

## SPLENDORS OF NEPAL

(08 NIGHTS/09 DAYS)

KATHMANDU • DHULIKHEL • CHITWAN • BANDIPUR • POKHARA



### DAY 01: ARRIVAL IN KATHMANDU (-/-/-)

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

Overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 02: FULL DAY TOUR IN KATHMANDU (WITH EVENING RICKSHAW RIDE) (BREAKFAST/-/-)

After breakfast, sightseeing tour of sacred **Pashupatinath temple**.

This Shiva temple is a holiest shrine of Hindus all over the world. Later, visit Swoyambhunath Stupa also referred to as "Monkey temple" due to high concentration of monkeys. This is a largest stupa in Nepal.



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.



Evening, **ricksahw ride** through the alleys of Kathmandu Durbar Square. Overnight at the hotel in Kathmandu.

**Overnight at the hotel in Kathmandu**



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**DAY 03: FULL DAY TOUR IN KATHMANDU. 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 Bhatapur'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 in Dhulikhel**

**DAY 04: DRIVE TO CHITWAN. JUNGLE ACTIVITIES IN CHITWAN  
(BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)**

Early morning, sunrise view from the hotel premises. After breakfast, drive to **Chitwan**.

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.**



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#### DAY 05: DRIVE TO BANDIPUR (BREAKFAST/-/-)

After breakfast, drive to **Bandipur**.

Small town of Bandipur stands on a dramatic ridge with excellent views of the Marshyangdi valley and sweep of Himalayas from Mt. Dhaulagiri to Mt. Langtang. It is a beautiful hilltop village colonized by Newars in the 1800s. Today town is the perfect place to get the feel for Newari life. The architecture and the ambience of Bandipur are medieval. Rest of the day is free to explore around Bandipur village.

**Overnight at the hotel in Bandipur.**

#### DAY 06: DRIVE TO POKHARA. LATER, GUIDED TOUR OF POKHARA TOWN

After breakfast, drive to **Pokhara**.

It is also referred as city of lakes and mountains. It is also the gateway to one of the best trekking location in the world. Approx. 200 kms from Kathmandu Pokhara enjoys a mild climate, clean air, reflection of snow capped mountains on the sheltered lake. Its relaxed atmosphere is pleasantly removed from the hectic hustle and bustle of Kathmandu.



Afternoon, **guided tour of Pokhara town** including Seti Gorge, Devis fall, Gupteshwor cave etc;.

Later, **one hour boating on 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.**



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#### DAY 07: SUNRISE EXCURSION IN POKHARA (BREAKFAST/-/-)

Early morning, **excursion to Sarangkot hill** for closer view of mountains and sunrise view

At an elevation of 1592m, Sarangkot is probably the most popular short excursion from Pokhara. It is perfect viewpoint to admire the mountain views and splendid panorama. The panoramic view includes a glimpse of Mt. Dhaulagiri, Mt. Annapurna South and Mt. Hiunchuli with the bulk of Mt. Annapurna behind, unmistakable mt. Fishtail, Mt. Annapurna III, IV and II and Lamjung Himal.



Rest of the day is free.

**Overnight at the hotel in Pokhara**

#### DAY 08: DRIVE BACK TO KATHMANDU (BREAKFAST/-/-)

After breakfast, drive back to Kathmandu. Upon arrival in Kathmandu, transfer to the hotel.

**Overnight at the hotel in Kathmandu.**

#### DAY 09: DEPARTURE (BREAKFAST/-/-)

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

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**PRICE: ON REQUEST**

#### **Inclusions:-**

- √ 3 nights accommodation at the hotel in Kathmandu with breakfast
- √ 1 night accommodation at the hotel in Dhulikhel with breakfast
- √ 1 night accommodation at the jungle resort in Chitwan with breakfast, lunch, dinner
- √ 1 night accommodation at the hotel in Bandipur with breakfast
- √ 2 nights accommodation at the hotel in Pokhara with breakfast
- √ Airport transfers with service of local representative
- √ Guided sightseeing tours in Kathmandu and Pokhara
- √ Regular jungle activities in Chitwan with service of a local English speaking naturalist
- √ Kathmandu/Dhulikhel/Chitwan/Bandipur/Pokhara/Kathmandu surface transfer by private vehicle
- √ 2.5 hrs rickshaw ride in Kathmandu with service of a local English speaking guide
- √ Sunrise excursion in Pokhara
- √ One hour boating on Phewa lake
- √ All applicable entrance fees (except in museums)
- √ All applicable government taxes



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**Exclusions:-**

- × International airfare
- × Lunches/dinners (except in Chitwan)
- × Tips, gratuities, expenses of personal nature

We look forward to seeing you soon!!