

Community Development Project in Chitwan

Nepal

Project



This project is a combination of community based ecotourism development and teaching at the village school. It's an amazing opportunity for the adventurous volunteer to live with a local family, stay overnight in the forest watch tower, and watch wild rhinos, other wildlife and maybe even tigers! You'll work with students as well as local villagers who want to receive ecotourists providing trekking, guiding, host family and reception services as well as administration.

Ecotourism attractions in the area include guided treks, community forest with wildlife such as tigers, rhinos, peafowl and more, a watch tower with overnight facilities in the jungle and nearby Chitwan National Park with many tourist resorts, restaurants and internet shops. The ecotourism

services which need to be developed are guided treks, homestay facilities and cooking demonstrations.

The project is based in the Gawai village, in southern Nepal near the Indian border. The village has a population of around 340 and the school has about 450 children in classes 1-9. Our local volunteer contact and coordinator is Ranjan Bandhan, a 21 year old guide who has high ambitions for his village.

Volunteer tasks will depend on your background. You may:

- teach at the village school: mainly English but also health and environment or other subjects you know well. Can also teach IT/computers to adults or help in a day care center for small kids.
- improve local ecotourism services; train local village tour guides and host families in English and guiding principles, which may include trekking and overnight stays in the jungle and the Community Forest watch tower; help local community forest guards.
- work in local communities with farmers and others on environmental and wildlife conservation, ecotourism, and small income generating programs as well as with seasonal farm work and cleaning the village
- help local health care staff, nurses and doctors; teach health care information
- interact with local people, including women, Brahmins, and monks.

There are many, many possibilities!

Accommodation



Volunteers will stay in a basic room in a host family's house, and be provided with Nepali style food by the host family.

Additional Info



Dress Standard

Knee length shorts and t-shirts are acceptable and worn by villagers. Sturdy clothes and shoes should be worn for trekking.

Transportation from Kathmandu

If you want help to arrange transport in Kathmandu, our Nepal Coordinator Mr Mohan can help you. You pay him directly for his services. He is the director of the [Helpless Upliftment Center](#) in Kathmandu, which he can arrange for you to visit too.

Bus: The tourist bus takes six to seven hours (or more); the fare is Rs 300 - 350. Buses leave from the Thamel end of Kantipath in Kathmandu early in the morning. The final stop is Chitrasali, about 5 km from Saruaha where the tourist resorts are located. In the opposite direction, buses leave Chitrasali in the morning about 9:30 am. Ranjan or any local hotel or travel agent can make bookings. More comfortable is the daily A/C bus operated by Greenline for US\$10 including brunch. It leaves early in the morning.

Car: You can arrange transfer to Chitwan by private car. The going rate for a car and driver is around US\$60 (four persons plus driver) and the journey takes about five hours or more.

Project type:	Ecotourism Teach English
Country:	Nepal
Location:	Gawai village, Chitwan
Accommodation:	Homestay

Fantastic opportunity to help develop ecotourism in a spectacular setting!
