

## KATHMANDU, CHITWAN AND POKHARA TOUR



**Kathmandu, Chitwan and Pokhara Tour** is a contrasting **tour** of diverse landscapes that gives you the feel of how amazing Nepal can be, something hardly found in any other part of the world. This whirlwind tour of a week gives you three different scenarios which begin right in the ancient **valley of Kathmandu** that was once-upon-a-time a powerful kingdom all to itself ruled by a king of its own. The heritage monuments which signify a rich cultural past of Nepal seen in this old-time valley is where we start our brief but nevertheless wholesome vacation of thrilling activities.

We enjoy a brief tour of Kathmandu by visiting some well known historical symbols of the capital in its heydays; this includes visiting the most venerated hindu temple of pashupatinath which gathers throngs of people during the night of Shiva which is known here as 'Shivaratri' and falls in the month of February. This is the most holy temple in Nepal and is also the cremation centre for hindus that begins with the kings of Nepal right down to the common man on the streets. We then head down to one of the biggest stupas in Asia called Boudhnath which is also a heritage monument that is visited by Buddhists from all corners of the country. You can also take part in the queue of the faithful as they walk around the stupa & turn the prayer wheels while remembering lost loved ones.

The geography of the land changes as we head down to the steamy jungles of the terai to enjoy our **Jungle safari in Chitwan**. We then head down to the famous '**City of Lakes**'- **Pokhara**, a junction that leads to some of the most famous trails in the world. Pokhara is a virtual paradise of nature and a wonderful place to spend several days. From there, we head back to Kathmandu for a visit to the tranquil hideaway **honeymoon resort of Nagarkot**. which yet surprises us with the contrasting landscapes we have experienced till now. **'Kathmandu, chitwan and Pokhara - a contrasting tour'** of **immense experiences is the kind of tour you are unlikely to forget in a hurry with Mountain Sherpa Trekking & Expeditions.**

Activity Levels:



**Leisurely**

You are healthy, enjoy the outdoors and want a relaxing trip. No experience is required.

Duration:

8 days

## AT A GLANCE

- A trip "slow travel" without long repeated trips to explore in-depth country
- The discovery of Kathmandu, its temples, its history, its people....
- The visit to the Chitwan National Park in the heart of a wild and preserved (elephants, rhinos, crocodiles, birds ...)
- Tour the heart of the peaceful Pokhara with boat ride and Sunrise views
- The incredible scenery between jungle, lakes and mountains

### Cost Includes

- Deluxe accommodation with healthy breakfast
- 2 Nights chitwan deluxe accommodation
- Healthy Meals in Chitwan
- Farewell dinner in Kathmandu
- Private Tourist Vehicle whole tour
- An experienced English-speaking guide.
- Pokhara-Kathmandu flight with TAX

### Cost Excludes

- International airfare and airport departure tax.
- Your travel insurance and Nepal entry visa
- Lunch and dinner in Kathmandu and Pokhara
- All Items of Personal nature like drink, Laundry
- Tips for tour staff and driver.

## ITINERARY

### Day 01:: Arrival day in Kathmandu. Transfer to Hotel. All Meals included

A representative and driver from our office will meet and greet you at the airport and escort you to your hotel and help you check into your designated hotel. We will arrange a meeting with you at hotel to brief you about your daily activities etc.

**What's Included: Airport pickup, Welcome Dinner & accommodation**

### Day 02:: Full Kathmandu City Sightseeing. Overnight Stay at Hotel [ Breakfast included]

After healthy breakfast at Hotel, first we Visit Swayambhunath, also called Monkey Temple. You will have the opportunity to admire the Buddhist stupas famous tourists to be at the top of a hill where hundreds of monkeys. The summit offers a remarkable view of Kathmandu and its suburbs. Swayambhunath, is one of the oldest religious sites of Nepal, the city is home to the oldest Stupa of the valley and is also considered one of the first Buddhist shrines in the world. Although this site is considered Buddhist, the place is revered by both Buddhists and Hindus.

After that, you will go to Kathmandu Durbar Square, where the heart of the old town is located, from where the old main street of the city. This great site, a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, is the Palace (Durbar) where kings were crowned and where they ruled. Kathmandu Durbar Square is dotted with numerous shrines, palaces, pagodas, statues and temples dedicated to numerous Hindu deities, your guide will make you discover.

In the afternoon, visit the temple of Pashupatinath, dedicated to Lord Shiva. Located on the banks of the sacred Bagmati River, 5 km from Kathmandu, it is famous for its architecture "red roof" golden doors and 5 km east of the city. Continue to the colossal stupa Boudhanath. You can take a refreshing drink on the terrace of a restaurant located on the roofs of houses and offering breathtaking views of the square.

You will spend the night in Thamel, lively and tourist created as a result of tourism of the 1980s, where you will discover

Kathmandu "modern."

***What's included: breakfast, tour, accommodation***

**Day 03:: Drive to Chitwan National Park. Overnight Stay at Resort. all meals included**

The day will be devoted to the path (6-7hours) between Kathmandu and Sauraha village just at the entrance of Chitwan National Park. A rather long drive but you will discover unforgettable landscapes. Chitwan National Park (meaning "the heart of the jungle") was once the domain of royal hunts, the most famous of Nepal. This superb reserve nearly 1000 km<sup>2</sup> was created south of Rapti River to preserve animal species in danger of extinction. It is the oldest national park of Nepal and was declared a World Heritage Site in 1973. It is now a paradise for birds, you will most certainly have the opportunity to meet with rhino a horn, deer, monkeys and elephants...

On arrival in Sauraha, during a first discovery (guided) walk to the reserve, you will already have the opportunity to observe the large amount of birds that inhabit the park's forest. You will enjoy from the evening, the beautiful sunset on the Rapti River. In the evening you can attend a local dance show of the Tharu ethnic group. This is the majority population in the Terai. The Tharu originally live in huts with thatched roofs, made of a bamboo frame and covered with clay and dung. They live in symbiosis with nature and farmers are the generations of tradition. The Tharu are for the most part animist believing in spirits of nature worship multiple gods and worship the ancestors. They nevertheless adopted many Hindu rituals. Overnight at hotel.

***What's included: All meals, tour, accommodation***

**Day 04:: Full day Jungle Activities in Chitwan. Overnight Stay at resort. all meals included**

After delicious Breakfast, Your Jungle Activities will Starts. Visit Sauhara, Terai town located on the edge of the national park, it has made its reputation since the creation of safaris. The influence of culture Tharu Maetali (local tribe) is presents everywhere again, you may have the chance to attend and participate in the bath the elephants in the Rapti River flowing through it. We will later visit the elephant nursery, where many elephants and exhilaration delight you. There are still a few decades most elephants that were found in Nepal came from India and Thailand until the government decided to create its own breeding center.

The afternoon will be devoted to a safari on elephant back. Pachyderms allow you to interfere you more intimately in the heart of Chitwan National Park to observe the animals without disturbing them; and sometimes tigers will be less timid. You'll have more chances to see wildlife and experience will leave a lasting memory. There will be timetable fixed at resorts for all your Jungle Activities or you will inform about it. In Evening you will take to Cultural show centre for Ethnic cultural Dance of terai region. Overnight at hotel.

***What's included: All meals, tour, accommodation***

**Day 05:: Drive to Pokhara City. Overnight stay at Hotel [ Breakfast included]**

After a hearty breakfast; we board our tourist coach at 7 am in the morning and proceed towards Pokhara, which is 100 km away from Chitwan. On reaching Pokhara, we check in to our designated hotel, refresh, and get familiar with our surroundings.

We then proceed for a full day guided tour that will include visiting some beautiful places like David's water fall, Tibetan refugee settlement camp and Gupteshwar cave in a private vehicle with a professional guide. We also do some boating on the tranquil Fewa Lake. We then will have a relaxing afternoon where we can simply chill out with some cold beers. Overnight at the hotel.

***What's Included: breakfast, tour, accommodation***

### **Day 06:: Pokhara city Tour-Fly to Kathmandu & drive to Nagarkot overnight stay at Hotel [ all Meals]**

Early Morning drive to Sarankot hill (1500M) you get up early and are driven in 45 minutes Sarangkot, from where you can admire the magnificent sunrise over the Himalayas. You return by car to have breakfast and start your visit journée in the Pokhara valley. Popular places to visit are the "Devi's fall", the cave of Gupteshwor, and the International Museum of montagnes.Nuit at the hotel.

For real Sun rise Views of Annapurna, Daulagiri, Fishtail and other Panoramic Mountains. Drive to Hotel for Breakfast and tour of Mahendra Cave, Bats cave & Seti River George. You will also visit Bhidya basini Temple & Tibetan Refugee Camp. You will further visit to Devi's fall and Gupteshwor Cave. This is about 4-5 hrs tour which includes most of all places that attracts all tourists in Pokhara. After Lunch, You will short drive to Airport and Fly back to Kathmandu. After Arrival to Kathmandu, our Vehicle will drive you to Nagarkot.

On your way to Nagarkot breathtaking panoramic Himalayan views of Mt. Everest, Manaslu and Gauri Shankar will have completely smitten. Nagarkot accommodates finest of resorts, hotels, restaurants and cafes. You will spend your night at one of the best resort or hotel in Nagarkot.Overnight at hotel.

***What's Included: breakfast, tour, accommodation***

### **Day 07:: Sunrise View at Nagarkot-Tour of Bhaktapur and Patan- Kathmandu-Hotel [Breakfast]**

Sunrise View at Nagarkot.You wake up early in the morning at birds' melodious chirpings. As you eye the nature, most heavenly sight of sunrise view rejuvenates your senses. You spend your day amidst the natural surroundings of Nagarkot. After you have your share of experiencing the magic of Nagarkot, you are drive back to your next destination Bhaktapur where you will witness unique culture and finest display of craftsmanship. Bhaktapur is the only place in Nepal which has remained untouched by western culture. Lion Gate, Golden Gate, Art Gallery, Statue of King Bhupatindra, Nyatapola Temple and fifty-five windowed Malla palaces are the living prides of Bhaktapur and you will tour around all these places.

You will make continue tour patan City( city famous for fine Arts).this religious journey, your will be guided along the interesting places around Patan like Patan Durbar Square, Mahaboudha Temple, Kumbeshwor temple, Krishna Temple, Golden Temple etc.Overnight at hotel.

***What's Included: breakfast, tour, accommodation***

### **Day 08:: Drive to Airport for final departure to Home [ Breakfast included]**

After b/fast, we drive back to Kathmandu after enjoying Nagarkot. Our rep and office vehicle will be on standby at your hotel to transfer you to the airport for your connecting flight home. Serving you was a wonderful joy and pleasure, we at Mountain Sherpa Trekking and Expeditions will cherish the bonds of our relationship created over the time you spent with us and we thank you for choosing us as your travel partner and for visiting this amazing country Nepal. Sayonara friends! Till we meet again.

***What's Included: breakfast, transfer***

## **ACCOMMODATION**



3 Nights Deluxe accommodations in **Kathmandu** with breakfast at 3 Star/ 5 Star Category Hotel as per itinerary



1 Night deluxe accommodation in **Pokhara** with breakfast at 3 Star/ 5 Star Category Hotel as per itinerary

👍 2 Nights best jungle resort accommodation in **Chitwan** with all Meals [ Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]

👍 1 Night best Mountain View 3 or 4 Star hotel accommodation with breakfast & dinner in **Nagarkot**

👛 All accommodation is on a twin sharing basis [Single rooms can be organized during tour with extra cost]

**Note:** Hotel that we accommodate you are comfortable standard and with en suite facilities all rooms are twin-bedded. All rooms have en suite bathrooms with 24 hours hot/cold showers, flush toilets and electricity. Rooms in Kathmandu and Pokhara have television and Phone also. If you would like to upgrade the hotels accommodations please let us know.