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Nepal & Bhutan Photo Expedition

A Visual Immersion in Nature & Culture in Two Historic Himalayan Kingdoms

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Trip Details:

Days
14 Days / Dec

Price
From $16895 (+Air)

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Combining jungle wildlife safaris and tranquil mountain sojourns, this unusual itinerary offers photographers a mosaic of diverse geography and cultures in two adjacent but very different Asian countries. In the shadow of the world's highest peaks, Nepal's lowland plains hold captivating animal subjects, including one-horned rhinos, sloth bears and leopards that prowl the subtropical forests. Next door in Bhutan, the "Land of the Thunder Dragon," photograph alpine panoramas, meadows dotted with grazing yaks, clear rushing rivers and ancient monasteries. Dedicated to preserving its deep Buddhist traditions and pristine landscapes, tiny Bhutan is a global conservation leader proud to be not only carbon-neutral but carbon-negative, sustaining ecological diversity through native forest restoration. Add in historic highlights and contemporary cultural scenes in the Kathmandu Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Center, and you have a photography adventure sure to engage all your senses and creativity.

Trip Highlights

Diverse Photo Opportunities in Varied Natural Realms

In two neighboring countries, find a distinctive focus on nature, scenery, wildlife and contrasting ecosystems, from tropical lowlands to subalpine heights

Wildlife Photo Safaris in Chitwan National Park

In the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Chitwan, pursue photos of one-horned rhinoceros, Asian elephant, sloth bear, spotted deer, golden jackal, profuse birdlife and more

Evocative Imagery of Ancient Cultural Heritage

Photograph Hindu temples in the Kathmandu Valley, and get iconic shots of Taktsang Monastery, Bhutan's famous “Tiger’s Nest” temple perched on a sheer mountain cliff

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Nepal & Bhutan Photo Expedition Itinerary

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Itinerary at a Glance

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Day 13	Tiger's Nest Monastery
Day 14	Paro / Bangkok



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Day 1

Kathmandu

Arrive in Nepal's temple-filled capital for your Himalayan photo journey

- Settle into Dwarika's, a heritage hotel celebrating centuries of Newari craftsmanship
- Explore Kathmandu beneath the distant Himalayan peaks
- Join your Photo Expedition Leader and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner

Arrive in Kathmandu, the storied capital of Nepal. For centuries, this city backdropped by the world's highest mountain range has been a center of religious art and architecture in both Hindu and Buddhist traditions, renowned for its intricate temples and public squares. Our representative picks you up at the airport—likely in our electric vehicle, which we use for the majority of our Kathmandu transfers—and accompanies you to our hotel. Settle in at Dwarika's, a luxurious heritage lodge that evokes the palaces of Nepal's Newar kings, appointed with artifacts dating back to the 14th century. This evening, gather with our Expedition Leader for a welcome dinner at our hotel and an orientation to all the photography adventures that lie ahead.

Day 2

Dhulikhel / Bhaktapur

Photograph Himalayan peaks and Bhaktapur's living heritage

- Capture more than 20 Himalayan summits from the hilltop village of Dhulikhel
- Explore the temples, palaces and courtyards of UNESCO-listed Bhaktapur Durbar Square
- Photograph artisans creating woodcarvings, Thangka paintings and traditional pottery

Rise early and drive east to the traditional Newari village of Dhulikhel in the foothills outside Kathmandu. Here, we behold a dramatic panorama of Nepal's high Himalayas, rising in a serrated line before us. More than 20 peaks are in view along the rock and ice spine, including Annapurna and Lhotse. After plenty of time to capture photos in the changing light, we have lunch in view of the mighty mountains before continuing to Bhaktapur. One of three ancient city-states in region along with Kathmandu and Patan, Bhaktapur is part of the UNESCO Kathmandu Valley World Heritage Site. Containing some of the best-preserved temples in the region, Bhaktapur offers the feeling of an open-air museum that is still the site of vital daily life. Durbar Square is the hub of the city's architectural heritage, a former royal palace complex that housed a sequence of kings from the 14th–18th centuries, until the Gorkha conquest in 1769. The latter established the Kingdom of Nepal that persisted until 2008, when Nepal was declared a democratic republic. Bhaktapur is also renowned as one of Nepal's premier handcraft centers, and we see artisans making intricate wood carvings, Thangka paintings on canvas, terracotta pottery, traditional dance masks, and garments woven of handloomed textiles. Return to Kathmandu for a second night.

Day 3

Chitwan National Park

Journey to Chitwan's wildlife-rich Terai lowlands

- Fly to Nepal's subtropical Terai and settle into a riverside safari lodge
- Watch for one-horned rhinos, gharials and crocodiles along the Rapti River
- Begin photographing wildlife from one of Chitwan's prime safari locations

Return to the Kathmandu airport this morning to board our flight to Bharatpur on the Terai plains of southern Nepal. On arrival, transfer to our luxury ecolodge, Meghauli Serai, for the next three nights. This serene safari base on the edge of the Rapti River near Chitwan National Park is situated in the largest area of undisturbed subtropical wilderness along the base of the Himalaya. Its location is the best in the Chitwan region for wildlife photography, which we take full advantage of during our stay. The area surrounding the lodge has a high sighting rate for one-horned rhinoceros, crocodile and gharial. On rare occasion, we may see a highly elusive Bengal tiger.

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Days 4–5

Chitwan National Park

Photograph rhinos and rare wildlife across Chitwan National Park

- Capture images of one-horned rhinos, Asian elephants, sloth bears and other wildlife on 4x4 safaris
- Refine your wildlife photography with your Photo Expedition Leader during the day's best light
- Photograph birds and mammals across tall grasslands, sal forest and riverine habitat

Chitwan National Park, established in 1973, is Nepal's first national park and was named a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1984. It covers 360 square miles of subtropical lowlands and is home to 50 mammal species and more than 500 species of birds. We spend our days exploring the park on 4x4 safari drives, hoping to capture images of its most famous wild residents. While sightings are never guaranteed, we have good chances to photograph rhinoceros, Asian elephant, crocodile, leopard, sloth bear, sambar deer, wild boar, monkeys and jungle fowl, all in their natural habitat. Our Expedition Leader positions us for the best light and angles for wildlife shots, with opportunities for photo shoots at sunrise and sunset, weather permitting. River safaris can also be arranged. A chance to track tigers is a special highlight, as we join our Expedition Leader and a local guide to search for footprints and pugmarks that mark the tigers' hidden presence in the park.

Day 6

Bharatpur / Kathmandu

Discover the Newari artistry of Patan Durbar Square

- Frame ornate pagoda temples, carved windows and historic courtyards
- Wander the UNESCO-listed palace square, renowned for its Newari architecture
- Explore narrow streets lined with Hindu temples and Buddhist monasteries

Return to Bharatpur airport this morning for our flight back to Kathmandu. This afternoon, visit Patan Durbar Square, one of seven designated cultural sites in the Kathmandu Valley that have earned the region UNESCO World Heritage status. Patan lies a few miles outside Kathmandu and is home to the valley's finest artisans who have preserved ancient techniques used in exquisite sculptures and carvings. The city retains much of its historic charm with its narrow streets, brick houses and multitude of well-preserved Hindu temples, Buddhist monasteries and monuments. As in Kathmandu, Hinduism and Buddhism have co-existed here for centuries, and the cultural and religious harmony is evident. At the city's heart lies Patan Durbar Square, where the kings of Patan resided. On a guided tour, photograph the melange of palace buildings, artistic courtyards, graceful pagoda temples and shrines—a display of Newari architecture that reached its pinnacle during the reign of the Malla kings in the 17th and 18th centuries. Continue to our hotel in Kathmandu to spend the night.

Day 7

Paro / Thimphu

Enter Bhutan, the Land of the Thunder Dragon

- Fly across the Himalaya into the Paro Valley
- Photograph the 600-year-old iron chain bridge of Tachogang Lhakhang
- Explore Thimphu Dzong, a center of government and monastic life

Fly this morning to the "Land of the Thunder Dragon"—the tiny Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan. If the skies are clear on our flight to Paro, we'll see the highest peaks on the planet visible below in a serrated white spine, setting a striking backdrop as we approach the green trough of the Paro Valley. Rich in culture, lush in scenic beauty, and steeped in history and legend, Paro offers a bucolic welcome to the kingdom. From Paro we drive to Thimphu, Bhutan's idyllic capital and a stronghold of traditional Bhutanese art, architecture and culture. Surrounded by mountains and monasteries, this seat of government and commerce on the Wang Chuu River is a harmonious mix of modern development and ancient traditions. It's also the only national capital without traffic lights.

As we arrive in Thimphu, we stop to photograph the Iron Bridge of Tachogang Lhakhang, built 600 years ago by legendary bridge builder Thangtong Gyalpo, a renowned engineer believed to be the first to use heavy iron chains in the construction of suspension bridges, which influenced building methods in Europe and Asia. Late this afternoon, we visit Thimphu Dzong. This striking Buddhist monastery and fortress was built in the 13th century, reconstructed over the years, and has served as the office of the king and seat of civil government for the country since 1952.

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Day 8

Dochula Pass / Punakha

Cross the Himalaya to Bhutan's Palace of Great Happiness

- Capture Himalayan views from Dochula Pass among 108 chortens and prayer flags
- Walk through rice paddies to Chimi Lhakhang, associated with Bhutan’s Divine Madman
- Photograph Punakha Dzong at the confluence of the Mo Chu and Po Chu rivers

En route to Punakha this morning, we stop for photos atop Dochula Pass, a 10,301-foot saddle marked by 108 chortens, fluttering prayer flags in primary colors, and a panorama of the entire eastern Himalaya. If weather permits, we’ll walk about 3 miles from the summit to reach Lamperi Royal Botanical Park, descending a gentle trail through a forest of oak, rhododendron and hemlock. Opened in 2008, this is the first botanical garden in Bhutan, encompassing 125 acres of lush trees, a lake, and walking paths that lead to striking mountain views. Bird photography opportunities are plentiful year-round, while spring departures offer showy rhododendron blooms—the gardens hold 46 species, 18 of which are native to the park. We may also see musk deer roaming the misty woods.

Descend to Punakha, the former capital of Bhutan and the winter residence of the monastic body. Lunch is served at our intimate luxury hotel, the Punakha River Lodge. Set beside the Mo Chu River and framed by forested hills and distant Himalaya views, the lodge offers a tranquil retreat. After lunch, set off for a short hike to Chimi Lhakhang Temple, a small shrine dedicated to one of Bhutan’s favorite saints, the 15th-century Lama Drukpa Kunley. A rag-clad monk who used humor, songs and outrageous behavior to dramatize his teachings, he became known as the "Divine Madman" and is still beloved as such today. The peace of the Bhutanese landscape is palpable as our path to the temple ambles through green pastures and rice paddies, passing farmers and livestock in the terraced fields.

Later this afternoon, visit the massive Punakha Dzong, known as the "Palace of Great Happiness." Straddling the confluence of the Po (Father) and Mo (Mother) rivers, the monastery is Bhutan’s best-known fortress. Built in 1637, it was the seat of government until 1955 and home to Bhutan’s religious establishment. All of Bhutan's kings are still crowned here before they take the throne in Thimphu. The palace occupies one of the most scenic dzong sites in Bhutan; maroon-robed monks and guests must cross a picturesque wooden footbridge over the river to reach it.

Day 9

Punakha / Jigme Dorji National Park

Photograph Himalayan birds above the Punakha Valley

- Hike to Khamsum Yuelley Namgyal Chorten for sweeping valley views
- Explore Jigme Dorji National Park with a local naturalist
- Capture images of Himalayan monals, satyr tragopans and other mountain birds

After a leisurely breakfast, set out on a hike to Khamsum Yuelley Namgyal Chorten, a three-story lhakhang, or temple, dedicated to the well-being of the kingdom, its people and all sentient beings. Built atop a high ridge, the temple offers a magnificent panorama of the Punakha Valley. Continue to Jigme Dorji National Park for a picnic lunch. The second largest protected area in Bhutan, the park spans 1,666 square miles and three climate zones, ranging in elevation from 4,600–23,000 feet. Accompanied by a local naturalist/conservationist, we spend a half-day exploring and photographing the rich biodiversity of the park. Birds are abundant along scenic forest trails, and we capture shots of Himalayan monal, blood pheasant and satyr tragopan, among a multitude of species. After an exhilarating afternoon, it’s time to return to our riverside lodge for dinner.

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Days 10–11

Gangtey Valley

Search for black-necked cranes across the Gangtey Valley

- Photograph endangered black-necked cranes in Bhutan's broad glacial valley
- Learn about crane conservation at the Black-Necked Crane Information Center
- Visit 17th-century Gangtey Goemba Monastery overlooking the valley

Cross a high pass to reach the wide glacial valley of Gangtey, often referred to as Phobjikha, one of the most scenic destinations in Bhutan. Exceptionally rich in biodiversity, this sacred protected region of forest and wetlands is home to a number of rare and exotic wildlife species, including the globally endangered black-necked cranes that migrate to the valley each autumn from their summer breeding grounds on the Tibetan Plateau. Local people believe that along with their arrival comes a good potato harvest and prosperity for the valley. Learn more about these elegant birds—the world's only alpine crane species—on a visit to the Black-Necked Crane Information Center, managed by Bhutan's Royal Society for the Protection of Nature. Powerful spotting scopes are available to seek out these showy avian denizens, several hundred of which make the journey each year. With a bright red crown, slender black neck, and a wingspan up to 8 feet, the birds are the subject of Bhutanese folk songs and are painted on the walls of homes, businesses and temples throughout the country. We also visit magnificent Gangtey Goemba Monastery, perched atop a hill that overlooking the valley. The 17th-century monastery is surrounded by a large village inhabited mainly by the families of the 140 gomchens who take care of the sacred Buddhist site with deep devotion.

Day 12

Paro Valley

Practice Bhutanese archery in the Paro Valley

- Travel through mountain landscapes on the return to Paro
- Try Bhutan's national sport at a local farmhouse
- Learn how archery remains woven into festivals and community life

A half-day drive returns us to Paro in the mountainous northwest of Bhutan, a region rich in natural beauty and culture and abounding with myths and legends. At a local farmhouse, we participate in a traditional archery lesson to learn about the national sport of the kingdom. Archery tournaments and competitions are held throughout the country, often during public holidays and local festivals called *tsechu.* Though archery historically is a martial art, it is practiced by the peace-loving Bhutanese for physical exercise and to hone concentration.

Day 13

Tiger's Nest Monastery

Capture images of Tiger's Nest above the Paro Valley

- Frame Taktsang Monastery dramatically perched on a sheer cliff
- Hike to a panoramic viewpoint or continue to the monastery
- Learn the legend of Guru Rinpoche and the flying tigress

Our final morning in Bhutan holds a most impressive sight: Taktsang Monastery, also known as the "Tiger's Nest." The famous subject of many photographs, this complex of 17th-century temples clings to the side of a precipitous cliff nearly 3,000 feet above the valley floor. Its name is derived from myth, which holds that Guru Rinpoche, the tantric mystic who brought Buddhism from India to Bhutan in the 8th century, landed here on the back of a flying tigress and stayed to meditate in a cave for three months. Gain an initial vista for photos as we hike to a viewpoint opposite the monastery. Those who choose to tackle the entire challenging climb will have their effort well rewarded with unsurpassed photo opportunites capturing the temples, surrounding peaks and valley below. Afterward, there may be time to do some last-minute shopping before saying farewell to this most captivating country.

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Day 14

Paro / Bangkok

Depart Bhutan after your Himalayan photo journey

- Fly from Paro to Bangkok for onward international connections

Our Himalayan photography sojourn concludes as we depart from the Paro airport on a group flight to Bangkok, where we connect with onward travels. Our Himalayan photography sojourn concludes as we depart from the Paro airport on a group flight to Bangkok, where we connect with onward flights.

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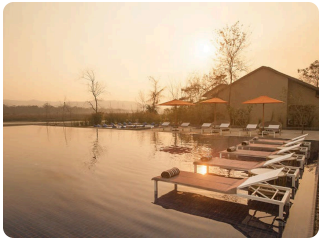
Nepal & Bhutan Photo Expedition Accommodations

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Dwarika's Hotel

This award-winning heritage hotel in Kathmandu is modeled on the grand palaces of Nepal's Newar kings, featuring intricate carved wood and terracotta, antiques and contemporary amenities.



Meghauli Serai

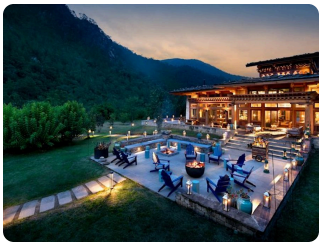
At this elegant safari lodge on the edge of Chitwan National Park, 16 luxury riverside villas with private plunge pools provide a soothing and secluded jungle sanctuary.



The Postcard Dewa

Located in the forest on the outskirts of Bhutan's capital city, the Postcard Dewa Hotel is a quiet and secluded retreat with views of the Khasadraphchu Valley and Wangchu River.

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Punakha River Lodge

Set along the Mo Chhu River, this riverside lodge features tented suites, traditional dining, spa and panoramic Himalayan views—all rooted in Bhutanese tradition and place.



Gangtey Lodge

Experience luxury and serenity at this 12-suite boutique lodge overlooking the Phobjikha Valley and 17th-century Gangtey Monastery.



COMO Uma Paro

A luxurious retreat set in the peaceful Paro Valley of Bhutan. Blending modern comfort with traditional Bhutanese design, COMO Uma Paro provides a serene escape immersed in nature at the base of Bhutan's dramatic trails and iconic Himalayan landmarks.

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/asia-adventure-travel/nepal-bhutan-photo-expedition/accommodations.

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A Unique Asian Photo Journey Melding Nature & Cultures

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Most trips to the Himalayas tend to be somewhat singularly focused: you'll spend most of your time exploring museums and monasteries, or you'll sign on for a taxing trek between high-altitude camps. What about an alternative for the photographer who's fascinated by both nature and culture, who values diverse nature subjects but also appreciates rich human history, not to mention creature comforts? We think we have created your ideal adventure!

1 **A Unique Nature-Intensive Focus**

Our carefully crafted itinerary combines highlights of two countries and offers an unusual combination of natural and cultural subjects rarely presented together. Photograph native wildlife, such as Asian elephant and rhinos, in Nepal, and snap alpine panoramas from passes in Bhutan. We also capture images of each country's Buddhist and Hindu heritage expressed in rich architectural and religious sites.

2 **Spend Three Days Photographing Wildlife in the Jungles of Nepal**

Nepal is known for its Himalayan heights, but its lowlands—called the Terai—are where its most abundant wildlife resides. We stay at a secluded luxury ecolodge near Chitwan National Park, Nepal's premier wildlife reserve, and the lodge boasts high sightings of one-horned rhinoceros, crocodile and gharial. We may also see wild Asian elephant, leopard, sloth bear, wild boar, crocodile, sambar deer and monkeys—and, if we're extremely lucky, the elusive Bengal tiger.

3 **A Diverse Itinerary Filled with Varied Activities**

This unusual trip includes an engaging mix of activities that appeal to photographers: wildlife drives, guided nature walks and canoe rides, plus cultural experiences in Kathmandu and Bhutan. Bhutan is known for its dramatic landscapes and serene Buddhist culture, and we'll have ample opportunity to experience both as we visit temples adorned with fluttering prayer flags and its architecturally unique dzongs (massive fortified monasteries). If you're the kind of photographer who finds everything interesting, this trip is for you!

4 **Outstanding Bird Photo Opportunities**

In addition to the varied mammals we may spot, Chitwan abounds in bird species—more than 500 are found in the vicinity of our lodge—and we're sure to see plenty in Bhutan as well. Even casual birdwatchers will enjoy the avian elements of our adventure. Bring your telephoto lens!

5 **Photograph Takin in Bhutan's Motithang Reserve**

While stunning mountainscapes and a rich Buddhist heritage are Bhutan's greatest draws for most travelers, a visit to this wildlife reserve is also a highlight for photographers interested in Bhutan's native wildlife species. The takin, a large, shaggy ungulate related to the muskox, is Bhutan's national animal, and we'll get close-up shots at this sanctuary, as well as of sambar and barking deer.

6 **A Small Group for Quieter Photo Encounters**

Because we know that both wildlife and cultural encounters are best in intimate settings, we travel with no more than nine guests—ensuring quiet moments with wildlife and personal interaction with the people we will meet.

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7 **Travel with Outstanding Photographer-Naturalist Guides**

At Nat Hab, we've developed a global reputation for the world's best guides, because we know guides are the key to making a good trip truly great. In Bhutan, our own Expedition Leader is paired with an outstanding local Bhutanese guide, ensuring the ideal complement of trip management expertise, attentive personal service and insider insight—not to mention expert photography guidance. And in Nepal's Chitwan National Park, we are joined by expert local naturalists from our jungle lodge who are highly adept wildlife spotters, on hand to help you get the pictures you covet. Our Photo Expedition Leader oversees your trip from start to finish, while our knowledgeable local guides add in-depth understanding of local culture and wildlife. Read our Expedition Leader bios and traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

8 **Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Outstanding Himalayan Adventure**

With Natural Habitat Adventures, you receive our exclusive guarantee, which clearly states that we will meet the high expectations we set forth in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company. Read our important promise for yourself!

9 **Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey**

We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.

10 **Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner**

Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our small-group nature adventures, World Wildlife Fund, the world's leading environmental conservation organization, has named Natural Habitat Adventures its worldwide travel partner—a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!

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Dates & Pricing Summary:

Price
From $16895 (+Air)

Group Size
Limited to 9 Travelers

Nepal & Bhutan Photo Expedition Dates, Pricing & Info

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2026 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Dec 4 - Dec 17, 2026	**$16895** +internal air	Natural Habitat Explorers Pricing Available

See https://www.nathab.com/asia-adventure-travel/nepal-bhutan-photo-expedition/dates-fees for the latest pricing details.

Included

Trip price includes: Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s) and local guides, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, some gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day (in Bhutan only), all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.

Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and Nepal visa fees, optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry, etc.), airline baggage fees, required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

Internal air: All flights within the itinerary (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

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Important Information About This Trip

Most of our guests travel to Nepal for encounters with the country's wildlife. **While nature experiences in this part of the world are indeed remarkable, there is a fundamental difference between a safari in the Nepal jungle and a typical African safari.** At times, guests lured to Nepal by tourist brochures promising "wildlife safaris" can be disappointed to see fewer animals than they expected, or at least fewer than they might normally see in Africa. It is not that Nepal's surviving jungle habitat is thinly populated with wildlife, but, similarly to places like Costa Rica where the forest vegetation is very dense, and here, the elephant grass is also very tall, animals have mastered the art of camouflage and can be difficult to spot. That said, we have carefully designed our itineraries to capitalize on the best conditions to spot wildlife. But various factors can affect potential sightings, including inclement weather, which creates small pockets of water that allow the animals to remain hidden in the forest, rather than being forced into the open to frequent waterholes. The secret to a successful nature adventure lies with the expertise of our Expedition Leaders and park rangers, as well as your knowing what to expect as a traveler, and in understanding that the privilege of stepping into a wild and untouched natural realm is a reward in itself.

A note about departure dates: Nat Hab cannot finalize confirmed dates for any given Nepal & Bhutan departure until the airlines publish their schedule for our internal flights on tour in the unlikely event that their schedule may force us to shift our itinerary dates. The airlines typically release this information in June of each year. Please do not book your international flights until departure dates have been confirmed by Nat Hab.

Mandatory Insurance

Since the areas we travel to are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require that all guests have, at minimum, medical evacuation insurance for this program. This is for the safety of all guests. We require that your chosen independent insurance plan includes at least $250,000 in medical evacuation coverage.

To protect your investment and to provide peace of mind while you travel, we also strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment to trip cancellations and delays and lost luggage. Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.

Getting There & Getting Home

This trip begins in Kathmandu, Nepal, and ends in Bangkok, Thailand. Because this is a long international journey with multiple flight segments and a significant time difference, **we recommend that you arrive the night before Day 1** to rest from your travels and begin the trip refreshed. For guests who come in early, our recommended hotel will be included in your pre-departure materials.

If you plan to arrive on Day 1, you should arrive in Kathmandu by 3 pm in order to participate in an orientation and group welcome dinner beginning at 6:00 pm.

Recommended departure times vary depending on the final flight schedule from Paro to Bangkok, which is often released closer to travel dates. These times can differ even within the same season. **Please refer to your Nat Hab guest portal for the exact "depart after" time based on your confirmed Paro–Bangkok flight**. In all cases, we recommend staying an extra night in Bangkok to accommodate possible flight delays.

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Our Natural Habitat Adventures Travel Desk can best assist with your travel reservations, as our staff is familiar with the specific requirements of this program and can help arrange the most efficient itinerary. Please call us at 800-543-8917. While we offer the best available rates to us on airfare and additional nights' accommodations, you may occasionally find special web rates or lower fares online.



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The Grand India Wildlife Adventure

Look for rare Bengal tigers, one-horned rhinos and other endangered animals as we discover India’s wild side on an exploration of three premier national parks. You won't find a richer Indian nature safari!

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