

ACTIVITIES



JEEP SAFARI - NATIONAL PARK

Bardia National Park is the largest national park in the terai region, covering an area of 968 sq.km. The park, situated in Nepal's western terai, was established for the conservation of tigers and their prey species. Step aboard one of our restored open-top Land Rovers for a jungle jeep safari unlike any in Nepal. With an experienced driver and expert naturalist to lead the way, explore the mystery and magic of the jungle from the comfort of your seat. Go in search for the elusive Tiger and other rare animals as either a half day or full day activity. This activity is available throughout most of the year except during peak monsoon Mid-June to beginning of September.



ORGANIC FARM

Learn about the rotation of seasonal produce we grow just meters from your doorstep, which eventually ends up in front of you at dinner table, fresh from the garden. Whether you are simply curious or have a green thumb, our organic farm is worth wondering down to. If the gardens grow is mature you might want to wander amongst the maze of plants and observe the organic farming techniques such as which herbs are planted with vegetables to act as a natural pesticide. The organic farm is in the process of becoming certified and listed internationally as an operating organic farm. We communicate our gardening philosophy with the local community to mentor and share ideas and understandings on the benefits of what we are implementing.



RIVER SAFARI AND JEEP SAFARI COMBINATION

Combine a half day jeep safari by floating down the Karnali River in search for Nepal's aquatic wildlife - a truly relaxing experience. Cruising on the wide expanse of the river, pockets of rapids propel the boats along, as gentle waves lap at the sides. Sitting on a raft, keep your eyes peeled for a variety of birdlife and wildlife. Top of the list are the endangered fish-eating Gharial crocodile and its more sinister relative, the Marsh-Mugger. This activity is dependent on water levels.



SUNDOWNERS

Enjoy a cold drink in a scheduled spot as the sun sets over a channel of the Karnali river. Watch as herds graze their livestock for the evening, fishermen return with their daily catch and deer emerge to graze at the grassy banks at dusk.





WALKING SAFARI

Enter the jungle by foot and go exploring with one of our naturalists. This is a great opportunity to spot wildlife, as it is much quieter than travelling by jeep. This means that there is the potential to encounter animals that may have otherwise have been scared off by the noisier modes of travel. It is also the perfect opportunity to take some macro shots or see up close the various foliage and smaller fauna around such as butterflies and insects. Walks can be done in the Buffer Zone or inside the National Park depending on interests and how long/far you would like to go for. Please discuss this with senior staff in advance so that we may plan accordingly.



VILLAGE WALK WITH BIRDING

Take a tour with one of our house naturalists and see how the local people of Bardia live. This is usually done on foot and is an easy walk over about 3 kilometers.

The Tharu people are an ethnic group indigenous to the southern foothills of the Himalayas. Tharu people of Bardia are mainly known as the Rana Tharu. The Rana Tharus claim to be of Rajput origin and have migrated from the Thar Desert to Nepal's Far Western Terai Region.

Most Tharu people prefer living in longhouses called Badaghars with big families of many generations, sometimes 20 -30 people. All household members pool their labor force, contribute their income, share the expenditure and use one kitchen. During your village visit you will also see a mixture of traditional style houses and residences constructed using modern methods as well as an amalgamation of both styles. Villagers going about their daily lives can be seen tending to crops and animals, cleaning and washing. Villages are surrounded by jungle, which provides you a good opportunity to see many different kinds of bird including rare species.

NOTE:

All the given activities cost is exclusive of National Park Fee.

National Park fee is US \$ 20.00 per person per day .

The above cost is inclusive of 13% Government tax (VAT).

Disclaimers

All the above jungle activities are dependent on the weather conditions.

