

Shuklaphanta Jungle Safari Tour - 4 Days

SHUKLAPHANTA JUNGLE SAFARI 4-DAY ITINERARY AND PACKAGE

Shuklaphanta National Park is one of the most underrated jungle safari activities in Nepal, situated in the far western region. Although this national park is quite distant from Kathmandu, it offers an exceptional opportunity to explore wilderness, untouched natural beauty, and a rich diversity of flora and fauna. The four-day Suklaphanta jungle safari begins and ends in Kathmandu, including round-trip flights, and private transportation is provided between the airport and the resort. Engaging in jungle activities at Shuklaphanta National Park offers a life-changing experience, allowing you to immerse yourself in the beauty of nature that very few people have reached and to soak in this pristine environment. Sherpa Nomad Trek Pvt. Ltd., a local and trusted travel agency, has created an incredible package for the Shuklaphanta jungle activities to help make your dream a reality. For those in search of an untouched National Park with minimal human interference, and who want to venture beyond the popular Nepal Safari spots such as Chitwan, Bardia, Parsa, and Koshi Tappu Jungle Safaris, Shuklaphanta Jungle Safari stands out as the perfect option for experiencing serenity and less-disturbed natural beauty.

Shuklaphanta National Park is a protected area in Nepal, encompassing 305 square kilometers of open grasslands, forests, riverbeds, and wetlands, situated at elevations ranging from 174 to 1,386 meters (571 to 4,547 feet). It is bordered by the Mahakali River to the west and south. A small section extends north of the Mahendra Highway, facilitating a wildlife corridor for seasonal migrations into the Sivalik Hills. Established as the Royal Shuklaphanta Wildlife Reserve in 1976, it was expanded to its current size in the late 1980s, with a buffer zone of 243.5 square kilometers (94.0 square miles) added in 2004. The park receives an average annual rainfall of 1,579 millimeters (62.2 inches) and is home to 700 species of flora, 456 species of birds, 56 species of reptiles, and 15 species of amphibians. The name 'Shuklaphanta' originates from one of the grasslands, known as phantas, within the protected area. In 2017, the designation of the area was

upgraded to a national park. This national park serves as a sanctuary for the Swamp Deer, hosting the largest population of this species in the world.

Approximately 700 plant species are found in the park, including 553 vascular plants, 18 pteridophytes, 410 dicots, and 125 monocots. The primary grass species in the grasslands are *Imperata cylindrica* and *Heteropogon contortus*, while *Phragmites karka* and *Saccharum spontaneum* thrive in the marshes surrounding the seven small lakes. The park is also home to various wildlife, including swamp deer, hog deer, spotted deer, Bengal tigers, rhinos, elephants, otters, leopards, fishing cats, Asian palm civets, honey badgers, Bengal foxes, and more. Shuklaphanta is renowned for its avian diversity, with 423 bird species recorded within the park. The Shuklaphanta jungle safari offers an excellent opportunity to immerse oneself in nature, where rare flora and fauna coexist.

The 4-day Shuklaphanta Jungle Safari activities offer a comprehensive experience in the protected areas, allowing you to explore the rich wildlife. The journey begins with a flight from Kathmandu to Dhangadi, followed by a drive to the National Park. Upon arrival, check into the resort, take a brief rest, and then stroll through the village of the Tharu people. Over the next two days, embark on a jungle jeep safari with a nature guide to observe the wildlife. Bird-watching tours and jungle walks are key activities in Shuklaphanta. Join us at Sherpa Nomad Trek Pvt. Ltd. for the best arrangements for your Shuklaphanta Jungle activities.

SHUKLAPHANTA JUNGLE SAFARI TOUR COST FOR 2026-2027

The price for the Shuklaphanta Jungle safari tour ranges from USD 700 to USD 1000 per person, depending on the size of the group. The costs vary based on factors such as group size, duration, service level, package, and other key elements. Shuklaphanta National Park is an untouched and unexplored wilderness. Sherpa Nomad Trek Pvt. Ltd is the premier local company in Nepal, renowned for offering the best Shuklaphanta jungle safari tours. You can opt for a comprehensive 4-day package that includes flights between Kathmandu and Dhangadi, meals, accommodation, jeep

safari, nature guide, entrance fees, and ground transportation, based on the inclusions and exclusions. We welcome bookings for solo travelers, couples, small groups, and large groups, ensuring your dream trip is special and provides a great experience. You can enjoy this adventure at a reasonable cost, with local experts, comfortable accommodations, friendly and experienced guides, impeccable hospitality, authenticity, and a strong focus on security and safety. Book your adventure with us to receive the best offers for all activities. The cost breakdown for the Shuklaphanta Jungle Safari is as follows.

- Solo travelers can access the Shuklaphanta Safari Package for USD 1000.
- For groups of 2-6, the cost is USD 900 per person.
- For groups of 7-10, the cost is USD 800 per person.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SHUKLAPHANTA JUNGLE SAFARI TOUR

- The flight between Kathmandu and Dhangadi before and after your journey.
- Shuklaphanta Jungle Safari is a pristine and largely unexplored protected region located in the far western part of Nepal.
- Discover a variety of wildlife, including the Bengal Tiger, swamp deer, rhinoceros, elephants, otters, and more.
- Visit the swamp deer sanctuary, which hosts the largest population of these deer in the world.
- Experience the rich biodiversity with 430 bird species, 56 mammals, 56 reptiles, and 224 types of medicinal plants.
- Enjoy a jungle safari on a jeep or an elephant, depending on your preference.
- Take a jungle walk to observe the diverse flora and fauna within the National Park.
- Immerse yourself in the local culture by exploring the charming villages of the Tharu people, an indigenous community in Nepal.

- Revel in the stunning natural beauty, which is perfect for photography enthusiasts.
- This adventure is accessible and suitable for individuals of all fitness levels, making it an ideal choice for honeymoon couples.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Shuklaphanta National Park is renowned for its expansive grasslands and diverse wildlife.
- Situated in the far-western region of Nepal, it requires a 20-hour drive or a 1-hour flight to access.
- The park is particularly noted for its significant population of swamp deer.
- Visitors may also encounter Bengal tigers, one-horned rhinoceroses, wild elephants, leopards, and various other species.
- Jungle safaris can be experienced via jeep or on foot, accompanied by trained guides.
- The park hosts a variety of bird species and other wildlife.
- It is essential for visitors to maintain silence and refrain from disturbing the animals.
- Adhering to the guidelines provided by park officials and guides is crucial.
- It is advisable to bring water, sunscreen, binoculars, and appropriate clothing.
- A jungle safari in Shuklaphanta offers an exhilarating opportunity to appreciate Nepal's natural beauty and wildlife.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Kathmandu to Dhangadi flight and drive to Suklaphanta National Park

Commence your Shuklaphanta Jungle safari tour with a scenic flight to Dhangadi, followed by a drive to Shuklaphanta. You will be picked up from your hotel in Kathmandu and taken to the domestic terminal. The flight duration is about one hour, featuring beautiful views of mountains, rolling green hills, and lush valleys. Upon landing at Dhangadi Airport, a representative from Sherpa Nomad Trek Pvt. Ltd. will be there to escort you to the resort with a scenic drive. After checking in, you can enjoy lunch and take a leisurely walk around the Tharu village and the jungle area. Return to the resort for dinner and an overnight stay.

Day 2: Jungle Activities in Suklaphanta Jungle

Today marks the second day of the Shuklaphanta jungle safari. After breakfast, the adventure begins as we head towards the Phanta grassland and riverine forest, where the early morning proves to be the most fruitful time for wildlife observation. The itinerary includes two jeep safari sessions, one in the morning and another in the late afternoon, traversing the Phanta in pursuit of the world's largest herd of swamp deer, Bengal tigers, wild elephants, and blackbucks. Rani Tal, the park's central lake, serves as a frequent stop for waterbirds, crocodiles, and large mammals that gather at the water's edge. Prior to each drive, your park-certified jungle guide will provide insights on animal behavior and tracks. Overnight accommodations will be at the forest lodge.

Day 3: Jungle Activities in Suklaphanta Jungle

Today is the third day of the Shuklaphanta jungle safari activities. After breakfast, your guide will meet you for a jungle walk along the edge of the National Park. This experience places you at

ground level in the park's buffer zone, allowing for close bird watching and tracking. The park is home to over 450 bird species, including the Bengal florican and the sarus crane. After a three-hour walk, you will return to the resort for lunch. After enjoying lunch at the lodge, the afternoon will be spent visiting a nearby Tharu village. The Tharu are the indigenous community of the far-western Terai, and this visit includes a walk through the settlement and a traditional Tharu cultural dance performance. You will spend the night at the forest lodge.

Day 4: Drive to Dhangadi Airport and flight to Kathmandu

Today is the last day of your Suklaphanta Jungle safari. You can savor breakfast, and then embark on a final morning jeep safari through the open grasslands, offering one last chance to spot wildlife before checking out. The route goes along the wetland fringes, where wading birds gather during the dry season. After lunch, a jeep will take you back to Dhangadhi Airport (175 m) in about 45 minutes for your 1-hour domestic flight to Kathmandu. Once you arrive at Kathmandu airport, a representative from Sherpa Nomad Trek Pvt. Ltd. will be there to pick you up and transfer you to your hotel in Kathmandu. We are thrilled to have organized your Suklaphanta jungle safari. If you need any assistance moving forward, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time. We are here to assist you on your journey.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Kathmandu to Dhangadi by plane
- Dhangadi to Shuklaphanta National Park by Car
- 3 nights' accommodation at the resort
- Full Board Meals (3 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners & 3 Lunches)
- Natural Guide and his salary
- Jeep safari, jungle walk, and village tour
- National Park fees
- Gov. tax and official fees
- Transfer to the airport from the resort and fly back to Kathmandu

PRICE EXCLUDES

- Nepal Visa Fees
- Accommodation and Meals in Kathmandu
- Travel insurance
- Others activities
- Tips for Guide and Diver

EQUIPMENT & GEAR

Essential Gear for Jungle Safari

- Comfortable T-shirts and long-sleeved shirts
- Lightweight long trousers
- Comfortable walking shoes or sneakers
- Sun hat or cap
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen (SPF 30-50)
- Insect repellent
- Light rain jacket or poncho (especially during the monsoon)
- Reusable water bottle
- Binoculars (recommended for wildlife and bird watching)
- Camera or smartphone with a power bank
- Small daypack (15-25L)
- Personal medications
- Tissues or wet wipes
- Small flashlight or headlamp

Clothing Tips

- Wear neutral colors such as green, brown, beige, or grey.
- Avoid bright colors.
- During November to February, pack a light fleece or jacket for cool mornings and evenings.

- During March to June, choose lightweight, breathable clothing.

What You Don't Need

- Heavy trekking boots
- Sleeping bag
- Trekking poles
- Crampons
- Large backpack

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Why Shuklaphanta Jungle Safari?

Shuklaphanta Jungle Safari is a hidden gem for those who appreciate nature and wildlife. This four-day jungle safari takes you to the lesser-known and less crowded Shuklaphanta National Park, which spans nearly 12 square kilometers of tall grass, forests, and wetlands. It stands out as one of the premier destinations to observe swamp deer, spotted deer, hog deer, Bengal tigers, rhinos, elephants, foxes, leopards, jackals, and many other species. This stunning area in the lower Terai showcases tropical climates along with diverse flora and fauna, revealing the beauty of Nepal's untouched protected regions. If you find yourself in Nepal and seek an intriguing experience away from the usual tourist spots, Shuklaphanta National Park is the perfect jungle to explore the rich ethnic flora and fauna that Nepal has to offer. On the Jungle Safari Tour, you will have the chance to interact with the local Tharu community, an indigenous group that maintains a unique culture and lifestyle distinct from other communities. You can delve into their way of life and experience their authentic traditions. Participate in the Shuklaphanta Jungle Safari to discover the wildlife and cultural heritage that remains largely unexplored.

Flight between Kathmandu and Dhangadi

Our 4-day Shuklaphanta Jungle Safari offers a beautiful flight between Kathmandu and Dhangadi, taking place before and after the safari tour. This flight is a quick and comfortable alternative to ground transportation. While road travel is an option, the poor infrastructure can result in travel times of 15 to 20 hours each way. In contrast, the flight only takes one hour and presents the most spectacular views of the mountains, valleys, and Nepal's geography, including aerial views of rolling villages, river valleys, and lush landscapes. Our package is designed to accommodate travelers of all levels, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable trip with us.

Transportation between Dhangadi and the resort

In our Shuklaphanta safari package, we offer convenient transportation to and from Dhangadi Airport and Shuklaphanta National Park before and after your safari tour. The journey from Dhangadi to the National Park spans 58 km and takes approximately 2 hours, featuring a picturesque drive. If you choose our package, this service is included. Depending on the size of your group, we provide vehicles such as cars, jeeps, and minibuses that are suitable for your group size.

Where to Stay in Shuklaphanta?

Sherpa Nomad Trek Pvt. Ltd meticulously selects the lodging for the Shuklaphanta Jungle Safari Tour. You will have the opportunity to spend 3 nights at the Shuklaphanta Jungle Cottage. This package includes 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 3 dinners at the resort. The hotel provides comfortable accommodations featuring air conditioning, hot showers, and tastefully decorated rooms.

What activities come with the package?

A 4-day Shuklaphanta Safari presents a blend of wildlife, nature, and cultural experiences. Activities typically feature a jeep safari through Shuklaphanta National Park, where one can observe swamp deer, Bengal tigers, rhinos, wild elephants, and a variety of birds. Guests can partake in birdwatching, particularly in wetland and grassland areas, and embark on a guided nature walk. The itinerary may also encompass a visit to Rani Tal, an exploration of the park's renowned grasslands,

and the enjoyment of breathtaking sunrise or sunset views. Additionally, cultural experiences such as visiting nearby Tharu communities and gaining insights into their traditions can be part of the journey. This three-day adventure offers ample opportunities for photography, wildlife observation, and tranquil nature exploration.

Shuklaphanta Safari Guide

A Shuklaphanta Safari package provides visitors with the expertise of local guides, who assist in exploring the abundant wildlife and stunning landscapes of Shuklaphanta National Park, located in western Nepal. Typically, a safari features a guided jeep excursion through grasslands, forests, and wetlands, allowing guests to observe swamp deer, rhinoceros, wild elephants, leopards, and a variety of bird species. The guide imparts knowledge about the wildlife, flora, conservation efforts, and the park's ecosystem. Additionally, visitors can partake in birdwatching, nature walks, photography sessions, and a trip to Rani Tal. Skilled guides ensure safe and responsible wildlife observation while enhancing the likelihood of animal sightings. Furthermore, a safari guide can offer insights into the nearby Tharu culture and local points of interest.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is Shuklaphanta?

Shuklaphanta, also referred to as Shuklaphanta National Park, is a designated wildlife sanctuary situated in the far-western region of Nepal, specifically in Kanchanpur District close to the Indian border. Established in 1976, this park spans approximately 305 square kilometers and is renowned for hosting the largest population of swamp deer (barasingha) in the world. Additionally, it is home to Bengal tigers, one-horned rhinoceroses, wild elephants, leopards, wild boars, and numerous bird species. The park's expansive grasslands, forests, and wetlands provide an ideal setting for wildlife safaris, birdwatching, and nature photography. Shuklaphanta presents a tranquil and less-crowded alternative to Nepal's more popular national parks, making it a perfect destination for those who wish to immerse themselves in the pristine and diverse flora and fauna.

2. How to Reach Shuklaphanta from Kathmandu?

There are two ways to reach Shuklaphanta from Kathmandu: by flight or overland travel. The most convenient method to get to Shuklaphanta National Park from Kathmandu is by air. A domestic flight from Kathmandu to Dhangadhi Airport takes approximately 1 hour and 10 minutes. Once in Dhangadhi, the park is about 60 kilometers away, which can be covered in roughly 2–3 hours by private vehicle. Alternatively, you can opt for a tourist or public bus from Kathmandu to Mahendranagar (Bhimdatta), which typically takes around 16–20 hours. From Mahendranagar, Shuklaphanta National Park is easily reachable by road. For the best comfort and convenience, flying to Dhangadhi and then traveling by private vehicle is the preferred choice.

3. What is the Best time for Shuklaphanta Jungle Safari Tour?

The optimal time to explore Shuklaphanta National Park is between October and May, with the period from October to April being especially advantageous. During these months, the climate is typically dry and pleasant, making it ideal for jungle safaris, wildlife viewing, birdwatching, and nature hikes. March and April are particularly excellent for spotting wildlife near water sources and appreciating the park's stunning grasslands. Conversely, the monsoon season, which lasts from June to September, brings significant rainfall, muddy paths, and restricted safari opportunities. For the best overall experience, visiting in October to November and March to April is highly advisable. Select the right time for the most rewarding jungle activities in Nepal with the guidance of local experts.

4. What Makes the Shuklaphanta National Park Famous?

Shuklaphanta National Park is well-known for its expansive grasslands, abundant wildlife, and varied ecosystems. It is especially noted for hosting one of the largest populations of swamp deer (barasingha) in Nepal. Additionally, the park is inhabited by Bengal tigers, one-horned rhinoceroses, wild elephants, leopards, spotted deer, wild boars, and a variety of other species. The wetlands and grasslands serve as ideal habitats for many resident and migratory bird species, making it a favored spot for birdwatching. Visitors can partake in jungle safaris, wildlife photography, nature walks, and tranquil explorations. With its relatively pristine environment and lower tourist traffic, Shuklaphanta stands out as a remarkable off-the-beaten-path wildlife destination in Nepal.

5. Why choose Sherpa Nomad Trek Pvt. Ltd?

Selecting Sherpa Nomad Trek Pvt. Ltd. for your Shuklaphanta National Park adventure ensures a well-structured and unforgettable wildlife experience in the remote wilderness of Nepal. We offer meticulously crafted itineraries, comfortable transportation, knowledgeable local guides, and dependable arrangements throughout your journey. Our team is well-versed in the best methods to

explore Shuklaphanta's renowned grasslands, wildlife habitats, and birdwatching spots. We prioritize safety, personalized service, and genuine experiences while keeping our prices competitive. Whether your interests lie in swamp deer, Bengal tigers, avian species, jungle safaris, or local culture, our expert team is dedicated to making your visit enjoyable, comfortable, and seamless from Kathmandu to Shuklaphanta and back.

6. What is the cost of the Kathmandu to Dhangadi flight?

For a flight from Kathmandu to Dhangadi, the fare is USD 223 for a one-way ticket and USD 446 for a round trip. This picturesque flight lasts one hour and offers spectacular views of the mountains, rolling green hills, lush valleys, and the enchanting Nepali scenery.

