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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 /
Feb, Nov–
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

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

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

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



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Nepal & Bhutan Photo Expedition Itineraries

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February 2026

Our February 2026 departure is identical to those beginning in Fall 2026 with a slight exception to our activities in the Punakha region: light hikes and a visit to the Punakha Dzong are included, but we do not visit Jigme Dorji National Park.



November & December 2026

Starting in November 2026, our itinerary includes an addition to our time in the Punakha region: a visit to Jigme Dorji National Park for scenic forest hikes, bird photography and wildlife scouting.



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Accommodation Details:

Dwarika's Hotel

Meghauri Serai

The Postcard Dewa

Dhensa Boutique Resort

Punakha River Lodge

Gangtey Lodge

COMO Uma Paro

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

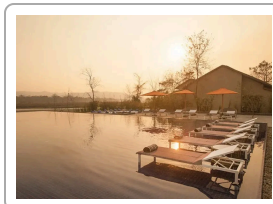
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Dwarika's Hotel

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.



Meghauri 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.

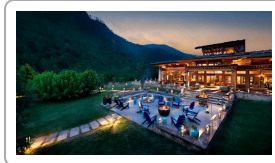


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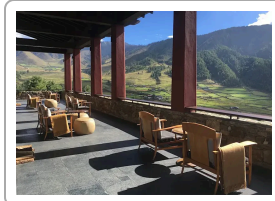
Dhensa Boutique Resort

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.



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.



A Unique Asian Photo Journey Melding Nature & Cultures

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!



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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.

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.

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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.

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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.

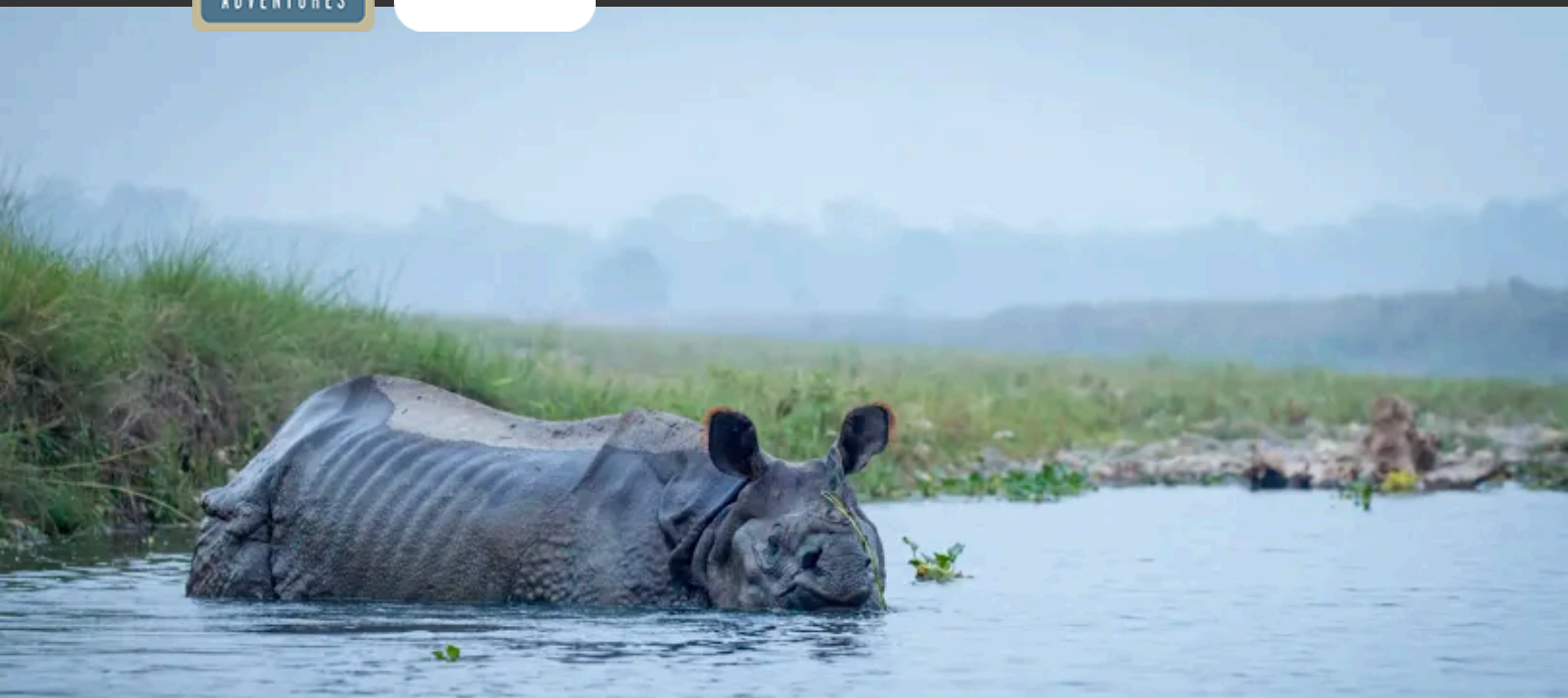
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Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner

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 \$16895
(+Air)

Group Size:
Limited to 9
Travelers

Nepal & Bhutan Photo Expedition Dates, Pricing & Info

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2026 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
! Dates not confirmed for 2026		
Nov 9, 2026	Nov 22, 2026	\$16895 USD (+internal air)
Dec 4, 2026	Dec 17, 2026	\$16895 USD (+internal air) Habitat Club Pricing Available



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Pricing

See <https://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.

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 and internet, 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 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.

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

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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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