

Kathmandu, Pokhara and Wildlife 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 Kathmandu city and Swayambhunath.

Afternoon: Half day sightseeing tour of Boudhanath and Pashupatinath temple. Overnight at hotel in Kathmandu.

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.

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.

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.

03 – After breakfast at hotel, drive to Chitwan. Lunch and dinner at lodge/resort. Overnight at wildlife lodge/resort in Chitwan.

ROYAL CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK- is situated in the Rapti valley about 150 Km / 94 miles south of Kathmandu. It is the richest wildlife reserve in Nepal and one of the best in Asia. Occupying an area of 932 Sq Km, this park is home to one-third of the entire one-horned rhinos population in the world. The Bengal Tiger is one of the main attractions in this park. Visitors at the Royal Chitwan Park are also likely to see leopards, gaurs, wild buffaloes, sloth bears, wild boars, various species of deer and crocodiles. More than 400 species of birds have been identified here making it a paradise for bird watchers. There are many Wildlife Lodges/Camps operating Safari style Lodges within the park area and offer Elephant excursions in the heart of the Jungle to view game. Owing to its rich adornment of nature, it was declared UNESCO Natural Heritage Site in 1979.

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– Jungle activities such as elephant safari, jungle walk, elephant breeding center, village walk etc. Breakfast, lunch and dinner at lodge/resort in Chitwan.

05 – After breakfast, 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.

06 – Breakfast at hotel. Morning half day sightseeing tour in Pokhara that covers,Devi's Fall, Seti River Gorge, Mahendra Cave and Bindebaseni Temple.

Afternoon: Free for boating (on own) and Lake side walk. Overnight at hotel.

07 – After breakfast at hotel, drive to Kathmandu. Evening: Cultural dance followed by Nepali dinner at local restaurant. Overnight at hotel in Kathmandu.

08 – Breakfast at hotel. Free until departure transfer to airport for onward journey.