

Barahi Jungle Lodge, Chitwan, Nepal Supporting Local Employment, Enterprise and Professional Development



Over 90% of the staff are local; a fifth are female.

Opportunities to stay at WWF sponsored village homes and Tharu cultural dance performances on alternate days at the lodge provide income opportunities. Dancers are paid a monthly salary and visitors encouraged to purchase traditional dresses and ornaments. The shop also stocks other local crafts, artefacts and produce such as honey.



Souvenir shop selling locally made goods.

Most of the lodge's dairy, poultry, eggs and vegetables are purchased from the surrounding village complementing local produce sourced from its own small farm where herbs and seasonable vegetables are grown.

Almost all the staff, over 90%, at Barahi Jungle Lodge are from local communities, a fifth are female. Staff are trained by the head of department and visiting consultants. Training includes areas that help to improve daily life such as hygiene, first aid, English language and team building. Women are encouraged to take more challenging positions than they are traditionally used to such as front of house.



Tharu cultural performances.



Promoting locally made crafts.