

# Itinerary for Package: Bird watching in Nepal

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Why Bird watching in Nepal is popular for?

- Discover over **867 bird species** across Nepal's diverse ecosystems.
- Spot **35 globally threatened species**, including the **Bengal Florican, Slender-billed, White-rumped, and Red-headed Vultures**.
- Explore prime birding destinations: **Shivapuri Wildlife Reserve, Chitwan National Park, and Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve**.
- Visit the innovative **Vulture Restaurant Project**, a community-led initiative providing safe food sources to protect endangered vultures.
- Experience Nepal's rich biodiversity while supporting **habitat and wildlife conservation efforts**.

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Package Duration: 11 days

## Day 1: Arrival Kathmandu

Meet upon arrival in Kathmandu and transfer to hotel. If you have an early arrival, you may stroll around the hotel observing the daily life of city goers or explore the hippest and happening area in Thamel, where you can find restaurants with varieties of cuisine to dine. Overnight at the hotel

## Day 2: Kathmandu-Budhanilkantha-Shivapuri

After breakfast set for Shivapuri National Park. Shivapuri national park is the best bird watching site around Kathmandu. Nagarjun Forest situated 5 km from Kathmandu is a renowned sight for bird enthusiasts. It is located in the mid-hills of the country on the north side of the Kathmandu Valley, named after the 2,732 m (8,963 ft) peak of Shivapuri. Shivapuri National Park is the capital city's nearest National Park. This tour also offers the magnificent views of wild animals from the mountains. The eight species of stork, egret, wood pecker, and black-headed shrike, six species of pheasant, seventeen species of cuckoo, and three species of crow will be available. The best time for bird watching Trip is March and December. Overnight at the hotel

## Day 3: Kathmandu Chitwan National Park | 4-5hrs

With early morning breakfast, head for very much preferred forest and grasslands of Chitwan National Park, famous wildlife tourism. Given that there are varieties of activities that can bring you close to nature and culture of the ethnic Tharu community. Overnight at the jungle lodge

## Day 4: Fullday jungle related activities for bird watching

You need to get up early for the breakfast and get yourself ready for your exciting day-out. Feeling of getting lost into the wilderness of the rich jungle inhabited by the wild lives most of which are rare and extinct is simply out of the world. The adventure you get during a safari on elephant's back in search of the monstrous rhino or the gorgeous big cat along with the endangered birds is just beyond words. During your three nights stay in Chitwan, you can indulge in activities like: Canoe Ride: Canoe ride on the gentle rivers of the lowland of Chitwan rejuvenates the frame of mind. Also, it provides excellent opportunities to view birds and animals that come by the riverside to quench their thirst. Eavesdrop to the sounds of water splashing, birds singing and nature being at its absolute best. Jungle walk: Jungle walk is done at the thickly wooded areas of Chitwan National Park with a nature guide. Walking quietly in the forest full of wild animals can be a thrilling experience. However, if you follow an experienced nature guide it can be the most fun wildlife experience. These local nature guides know about the forest and possible safe sighting places. Likewise, they can also instruct about the necessary safety measure in case of any mishap or wild animals encounter. Jeep Safari: Jeep safari drives us by two major lakes, LamiTaal and TamorTaal which are great spots for bird watching. Besides these safari takes to the places where one-horned rhino, sloth bears, wild boars, deer, etc can be spotted. Even leopards and the majestic royal Bengal tigers can be sighted occasionally. Visit Bishajar Lake (Twenty-thousand Lake): The 20 Hajar (thousand) lake is a famous birding destination. It is known for watching migratory birds. Possible bird sighting: Great Hornbill, Bengal Florican, Silver-eared Mesia, Grey Headed-fish eagle, Pallas fish eagle, King-fishers, Woodpeckers, Bee-eaters, parakeets, etc. Overnight at the jungle lodge

#### **Day 5: Chitwan National Park**

Full day jungle related activities for bird watching

#### **Day 6: Drive to KoshiTappu Wildlife Reserve | 8-9hrs**

Breakfast at jungle lodge and set for scenic drive to KoshiTappu Wildlife Reserve passing through beautiful local villages, farms of Terai plain. This wildlife reserve in south-eastern Nepal is located in the floodplain of the SaptaKoshi River. It is rich in bird life; the 485 species found here live in and around the mud flats, reed beds and freshwater marshes. The KoshiTappu Wildlife Reserve is very close to the border with India, so it has a North Indian-type climate – that is, very hot for much of the year! The reserve is one of the places of Nepal where the birds from Siberia, China, and Mongolia migrate during winter. These winter migratory birds are also one of the major attractions of this small protected area. During your three nights stay in KoshiTappu, you can indulge in activities like: Boating in SaptaKoshi River and drive to Koshi Barrage: Boating on the SaptaKoshi River observing birds, water buffalos, dolphins, and various other water habitats. After enjoying birding, you will head to Koshi Barrage to view some more bird life and the beautiful views. Jungle safari and bird watching at the reserve: We will explore the jungle by a jeep while observing the wildlife. Capture and enjoy the beautiful flora and fauna available in the reserve. You will also be going near the swamps where you can watch water buffaloes and marsh muggers, etc while looking out for the rare species of birds. The Koshi River is also home to Gangetic Dolphins and various waterfowls. Overnight at jungle lodge

#### **Day 7: Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve**

Full day jungle related bird watching activities Overnight at the jungle lodge

#### **Day 8: Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve**

Full day jungle related bird watching activities

#### **Day 9: KoshiTappu – Biratnagar – Kathmandu**

After breakfast set for Kathmandu having 2hrs drive to Biratnagar to catch Kathmandu flight. Meet upon arrival and transfer to hotel. Rest of the day at leisure or explore Thamel, the tourist hub of the country that never sleeps, this is a whole different world. Overnight at the hotel

#### **Day 10: Kathmandu sightseeing**

Breakfast at the hotel. Sometimes saving best for the last is good. We try to do this with Kathmandu sight-seeing for you as your last trip of the journey. City of temples, mostly cited so, you will get the glimpses of magnificent art and architecture in the uncountable monuments and sculptures of the Kathmandu Durbar Square. Next will be the holiest Hindu shrine, Pashupatinath Temple. You will have your lunch after this whole different experience at the temple. The day completes by leading you to the holy shrine of Buddhist, the Boudhanathstupa, where you can seek some love and peace from the Lord Buddha. You then get back to the hotel with the diversities that your camera does not seem to have enough space for. Overnight at the hotel

#### **Day 11: Departure**

Free until departure transfer to international airport for onward flight