

Taudaha Lake and Pharping Bird Watching

Trip code	
Package name	Taudaha Lake and Pharping Bird Watching
Duration	2
Max. elevation	2760 m
Level	EASY
Transportation	All round grounded vehicals depending on group size.
Accomodation	3***hotel twin sharing bed basis during the tour
Starts at	Kathmandu
Ends at	Kathmandu
Trip route	kathmandu - Taudada - Pharping - Kathmandu.
Cost	USD 250 per person

Highlights

Overview

Bird watching tour in the holy lake Taudaha and the area nearby it is one of the short and fine tours.

Taudaha Lake is a small lake in the outskirts of Kathmandu, in Nepal. This lake also has historical significance. This freshwater lake is surrounded by rice paddies are situated southwest from Kathmandu, about 7 km from Balkhu Ring Road, on the road to Dakshinkali. Legends have that the lake was created by God Manjushree as a home for the serpents who lost their home when the valley was drained. It is believed that the King of the Naga (or Serpents) – Karkotak resides to this day in the epicenter of the lake. The walls of his palatial home are said to be richly decorated with

sapphires, rubies and other precious stones. This place is a paradise for a bird watcher during the winter season when the migratory birds fly and settle here. It is known to harbor more than 40 varieties of birds mostly dependent on wetlands.

Pharping lies just around 6/7 kilometers away from Taudaha. Pharping is a small village which consists of numbers of religious sites like: Dakshinkali Temple, Shesnarayan Temple, Padmasambhava's Asura Cave, etc. Not only for these holy sites, is this place famous for the bird watching tour as well. Taudaha is on the way to Pharping and is not allowed swimming and fishing in the lake. It is considered on the sacred lake. Due to its long stretched hill with forest, sparse population in Pharping and the beautiful lake; around hills near to the Bagmati River, these places are renowned as a better place for habitat of birds and other wild life.

Trip Itinerary

Day 1 : Drive from Kathmandu to Taudaha Lake (14 km) – approx. 30 minutes' drive. Upon arrival, explore and watch various species of birds and further drive towards Pharping for overnight stay.

After breakfast, you will be picked up from your respective hotel by our guide. Then he will escort you towards Taudaha. Upon arrival at Taudaha, you will be mesmerized with the fantastic views of the lake. No wonder, you can see such a naturally beautiful place near Kathmandu valley. After driving for about 30 minutes, you will reach the lake. Upon arrival, explore the surrounding area, observe various species of birds including: Bar – headed Goose, Lesser Whistling duck, Ruddy Shelduck, Gadwall, Eurasian Wigeon, Mallard, Spot – billed duck, Common Teal, Northern Shoveler, Red – crested Pochard, Common Pochard, Ferruginous Pochard, Common Coot, common Kingfisher, Black – crowned Night Heron , Great Cormorant . You can also feed the fishes of the lake. After your excursion on this day, drive towards Pharping for your overnight stay which is just 25/30 minutes' drive from the lake.

Day 2 : Explore Pharping area, Chobhar, Kirtipur and drive back Kathmandu.

Wake up early for the sunrise view as well as to hear the melodious sound of birds chirping around the village. After breakfast, we will continue our bird watching tour. We will start our tour from Pharping and continuing our trip, we will observe various species of birds of Chobhar and Kirtipur as well. After watching so many species of birds and capturing them in your camera, we will drive back to Kathmandu.

Inclusions

What is included?

Professional Birding Guide on trip.

Private tourist vehicle with AC for round trip.

All the entrance fees .

Lunch and safe drinking water.

What isn't included?

Personal expenses during the tour.

Tips for guide and driver

Complimentary