

TIGER TOPS KARNALI LODGE AND TENTED CAMP

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Tiger Tops Nepal has now pioneered adventure tourism in far West Nepal with the opening of a deluxe and uniquely styled Jungle Lodge on the edge of the Royal Bardia Wildlife Reserve and a comfortable Tented Camp positioned 15 kms north of the Lodge on the banks of the great Karnali river. Approximately 1000 sq kms in area, the Wildlife Reserve has a rich and varied wildlife - leopard, wild elephant, black buck, blue bull, swamp deer, chital, sambar, ghoral, the Greater One Horned rhino and the most magnificent of cats, the Royal Bengal tiger. Bardia is still relatively unexplored ornithologically but over 307 species of birds have so far been recorded here.

Tiger Tops Karnali Lodge offers a unique wildlife and cultural experience. Decorated in the style of the local Tharus it blends perfectly with the local surroundings having been built entirely from local materials. Its twelve double rooms with attached bathrooms offer comfortable accommodation whilst the central dining area and a well stocked bar provide an ideal setting for dining and relaxing. Overlooking the snow-fed waters of the Karnali river is one of the most enchanting jungle camps in Asia-Tiger Tops Karnali-Tented Camp. Patterned after the famous Tiger Tops Tented Camp in the Royal Chitwan National Park, it offers the same high class facilities - spacious safari tents with twin beds, separate



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hot and cold showers and modern jungle toilet amenities. A fully stocked bar is open until the last guest retires to bed. Delicious Nepali and Western cuisine is served around the campfire.

Tiger Tops Karnali Lodge and Tented Camp, in conjunction with its affiliate Himalayan River Exploration, has now pioneered river running on the Bheri and Karnali rivers. Whitewater and scenic float trips are arranged through the exciting rapids, deep gorges, forested hillsides and remote villages of these little-known rivers before terminating at the Tiger Tops Karnali Tented Camp.



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ACTIVITIES

Both destinations offer a wide variety of activities to enhance the chance of viewing wildlife and your appreciation of the jungle. Within the Reserve is a network of wildlife trails along which one can explore the area, accompanied by our experienced naturalists and shikaris (wildlife tracker). Excellent photographic opportunities are plentiful.



Early morning elephant safaris to the remote regions of the Reserve provide very good chances of viewing large herds of deer and other species of wildlife. A full day raft trip from the Camp to the southern boundary of the Reserve is a tranquil way of viewing river-oriented wildlife such as otters, Gangetic dolphins, marsh muggers and the endangered gharial crocodile. We stop on one of the many picturesque islands for a peaceful picnic lunch. A landrover drive back to the Tented Camp later in the evening offers ample opportunities for more wildlife viewing.

Karnali is a destination where adventure has many meanings: Tiger watching in the jungle, trekking up ancient trails, elephant safaris, rafting down the Karnali and Bheri rivers..... living close to nature and discovering a new world.

HOW TO EXPERIENCE TIGER TOPS KARNALI LODGE AND TENTED CAMP

1) TIGER TOPS KARNALI LODGE/TENTED CAMP - 04 DAYS

KATHMANDU/KATHMANDU: Fly Kathmandu/Nepalgunj, 4 1/2 hour drive Tiger Tops Karnali Lodge (2 nights), 1 night Karnali Tented Camp. Fly Nepalgunj/Kathmandu.

2) BHERI RIVER RAFTING/KARNALI LODGE/TENTED CAMP -07 DAYS

KATHMANDU/KATHMANDU: Fly Kathmandu/Nepalgunj, 4 hour drive river put in point, 3 days river, 1 night Karnali Tented camp, 2 nights Karnali Lodge. Fly Nepalgunj/Kathmandu.

3) TIGER TOPS KARNALI LODGE/TENTED CAMP - 04 DAYS

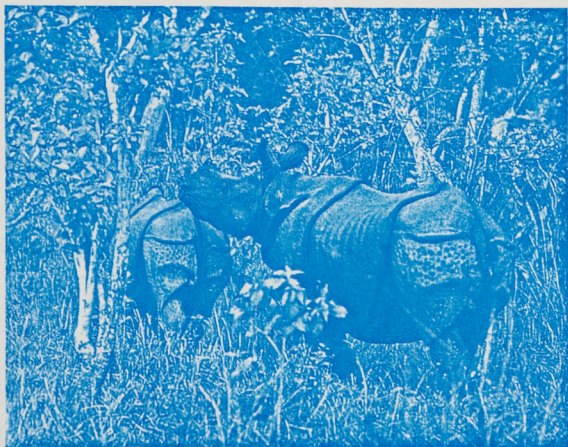
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