



## **Nepal**

Nepal is the land of mountains and monasteries. This landlocked country has the perfect fusion of nature and culture. Picturesque Himalayan range in the North, roaring rivers making their way through the hills to the plains, lush green paddy fields and quaint little villages everywhere. Nepal's scenic beauty will leave a lasting image in your mind. Explore the land of mystics and mantras, and experience the adventure of a lifetime. Nepal definitely is the ultimate destination for those who prefer to stay closer to nature and immerse themselves in various cultures.

From rugged trails to scenic views, from rafting on swollen rivers to sighting wild animals in their natural habitat, Nepal offers a rush of adrenaline for every nature-loving adventure seeker on its diverse array of landscapes. Considered as the mythical Shangri-La by many, Nepal also has a mystical side to it, dotted by medieval city squares, monasteries, and temples. Kathmandu Valley, the capital city, provides numerous World heritage sites, centuries-old stupas, and monasteries to experience centuries old civilization and architecture.

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## ITINERARY

### Day 01 | ARRIVE KATHMANDU (1350m)

Assistance upon arrival, you will be received by a representative and transferred to your hotel in Kathmandu.

**Kathmandu:** Spend your days strolling down the stone paved lanes leading to centuries-old temples, courtyards, and stupas. Kathmandu Valley is perfect for culture vultures with its architectural offering and spiritual feel. Afternoons makes a perfect setting for long walks enjoying the mélange of the traditional old city and modern buildings. During the winters, snowy peaks of the Himalayan range will glitter from behind the curtain of mountains, making morning view a treat for your eyes.

**Overnight at hotel in Kathmandu**

### Day 02 | KATHMANDU

Breakfast at hotel

Morning: Proceed for the visit to Kathmandu durbar Square

#### **KATHMANDU DURBAR SQUARE**

Durbar, which means palace, is where the kings were once crowned and where they ruled from. Kathmandu has its Durbar Square at its heart; here charm of old town blends well with traditional architecture in a rich cultural backdrop. The entire square was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979. The massive complex consists of three main squares, which is home to palaces, temples, and courtyard. South of Basantapur square is a former Royal elephant stable, which today has souvenir stalls and leads to Freak Street (the lane still lives in the former glory of being the ultimate Hippie destination during the Flower Power era). The temple of the Living Goddess, Kumari, is also on the southern end. Kumari is a young Shakya girl from Newar community, chosen through an ancient and mystical selection to become the human incarnation of Hindu Goddess, Taleju. If you are lucky, you might get to get a glimpse of Kumari peeking out of an elaborately carved wooden window. The main Durbar Square is the most affected area by the 2015 earthquake. Three main temples of the area, Kasthamandap, Narayan temple, Trilokya Mohan, and Krishna Temple has been completely destroyed, while others have been partially damaged. On the Northeast side, the square consists of Hanuman Dhoka, the main entrance to the old royal palace. The Taleju Bhawani's temple, the oldest of all the temples is situated in this area. Even though the old royal palace has been partially damaged, restoration process is going on.

#### **Later: visit SWAYAMBHUNATH**

Perched on top of a conical hill is a white dome with glittering golden spire, visible from all sides of the valley for many miles. This most ancient and enigmatic of all the holy shrines in Kathmandu Valley, Swayambhunath Stupa, is also known as the Monkey Temple. According to the historical records, the stupa is over 2,500 years old. The name of Swoyambhunath has been derived from Sanskrit word, Swayam (self), making Swoyambhunath the 'Self-Created One'. The surrounding of the stupa consists of a variety of shrines and temples, some dating back to the Licchavi period. The stupa has Buddha's eyes and eyebrows painted on each side and nose is made out as the number one in Devanagari script. The main stupa can be reached from two access points; a long steep stairway with 365 steps (leading directly to the main platform), and a car road leading to a longer way from the southwest entrance. This stupa too has been on the UNESCO World Heritage Cultural Sites list. This place offers an excellent view of the Valley. Though the temples around the stupa had some minor destruction and one of the temples beside the stupa collapsed during the 2016 earthquake, the process of reconstruction is ongoing.

**Afternoon: Proceed for the visit to Patan Durbar square**

### **PATAN DURBAR SQUARE**

Just 5 km south of Kathmandu is Patan, the city of artistry, which is one of the three Royal cities in the Valley. Connoisseurs of fine arts and architecture will be delighted with the city's offering of various Buddhist and Hindu temples and over 1000 monuments boasting of the finest wood and stone carvings. The city is known for its rich tradition of arts and handicrafts such as metal statues and ornate architecture. The square is a mélange of old Royal palace, artistic courtyards, and pagoda temples. Other main attractions are Krishna Temple, Bhimsen Temple and Golden Temple among others. Though Patan Durbar Square has faced destruction due to the earthquake, a full-fledged reconstruction process is going on and one can find traditional artisans busy with the process at a Chowk within the Museum.

#### **Overnight at hotel in Kathmandu**

### **Day 03 | KATHMANDU – POKHARA BY SURFACE (210 kms 5-6 hrs drive)**

Breakfast at hotel. Proceed for a drive to Pokhara.

Pokhara is the third largest city in Nepal. It is the starting point for most of the treks in the Annapurna area. Pokhara is a remarkable place of natural beauty, situated at an altitude of 827m from the sea level and 200km west of Kathmandu valley. It is considered by many to be the most beautiful place. This enchanting city has several beautiful lakes and offers stunning panoramic views of Himalayan peaks. The serenity of lakes and the magnificence of the Himalayas rising behind them create an ambience of peace and magic. Pokhara spans 8 km from north to south and 6 km from east to west but, unlike Kathmandu, it is quite loosely built up and still has much green space. The Seti Gandaki flowing through the city from north to south divides the city roughly in two halves. The city offers a combination of nature and culture and is mostly known as the gateway to the trekking route "Round Annapurna". The major touristic attractions of Pokhara are its scenic views in and around town, Phewa Lake, Begnas Lake, Rupa Lake, World Peace Pagoda (Shanti Stupa), Davi's fall, Sarangkot, Gupteshwor cave, Mahendra cave, International Mountaineering Museum etc.

#### **Overnight at hotel in Pokhara**

### **Day 04 | POKHARA**

Breakfast at hotel

#### **Morning: Proceed for the visit to Kali Temple or Bindabasini temple**

##### **Bindabasisni temple Visit / Kali Temple**

Kalitemple or Bindhyabasini Mandir is of great religious importance to Hindus living in the Pokhara region. It is a vital hub of religious fervor. The temple itself is dedicated to the Hindu goddess Durga, who is Pokhara's chosen guardian deity. Durga, also known as Shakti or Kali has numerous manifestations and at the Bindabasini temple she is seen as Bhagwati, a blood-thirsty aspect of the goddess. Durga appears in the form of a Saligram. A Saligram, according to Hindu mythology is a propitious stone. It is said that the temple was created after the goddess ordered king Khadag Bum Malla to set up a statue here. The Bindabasini temple was then founded in BS 1845. Since its establishment, Bhagwati has been an object of worship here on a daily basis. Animal sacrifices are typically presented at the temple on Saturdays and Tuesdays. The Hindu festival of Dashain sees large numbers of believers coming to offer sacrifices at Binhyabasini Mandir. Indeed, there is little space for tourist during the festival of Dashain.

**Devi's fall:** Devi's fall (also known as Devin's and David's) is a lovely waterfall lying about 2-Km south-west of the Pokhara airport on the Siddhartha Highway. Legend has it that a trekker (Devin, David) was washed away by the Pardi Khola and mysteriously disappeared down into an underground passage beneath the fall

#### **Gupteswor**

Across the road from Devi's fall, this venerated cave contains a huge stalagmite worshipped as a Shiva lingam. The ticket allows you to clamber through a tunnel behind the shrine, emerging in a damp cavern adjacent to the thundering waters of Devi's Falls.

#### **Boat Ride at Phewa Lake**

Phewa Lake: The centre of attraction in Pokhara is Phewa Lake - the second largest lake in the Kingdom. It is the largest and most enchanting of the three lakes that add to the resplendence of Pokhara. Here, one can sail or row a hired boat across to the water or visit the island temple in the middle. The favourite home base for travellers is the eastern shore.

#### **Overnight at hotel in Pokhara**

### **Day 05 | POKHARA – CHITWAN BY SURFACE 170 KMS (05 HRS DRIVE)**

Breakfast at hotel

Morning: Proceed for the drive to Chitwan

#### **Chitwan National Park**

It is the first national park in Nepal. Formerly called Royal Chitwan National Park, it was established in 1973 covering 932 sq km area and granted the status of a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1984. It is located in the subtropical Inner Terai lowland of south-central Nepal. In altitude it ranges from about 100 m in the river valleys to 850 m in Churia hill. This park is 165 km from Kathmandu. This National Park is home to over 50 species of mammals, 55 species of amphibians and reptiles and 525 species of birds. Wildlife that thrive here include; the great one-horned Asian Rhinoceros, Gaur, wild Bison, sloth Bear, four different species of Deer, the Rhesus Monkey and the black-faced Langur, the spotted Leopard, Royal Bengal Tiger, the fish-eating Gharial, the flesh-eating marsh Crocodile and the Gangetic Dolphin among many others. The birdlife too is very rich and varied and a delight for Ornithologists. Arrive & refreshment drink and briefing about the accommodation and the facilities.

#### **Lunch, Dinner & overnight at the Lodge in Chitwan**

### **Day 06 | CHITWAN**

Early morning guests will be taken for a jungle safari for 2-3 hours penetrating through dense grasslands to view wildlife in their natural habitat. This grass commonly known as elephant grass is dense and grows to a height of 18-20 ft. It is the favorite habitat for rhinoceros and other mammals. After breakfast, you are taken to our elephant stables where a senior naturalist briefs about the interesting and unbelievable habits of elephant. Here one may witness the rare scene of the elephants at bath. In the afternoon you may choose to relax around the resort or you may also feel like going for a nature walk or birding with one of our naturalists to know more about the flora of the Chitwan National Park. Those on canoe ride are taken back to the resort/ Lodge. (Note: Jungle activities is subject to change due to weather condition)

#### **Lunch, Dinner & overnight at the Lodge in Chitwan**

### **Day 07 | CHITWAN-KATHMANDU BY SURFACE 180 KMS 06/07 HRS**

Breakfast at hotel

Morning: Drive to Kathmandu

Later check-in assistance

Rest of the day at leisure

#### **Overnight at hotel in Kathmandu**

### **Day 08 | DEPART KATHMANDU**

Breakfast at hotel

Check out and transfer to airport to take your flight back home.

### IMPORTANT NOTES

- Bindabasini is also known as Kali hence we have mentioned it in the itinerary
- After earthquake renovation is taking place in Gupteswor cave, if the client is interested then it is fine but we do not suggest a visit in there.
- **The driving times mentioned are approximate times and do not include breaks in the journey** for sightseeing, photo/tea/meal/rest stops. There may be delays in transfer time due to road conditions, road repair/widening works, inclement weather and other unforeseen circumstances.
- Please note that at the moment there are numerous areas where road conditions are not very good due to road widening/repair works and client may experience rough and bumpy drives and traffic congestion in places.
- The route, schedules, accommodations, activities, amenities and mode of transportation are subject to change without notice due to unforeseeable circumstances or events outside our control.

#### DRIVE FROM KATHMANDU TO POKHARA AND CHITWAN TO KATHMANDU

- *Please note that due to the ongoing upgrading of the Prithvi highway (east-west), there may be delays in transfer time/arrival time due to poor road conditions (especially, between Mugling to Narayanghat, 35 kms), road closures, inclement weather and other unforeseen circumstances. During the journey, one may encounter areas of degraded roads, a bumpy ride, traffic jams, dusty conditions and road closure. Because of this, the driving time may become longer than normal. We do apologize for the inconveniences.*

### The package includes:

- 03 nights Stay at Hotel in Kathmandu including breakfast
- 02 nights Stay at Hotel in Pokhara including breakfast
- 02 nights Stay at Hotel in Chitwan with 3 meals per day
- Arrival /Departure transfers, sightseeing tours as per itinerary by Air-conditioned Vehicle.
- Entrance fees at the monuments in Kathmandu
- Local English Speaking guide in Kathmandu and Pokhara
- English Speaking Naturalist in Chitwan
- Chitwan- National park fee
- Boating in Pokhara
- Jungle Activities
- 02 Bottles of Water [500 ml] per person per day.
- All Applicable Taxes and Service Charges.

### Not included

- Any airfares
- Any kind of insurance
- Meals other than mentioned above.
- Below costs are not valid for Christmas/New Year Period, which is from 20 December/05 January' 2019 and supplement will be applicable for this period.
- Expenses of a personal nature, table drinks, mineral water, laundry, telephone calls, tips at restaurants, room porters etc.
- Alcoholic and bottled beverages, laundry, and tips
- Any other services not mentioned
- Porterage charge in hotels, tips etc.

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## Hotels envisaged

City	4 star- Hotels	5 star- Hotels
Kathmandu	Hotel Himalaya / Summit (Deluxe Room/Himalayan wing)	Hyatt Regency (Guest Room)
Pokhara	Atithi Resort (Deluxe Room)	Temple Tree resort (Deluxe Room)
Chitwan	Kasara Resort (Standard Room )	Barahi Jungle Lodge (Standard Room )

### Minimum 2 passengers required

Price in CAD, per person, double occupancy Land package	4* HOTELS	5* HOTELS
<b>September 01, 2018 – March 31, 2019 *</b>	<b>1699</b>	<b>2099</b>
Replace road by flight Kathmandu-Pokhara	240	240
Replace road by flight Chitwan-Kathmandu	225	225
Single room supplement	On request	On request

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