Karnali River Rafting

Karnali rafting is an ideal trip for those wanting a more unique experience of Nepal, stunning scenery, great river action and all the benefits of a long river trip in Nepal. The river rises from the marginal Himalayan range of Tibet and flowing down to the southern direction to fall into the Ganges, which entered in Nepal from Humla district and cut the Mahabharat mountain nearby Chisapani. The bottom of the Karnali River is mostly boulder-strewn at its upper reaches and sandy at its lower reaches and the river water is clean except in rainy season. Its depth ranges from 3-10 m but in deep gorges varies from 50 m-100m. Karnali fans divide into two main channels, first Geruwa on the left and Kauralia on the right near downstream Chisapani.

Duration: 10 days

Price: $950

Rating: 5 Star

Group Size: Minimum Pax - 6

Grade: Challenging

Destination: Nepal

Activity: River Rafting In Nepal

Quick Facts

Grade for: Autumn Spring Mid Oct - Dec III to V Feb to May III to IV

Possible operation: Round the year

Departure: Fix and on request

Total time in Nepal: 14 days; Rafting days: 10 days

Entrance by: 19 hours bus ride from Kathmandu led you to Surkhet

Put-in point: Sauli

Put-out point: Chisapani

River distance: 180 km.

Possible optional trip to: Bardia National Park for an excellent safari trip or drive back to Kathmandu.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrive in Kathmandu

Departure to Sauli

Day 2: Sauli

After breakfast, we will take a truck as far as the road goes until about lunchtime [this all depends on availability be flexible].

After lunch, we walk all afternoon to the put-in point at Sauli.

A great walk which high lights just how "out there" you really are. You pass local villages and spectacular scenery, and then you hit the river.

Day 3: Ready for wild ride

After having a heavy breakfast at 8:00 a.m. we get ready for a wild ride. This section of the River is terribly wild. Continues rapid makes rafter forget to breathe. Lunch will be served en-route and camping at 03:00 p.m. in First Inquiry.

Day 4: Himalayan water

This is the type of day that people imagine when they think of Himalayan water. It is big and continuous.

We enter into the Jungle Corridor. This is a narrowing jungle clad gorge and it is all ours.

The team building is put into full practice and when your guide shouts "all forward " he really means it. Enjoy the ride all day and camp in this sensational setting at God-house.

Day 5: Seti Dovan

More of the same including the notorious GOD'S house rapid. Camp at the Seti Dovan and relax.

Day 06 :

Day 6: Experience the best of the west

It isn't over yet! Keep paddling hard! You really are experiencing the best of the west on yet another day of great action and breathtaking scenery and camping at Jamuna village.

Day 7: Holiday

This is a holiday after all so we have programmed a rest day so you can take time to enjoy your surroundings and relax on a great sandy beach.

Day 08-09: Enjoy with Rafting

We see the rapids dying off as we come out of the gorge. We pass the confluence with the Seti river where the river broadens.

Today, the next day and a half are a chance to enjoy your journey admiring the country and villages you pass. You will have seen the safety kayakers in action and will no doubt be inspired, so ask the guides for some supervised instruction, or take over the raft and learn about the river.

You see there is more to a rafting expedition than just rafting.

Day 10: Chisopani

This is the final day of the river. We end this trip in the early afternoon at Chisopani Bridge & lunch is served there.

You will catch the night bus at about 1530hrs to get back to Kathmandu or you can enjoy in Bardia National Park, which is famous for bird watching.

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