sites among which some are enlisted in World Heritage Sites. Pokhara, city of lakes is full of natural beauty and have never depressed its visitors to entertain and attract them with their natural beauty. Chitwan, holding most of the abundant resources of flora and fauna is the only place where

an endangered species “One horned Rhinos” are found along with other several species of Birds. All of the place have their own importance and are equally a paradise for the bird watchers.

Our tour begins with a scenic drive from Kathmandu to Pokhara along the Prithivi highway passing through paddy fields, green valley and river. The next day we will get engage full day in bird watching tour. From Pokhara, we will drive towards Chitwan and enjoy several other wild life activities along with bird watching tour. The choice is yours; you can select the specific wild life activities like: Jeep Safari, Jungle Walk, Canoe Ride, Elephant ride, Tharu village Tour, etc. or just get entertained by observing several species of birds that are found in Chitwan national park.

After staying three overnight at Chitwan, you will be driven back to Kathmandu and will visit Godavari Botanical Garden for observing the bird species found in Kathmandu. In this way, we will complete our 9 day golden triangle tour. Though this tour can be done throughout the year but we would like to recommend you to travel from February to March, August to November as the climate will be favorable during these period letting you more chances to observe the migratory birds.

## **Trip Itinerary**

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### **Day 1 : Arrival at Kathmandu International Airport. Upon arrival, meet and transfer to your respective hotel.**

Arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport, Kathmandu, and after clearance of customs and luggage's, exist from the Airport Departure lounge and as soon as you exist you can see a number of people outside holding a playcard. Among them, one of the representatives of Nature Trail Travels & Tours, Trekking & Expeditions, will be holding a playcard with your name. So, closely look at them. He will then transfer you to your respective hotels. Or else, you can visit our office and after a full description about your trip, you will be driven to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

### **Day 2 : After breakfast, drive from Kathmandu to Pokhara. Upon arrival, refreshment and stroll around the Lakeside area by self. – approx. 6 hrs. drive**

After breakfast, drive from Kathmandu via Prithivi Highway to reach Pokhara. The drive will take around six hours to reach Pokhara, passing by lush green valleys, paddy fields, and the Trishuli River on your right side. Pokhara is a small, beautiful town also known as the “City of Lakes”. It is the hometown of the caves and is one of the popular tourist places in Nepal with waterfalls, Lakes, temples, and stupas. This place is full of natural beauty, which consists of various bird species and wildlife.

### **Day 3 : Full day bird watching tour around the Pokhara valley.**

Embark on your bird watching tour from this day around the Pokhara valley. Pokhara is a place of remarkable natural beauty. The serenity of Phewa Lake and the magnificence of the fishtailed summit of Machhapuchhre (6,977 m) rising behind it create an ambience of peace and magic. Apart from a sightseeing tour of various birds found here, you will also be rewarded with some of the best views of the Annapurna and Machhapuchhre. Species regularly seen in this forest and along the shore of the lake include Besra, Red-thighed Falconet, Pallid and Pied Harriers, Eurasian Griffon, Red-headed and Eurasian Black Vultures, Kalij Pheasant, Ducks, Gulls, Terns, Waders, Bulbul, Black-backed Forktail, Puff-throated Babbler, White-crested, Lesser Necklaced and Rufous-chinned Laughing Thrushes, Red-billed Leiothrix, Minivets, Crimson Sunbird, Maroon Oriole, Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo, Red-billed and Green Magpies, Long-tailed Mountain Thrush, Chestnut-headed and Grey-bellied Tesias, Chestnut-crowned Warbler, Small and Rufous-bellied Niltavas and Snowy-brown Flycatcher, Long-tailed Broadbill, Pale Blue Flycatcher, White-tailed Robin, Spiny Babbler, White-browed Scimitar-Babbler, Striated Munia, Lesser Whitethroat and Thick-billed Warbler. After a full day of birding, you can spend a relaxing evening time by boating in Phewa Lake.

#### **Day 4 : Drive Pokhara to Chitwan – approx. 5 hrs. drive. Upon arrival, refreshment and proceed for Tharu cultural dance show**

After breakfast, drive from Pokhara to Chitwan which will take around five hours to reach Chitwan. You will enjoy the views of enormous plains of the Terai region while driving towards Chitwan. Chitwan National Park is declared as World Heritage Site under the category of Natural Sites by UNESCO. This is the first national park of Nepal established in 1973 to preserve a unique ecosystem significantly valuable to the whole world. The park covering a pristine area of 932 sq. km is situated in the subtropical inner Terai lowlands of southern central part of Nepal. The park has gained much wider recognition in the world when UNESCO included this area on the list of World Heritage Site in 1984. It shares its eastern border with Parsa Wildlife Reserve. Chitwan is one of Asia's best's wildlife – viewing spots and the place to don your safari togs, clamber atop a lumbering elephant and head into the dawn mist in search of rhinos and tiger. 8% of the world bird species, rare mammals including one horned rhinoceros and the Bengal tiger makes it exclusive. Once reaching your destination, you will be briefed about the jungle activities. You can later enjoy the sunset view along the bank of Rapti River. Once the night falls down, we entertain you with cultural performances including bonfire before getting in bed.

#### **Day 5 : Full Day Bird Watching tour in Chitwan National Park**

On the following day, you will enjoy a full-day birding tour inside Chitwan National Park, accompanied by a nature walk. Each year, dedicated bird watchers and conservationists survey bird species occurring all over the country. In 2006, they recorded 543 species in the Chitwan National Park, much more than in any other protected area in Nepal and about two-thirds of Nepal's globally threatened species. Additionally, 20 black-chinned yuhina, a pair of Gould's sunbirds, a pair of blossom-headed parakeets, and one slaty-breasted rail, an uncommon winter visitor, were sighted in spring 2008.

Especially the park's alluvial grasslands are important habitats for the critically endangered Bengal florican, the vulnerable lesser adjutant, grey-crowned prinia, swamp francolin, and several species of grass warblers. In 2005, more than 200 slender-billed babblers were sighted in three different grassland types. The threatened Oriental darter is a resident breeder around the many lakes, where also egrets, bitterns, storks, and kingfishers abound. The park is one of the few known breeding sites of the globally threatened spotted eagle. Peafowl and jungle fowl scratch their heads on the forest floor.

## **Day 6 : Full day Jungle safari in Chitwan national park**

Today you'll experience a jungle safari in Chitwan, which teems with wildlife. You'll get plenty of options for Jungle Safari, including a jeep ride, canoeing ride, jungle walk, and tower night stay.

It is home to myriad wild animals like the One-horned Rhino, Royal Bengal tiger, Asian elephant, Sloth bear, Golden Jackal, Hog Deer, Sambhar, Striped Hyenas, Bengal Foxes, Gaur (Indian Bison), etc. Along with animals, there are more than 600 species of birds, both resident and migratory, including Great Hornbill, Kingfisher, Pheasants, and Barbets. Also, the Rapti river, which flows through the park, harbors species of crocodiles such as Gharial and Mugger.

## **Day 7 : Drive back to kathmandu 1380m - 7 hrs**

On the following day, you will be driven back to Kathmandu via Prithvi highway. The drive will take around six to seven hours depending upon traffic to reach Kathmandu from Chitwan. Upon your arrival at Kathmandu, you will be transferred to your respective hotel for overnight stay.

## **Day 8 : Birding around the Kathmandu**

Kathmandu is home to a variety of birds like the Sparrow, Crow, Bulbul, Parrot, Pigeon, Koel, Owl, and Dove, which can be enjoyed mostly anytime, and on this day we are likely to wake up early in the morning. After breakfast, drive to the Godawari forest, Godawari, and Phulchoki, which are very famous for the wide variety of birds as well as wild life. Entertain yourself by observing several species of birds' throughout the day. After lunch, hike down and drive back to Kathmandu.

## **Day 9 : Departure to Homeland**

Depending upon your flight schedule, transfer to airport for departure.

## **Inclusions**

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### **What is included?**

Airport pick up – drop by private tourist vehicle.

Tourist bus ( kathmandu - Pokhara - Chitwan - Kathmandu ).

Hotel accommodation in Kathmandu with bed & breakfast basis.  
Hotel accommodation in Pokhara with B&B plan.  
Hotel accommodation in Chitwan with All meal ( Lunch, Dinner and Breakfast).  
Professional birding guide for entire trip.  
National park 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 and Pokhara.  
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**