

MYSTICAL NEPAL (11 NIGHTS/12 DAYS)

KATHMANDU • DHULIKHEL • CHITWAN • POKHARA • POONHILL TREK



DAY 01: ARRIVE IN KATHMANDU (-/-/-)

Arrive in Kathmandu. Meeting and assistance at the airport and transfer to the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel in Kathmandu.

DAY 02: FULL DAY TOUR IN KATHMANDU (BREAKFAST/-/-)

Morning, sightseeing tour of **Pashupatinath temple**. This Shiva temple is a holiest shrine of Hindus all over the world.

Later, visit **Swyambhunath Stupa** also referred to as "Monkey temple" due to high concentration of monkeys. Legends say after the Bodhisattva Manjushri drained the water from the lake revealing the Kathmandu valley, the lotus on the island of the lake was transformed into the hillock, and the blazing light from the lotus became the statue.

Afternoon, sightseeing tour of **Patan Durbar Square**. This city is also known as "City of Beauty". Patan has a long Buddhist history. Patan's central Durbar Square is packed with temples. Numerous other temples of widely diverse style, as well as many bahals (Buddhist Monasteries), are scattered around the fascinating old town.



Overnight at the hotel in Kathmandu.



DAY 03: MORNING, TOUR OF BHATAPUR AND PANAUTI. LATER, DRIVE TO DHULIKHEL (BREAKFAST/-/-)

After breakfast, sightseeing tour of **Bhaktapur Durbar Square**. Bhaktapur is one of the Nepal's greatest treasures. Visitors have described Bhaktapur's Durbar Square as "the most entrancingly picturesque city scene in Nepal". The Square is scattered with magnificent man made treasures.



Afternoon, tour of **Panauti**. This ancient Newar settlement 32 kms from Kathmandu is a fascinating relic of bygone days. It is today a charming, as an unspoiled village.

Later continue on to **Dhulikhel**. Once an important trade route between Nepal and Tibet now is a popular tourist destination for its panoramic, sunset and sunrise views. The Old town is an interesting area to wander around, with some fine old Newari buildings and several interesting temples. This area is comprised exclusively of four and five storey brick mansions, many with ornate wooden lattices in place of a glass window.



Overnight at the hotel Dhulikhel.

DAY 04: EARLY MORNING SUNRISE VIEW. LATER, DRIVE TO CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK (220 KMS/7.5 HRS) (BREAKFAST/-/-)

Early morning, sunrise view from the hotel premises. After breakfast, drive to **Chitwan (165 kms/5 hrs)**.

Situated in south central Nepal, park covers 932 sq. km in sub-tropical low lands of Terai. About one fifth of the park is savanna with over 70 different species of grasses, known generically as "elephant grass". Chitwan is among Asia's finest national park, renowned for its variety and abundance of wildlife. After lunch, commence an elephant safari to explore the jungle and view various wildlife. Evening, cultural show presentation by local Tharu tribes.



Dinner and overnight at the jungle resort in Chitwan.



DAY 05: DRIVE TO POKHARA (165 KMS/ 5 HRS) (BREAKFAST/-/-)

After breakfast, drive to Pokhara town.

Pokhara is most popular destination in Nepal after Kathmandu. Its fame has resulted from its lakeside ambiance and its proximity to one of the best trekking locations in the world. Upon arrival in Pokhara, transfer to the hotel.

Evening, stroll around the beautiful lakeside area.

Overnight at the hotel in Pokhara.



DAY 06: DRIVE TO NAYAPUL COMMENCE YOUR TREK TO GHANDRUNG (1,940M) (BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)

After breakfast drive to Nayapul (1 hrs drive from Pokhara). Commence trek to **Ghandrung (5 hrs walk)**. From Nayapul the trail pushes up the steep, terraced west bank of Modi Khola.

Then you continue to climb major settlement of Ghandrung .

Dinner and overnight at the local guest house or tea house in Ghandrung.



DAY 07: TREK FROM GHANDRUNG TO TADAPANI (2,630M) (BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)

Today trek from Ghandrung to **Tadapani (4 hrs walk)**.

From Ghandrung the trail detours west to the crest of the fine Komrong Danda (2654m), walking through beautiful Rhododendron forest, with great views of Mount Dhaulagiri and Mount Machapuchare (Mount Fishtail).

Dinner and overnight at the local guest house or tea house in Tadapani.



DAY 08: TREK FROM TADAPANI TO GHOREPANI (2,860M) (BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)

Today trek from Tadapani to Ghorepani (6 hrs walk). From Tadapani the trail climbs on muddy path through deep forest, with good mountain views including a view of mount Fishtail and a panorama all the way south to the plains of India.

Dinner and overnight at the local guest house or tea house in Ghorepani.



DAY 09: EARLY MORNING, HIKE TO POONHILL (3, 210M). LATER TREK DOWN TO TIRKEDHUNGA (BREAKFAST/LUANCH/DINNER)

Early morning, hike to Poonhill, one hour climb above, is reputed to have some of the finest mountain views of Nepal. This hike is steep uphill through the stair.

Later, trek down to Tirkhedhunga (6 hrs walk).

Dinner and overnight at the local guest house or tea house in Tirkhedhunga.



DAY 10: TREK FROM TIRKEDHUNGA TO NAYAPUL AND DRIVE BACK TO POKHARA (BREAKFAST/LUNCH/-)

Today, descend gently down to the banks of the Bhurgundi River and followed the trail along the river to Birethanti and then Nayapul. After having a quick lunch, drive back to Pokhara. Upon arrival in Pokhara, transfer to the hotel.

Later, **tour of Pokhara town** including Seti river gorge, Devis fall, Gupteshwor cave etc.

Later, **one hour boating in Phewa lake.**

Phewa Tal is the travellers' focal point in Pokhara, and is the second largest lake in Nepal. In contrast to the gaudy tourist development of Lakeside, the steep southwestern shore is densely forested and alive with birdlife. The lush Rani Ban, or Queen's Forest, bestows an emerald hue to the lake, and on a clear day, the Annapurna mountains are perfectly reflected on its mirror surface.



Overnight at the hotel in Pokhara.

DAY 11: DRIVE BACK TO KATHMANDU. EVENING, FAREWELL DINNER (BREAKFAST/-/DINNER)

After breakfast, drive back to Kathmandu (185 kms/5 hrs). Upon arrival in Kathmandu transfer to the hotel.

Evening, transfer to an **authentic Nepali restaurant for farewell dinner with cultural shows.**

This is one of the wonderful experiences to taste typical Nepali food which we call "Dal Baht" with lentils. You will be surprised with the variety of Nepalese dishes that will keep on coming.





The server with a gentle smile in their face will name you every item in Nepali as well as in English language before serving you.

In this show, your taste buds will be engaged with delicious food and your eyes and ears will be entertained by unique and beautiful Nepali traditional music. You will indeed admire the live folk dance with their traditional musical instruments. The evening will end, but the memory of this evening will last for a long time.

Overnight at the hotel in Kathmandu.

DAY 12: DEPARTURE (BREAKFAST/-/-)

Free till departure. Transfer to the airport in time to connect your onward flight.

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PRICE: ONE REQUEST

Inclusions:-

- √ 3 nights accommodation at the hotel in Kathmandu with breakfast
- √ 1 night accommodation at the hotel in Dhulikhel with breakfast
- √ 2 nights accommodation at the hotel in Pokhara with breakfast
- √ 4 nights accommodation at the local guest house during the treks with all meals at the same lodge or along the way
- √ 1 night accommodation at the jungle resort in Chitwan with breakfast, lunch, dinner
- √ Airport transfers by a private vehicle with service of our local representative
- √ Guided sightseeing tours in Kathmandu and Pokhara
- √ Kathmandu/Pokhara/Chitwan/Kathmandu surface transfer by a private vehicle with our chauffeur
- √ Private surface transfer to/from trek start and end points
- √ Annapurna Conservation area fees and trekking permit
- √ An experienced Sherpa guide and required numbers of porters during the trek
- √ All meals during the trek
- √ Regular jungle activities in Chitwan with service of a local naturalist
- √ Jungle entry fees
- √ Farewell dinner at an authentic Nepali restaurant with cultural shows
- √ All applicable entrance fees (except in museums)
- √ All applicable government taxes

Exclusions:-

- × International airfare
- × Travel insurance
- × Tips, gratuity, expenses of personal nature

Looking forward to seeing you soon!!!