

Trip Name : Nepal Holiday Tour

Starting Point	Kathmandu
Ending Point	Kathmandu
Type	GuestHouse/Hotel
Grade	Easy
Duration	11 Days
People in Group	Minimum 1 and Maximum 12
Best Time	February to June and September to December
Max. Elevation	2195 mt.

### Trip Highlights:

- Tour of major World Heritage Sites
- Visit of main temples and religious shrines
- 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 has a collection of numerous adventure holidays including the famous Everest Base Camp trekking, inspiring Annapurna Circuit trail and Sanctuary hiking, the cultural Langtang and Helambu treks, the remote Dolpo and the forbidden Mustang and Manaslu treks. Apart from treks, there are some more interesting and fascinating holiday packages that include safaris in Chitwan National Park, visit of Pokhara and many other fabulous places en-route. Kathmandu has some historic wonders with ancient Newari culture and architecture. Swoyambhunath, Boudhanath, Pashupatinath, Bhaktapur, Patan and Kathmandu Durbar Squares are the major highlights in Kathmandu valley. There is yet another adventure down the Trishuli River on a white water rafting trip that goes down the tropical plains of the Terai in Chitwan. Rafting is one of the thrilling adventures on Nepal's raging rivers. There are some challenging rivers for more experienced travellers. Chitwan offers an unforgettable elephant safari in search of One-horned rhinos and Royal Bengal tigers. Canoe ride, village tour, bird watching and jungle walk are some regular features of our Chitwan safari holidays. While travelling to Pokhara, a stopover in Bandipur gives a peace of mind. Bandipur is the prominent tourist attraction being the old Newari town and the excellent views of the majestic Himalayas including Dhaulagiri, Annapurna, Manaslu, Ganesh and Langtang Himal make it worth visiting. Pokhara is blessed with stunning attractions such as the panoramic views of the Annapurnas, the lakes and the caves. Pokhara owes its popularity by the enchanting Phewa Lake with the Barahi temple in the center. An amazing aspect of Pokhara is the vanishing river. Seti River, a natural wonder goes underground has many myths and vanishes in many places along its route through the City. Pokhara's another attraction is the World Peace Pagoda seen on the top of a hill on the southern shore of Phewa Lake while the eastern shore has become a popular tourist hub known as Lakeside. Our Nepal Holiday Tour is a collection of adventure and tailor made cultural holidays.

**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**

Sundarijal 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 Bandipur via Trishuli River 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, we will 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. We stay overnight in Bandipur.

### **Day 05 : Bandipur exploration, drive to Pokhara.**

Bandipur is still untouched by modernization and laced with an abundance of ancient houses, temples of great cultural values and historical architecture. We will explore this little paradise in the morning and after breakfast; we will continue our journey towards Pokhara. This is about 2 hour scenic drive and we will pass through many village settlements and small towns. Our Pokhara tour starts with a boat ride on the beautiful Fewa Lake where we can see the shadow of Mt. Fishtail over the Lake water.

### **Day 06 : 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 the World Peace Pagoda. We will also visit the International Mountain Museum before ending today's tour. You are free to explore the colorful town in the evening.

### **Day 07 : Drive to Chitwan National Park.**

After breakfast, our drive begins to Chitwan National Park through half of the same road we covered from Bandipur to Pokhara. There will be a short briefing on the program and facilities after rooms are assigned. Our 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 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 08 : Chitwan - Full day Safari activities.**

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. 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 09 : Drive back to Kathmandu, Nepali cultural dinner.**

After breakfast, we are now retracing our drive through the scenic 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 10 : 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 11 : 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.