

# Culture and Nature tour

## Detail Itinerary

### Day

**01** - Arrive Kathmandu. Meet assist at the airport and transfer to Hotel. Overnight at hotel.

**02** - Breakfast at Hotel. Morning: Half day sightseeing tour of Pashupatinath and Boudhanath.  
Afternoon: half day sightseeing tour of Kathmandu city and Swayambhunath. Overnight at hotel.

**PASHUPATINATH**- 5 kms / 3 miles east of Kathmandu City lies Pashupatinath temple, the holiest temple dedicated to Lord Shiva in Nepal. Situated on the bank of the sacred Bagmati river, the temple is built in pagoda style with gilt roof and richly carved silver doors on four sides. Tourists are permitted to view the temple from the east bank of Bagmati river, entrance in the temple being strictly forbidden to all non Hindus. Pashupatinath is the centre of annual pilgrimage on the day of Shivaratri which falls in the month of February/March. There are cremation grounds on the bank of Bagmati river.

**BOUDHANATH**- 8 kms / 5 miles east of Kathmandu City is one of the biggest in the world of its kind. It stands with four pairs of eyes in the four cardinal direction keeping watch for righteous behavior and human prosperity. It is built on an octagonal base inset with prayer wheels. The shrine is ringed by houses of Lamas (Buddhist priest) and Monasteries.

**KATHMANDU CITY**- Nowhere in the world can one find the same concentration of culture, art and tradition that exists in Kathmandu valley. Once known as Kantipur, Kathmandu is the capital of Nepal. The city is a concentration of temples. Near the Durbar Square is the residence of Kumari the Virgin Goddess who acknowledges the greetings of the devotees from the balcony of her temple residence. Kasthmandap, the source of the name of Kathmandu. Hanuman Dhoka the ancient palace of the Nepalese Royalty.

**SOYAMBHUNATH**- Located approximately 4 kms./2.5 miles, situated on the hillock, this Buddhist Stupa is said to be over 2000 years old. The Stupa which forms the main structure is composed of a solid hemisphere of brick and earth supporting a lofty conical spire capped by a pinnacle of copper gilt. Painted on the four sided base of the spire are the all seeing eyes of Lord Buddha. This hill is a mosaic of small Chaityas and Pagoda temples. From the hillock, once can have a spectacular view of the Kathmandu city.

**03** – After breakfast at hotel, drive to Pokhara. Overnight at hotel in Pokhara.

**POKHARA** - The rare combination of snow-clad peaks and snow fed lakes and rivers has helped to make the valley of Pokhara (210kms/131 miles from Kathmandu) one of the most picturesque natural attractions in Nepal. There may be no other place in the world from where Great Himalayas peaks can be admired from such a close distance. Pokhara has many exotic places of interest such as the Seti River Gorge, Mahendra Cave, Devi's Falls and the famous lake Phewa displaying stunning reflections of the majestic Fish Tail and Annapurna Himalayas on its water. It is base for all treks to Annapurna region.

**04** – Morning Half day sightseeing tour in Pokhara that covers, Devi's Fall, Seti River Gorge, Mahendra Cave and Bindebaseni Temple.

Afternoon: Free for boating and Lake side walk. Overnight at hotel.

**05** – Drive back to Kathmandu. Overnight at hotel in Kathmandu.

**06**- Breakfast at hotel. Free until departure transfer for onward journey