Nepal - A Mammal Tour

Naturetrek Tour Summary

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Day 1

Sunday 3rd February

The clients departed from London Heathrow with Qatar Airways to Doha then Kathmandu.

Day 2

Monday 4th February

Guests arrived in Kathmandu by 5:00 pm, and were met at the airport and transferred to Hotel Marshyagdi in Thamel. After check-in we had a short briefing about the trip and activities for the next day.

Day 3

Tuesday 5th February

Weather: sunny and clear

We had an early start to drive from Kathmandu to Chitwan. En route we explored river valleys and streams and arrived at Machan Paradise View Lodge by 2:30pm. We were warmly welcomed by the lodge staff. At 3:00pm we had our first elephant safari for two hours, and returned back at dusk for tea and coffee followed later by dinner. We stayed in Machan Paradise View Lodge for three nights.

Day 4

Wednesday 6th February

Weather: cloudy and rain

We had an early breakfast then proceeded on a nature walk along the river, forest and grassland. We combined boating at Rapti River for 45 minutes and were picked-up by jeep and driven back to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon we joined our second elephant safari and returned back at dusk. Tea and coffee were served and dinner was at 7:00pm.

Day 5

Thursday 7th February

Weather: Beautiful sunrise and full day of sunshine

Early breakfast was served and we boarded the jeep with our picnic lunch box for a full day's jeep safari. Today we explored a large area of the national park; we visited Sukhibhar, Tiger Tops, Hattimora Khola, Khoria Muhan, Tamor Taal and Lami Taal. We returned back in evening to lodge where tea and coffee were waiting us, and dinner was served at 7:00pm.

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Day 6

Friday 8th February

Weather: Thick mist early, clear at 10:00 am, sunny later

We started early to drive from Chitwan to Koshi Tappu, and stopped in several places...we had a picnic lunch at a forest before Bardibas, and stopped for some time in Koshi Barrage to look at rarities, arriving at Koshi Camp by 5:00pm. We were welcomed by staff and proceded to our tents where we were staying for three nights. Dinner was served at 7:00pm and we discussed the next days activity at the dinner table before retiring to bed.

Day 7

Saturday 9th February

Weather: Thick misty until 9:00am and later a clear sunny day

At 6:30am we had breakfast and drove to the northeast end of the reserve at Prakashpur and returned back for lunch. In the afternoon we explored the southern end to Haripur and returned back at camp before sunset. Tea and coffee were served in the camp garden as we waited for a Jungle Cat to come out. Dinner was served at 7:00pm.

Day 8

Sunday 10th February

Weather: sunny and clear

After breakfast we took a jeep drive to Prakashpur to the starting point where our boat was ready for our trip on the Koshi River. We explored some grasslands, sandbars and fresh water and finished our excursion at Kushaha by 11:30am. We drove back to camp for lunch and in the afternoon we returned back to Koshi Barrage with the jeep to explore the wetland around Koshi Barrage before returning at dusk. Tea and coffee were served and dinner was at 7:00pm.

Day 9

Monday 11th February

Weather: sunny and clear

We did a pre-breakfast nature walk and then transferred to Biratnagar airport to get the flight to Kathmandu. We had a magnificent mountain view on the flight which included the world's highest mountain - Mt Everest. We landed in Kathmandu airport after 40 minutes and transferred to Hotel Marshyangdi for an overnight stay.

Day 10

Tuesday 12th February

Weather: sunny and clear

At 7:00 am we started our drive from the hotel to Phulchowki, and enjoyed a full day's exploration at Phulchowki Mountain Forest, and Godavari Botanical Garden and returned back by 4:00pm.

Day 11

Wednesday 13th February

We transferred to the airport for the guests to catch a scheduled flight with Qatar Airways to Doha and London.

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Species List

Plants

						Febr	uary			
	Common name	Scientific name	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Indian Flying Fox	Pteropus giganteus								50
2	Indian Pipistrelle	Pipistrellus coromandra					2			
3	Rhesus Macaque	Macaca mulatta			50	100+				
4	Common Langur	Presbytis entellus			78	10				
5	Asiatic Golden Jackal	Canis lupus				1	4			
6	Indian Grey Mongoose	Herpestes edwardsi	2				2	3		
7	Jungle Cat	Felis chaus					2	1		
8	Royal Bengal Tiger	Panthera tigris		1						
9	Gangetic Dolphin	Platanista gangetica				2		2		
10	Greater One-horned Rhino	Rhinoceros unicornis	2	3	4					
11	Wild Boar	Sus scrofa			2					
12	Muntjac (Barking Dear)	Muntiacus muntjak			2					1
13	Spotted Deer (Chital)	Cervus axis	30	11	200+					
14	Hog Deer	Cervus porcinus	20	26	3		1			
15	Sambar	Cervus unicolor			1					
16	Nilgai (Bluebull)	Boselaphus tragocamelus						1		
17	Wild Water Buffalo	Bubalus bubalis					13	9		
18	Orange-bellied Squirrel	Dremomys lokriah								2
19	Asian Elephant	Elephas maximus				5	9			
20	Marsh Muggar	Crocodylus palustris	1	1	20					
21	Gharial	Gavial gangeticus			12					
22	Indian Mud Turtle							6		

Birds

1	Black Francolin	Francolinus francolinus		2						
2	Swamp Francolin	Francolinus gularis					5			
3	Grey Francolin	Francolinus pondicerianus					1			
4	Hill Partridge	Arborophila torqueola								1
5	Red Junglefowl	Gallus gallus		2	6	3				
6	Kalij Pheasant	Lophura leucomelanos			1					
7	Indian Peafowl	Pavo cristatus	3	6	24					
8	Lesser Whistling Duck	Dendrocygna javanica			40		20	6		
9	Ruddy Shelduck	Tadorna ferruginea		50	100+	20	12	50		
10	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos					30	45		
11	Common Teal	Anas crecca				2	20	33		
12	Red-crested Pochard	Rhodonessa rufina		19						
13	Common Pochard	Aythya ferina						9		
14	Bear's Pochard	Aytha beari						1		
15	Common Merganser	Mergus merganser		10						
16	Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	Dendrocopos nanus					1	1		
17	Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	Dendrocopos canicapillus		3	5					
18	Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos macei	2	4	1	2	6	2	2	
19	Rufous-bellied Woodpecker	Dendrocopos hyperythrus								2
20	Crimson-breasted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos cathpharius								2
21	Lesser Yellownape	Picus chlorolophus		1	2					
22	Greater Yellownape	Picus flavinucha		4	2					
23	Grey-headed Woodpecker	Picus canus			2					

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	Common name	Scientific name	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
24	Himalayan Goldenback	Dinopium shorii		3	6					
25	Lesser Goldenback	Dinopium benghalense					6	2		
26	Greater Goldenback	Chrysocolaptes lucidus		1	3					
27	Long-tailed Broadbill	Psarisomus dalhousiae			20					
28	Great Barbet	Megalaima virens								3
29	Lineated Barbet	Megalaima lineata	3	2	3					
30	Golden-throated Barbet	Megalaima franklinii								2
31	Blue-throated Barbet	Megalaima asiatica					20	3	2	
32	Coppersmith Barbet	Megalaima haemacephala					1			
33	Oriental Pied-Hornbill	Anthracoceros albirostris			2		1			
34	Great Hornbill	Buceros bicornis			1					
35	Common Hoopoe	Upupa epops		3			1	3		
36	Red-headed Trogon	Harpactes erythrocephalus			1					
37	Indian Roller	Coracias benghalensis	6	2		10	3	6	7	
38	Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis		1	2	1		2		
39	Stork-billed Kingfisher	Pelargopsis capensis		<u> </u>		· ·	1	2	1	
40	White-throated Kingfisher	Halcyon smyrnensis	6	10	17	20	6	12	3	
41	Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis	+	6	2	2	5	12		
42	Blue-bearded Bee-eater	Nyctyornis athertoni			1	_				
43	Green Bee-eater	Merops orientalis						2		
44	Common Hawk Cuckoo	Hierococcyx varius			1	1	1		1	
45	Asian Koel	Eudynamys scolopacea			'	'	'	1	1	
46	Green-billed Malkoha	Phaenicophaeus tristis			1			'	H . H	
47	Greater Coucal	Centropus sinensis	1	3	9	4	6	11	2	
48	Lesser Coucal	Centropus sinerisis Centropus bengalensis	'	3		7	0	11		
49	Alexandrine Parakeet	Psittacula eupatria	6	12	90					
50	Rose-ringed Parakeet	Psittacula krameri	10	6	36		10			
51	Plum-headed Parakeet	Psittacula cyanocephala	7	10	27		8	10		
52	Red-breasted Parakeet	Psittacula alexandri	'	10	6		0	10		
53		Collocalia brevirostris	12							
54	Himalayan Swiftlet Asian Palm-Swift		12				10			
55	Fork-tailed Swift	Cypsiurus balasiensis Apus pacificus		10			10			
	Crested Treeswift	1 1		10	7					
56		Hemiprocne coronata Otus Bakkamoena			2					
57	Collared Scops Owl									
58	Brown Fish Owl	Ketupa zeylonensis					1			
59	Brown Wood Owl	Strix leptogrammica								
60	Collared Owlet	Glaucidium brodiei								1
61	Asian Barred Owlet	Glaucidium cuculoides								1
62	Jungle Owlet	Glaucidium radiatum	1	1	2		4	3		
63	Spotted Owlet	Athene brama	1			6	4	7	3	
64	Brown Hawk-Owl	Ninox scutulata					2			
65	Savanna Nightjar	Caprimulgus affinis		00		400	1		00	
66	Common Pigeon	Columba livia	30	33	7	100+			20	19
67	Oriental Turtle Dove	Streptopelia orientalis	-				<u> </u>			2
68	Spotted Dove	Streptopelia chinensis	6	40	76	50	31	10	11	
69	Red Collared Dove	Streptopelia tranquebarica		2					-	
70	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto		6	7	8	10	13	3	
71	Emerald Dove	Chalcophaps indica			4					
72	Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	Treron bicincta			12					
73	Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	Treron phoenicoptera						6		
74	Brown Crake	Amaurornis akool		2	2					

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75	White-breasted Waterhen	Amaurornis phoenicurus	1	4	5	2	7	3	2			
76	Purple Swamphen	Porphyrio porphyrio			2	4						
77	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	10	20	39	9	23	16	40			
78	Common Coot	Fulica atra			2							
79	Pintail Snipe	Gallinago stenura						1				
80	Common Redshank	Tringa totanus		1								
81	Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia		5	2			3				
82	Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus		2			2	2				
83	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	1					2				
84	Bronze-winged Jacana	Metopidius indicus	3	6	11	2	10	8	12			
85	Ibisbill	Ibidorhyncha struthersii	3									
86	Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius		6	7			6				
87	River Lapwing	Vanellus duvaucelii		4								
88	Grey-headed Lapwing	Vanellus cinereus				1						
89	Red-wattled Lapwing	Vanellus indicus	2	4	6		4	3				
90	Small Pratincole	Glareola lactea			12			30				
91	Pallas's Gull	Larus ichthyaetus				2	2	2				
92	Brown-headed Gull	Larus brunnicephalus						1				
93	Black-bellied Tern	Sterna acuticauda						1				
94	Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	1	1		1	5	8				
95	Oriental Honey-buzzard	Pernis ptilorhyncus			1		1					
96	Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus	3	2	1	6	1	3	1			
97	Black Kite	Milvus migrans	30			1	3	3	10	20		
98	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus	3	1	2							
99	Egyptian Vulture	Neophron percnopterus	1									
100	White-rumped Vulture	Gyps bengalensis					3	4				
101	Himalayan Griffon	Gyps himalayensis			1		2	119				
102	Short-toed Snake Eagle	Circaetus gallicus						1				
103	Crested Serpent Eagle	Spilornis cheela	1	4	3		1	2				
104	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus					1					
105	Pied Harrier	Circus melanoleucos				1						
106	Shikra	Accipiter badius	2	2	3	1	3	2				
107	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus			1							
108	Himalayan Buzzard	Buteo buteo		1				2	1			
109	Black Eagle	Ictinaetus malayensis			7					1		
110	Greater Spotted Eagle	Aguila clanga					1	3				
111	Steppe Eagle	Aquila nipalensis						1				
112	Booted Eagle	Hieraaetus pennatus						2	2			
113	Changeable Hawk Eagle	Spizaetus cirrhatus			1							
114	Mountain Hawk Eagle	Spizaetus nipalensis			1							
115	Lesser Kestrel	Falco naumanni					1					
116	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	1	1	1	3	2	1				
117	Red-necked Falcon	Falco chicquera					1					
118	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus		1	1		1					
119	Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus						6				
120	Oriental Darter	Anhinga melanogaster			6		1	10				
121	Little Cormorant	Phalacrocorax niger				6	50	70	10			
122	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	3	1	9	11	50	250+	3			
123	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	3	3	5	6	10	19	2			
124	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	1				2	4	1			
125	Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea	+	1	1		·					

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126	Great Egret	Casmerodius albus		2	1		1	7		
127	Intermediate Egret	Mesophoyx intermedia		3	2	7	5	8	1	
128	Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	16	9		300+	30	110+	43	16
129	Indian Pond Heron	Ardeola grayii	30	50	90	160+	200+	100+	24	
130	Black Bittern	Dupetor flavicollis				1001			1	
131	Black-headed Ibis	Threskiornis melanocephalus				10	12	20	-	
132	Black Ibis	Pseudibis papillosa		6				14		
133	Eurasian Spoonbill	Platalea leucorodia						1		
134	Asian Openbill	Anastomus oscitans		6	10	14	10	16	7	
135	Black Stork	Ciconia nigra			7					
136	Woolly-necked Stork	Ciconia episcopus		4	2					
137	Lesser Adjutant	Leptoptilos javanicus	1	3	5	4	2	8		
138	Brown Shrike	Lanius cristatus				2	4	1	2	
139	Long-tailed Shrike	Lanius schach	4	6	11	6	3	6	1	
140	Grey-backed Shrike	Lanius tephronotus	2		2	1	2	1	'	
141	Red-billed Blue Magpie	Urocissa erythrorhyncha	3		2	'		'		
142	Rufous Treepie	Dendrocitta vagabunda	1	11	17	11	20	12	2	
143	House Crow	Corvus splendens	100+	40	10	100	23	16	70	25
143	Large-billed crow	Corvus spierideris Corvus macrorhynchos	100+	10	13	100	30	10	2	11
144	Ashy Woodswallow	Artamus fuscus	10	10	12		30	10		- 11
	Black-hooded Oriole		2	6	3	2	6	3	1	
146	Maroon Oriole	Oriolus xanthornus		0	3		0	3	I	4
147		Oriolus traillii	4		4					4
148	Large Cuckooshrike	Coracina macei	1	4			4			
149	Black-winged Cuckooshrike	Coracina melaschistos		1	1		1			
150	Long-tailed Minivet	Pericrocotus ethologus			20					2
151	Scarlet Minivet	Pericrocotus flammeus			29			6		
152	White-throated Fantail	Rhipidura albicollis							2	
153	White-browed Fantail	Rhipidura aureola	_				1			
154	Black Drongo	Dicrurus macrocercus	6	12	17	60	9	20	25	6
155	Ashy Drongo	Dicrurus leucophaeus					3	1		
156	White-bellied Drongo	Dicrurus caerulescens		1	6			2		
157	Bronzed Drongo	Dicrurus aeneus			9					
158	Spangled Drongo	Dicrurus hottentottus		4	6		30	16		
159	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus paradiseus		1	2	1				
160	Common Iora	Aegithina tiphia					10	1		
161	Common Woodshrike	Tephrodornis pondicerianus		3						
162	Brown Dipper	Cinclus pallasii	2							
163	Blue Whistling Thrush	Myophonus caeruleus	2							
164	Scaly Thrush	Zoothera dauma						1		
165	White-collared Blackbird	Turdus albocinctus								3
166	Dark-throated Thrush	Turdus ruficollis	2					5		50
167	Taiga Flycatcher	Ficedula albicilla		2	1		2			
168	Verditer Flycatcher	Eumyias thalassina			1		2			
169	Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher	Culicicapa ceylonensis	2							
170	Siberian Rubythroat	Luscinia calliope							2	
171	White-tailed Rubythroat	Luscinia pectoralis		1						
172	Oriental Magpie Robin	Copsychus saularis	4	3	11	1	3	2	3	2
173	White-rumped Shama	Copsychus malabaricus		1						
174	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros					1			
175	White-capped Redstart	Chaimarrornis leucocephalus	3							
176	Plumbeous Water Redstart	Rhyacornis fuliginosus	4							

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177	Little Forktail	Enicurus scouleri	1							
178	Black-backed Forktail	Enicurus immaculatus			1					
179	Common Stonechat	Saxicola torquata	6	20	6	21	2	9		
180	White-tailed Stonechat	Saxicola leucura		6	2			2		
181	Pied Bushchat	Saxicola caprata	3	4	6					
182	Chestnut-tailed Starling	Sturnus malabaricus					50	57	13	
183	Asian Pied Starling	Sturnus contra		6	67	300+	100+	100+	25	
184	Common Myna	Acridotheres tristis	90	11	170	250+	100+	100+	35	19
185	Jungle Myna	Acridotheres fuscus	20	26	17	12	30	50	8	
186	Great Myna	Acridotheres grandis					5			
187	Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	Sitta castanea		6	20		1			
188	White-tailed Nuthatch	Sitta himalayensis								6
189	Great Tit	Parus major	3	6	20		2			
190	Green-backed Tit	Parus monticolus								6
191	Black-lored Tit	Parus xanthogenys								9
192	Yellow-browed Tit	Sylviparus modestus								10
193	Black-throated Tit	Aegithalos concinnus								19
194	Plain Martin	Riparia paludicola	10	26	30	50		13		13
195	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	10	17	30	11		10		12
196	Red-whiskered Bulbul	Pycnonotus jocosus		17	50	11	30	16	16	12
197		-	10		- 30		30	10	10	
198	Himalayan Bulbul Red-vented Bulbul	Pycnonotus leucogenys Pycnonotus cafer	35	61	100+	30	100+	100+	13	6
190	Black Bulbul	,	35	01	100+	30	100+	100+	13	20
		Hypsipetes leucocephalus			8					20
200	Grey-crowned Prinia	Prinia cinereocapilla		1.1	13					
201	Grey-breasted Prinia Plain Prinia	Prinia hodgsonii		14	13					
		Prinia inornata						2		
203	Oriental White-eye	Zosterops palpebrosus	3				4			
204	Blyth's Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus dumetorum					1			
205	Thick-billed Warbler	Acrocephalus aedon					2		1	_
206	Common Tailorbird	Orthotomus sutorius	2	1			1		2	2
207	Dusky Warbler	Phylloscopus fuscatus						_	1	
208	Smoky Warbler	Phylloscopus fuligiventer						2	1	
209	Tickell's Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus affinis					4		3	
210	Buff-barred Warbler	Phylloscopus pulcher								20
211	Ashy-throated Warbler	Phylloscopus maculipennis								3
212	Hume's Warbler	Phylloscopus humei		4			2		2	
213	Greenish Warbler	Phylloscopus trochiloides		6			11	2	4	
214	Grey-hooded Warbler	Seicercus xanthoschistos								2
215	Black-faced Warbler	Abroscopus schisticeps								9
216	White-throated Laughingthrush	Garrulax albogularis								20
217	Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush	Garrulax monileger			30					
218	Striated Laughingthrush	Garrulax striatus								9
219	Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush	Garrulax erythrocephalus								30
220	Puff-throated Babbler	Pellorneum ruficeps			6					
221	Jungle Babbler	Turdoides striatus		19	200	300+	50	30	6	
222	Cutia	Cutia nipalensis								2
223	Green Shrike Babbler	Pteruthius xanthochlorus								1
224	Hoary-throated Barwing	Actinodura nipalensis								3
225	Chestnut-tailed Minla	Minla strigula								6
226	Rufous-winged Fulvetta	Alcippe castaneceps								100+
227	White-browed Fulvetta	Alcippe vinipectus								33

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228	Nepal Fulvetta	Alcippe nipalensis								3
229	Rufous Sibia	Heterophasia capistrata								50
230	Stripe-throated Yuhina	Yuhina gularis								3
231	Rufous-vented Yuhina	Yuhina occipitalis								6
232	Ashy-crowned Sparrow Lark	Eremopterix grisea					2			
233	Sand Lark	Calandrella raytal						3		
234	Oriental Skylark	Alauda gulgula						2		
235	Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	Dicaeum ignipectus								6
236	Green-tailed Sunbird	Aethopyga nipalensis								10
237	Fire-tailed Sunbird	Aethopyga ignicauda								3
238	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	12	16	20		10		9	29
239	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus								6
240	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba	10	20	45	13	2	6	3	
241	White-browed Wagtail	Motacilla maderaspatensis		6				1		
242	Citrine Wagtail	Motacilla citreola		2			1			
243	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea	1							
244	Paddyfield Pipit	Anthus rufulus		2		2	4			
245	Olive-backed Pipit	Anthus hodgsoni		5						
246	Rosy Pipit	Anthus roseatus						1		
247	Rufous-breasted Accentor	Prunella strophiata								2
248	Scaly-breasted Munia	Lonchura punctulata		50						
249	Brown Bullfinch	Pyrrhula nipalensis								4
250	Crested Bunting	Melophus lathami	2							

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