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Wild & Ancient Himalaya: Nepal & Bhutan

Exploring Nature & Culture in Two Historic Mountain Kingdoms



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Trip Details:

Days
11 Days /
Feb-Apr,
Nov-Dec

Price
From
\$14795
(+Air)

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Geographically diverse Nepal holds the world's highest mountains and lowland jungle plains. Safaris in the Terai reveal its captivating wildlife as we search for rhinos, sloth bears and leopards roaming the subtropical forests. In neighboring Bhutan, quality of life is measured in terms of Gross National Happiness, not merely material measures. Though Bhutan is a tiny country, it is a global conservation leader, proud to be not only carbon-neutral, but carbon-negative. The "Land of the Thunder Dragon" remains dedicated to preserving its deep Buddhist traditions and pristine landscapes. Visitor presence is still light, and a journey among its serene monasteries, Himalayan peaks, glacial rivers and peaceable villages reveals Bhutan's singular beauty. Combine an adventure in these two ancient kingdoms for a nature sojourn that will move your spirit.

Trip Highlights

On this insider's discovery of two neighboring countries, find a distinctive focus on nature, scenery, wildlife and varied ecosystems, from tropical lowlands to subalpine heights

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Chitwan, home to Asian elephants, one-horned rhinoceros, sloth bear, spotted deer, golden jackal, profuse birdlife and more

Visit the temples of the Kathmandu Valley, and hike to Taktsang Monastery, Bhutan's famous "Tiger's Nest" temple perched half a mile up on a sheer mountain cliff



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Through April 2026—12 Days

Our 12-day itinerary includes one additional day in Thimphu, Bhutan. The remainder of the trip has the same inclusions as our new itinerary debuting in 2026/27, with the exception of Jigme Dorji National Park in Bhutan.

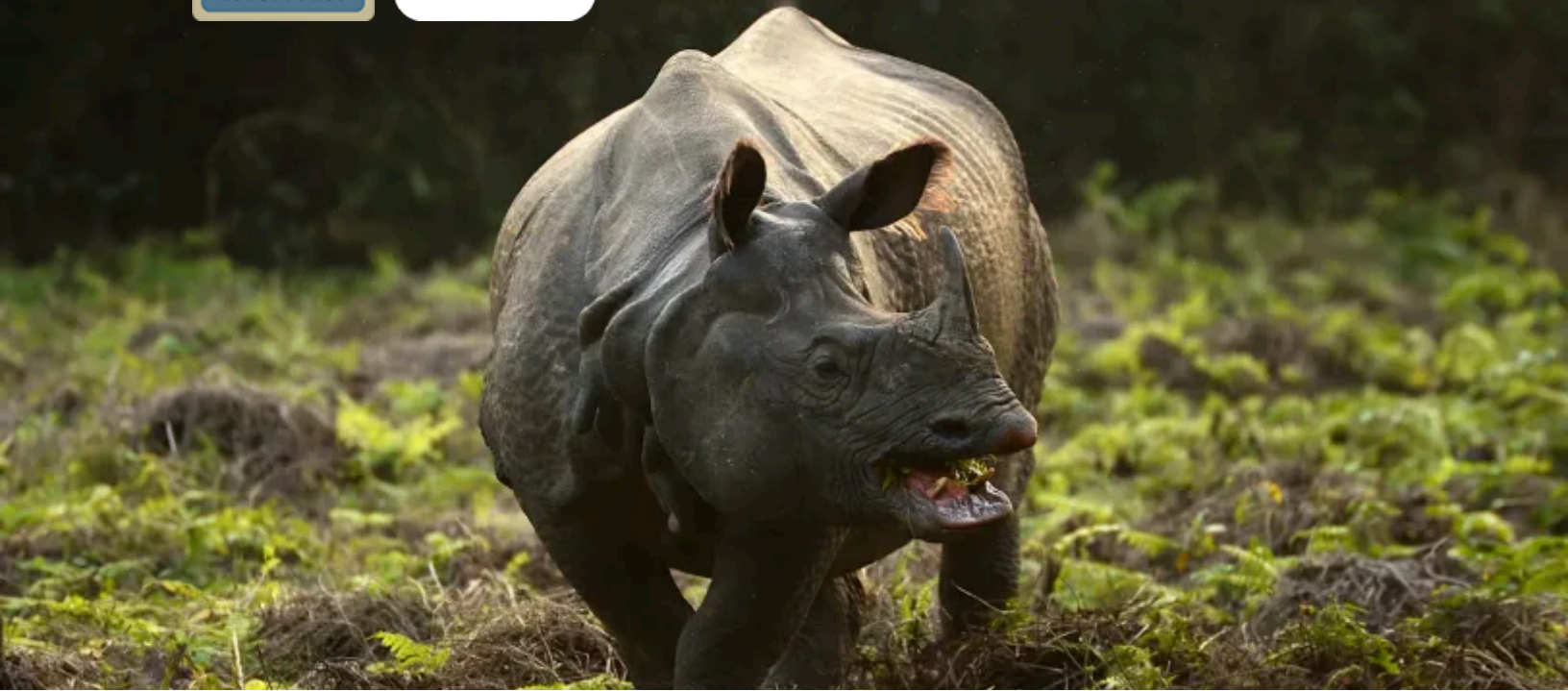


Starting in November 2026—11 Days

Our new 11-day itinerary has one less day in Thimphu, Bhutan, while adding a visit to Jigme Dorji National Park for scenic forest hikes, bird photography and wildlife scouting in the Punakha region. All other elements are the same.



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Accommodation Details:

- Dwarika's Hotel
- Meghauli Serai
- The Postcard Dewa
- Punakha River Lodge
- Dhensa Boutique Resort
- COMO Uma Paro

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/asia-adventure-travel/natural-jewels-of-bhutan-nepal/accommodation

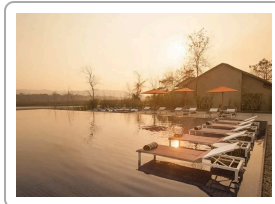
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Dwarika's Hotel

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.

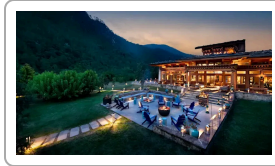


The Postcard Dewa

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.



Dhensa Boutique Resort

In the heart of the Punakha Valley, enjoy modern design and peaceable ambience with private balconies, a glass-enclosed dining area, and a broad stone terrace to drink in the fresh mountain air.



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.



A Two-Country Combo with A Unique Itinerary

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 traveler who's fascinated by both nature and culture, who values a genuine immersion in nature but also appreciates creature comforts? We think we have created your ideal adventure:

1

A Unique Nature-Intensive Focus

Our itinerary combines highlights of two countries and offers an unusual combination of nature and culture rarely presented together. We search for native wildlife, such as Asian elephant and rhinos, in Nepal and cross alpine passes in Bhutan—and we also experience each country's Buddhist and Hindu heritage expressed in rich architectural and religious sites.

2

Spend Three Days Tracking 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: 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 traveler who finds everything interesting, this trip is for you!

4

Enjoy Outstanding Birdwatching

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 binoculars!



5

Take Part in Bhutanese Cultural Activities

Beyond Bhutan's stunning scenery, daily rituals provide a window into Bhutanese life. Try your hand at making butter lamps, participate in a blessing ceremony, arrange grains of sand into intricate mandalas and join other practices that continue to define the country's cultural identity.

6

A Small Group for More Meaningful Experiences

Because we know that both wildlife and cultural encounters are best enjoyed in intimate settings, we travel with no more than 12 guests—ensuring quiet moments with wildlife and personal interaction with the people we will meet.

7

Travel with Outstanding 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. And in Nepal's Chitwan National Park, we are joined by expert local naturalists from our jungle lodge who are highly adept wildlife spotters. Our highly trained Expedition Leader oversees your trip from start to finish, while our knowledgeable local guides add in-depth understanding of local culture and wildlife. Our Expedition Leaders average 15 years of guiding experience—**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.

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:

Prices: From \$14795 (+Air)

Group Size: Limited to 12 Travelers

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2026 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Apr 13, 2026	Apr 24, 2026	\$15095 USD (+internal air)
Apr 20, 2026	May 1, 2026	\$15095 USD (+internal air) Habitat Club Pricing Available
Nov 1, 2026	Nov 11, 2026	\$15095 USD (+internal air) Dates Not Confirmed
Dec 1, 2026	Dec 11, 2026	\$14795 USD (+internal air) Habitat Club Pricing Available , Dates Not Confirmed



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Departure	Return	Notes
Dec 4, 2026	Dec 17, 2026	\$16895 USD (+internal air) Photo Expedition , Dates Not Confirmed

2027 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
! Dates not confirmed for 2027		
Mar 1, 2027	Mar 11, 2027	\$16195 USD (+internal air)
Mar 17, 2027	Mar 27, 2027	\$15795 USD (+internal air)
Mar 23, 2027	Apr 2, 2027	\$15795 USD (+internal air)
Mar 31, 2027	Apr 10, 2027	\$16195 USD (+internal air)
Nov 17, 2027	Nov 27, 2027	\$16195 USD (+internal air) Habitat Club Pricing Available
Dec 1, 2027	Dec 11, 2027	\$15795 USD (+internal air)
Dec 4, 2027	Dec 14, 2027	\$15795 USD (+internal air)
Dec 10, 2027	Dec 20, 2027	\$15795 USD (+internal air)

2028 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
! Prices and dates not confirmed for 2028		
Feb 12, 2028	Feb 22, 2028	\$15795 USD (+internal air)



Dates & Pricing Summary:

Prices:
From \$14795 (+Air)

Group Size:
Limited to 12 Travelers

Departure	Return	Notes
! Prices and dates not confirmed for 2028		
Feb 16, 2028	Feb 26, 2028	\$15795 USD (+internal air)
Mar 3, 2028	Mar 13, 2028	\$15795 USD (+internal air)
Mar 19, 2028	Mar 29, 2028	\$15795 USD (+internal air)
Mar 25, 2028	Apr 4, 2028	\$15795 USD (+internal air)
Apr 2, 2028	Apr 12, 2028	\$15795 USD (+internal air)
Nov 19, 2028	Nov 29, 2028	\$15795 USD (+internal air)
Dec 3, 2028	Dec 13, 2028	\$15795 USD (+internal air)
Dec 6, 2028	Dec 16, 2028	\$15795 USD (+internal air)
Dec 12, 2028	Dec 22, 2028	\$15795 USD (+internal air)

2029 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
! Prices and dates not confirmed for 2029		
Apr 6, 2029	Apr 16, 2029	\$15795 USD (+internal air)



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Pricing

See <https://nathab.com/asia-adventure-travel/natural-jewels-of-bhutan-nepal/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.

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

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.

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 on this trip are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require medical evacuation insurance for our guests' safety. If you decline the medical evacuation insurance coverage offered by Natural Habitat, we request that you send us documentation of the independent coverage you have selected. We will add the cost of a medical evacuation policy to your tour invoice until you provide our office with proof of coverage including your insurance company's name, contact number and your individual policy number. Thank you for understanding that our policy exists exclusively in the interest of our guests' safety.

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.

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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Extension Details:

The Grand India Wildlife Adventure
\$12795

Land of the Snow Leopard
\$10995

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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!

\$12795 (+air)



Land of the Snow Leopard

On a winter adventure in far-north India, join a quest to view one of the world's most elusive cats. Stay in the very midst of its high alpine habitat at our private, deluxe ecolodge in a small village in Ladakh.

\$10995 (+air)



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