

Trip Name : Nepal Encounters Tour

Starting Point	Kathmandu
Ending Point	Kathmandu
Type	GuestHouse/Hotel
Grade	Easy
Duration	14 Days
People in Group	Minimum 1 and Maximum 12
Best Time	February to June and September to December
Max. Elevation	1592 mt.

### Trip Highlights:

- Tour of major World Heritage Sites
- Visit of main temples and religious shrines
- Visit of birth place of Lord Buddha, Lumbini
- Rafting on the Himalayan White Water
- Jungle tour and Elephant safari
- Adventurous drive on the hilly road
- Small hike and activities
- Awesome Mountain views along the tour

### Trip Details:

Nepal is a country of high Himalayas including the highest Mount Everest (8,848m/29,028ft) on the earth and the holy land of Lord Pashupatinath and Gautam Buddha where the Hindus and Buddhists have lived together in harmony for centuries. Its varied weather is another significant attraction. Nepal also has the richest and most diverse cultural landscapes throughout the country. So, it has become a popular tourist destination among the international travellers. The cultural heritage of Nepal is synthesized more in the Kathmandu Valley. The three major ancient cities namely Kathmandu, Patan and Bhaktapur represent a harmony of elegant architecture and refined culture. These cities have a concentration of religious monuments unequalled in the world. There are a total of seven World Heritage Sites in the city, including at least fifty important shrines and temples in the Durbar Square alone. They are Swoyambhunath, Boudhanath, Pashupatinath, Kathmandu, Patan and Bhaktapur Durbar Squares and Changuarayan Temple. Another dazzling attraction of Nepal is the festivals that come throughout the year enduring customs and beliefs. Tour of country sides lets to get the first hand experience of the customs and lifestyles of multi-ethnic groups. The southern lowland known as the Terai is covered with dense tropical jungles teeming with diverse wildlife and exotic birds that offers the exciting safaris. Elephant back-ride, canoe ride and jungle walk are the major safari activities available in the jungles. Visit to Lumbini, where Buddha was born gives a peace of mind throughout the tour. Pokhara is yet another destination that matters if missed. The panoramic Himalayan views and pleasing weather will give a fantastic memory of the tour. Our Nepal Encounters Tour includes visits to major historical sites of Nepal giving you an unforgettable memory.

**Suggestion:** Don't forget to bring your binoculars and camera with extra batteries.

### How We Make This Trip Responsible?

**Trekking Encounters promotes Responsible Tourism and strictly follows the responsible travel guide lines.**

**Cost Includes:**

- Welcome drinks in Kathmandu
- Tour pre-departure information
- An English speaking City Tour Guide as per in the itinerary
- Hotel accommodations on a twin share basis with breakfast
- All internal ground transport by private vehicle
- Full board meals (B/L/D) during the stay in Chitwan and safari activities
- Emergency co-operation service

**Complimentary:**

- A Trekking Encounters T-shirt
- A farewell Nepali dinner with live culture program

**Cost Excludes:**

- Meals other than in Chitwan
- Entrance fees to the monuments
- Bar and beverages bills, bottled water
- Nature of personal expenses
- Personal cloths and equipment such as sleeping bag, jacket, boots etc.
- Insurance for accidental, medical and evacuation
- Tips to the staff
- International Airfare and Taxes

**Add-Ons:****Mt. Everest Flight**

**Activity:** Mount Everest sightseeing flight.

**Duration:** One hour.

**Frequency:** Everyday in the morning between 6am to 9am.

**Cost:** US\$ 224 per person. Group discounts available.

**Ground transfer:** Included by a private vehicle. Two persons minimum needed.

**Airport tax:** Included.

**Airline:** Buddha Air, Simrik Airlines and Yeti Airlines.

**Short Hiking Trips**

Sundarikal Nagarkot Trek - 3 days.

Sarangkot Dhampus Trek - 3 days.

Poonhill Ghorepani Trek - 4/5 days.

Jomsom Muktinath Trek - 3 days.

Everest View Trek - 4/5 days.

**Jungle Safari in Bardia National Park**

**Activities:** Jungle safari on elephant-back, jungle walk, boat ride, jeep drive.

**Accommodation:** Jungle lodges.

**Transportation:** Not included.  
**Meals:** Included.  
**Duration:** 4 days and 3 nights.  
**Cost:** Starts from US\$ 475 per person.

### **Bird Watching in Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve**

**Activities:** Bird watching, boat ride and wildlife viewing on jeep drive.  
**Accommodation:** Resorts, Tented camps.  
**Transportation:** Not included.  
**Meals:** Included.  
**Duration:** 3 days and 2 nights.  
**Cost:** Starts from US\$ 480 per person.

### **More Challenging Rafting in Trips**

**Seti River:** 3 Class – 2 Days – 32 Kilometers – Cost starts from US\$ 80 per person.  
**KaliGandaki River:** 4 Class – 3 Days – 56 Kilometers – Cost starts from US\$ 140 per person.  
**BhoteKoshi River:** 4/5 Class – 2 Days – 18 Kilometers – Cost starts from US\$ 85 per person.  
- **Cost includes:** Top quality Rafting equipment, Highly trained Crew, Well organized camping, Hygienic food.  
- **Transportation:** Bus transportation included and depends.

### **Bungy Jumping / Canyoning / Paragliding / Ultralight Flight**

We can check and deliver information and cost as per your interest received for Bungy Jumping, Canyoning, Paragliding and Ultralight Flight. Bungy and Canyoning can also be customized together.

### **Shopping Tours**

Package available on demand.

**Shopping items:** Pashmina items, Paubha/Thangka, Woolen Carpets, Root Art, Ceramics, Shaligram (Holy Rocks), Masks of deities, Khukuri, Tea, Spices, Garments and Knitwear, Musical Instruments and Music, Glass Ornaments, Jewelry and Gems, Metal Wares, Sculptures, Wood Carvings, Rudraksha (Rosary), Incense, Natural Buttons, Fiber Products, Wood Game Boards, Fancy Hats, Bamboo Crafts, Bags and Accessories, Leather Articles, Lokta Paper and items made by Lokta, Nepali Dolls, Home Decors, Books and Maps and innumerable other unique items which are found nowhere else.

### **Trip Itinerary:**

#### **Day 01 : Arrival in Kathmandu.**

Reception by the Office Representative at the airport and we shall transfer you by our comfortable vehicle to a hotel located in the downtown followed by a short pre-trip meeting.

#### **Day 02 : Kathmandu City Tour.**

After breakfast, sightseeing tour of World Heritage Sites will be started by an experienced City Tour Guide. Tour includes to Swoyambhunath, Boudhanath, Pashupatinath and Patan Durbar Square. The entirely stone made Krishna Temple, three-storied golden temples and the three main courtyards of the Durbar Square are the main attractions of Patan. Then we drive back to our hotel.

### **Day 03 : Tour of Kathmandu and Bhaktapur Durbar Squares, overnight in Nagarkot.**

After breakfast, we continue our tour of Kathmandu Durbar Square where we can visit the famous Kumari Ghar (Temple of Living Goddess) and the guide will give a short account of Nepal's history and art related to the shrines and palaces located here. Then we continue our journey towards Bhaktapur. Bhaktapur is considered as one of the oldest cities in town and famous for the 15th Century Palace of 55 Windows and the artistic courtyards along with the Golden Gate and Pagoda style temples. When the tour is over, we will drive to Nagarkot about 20 kilometers far from Bhaktapur City for overnight rest. Nagarkot is a popular hill station and provides panoramic view of the Himalayas. The snow peaks look especially gorgeous during sunset and sunrise from here.

### **Day 04 : Drive to Chitwan National Park via Rafting.**

We'll awake early to witness the spectacular dawn and the first rays of the sun firing over the Himalayas from Kanchenjunga and Everest in the Far East to Annapurna and Dhaulagiri in the West. After this fantastic view, we sit back for a lovely breakfast. Then we take a drive for approximately 3-4 hours along the bank of the Trishuli River and meet the crew at Rafting site. Trishuli is an ideal beginners' River. Lunch we'll be served after 3/4 hrs rafting at the riverside. After lunch, drive continues to Chitwan National Park. There will be a short briefing on the program and facilities after rooms are assigned. After dinner, we are ready to witness the typical cultural dance performed by local Tharu community. This cultural show is known as Tharu Stick Dance.

### **Day 05 : Chitwan - Elephant Safari day.**

You will be given wake-up call followed by tea or coffee and tour starts with elephant back-ride safari to explore the jungle and wildlife where you will be able to see the one-horned rhinoceros, several types of deer, monkeys, wild boar, sloth bear, leopard and if lucky, the Royal Bengal tiger. This exciting ride lasts for 2-3 hours. After lunch, we are ready for canoe trip on the Rapti River. A traditional dug-out canoe takes you on a silent trip down the Rapti River to view aquatic birds and the animals of the river banks. We continue our excursion to EBC (Elephant Breeding Camp) to learn more about these fascinating animals on a visit to the elephant stable.

### **Day 06 : Chitwan - Jeep safari day.**

With the wake-up call followed by tea or coffee we are ready for a Nature Walk. This encounter on foot with the environment will introduce the main features of Chitwan. Sal forest, open grassland and reverie jungle. Our guides will help you identify some species of birds, plants and other wildlife that you may encounter with. Then we head back to our resort for a lovely breakfast. We have some free time for relaxation. After lunch, we take a jeep safari tour in order to explore the inner beauty of the forest. Depending upon the season, we are to opt to visit Crocodile Breeding Camp or Twenty Thousands Lake.

### **Day 07 : Drive Chitwan to Lumbini.**

After breakfast, we proceed our journey to see the place where Gautam Buddha was born (623 BC). Lumbini is known as Lord Buddha's birthplace, listed as World heritage site by UNESCO and symbol of world peace. We drive along the scenic highway through beautiful villages, forest and cross many streams. After rooms are assigned at the hotel, we start our tour with the visit of the Sacred Garden. The Sacred Garden where Buddha was born, Mayadevi temple was built where Buddha stepped first, Sacred Pond where Queen Mayadevi-Buddha's mother had taken a bath before giving birth to Buddha. We can also witness some facts

related to Buddha's birth in Lumbini.

#### **Day 08 : Tour of Temples and Monasteries in Lumbini.**

After breakfast, we visit different monasteries and temples built by different countries: Chinese monastery, Japanese monastery, Korean monastery, Tibetan monastery, Thai monastery, Shri Lankan monastery, Burmese (Myanmar) monastery, Indian and Nepalese monasteries. We stay overnight at the same hotel in Lumbini.

#### **Day 09 : Drive Lumbini to Pokhara via Tansen.**

After breakfast, we continue our journey towards Pokhara via Tansen through the mountainous road. The view is simply beautiful and adventurous. We stop at Tansen for lunch and proceed to Pokhara. We pass through the beautiful cities, villages, forest, green hills and cross many streams on this scenic drive.

#### **Day 10 : Tour of Pokhara.**

We drive to Sarangkot to witness the Himalayan panorama that dominates Pokhara City early morning. The towering Annapurna and the famous 'Fishtail' peaks are the highlights of this trip. We drive back to hotel for breakfast via the visit of sacred Bindhyabasini Temple. After breakfast, we will visit David Falls, Gupteshwor Cave and International Mountain Museum. We enjoy with a boat ride on the beautiful Fewa Lake where we can see the shadow of Mt. Fishtail over the Lake water. You are free to explore the colorful town in the evening.

#### **Day 11 : Visit of World Peace Pagoda in the morning, drive to Bandipur.**

After breakfast, we drive to visit the World Peace Pagoda. After capturing some beautiful memories, we drive to Bandipur. Bandipur is also known as the museum of Newari culture situated 7 km above Dumbre Bazaar at an altitude of 1,005 meters. Untouched by modernization and laced with an abundance of ancient houses, temples of great cultural values and historical architecture. We stay overnight in Bandipur.

#### **Day 12 : Drive back to Kathmandu, Nepali cultural dinner.**

We are now retracing our drive through the scenic Prithvi Highway on the bank of the Trishuli River and end our tour in Kathmandu. After refreshing and taking some rest, we will join the typical Nepali dinner with live cultural program. The show ends at 9PM and we are back to the hotel for rest.

#### **Day 13 : Free day in Kathmandu for shopping and packing.**

*Shopping items:* Pashmina items, Paubha/Thangka, Woolen Carpets, Root Art, Ceramics, Shaligram (Holy Rocks), Masks of deities, Khukuri, Tea, Spices, Garments and Knitwear, Musical Instruments and Music, Glass Ornaments, Jewelry and Gems, Metal Wares, Sculptures, Wood Carvings, Rudraksha (Rosary), Incense, Natural Buttons, Fiber Products, Wood Game Boards, Fancy Hats, Bamboo Crafts, Bags and Accessories, Leather Articles, Lokta Paper and items made by Lokta, Nepali Dolls, Home Decors, Books and Maps and innumerable other unique items which are found nowhere else.

**Day 14 : Final departure.**

This is the time to say good-bye and transfer to airport. Fly out Kathmandu with some beautiful memories. The drive from Thamel to airport takes about half an hour and needs to report 2 and half hours before the flight time.