TIGER TOPS THARU LODGE

ACTIVITIES

ELEPHANT JUNGLE WALK

Walk alongside our elephants into the jungle and get close to wildlife on foot while letting the elephants protect you. This is a unique opportunity to be close to our herd, watch how they move through the jungle, what they eat, and how they react to and interact with other wildlife. There is nothing quite like standing eye-to-eye with a rhino while knowing that you are safe, protected by the mighty jumbos by your side. This activity is available at all times.

Duration: 1-2 Hours

Attire: Sun Protection, comfortable walking shoes, mute colored clothing

Per Person Charge: $40.00

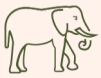
ELEPHANT GRASS CUTTING

Join the elephants and their mahouts as they walk to the grasslands in the morning to collect fodder for the rest of the day. Few people understand the close bond between an elephant and its mahout, and watching them work together to collect grass is a beautiful and direct experience of the symbioses that happens between the two. The guests can even join in and try for themselves the tough job of cutting the meters high elephant grass.

Duration: 2 Hours

Attire: Sun Protection, comfortable walking shoes, mute colored clothing

Per Person Charge: Complimentary



ELEPHANT RIVER WALK AND BATHING WITH SUNDOWNERS

This is now one of our most celebrated activities and a great way to end a stay at Tiger Tops Tharu Lodge. This is a short jungle or village walk with the elephants, which ends by the bank of the Narayani River. Here the elephants will be let loose to cool down in the water, while our staff is awaiting guests with a cold drink. Guests are often surprised and delighted to discover elephants are extremely playful and entertaining when left to themselves to enjoy their favorite activity: cooling down and feeling weightless in the water. This activity is best in the months of February through November (the water is too cold for the elephants in December and January and sometimes into mid-February).

Duration: 2 Hours

Attire: Sun Protection, comfortable walking shoes, mute colored clothing

Per Person Charge: $50.00

(INCLUSIVE: One round of wine / beer / a standard quantity of local spirits / soft drink and snacks)

ELEPHANT CAMP VISIT AND KUCHI MAKING

This activity commences with an informative talk about elephants. This gives the guest a perfect opportunity to learn what the elephants eat, how they are cared for, their physiology and not least a chance to bond with the mahouts. After the talk, the guests will get to try out their mahout skills by helping to prepare the elephants' snacks, known as a kuchi. Guests are always welcome to be around the elephants. The large-scale enclosures allow the elephants to move around and socialize, and they are often highly entertaining to observe. This activity is available at all times. This activity can be combined with a visit to our charitable school next door.

Duration: 1 Hours

Attire: Sun Protection, comfortable walking shoes, mute colored clothing

Per Person Charge: Complimentary

JEEP SAFARI - NATIONAL PARK

Chitwan National Park (CNP), a world heritage site, is a hotspot for biodiversity in Nepal. The park, which constitutes an important component of Terai Arc Landscape, is among the best managed parks in the world. 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 end of September.

Duration: Half Day

Minimum Charge: $270.00
Per Person Charge:$135.00

Duration: Full Day

Minimum Charge: $360.00
Per Person Charge:$180.00

Attire: Sun Protection, warm clothing in winter months, comfortable walking shoes

RIVER SAFARI

A river safari down the Narayani River can be both a soothing and exhilarating experience. Cruising on the wide expanse of the river, pockets of rapids propel the boats along, as gentle waves lap at the sides. Sitting inside a Tiger Tops hand-carved boat, 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 available throughout most of the year except during peak monsoon Mid-June to beginning of September.

Duration: 2 Hours

Attire: Sun Protection, warm clothing in winter months
Minimum Charge: $200.00
Per Person Charge: $100.00

VILLAGE WALK AND CHARITABLE SCHOOL VISIT

Towards the East side of the lodge live the fishing communities. You will walk through two different types of communities; the Musahar and the Bote. These two communities have different dialects, physical features and culture despite being so close to one another. Along the way you will pass many locals coming to or from fishing ponds that are protected by WWF for the local community. You will also pass many homestay accommodations that local people use to come on holiday and visit the area. Big crop fields surround the village and offer scenic views of the Mahabharata range and the Annapurna mountain range in the backdrop. This activity is available at all times.

During your walk you will stop by the Tiger Tops Charitable School, an initiative we started in 1996 for children of the poorest communities. To date, over 500 students have graduated from the school.

Duration: 1 - 2 Hours

Per Person Charge: Complimentary, Donations to the school are very welcome

JEEP SAFARI (BUFFER ZONE) COMBINED WITH VISIT TO VULTURE RESTAURANT.

Tiger Tops Tharu Lodge is closely associated with Jayatyu Vulture Restaurant, a joint venture of Bird Conservation Nepal & ITNC. The aim is to acquaint guests with the alarming plight of the vulture and encourage support in preserving and regenerating the population. The vulture feeding center provides multi-faceted benefits: rescue and care for old cattle, supplies non- toxic food source to vultures and provides village income from home stays, guiding etc.

Duration: Half Day
Minimum Charge: $160.00
Per Person Charge: $80.00

Duration: Full Day
Minimum Charge: $210.00
Per Person Charge: $105.00

Attire: Sun Protection, mute coloured clothing

BIRDING WALKS: (BUFFER ZONE OR INSIDE THE NATIONAL PARK)

Chitwan National Park is also a magnet for avid bird watchers who can observe numerous species of resident and migrant birds.

Deep in the jungle of Chitwan national Park, away from bustling cities and noises streets, you'll find a plethora of birdlife with a variety of colours that no artist's palette could cover.

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 advanced so that we may plan accordingly. This activity is available at all times.

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 with elephants or jeep. This means that there is the potential to encounter birds and animals that may have otherwise have been scared off by the noisier modes of travel.

Nepal is considered a bird watching sanctuary, with an astounding 873 species identified across the country. In the company of an expert naturalist, Tiger Tops will guide you through an unbeatable bird watching tour, identifying species from grassland, farmland, forest and aquatic habitats. With a list of birds to tick off as you go, you'll learn to recognize different species, their whistles and alarm calls. Beyond watching for birds, you'll develop an insight into how birdlife are an integral part of Nepal's abundant eco-systems. This activity is available at all times.

Duration: 2 - 4 Hours

Attire: Sun Protection, comfortable walking shoes, Binoculars, Camera, mute colored clothing

Minimum Charge: $60.00
Per Person Charge: $30.00

DAY EXCURSION TO LUMBINI (BUDDHA'S BIRTHPLACE)

Lumbini is a Buddhist pilgrimage site in Rupandehi District of Nepal. According to Buddhists tradition, this is the place where Queen Maya Devi gave birth to Siddhartha Gautama in 623 BC. Gautama achieved enlightenment after reputed 49 days of mediation, at the age of 35. He became the Gautama Buddha and founded Buddhism. Lumbini as among the many magnets for pilgrimage that appeared in places essential to the life of Gautama Buddha.

Lumbini has numerous temples and stupas, including the Maya Devi Temple and several others. Many monuments, monasteries and a museum – the lumbini International Research Institute – are also located within the holy site. Furthermore, you will find the Puskarini or Holy Pond where the Buddha's mother took the ritual dip prior to his birth and where he had his first bath.

Lumbini was granted World Heritage status by UNESCO in 1997.

The price includes transportation, entry fee, guide fee, water, soft drinks and pack lunch. You will leave early in the morning for 2.5 hours' drive to Lumbini. The Lumbini area is good for a variety of bird species and for the largest antelope, the "blue Bull".

Duration: Whole Day

Attire: Appropriate clothing and good walking shoes for walking around the monastery areas, Binocular, Camera.
Minimum Charge: $280.00
Per Person Charge: $120.00

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 weather conditions.

Rates are valid until 30 June 2027 but are also subject to change depending on fluctuation in fuel prices and changes to government fees.