

BEST OF NEPAL (07 NIGHTS-08 DAYS)



**HIGHLIGHTS: KATHMANDU CITY • CHITWAN • JUNGLE ACTIVITIES • POKHARA TOWN •
SUNRISE EXCURSION • BOATING • NAGARKOT HILL**

Nepal is a small landlocked country with a diversity of natural and cultural wealth you will find in few places on earth. The land rises abruptly from the sweltering Terai plains in the south at 60 meters above sea level to the freezing heights of the Himalayan in the north well above 8000 meters culminating in the highest point on earth, Mt. Everest at 8848 meters - with lush sub-tropical forests, green hills and valleys in between - within a distance of a mere 200 km.

Culture is embedded in the high peaks of Nepal, tradition flows with its rivers, art traverses through its valleys and religion lies in the heart of its people. Nepal, in short, is a country where art, culture and religion are a part of life of the inhabitants.

DAY 01: ARRIVAL – KATHMANDU (-/-/-)

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

After a short briefing, check-in to the hotel. Rest of the day is free

Overnight at the hotel in Kathmandu

DAY 02 : KATHMANDU (BREAKFAST/-/-)

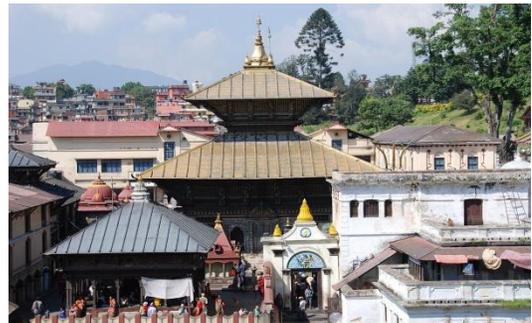
Early morning, transfer to the airport for a scenic **Everest Experience flight (50 min)**

This flight provides brief but stunning views of an encyclopedic assortment of peaks. After taking off from Kathmandu airport the flight curves and flies over Dhulikhel towards Jiri offering panoramic views of peaks like Langtang (7246m), Mt. Shishapangma (8027m), Mt. Dorje Lakpa (6975m) and Mt. Lapchi Kang(7367m). Now the flight banks towards north to provide close-up view of four 8000's giants Mt. Makalu(8479m), Mt. Lhotse (8501m), Mt. Everest (8848m) and Mt. Cho Oyu (8153m). It passes over Namche Bazaar and glides back over Solu passing by Mt. Numbur (6956m) and the bulk of Gauri Shankar (7145m).



After breakfast, sightseeing tour of **Pashupatinath temple and Boudhanath Stupa**

Pashupatinath is one of the sacred Shiva temples on the Indian sub-continent. It draws devotees from all over India, including many colorful Sadhus (wandering Holy men). It is the largest temple complex in Nepal. Visiting Pashupatinath begins and ends a traditional pilgrimage circuit. Lord Pashupatinath's supreme holiness stems from hollowed linga enshrined in the main temple and its location on the bank of sacred Bagmati River.



Bagmati sanctity makes Pashupatinath Nepal's most sacred cremation site. After the bodies are burnt the ashes are thrown into the river, where they are carried down to meet Ganges.

Continue on to **Boudhanath Stupa**

On the eastern side of Kathmandu is a huge stupa of Boudhanath. This is the largest stupa in Nepal and one of the largest in the world. It is the sacred place for Buddhist pilgrims. Once you enter the stupa complex it resembles Bharkor street of Tibet with a considerable population of Tibetans, number of thriving monasteries and many small shops selling Tibetan artifacts. Boudhanath is one of the few places in the world where Tibetan culture is accessible, vibrant and unbound.



Afternoon, tour of **Bhaktapur Durbar Square**

Bhaktapur also known as 'Bhadgaon' is the third largest town in the valley. The stone embedded street links a string of temples, monastery, courtyards and monumental squares. You will quickly notice how vibrant the town's cultural life is with strong communities of potters, woodcarvers and weavers. Bhaktapur Durbar Square is much larger and much less crowded then compared to other two durbar squares. Just upon entering the square you will notice the substitute signs of four great Indian pilgrimage sites. Most recognizable is the finely carved Bansi Narayan Mandir of Bishnu.



Overnight at the hotel in Kathmandu

DAY 03 (23 OCT): KATHMANDU – POKHARA (205 KMS/6 HRS) (BREAKFAST/-/-)

After breakfast, drive to **Pokhara Valley (205 kms/6 hrs drive)**

En route possibility of white water rafting on Trishuli river with picnic lunch

Pokhara is the most popular destination in Nepal. 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 snowcapped mountains on the sheltered lake. Its relaxed atmosphere is pleasantly removed from the hectic hustle and bustle of Kathmandu. Lakeside Pokhara is a traveler's oasis.



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Upon arrival in Pokhara transfer to the hotel. Rest of the day is free. Evening, stroll around the lakeside area.

Overnight at the hotel in Pokhara

DAY 04: POKHARA (BREAKFAST/-/-)

Early morning, **excursion to Sarangkot hill.**

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. Pre-dawn excursion to Sarangkot is recommended to view beautiful sunrise over the Himalayas



After breakfast, sightseeing tour of Pokhara town with one hour boating on Phewa lake.

Boat trip in the lovely Phewa Lake is the foremost attraction of Pokhara. Paddling out into the middle of the lake is a nice way to spend a quiet afternoon. Phewa lake is the largest lake in Pokhara valley and the second largest lake in Nepal.



Lunch at the hotel

Rest of the day is free

Overnight at the hotel in Pokhara

DAY 05 (25 OCT): POKHARA – CHITWAN (165 KMS/5 HRS) (BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)

After breakfast, drive to **Chitwan** through a scenic mountainous highway.

Chitwan is among Asia's finest national park, renowned for its variety and abundance of wildlife, and its top class tourist lodges and Jungle activities. You have to be extremely lucky to see one of its elusive tigers and leopards. However, an elephant safari is unforgettable and you are almost certain to see one horned rhino, various species of deer, monkeys and numerous species of birds. Stalking the animals, whether by elephant, dugout canoe,



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jeep or foot is the main activity here. Chitwan's big appeal is a pervasive sense of relaxation, which soaks deeper the longer you stay.

Upon arrival, transfer to the jungle resort.

After lunch, commence an elephant back safari to explore the jungle and view various wildlife.

Dinner and overnight at the jungle resort in Chitwan

DAY 06: CHITWAN (BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)

Indulge yourself in various jungle activities such as jungle walks, dugout/canoe ride, visit to Elephant breeding center, visit to local Tharu tribe villages e.t.c.



Evening flora and fauna presentation at the resort or live cultural dance performance by local Tharu tribes.

Dinner and overnight at the jungle resort in Chitwan

DAY 07: CHITWAN – KATHMANDU (BREAKFAST/-/DINNER)

After breakfast, drive back to Kathmandu retracing the same highway (**185 kms/6 hrs drive**)

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. Along with the food you will be kept entertained with typical Nepali folk shows. You will get a chance to see the dance performance of different ethnic groups of Nepal in their unique cultural uniform.



After the show transfer back to the hotel

Overnight at the hotel in Kathmandu

DAY 08: KATHMANDU - DEPARTURE (BREAKFAST/-/-)

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

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