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Kathmandu – Pokhara – Chitwan – Kathmandu

Once considered as mystical and inaccessible as Hilton's Shangri-La, this landlocked country of valleys and peaks has attracted an astounding number of visitors for decades. From the endorsers of 'Flower Power' in the hedonistic 60s to the daring adventure traveler, Nepal has catered to the diverse needs of visitors in its own inimitable way.

The free-spirited hippies left their own mark here, a street that they named Freak Street. Kathmandu is situated in a valley full of historic temples, shrines and pagodas. It is a bustling, crowded city with hotels, bars and restaurants to suit all budgets.

The country extends from the Himalayan range in the North to the Indo-Gangetic lowlands in South. Mt. Everest, the highest point of the Himalayas is in Nepal and is a major attraction for serious mountaineers and tourists alike. The landscape offers a kaleidoscope of green paddy terraces, dense forests, marshy grasslands and mighty rivers. The plethora of options for adventure tourism include mountaineering, trekking, white water rafting, kayaking, jungle safaris, bungee jumping, paragliding and fishing.

Exciting wildlife tours are another attraction. Nepal is home to numerous national parks and wildlife sanctuaries. The Royal Chitwan Park is a favourite for its Elephants, Tigers, Leopards, Rhinos, Sloth Bears and 350 species of birds. The rich flora and fauna of the country is relatively undisturbed even today.

Beyond Kathmandu the smaller towns are easily accessible and spectacular in their own right. The natural scenic beauty of Pokhara is complemented by views of the most incredible sunrise and sunset. Bhaktapur is a devotee's delight, with its ancient temples built in the medieval style.

Nepal is there on the list of '50-places-to-visit-before-I-die'.



Sketch Itinerary

DAY 01:	ARRIVAL KATHMANDU	BY: INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT
DAY 02:	IN KATHMANDU	
DAY 03:	KATHMANDU – POKHARA	BY: SURFACE
DAY 04:	POKHARA	BY: SURFACE
DAY 05:	POKHARA – CHITWAN	BY: SURFACE
DAY 06:	IN CHITWAN	
DAY 07:	CHITWAN – KATHMANDU	BY: SURFACE
DAY 08:	DEPART KATHMANDU	BY: INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT



Detailed Itinerary

Day 1

Arrive Kathmandu

By An International Flight

You will arrive at Tribhuvan International Airport by an International Flight. Following Customs / Immigration formalities and baggage collection, one of our Representatives will meet you outside the Arrivals Hall after which you would be transferred to your hotel.

Upon arrival, proceed for check-in.

Kathmandu – the capital city is the political, commercial and cultural hub of Nepal. Spread across an area of 360 square kilometers and at an altitude of 1336 meter above the sea level, Kathmandu is an exotic and fascinating showcase of a very rich culture, art and tradition. The valley, roughly oval bowl measuring 24 km east-west and 19 km north-south, is encircled by a range of green terraced hills and dotted by compact clusters of red tiled-roofed houses.

Dinner and Overnight stay at the hotel



Day 2

In Kathmandu

After breakfast at the hotel proceed for sightseeing of Patan city.

Patan – It is located about 5 km south of Kathmandu, on the southern side of the Bagmati River and is one of 3 royal cities in the valley. Patan is a center of Buddhist and Hindu culture. The city is full of religious art, temples, and monasteries. It is a city of Buddhist monuments, Hindu temples and fine wood carvings. Lalitpur is the name of this city which 'means the city of beauty'. The city is known as the paradise of fine arts. Patan also boasts a Durbar Square full of temples. One remarkable monument here is a 17th century temple dedicated to the Hindu God Krishna – Krishna Mandir built entirely of stone with rare stone carvings on its walls depicting the epic wars from Ramayana and Mahabharata.

Explore Experience: Visit 'Singing Bowl Master' the sound healer at his shop to experience the power of the healing sounds of the bowls (Subject to availability).

Singing bowls are renowned for their healing and relaxing qualities and were invented by ancient Tibetan and Nepali Buddhist monks, for physical, mental and spiritual rejuvenation. Singing bowls are also called Himalayan bowls, a source of positive energy in the form of sound vibrations. When the rims of these bowls are struck, it produces a long, reverberating sound wave that soothes the senses. The singing tunes are a series of sound waves produced by them. Deep, subtle and powerful) these sound waves are believed to penetrate the mind of the listener leaving him relaxed and tranquil.



Lunch will be arranged at Patan Museum Café.

In the afternoon proceed for sightseeing of Boudhnath Temple and Pashupatinath temple.

Boudhnath Stupa – This Stupa lies 8 km east of city center. On this colossal and ancient Stupa, one of the biggest in the world, are the all-seeing eyes of Lord Buddha. The height of this Stupa is 36 meters. It is said to have been built by Lichchhavi King Mana Dev in the 5th century AD. It is built on an octagonal base inset with prayer wheels. Buddha is generally acknowledged to be the most important Tibetan Buddhist monument outside Tibet. Tibetans simply call it CHORTEN CHEMPO ‘Great Stupa’.

After the visit - Enjoy the local Tea at the roof top café over viewing Stupa.

Pashupatinath – Literally means ‘the god of all animals’ and is one of the Avatars of Lord Shiva. Pashupatinath is not only the holiest Hindu pilgrimage in Nepal but also one of the holiest destinations in the entire world. Situated 5 km east of Kathmandu (near International Airport), on the banks of sacred River Bagmati, the temple of Lord Shiva Pashupatinath with its two tiered golden roof and silver doors. Entrance to the main temple is permitted to Hindus only, yet visitors can clearly see the temple and the activities performed on the temple premises from the eastern bank of the Bagmati River and the Arya Ghat cremation grounds only for Hindu’s.

Dinner and Overnight stay at the hotel



Day 3

Kathmandu – Pokhara

By Surface: 210 Km / 6h00

Today morning after breakfast, we depart for Pokhara, stopping enroute to do sightseeing of Swaysmbunath

Swayambhunath – Swayam in Sanskrit mean ‘self’, hence Swayambhunath mean ‘Self-Created One’. The Tibetan name for Swayambhunath means ‘Sublime Trees’. It was built over 2,500 years ago. It is also known as monkey temple as there are holy monkeys living in part of the temple. The site is about 70 meters above on the west side hill of Kathmandu and 3 kilometers from City centre. An excellent view of Kathmandu valley can be observed from this UNESCO World heritage cultural site. This Buddhist Stupa holds a special position both among the Buddhists & Hindus. Swayambhunath is perhaps the best place to observe the religious harmony in Nepal.

Later, drive on to Pokhara.



Upon arrival in Pokhara, check in to your hotel.

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 827 mts from the sea level and more than 200 km 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 06 km from east to west but unlike Kathmandu it is quite loosely built up and still has much green space.

Dinner and Overnight stay at the hotel



Day 4

Pokhara

Early morning drive to LUMLE for a hike till Chandrakot and return.

Lumle – Chandrakot – Lumle (2h30 Approx.)

Lumle – Lumle village is situated in the 34 km (about an hour's drive in the western part of the Pokhara). Hike to Chandrakot following sub-tropical terrain traversing through the villages of Lumle, and finally to Chandrakot located high above the Modi Khola Valley with super views of the fishtail peak – Machhapuchhare and Annapurna South. Hike back to Lumle after sightseeing.

Drive back to Pokhara to have breakfast.

After breakfast visit Seti gorge, Old Town and Devi's Fall

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.

Lunch at a local restaurant

In the afternoon proceed to visit Old Town. Pokhara's traditional bazaar is colorful and so are its ethnically diverse traders. In its temple and monuments can be seen ties to the Newar architecture of the Kathmandu Valley. The market's original charm is alive and well. This area strewn with shops selling commodities from edible and cloth to cosmetics is a pleasant and shady spot to stroll around. Later visit Devis fall.

Explore Experience: Visit a Pokhara native Family in Pokhara. Enjoy Tea / Local Drinks / snacks at a Pokhara native Family home, interacting with the family and observing their typical Nepali culture.

Dinner and Overnight stay at the hotel



Day 5

Pokhara – Chitwan

By Surface: 151 Kms / 5h00

After breakfast, drive to Chitwan, which is a 5 hour drive.

Chitwan – Chitwan National Park is the first National Park in Nepal. Formerly called Royal Chitwan National Park, 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 mts in the river valleys to 850 mts 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 Languor, 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.

Upon arrival at Chitwan, proceed for lunch before checking in to the Resort.

- Village Tour
- Presentation on flora and fauna
- Dinner

Lunch, Dinner and Overnight stay at the Lodge



Day 6

In Chitwan

Enjoy breakfast at the Lodge

Full day today is dedicated to the Jungle activities available here.

- Canoeing + Visit at the crocodile breeding centre
- Breakfast
- Jungle Walk
- Lunch
- Visit at 20 Thousand Lake
- Tharu Cultural Program
- Dinner

Lunch, Dinner and Overnight stay at the Lodge



Day 7

Chitwan – Kathmandu

By Surface: 172 Kms / 5h00

After breakfast, drive back to Kathmandu.

Lunch will be arranged at a midway Restaurant – Riverside Spring Resort. Later continue driving towards Kathmandu. Upon arrival, check in at the hotel.

In the afternoon visit Bhaktapur Durbar Square.

Bhaktapur – Bhaktapur is world renowned for its elegant art, fabulous culture and indigenous lifestyle. The ancient city is also variously known as the "City of Culture", the "Living Heritage" and "Nepal's Cultural Gem". Bhaktapur is more like an open museum. Monumental masterpieces in Bhaktapur are innumerable, and each is more attractive than the other. Bhaktapur is 14 Km east of Kathmandu city. Bhaktapur's Durbar Square is the gem not only of Bhaktapur, but also of the entire nation. The most fascinating structure here are the world-renowned 55 Window palace, golden Gate, Big Bell, Siddhi Laxmi Temple, Shiva Temple. Taumadhi Square has Nyatapola Temple dates back to 1702 AD. The colossal five storied edifice is the country's tallest pagoda temple.

Evening: Dinner at Nepali Restaurant with a Cultural dance show.

Overnight stay at the hotel



Day 8

Depart Kathmandu

By An International Flight

In the morning proceed to visit Kathmandu Durbar Square

Kathmandu Durbar Square is home to palaces, temples and courtyards. The word “durbar” means “palace” and Nepal’s kings used to live here and rule from the Hanuman Dhoka Palace until the construction of the Nararayanhiti Royal Palace.

Kathmandu Durbar Square is presently known as Hanuman Dhoka, a name derived from the statue of Hanuman, the monkey devotee of Lord Ram, near the entrance of the palace. Many of the palaces and temples in Durbar Square were built during the reign of the Malla Kings (1200 to 1768) and are beautiful examples of Newari Architecture, Nepal’s most distinctive architectural style. Visitors to the Durbar Square of Kathmandu will be amazed by the architectural wonders spanning several centuries. This important historical attraction has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. There are more than a dozen buildings and statues of note in this small area. They include: Kasthamandap – the wooden building that is said to have given the city of Kathmandu its name, Taleju Temple – one of the oldest temples in the square, this three – roofed temple with its pyramid shaped bases, is an example of the typical Newari architectural style. Kumari Ghar – home of “the Kumari”, or living goddess, Shiva-Parvati Temple, Kal Bhairab etc.

Explore Experience – After visit enjoy a Cycle Rickshaw ride from Durbar Square to Thamel (a popular tourist hub) through the old and traditional market of Indrachwok and Ason (Subject to availability).

Lunch at a local restaurant

Transfer to Kathmandu Airport in time for onward journey

Board the International flight for onward journey.

***** End of Tour *****



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COST PROPOSAL

CITY	HOTEL	ROOM CATEGORY	NIGHTS
Kathmandu	Hyatt Place Kathmandu	Deluxe Room	02
Pokhara	Atithi Resort	Deluxe Room	02
Chitwan	Kasara Resort	Deluxe Room	02
Kathmandu	Hyatt Place Kathmandu	Deluxe Room	01

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

THE TOUR COSTS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

Accommodation

- 07 night accommodation on twin sharing at the hotels mentioned above or similar.

Meal Plan

- Stay on Full Board basis: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch and dinner as mentioned in itinerary
- Note: The above meals do not include any alcoholic / non-alcoholic beverages.

Transportation

- All transportation services using Compact SUV (04 Seater)

Others

- Monument Entrance Fees (one time entry only) as per the detailed the itinerary.
- Services of English speaking Guides for sightseeing tours / excursions in Kathmandu and Pokhara + an English speaking naturalist specialist in Chitwan
- Government Royalty, Visa & Tourism Fee and All Permits.

Trek Nirvana Specials :-

- Visit the Singing Bowl Master
- Hiking program in Pokhara
- Farewell Dinner at Local Restaurant with Cultural Dance Show
- Assistance by our Representatives during Hotel / Airport.
- 02 bottles of packaged drinking water (500 ml) per person per day basis during travel in vehicle/s
- All currently applicable taxes



THE TOUR COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

- Tips
- All beverages including water consumed at hotels / restaurants
- Expense of personal nature like meals other than mentioned above, tips, laundry, telephone/fax calls, alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages, still & video camera fee at monuments, medical expenses, airfare, airport departure tax, any insurance.
- Airfare on any of the Domestic or International sectors.
- Any other services not mentioned in the inclusions.

SPECIAL NOTES

- **Tour Costs are valid from 01 October 2021 to 31 December 2022 except peak dates, festival period, sold-out or blackout dates.**
- Please note that some of the sights / itinerary may change due to season, weather, national holidays and special events. Please refer to insider tips printed in brochure.
- The standard Check-In time is 1400 Hrs and Check-Out time is 1200 hrs noon.
- Rates include only those items which are specifically mentioned in the detailed itinerary.
- Please note, the names of hotels mentioned above only indicate that our rates have been based on usage of these hotels. It is not to be construed that accommodation is confirmed at these hotels until and unless we convey the confirmations to you on receipt of your acceptance. However in the event of any of the above mentioned hotels not becoming available at the time of initiating the reservations. We shall book alternate accommodation at a similar or next best available hotel and shall pass on the difference of rates (supplement / reduction whatever applicable) to you.
- In case on any currency fluctuations or amendment in local Government taxes, or any fuel hike, we reserve the right to adjust the tour price accordingly. The due increase or decrease will be communicated accordingly.

**** **End of Tour** ****