

WONDERFUL NEPAL TOUR



TRIP FACTS

From
\$860 USD

10 days , Kathmandu to Kathmandu

Accommodation	Hotel and Lodge
Transportation	Private Car & Jeep
Maximum Altitude	2,195M
Grade:	 Easy: Requiring no prior experience or training. Just enjoy the trip and dazzling views.

The tour offers an ideal opportunity to experience the very different sides of Nepal, visiting five "must see" places Kathmandu, Chitwan, Lumbini, Pokhara and Nagarkot. Our trip begins in Kathmandu where we soak up the rich heritage left by previous ruling dynasties before setting off in our private transport for Safari to Chitwan National Park in search of tiger. We bathe with the elephants and witness the endangered One Horned Rhino along with many other mammals and a huge variety of birds. From Chitwan we travel to the birth place of Lord Gautum Buddha. The complex here is both serene and extremely peaceful with many areas of historic interest to visit. From Lumbini we move on to the

tranquil lakeside town of Pokhara. Pokhara must have been gifted by God with a backdrop of the mighty Annapurna Himalaya so near as to touch, magic. We return to Kathmandu for two nights one of these is spent in the mountain retreat of Nagarkot providing a grand view of almost the entire Himalayan range at sunrise. If you are looking for a very good overview of Nepali life at a leisurely pace, this tour is for you.

INCLUDES

You will be happily served and facilitated by Nepal Social Treks with:

- i. Deluxe Hotel accommodation in Kathmandu, Chitwan, Pokhara and Lumbini with breakfast
- ii. Private transportation to all World Heritage Sites as per itinerary
- iii. Private transportation throughout as per itinerary
- iv. Tour guide for the whole trip with all his expenses, accommodation and food.
- v. 2 nights / 3 days Chitwan jungle Safari on full board meals and accommodation
- vi. All jungle Safari activities including the Elephant walk and bathing and jeep safari.
- vii. Short hiking in Pokhara

EXCLUDES

You will be facilitated by Nepal Social Treks for :

- i. **N.B. All tour prices quoted are land only:**
- ii. All meals other than breakfast except those stated in the itinerary
- iii. Nepal entry visa which can be obtained at Kathmandu airport on arrival.
- iv. Items of a personal nature expenses
- v. Valid Travel Insurance with Medical evacuation in case of emergency.
- vi. Expenses incurred due to accidents, landslide, strikes, political unrest, etc.

ITINERARY

- **Day 1: Arrival in Kathmandu (TIA) International airport (1,365m) transfer to hotel evening welcome dinner with culture dance. O/n at hotel**

Upon arrival in Kathmandu Tribhuvan International Airport, meet with our representative and transfer to hotel. After freshen up proceed with a sightseeing tour to Kirtipur. This historic town has many things to offer like old shrines and temples, and old house. Kirtipur also has famous Newari restaurants where you can enjoy mouth-watering Newari dishes and drinks. O/n at Hotel.

- **Day 2: Drive from Kathmandu to Chitwan Private car. Drive 5 Hours, O/n at Resort**

After breakfast, set off to Chitwan and take lunch on arrival. There will be a few side trips in the evening followed by a briefing about the trips for Chitwan. O/n at Resort

- **Day 3: Full day Chitwan National Park Visit. O/n at Resort**

The Chitwan National Park, occupying approximately 960 sq. km, was formally a hunting ground reserved for the royal families, now boasts one of the richest areas in wildlife and tall grassland habitat. After breakfast, set off on a canoe ride down the Rapti River to enjoy the many species of birds and one can also see crocodiles idling on the riverbank. Towards the end of the trip there will be a ox-cart ride back to the camp by passing the Tharu village, and thereafter, followed by an elephant ride. These well-trained elephants will trek into the deeper parts of the jungle where grazing one-horned rhinoceros and summer deer abound. If you are lucky, you may catch a glimpse of the sloth bear, gaur and even the endangered Bengal tigers.

- **Day 4: Drive from Chitwan to Lumbini, O/n at Hotel**

After breakfast, leave for Bhairawa (Lumbini, the birthplace of Lord Buddha). On arrival, hotel check-in. After lunch, visit the birthplace of Lord Buddha. The major attraction here is the Ashoka pillar erected by Emperor Ashoka in 249 BC. O/n at Resort,

- **Day 5: Drive from Lumbini to Pokhara. O/n at Hotel**

In the morning, leave for Pokhara it takes 6 hours drive through countryside road and upon arrival, check-in to the hotel. There will be a one-hour boating trip on the scenic Fewa Lake. O/n at Hotel

- **Day 6: Full day Pokhara Visit. O/n at Hotel**

This lakeside village provides a stunning view of one of the most beautiful panoramas in the world, made up of the Annapurna Range (8091m, the 11th highest peak in the world). In the afternoon, visit Bindhebasini Temple, (Hindu Goddess), Seti George, Davis Fall, followed by the Tibetan Refugee Camp where barter trading is still being practiced.

- **Day 7: Drive from Pokhara-Kathmandu. O/n at Hotel**

Return to Kathmandu by coach. Upon arrival in Kathmandu, check-in to the hotel and the evening is free and easy. Advisable to return to Kathmandu by a Optional 30-minutes flight, costing USD\$103 inclusive of Domestic tax, price subject to change by airline.

- **Day 8: Drive from Kathmandu to Nagarkot. O/n at Resort**

Start the day with a city tour, visit the 2000 years old Swoyambhunath Stupa (monument) which rests on top of a green hillock west of Kathmandu. This place is also known as the Monkey Temple. Charmed with its dazzling stupa (monument), while at the same time, it offers a marvelous view of Kathmandu City. The next destination is Patan, the oldest and the second largest of the three major cities in Kathmandu valley. Midway, visit the Tibetan Refugee Camp and tour the Tibetan carpet factory. One can see the spinning, dyeing and weaving of Tibetan carpets. You may wish to purchase carpet(s) at your own choice. After the city tour, proceed to Nagarkot a mountain resort which sits at 2300m above sea level. From this lovely scenic spot, on a clear day, one can catch the excellent view of the Himalayan range including Mount Everest.

- **Day 9: Drive Nagarkot to Kathmandu. O/n at HOtel**

Wake up early in the morning in Nagarkot and catch the sunrise and beautiful view of the



Himalayas at dawn. After breakfast drive to Boudhanath Stupa (monument) and continue to Kathmandu Durbar Square, thereafter, return to the hotel. In the afternoon spent the time at your own leisure

• **Day 10: Kathmandu - Departure from Kathmandu**

Free day for resting, do last-minute shopping, going to the spa, preparation for departure and check out the hotel before transfer to the international airport

FAQS

i. **Q. Will I feel safe during my visit to Nepal? Can I walk freely in the cities?**

Yes, absolutely Nepal is safe to visit, cities, villages, and trails are safe. However, you should take the normal precautions with wallets and cameras and be more cautious at night.

ii. **Q. How would I be accommodated in this tour?**

Well, it depends on how you want to be accommodated. We have different categories of hotels in Kathmandu, Pokhara, and Chitwan. So, it's up to you. By default, you'll be accommodated at three-star hotels for the entire trip. You'll have all the facilities like hot and cold-water, attached bathrooms, dining rooms, bar, internet facilities, etc. However, you can upgrade or downgrade your accommodation standard.

iii. **Q. Will I ride on an elephant in the tour?**

Many people want to ride on an elephant during safari, Nowadays we do not encourage it as animals also should have their rights. You can however walk with them through the park and witness these beautiful creatures from close up. You can also go bathing with them in the river and visit the Elephant Conservation Center.

iv. **Q. What type of food is served in the tour?**

You'll be spending your overnights in Kathmandu, Pokhara and Chitwan. There are a huge variety of restaurants offering safe hygienic food from all over the world.

v. **Q. How will we be traveling?**

Well, it depends on the size of your group. We use our own cars, minibus, van and land cruiser for traveling. We prefer small light vehicles which are flexible to drive through the narrow roads of Nepal.

vi. **Q. When is the best time to take this trip?**

The best time to take this trip is from March to May and September to December. The weather is pleasant, and you'll have no trouble regarding weather. January to February is also an option to take this trip if you want to avoid crowds.