

Trip Name : Nepal Safari Tour

Starting Point	Kathmandu
Ending Point	Kathmandu
Type	GuestHouse/Hotel
Grade	Easy
Duration	8 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
- 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 endowed with rich and varied biodiversity throughout the country. Its short distance variance in weather and bio-geography gives a range from lush moist forests and sparse alpine deserts to luxurious grasslands and tall trees in lowland Terai of southern Nepal. The Chitwan valley consists of tropical and subtropical forests. Chitwan National Park is listed as World Heritage Site because of its typical natural, cultural and landscape characteristics. The endangered fauna found in the park are: One-horned rhinoceros, Royal Bengal tiger and Wild elephant etc. Chitwan National Park is a popular destination for an amazing Jungle safari which includes elephant back-ride, canoe ride, village tour, bird watching and jungle walk. The livelihood of the local Tharu community is yet another attraction of Chitwan. Our Nepal Safari trip includes a tour of the world famous monuments of Kathmandu Valley such as Swoyambhunath, Boudhanath, Pashupatinath, Patan and Kathmandu Durbar Squares including an extended trip to Pokhara. Pokhara is a visitor's paradise. The panoramic view of the majestic Himalayas such as Mt. Fishtail, Mt. Annapurna and Mt. Dhaulagiri is truly awesome. The Sunrise view from Sarangkot gives a life time memory. Apart from this, there are many interesting points to see like Fewa/Phewa Lake, Devi's fall, World Peace Pagoda, Caves and sacred temples. Finally, the tour concludes with a dinner in typical Nepalese way and live cultural show. Folk music and dancing have always been an integral part of Nepalese culture and tradition. Nepal though a small country in size, it has over 100 ethnic groups having their own distinct traditions of music, dancing, dressing, language and culture. They perform their cultural practices in different festivals and occasions meaning to ancient myths. The traditional and authentic Nepalese food is daal-bhaat, curry, pickle, vegetables and mutton or chicken.

**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.

### **Rafting in Nepal**

**Trishuli River:** 2/3 Class – 1 Day – 17 Kilometers – Cost starts from US\$ 30 per person.  
**Seti River:** 3 Class – 2 Days – 32 Kilometers – Cost starts from US\$ 80 per person.  
**Kali Gandaki River:** 4 Class – 3 Days – 56 Kilometers – Cost starts from US\$ 140 per person.  
**Bhote Koshi 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 & Kathmandu Durbar Squares. 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. Before ending today's tour, we move to 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 drive back to our hotel.

### **Day 03 : Drive to Chitwan National Park.**

After breakfast, we take a drive for approximately 5-6 hours along the bank of the Trishuli River to Chitwan National Park which was declared UNESCO Natural Heritage Site in 1984. 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 04 : 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 05 : Drive to Pokhara.**

After breakfast, we begin our journey to Pokhara through half of the same road we covered on the previous day. This is about 4-5 hour scenic drive and we will pass through many village settlements and small towns. Pokhara is an ultimate destination for relaxation with the magnificent Annapurna range and the serenity of beautiful Fewa Lake. Our Pokhara tour starts with a boat ride on the 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 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 08 : 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.