



**The unmissable experience.**

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**NEPAL | 16DAYS / 15NIGHTS**

Route: From and to Kathmandu

Type of tour: Culture, Nature

## TOUR OVERVIEW

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Discover the unmissable sights, sounds and spirit of this beautiful country. Steeped in ancient cultures and traditions, a land lit with a marvel of colours and adventures around every corner, Nepal is a truly enlightening and unforgettable experience.

## DAY BY DAY

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### DAY 1 | KATHMANDU

Assistance upon arrival at the international airport and transfer to your hotel.

- **Overnight stay in Kathmandu. Dinner included.**

### DAY 2 | KATHMANDU

After breakfast is a sightseeing tour of Kathmandu Durbar Square and the nearby former Royal Palace. This is where within the grounds you will find the Nassal Chowk courtyard, originally the host of dramatic dance performances, but now the coronation site of the Shah kings. The coronation site contains some of the finest wood carvings you will see anywhere in the kingdom. The tour then continues with a visit to the 14<sup>th</sup>-century Jagannath Temple. Jagannath is the oldest temple in the area and its steps are carved with inscriptions in many languages. Once the visit is over, the tour continues on to Swayambhunath, the most ancient and enigmatic of Kathmandu Valley's holy shrines. The golden-spired stupa of Swayambhunath tops a wooded hillock. Records of its history date as far as the fifth century, but its origins are believed to be older.

- **Overnight stay in Kathmandu on a half-board basis.**

### DAY 3 | KATHMANDU

After breakfast there is a sightseeing tour of Bouddhanath and an opportunity to meet an internationally famous shaman in Bouddhanath (subject to her being available). Then the tour continues with a visit to Nepal's most sacred Hindu shrine and one of the subcontinent's great Shiva sites, Pashupatinath.

- **Overnight stay in Kathmandu on a half-board basis.**

### DAY 4 | KATHMANDU - CHITWAN

After breakfast is a five to six-hour drive to Chitwan. Upon arrival will be a transfer to the hotel. Then a tour begins with a visit to one of Asia's riches and most spectacular National Parks, Chitwan National Park.

- **Overnight stay in Chitwan on a full-board basis.**

### DAY 5 | CHITWAN

After breakfast is a choice of jungle activities in Chitwan National Park such as elephant safari, canoe ride, village walk and a jungle walk including a visit to local tribes at the Tharu Village located near Sauraha. Sauraha is located at the edge of the Chitwan National Park and is a place where the time runs at the fraction of its normal speed observed in the Western Hemisphere. Tharu Village still has mud and clay-built ochre-coloured houses with thatched roofs, where during the day life takes place outside. Old sewing machine on the porch, pots hanging above the fire, wondering goats and barking dogs will be the sights and sounds of this visit of the village. Tourists are welcome to visit these villages and interact with locals.

- **Overnight stay in Chitwan on a full-board basis.**

### DAY 6 | CHITWAN - POKHARA

After breakfast drive to Pokhara which is 180 km and takes approximately a five to six-hour drive from Chitwan. Upon arrival in Pokhara transfer to Waterfront Resort.

- **Overnight stay in Pokhara on a half-board basis.**



## DAY 7 | POKHARA

After breakfast begins a sightseeing tour of the International Mountain Museum and Gurkha Museum. The International Mountain Museum is the newest cultural offering in Pokhara, and is devoted to the mountains of Nepal and the mountaineers who climbed them. The Gurkha Museum is situated just north of Mahendra Pul, near the KI Singh Bridge. The museum displays the achievements of the famous Gurkha regiment. There is a fascinating display outlining the stories of the 13 Gurkhas who've been awarded the Victoria Cross medal.

- **Overnight stay in Pokhara on a half-board basis.**

## DAY 8 | POKHARA

Breakfast at hotel. Rest of the day at leisure for personal activities.

- **Overnight stay in Pokhara on a half-board basis.**

## DAY 9 | POKHARA

After breakfast is an excursion trip to Thulakot. Kalikasthan is the first stop after a 45-minute scenic drive from the hotel. From Kalikasthan is a 20-30 minute tour through the village path. Then begins a 15m ascend up to Thulakot from where a beautiful view of Annarpurna, Manasalu, and Fishtail & Dhaulagiri can be seen. Afternoon free at leisure.

- **Overnight stay in Pokhara on a half-board basis.**

## DAY 10 | POKHARA - BANDIPUR

After breakfast a 2.5 hour drive to Bandipur. Upon arrival in Bandipur is a transfer to the hotel. Bandipur is located on a 1,000m ridge in Tanahu district some 60km east from Pokhara. Bandipur's hallmark is its beautiful scenery. In Bandipur there is an opportunity to visit pagoda-roofed Bindabashini Temple which houses goddess Durga, the Mahalaxmi Temple with its exquisite woodwork, and Khadga Devi Temple which comes alive once a year during the Dashain festival.

- **Overnight stay in Bandipur on a half-board basis.**

## DAY 11 | BANDIPUR - DHULIKHEL

After breakfast is a five to six-hour drive to Dhulikhel. Upon arrival in Dhulikhel, transfer to the hotel. Dhulikhel is a scenic and ancient town situated 30km east of Kathmandu valley and 5,500ft above sea level. From here is a panoramic view of the Himalayan range.

- **Overnight stay in Bandipur on a half-board basis.**

## DAY 12 | DHULIKHEL

After breakfast is a visit to the vegetable farm at Hasera Agriculture Research Centre in Patalekhet. Then later a visit to the Himal Jyoti Community School that now has over 140 students, many of which come from the Taming community, historically the most under-privileged ethnic group in Nepal. The school's motto is "prosperity through education" and it is here where children have a chance to practise their English when groups visit, which helps them to grow in confidence.

- **Overnight stay in Dhulikhel on a half-board basis.**

## DAY 13 | DHULIKHEL - KATHMANDU

After breakfast at the hotel is a one-hour drive to Kathmandu. En route visit Bhaktapur Durbar Square and Patan Durbar Square where the National Art Gallery is housed. Marvel at the palace entrance, the Golden Gate known as Sunko Dhoka in Nepali is a masterpiece in repousse art. In front of the palace building is a medley of temples of various designs. Upon arrival is a transfer to the hotel. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure.

- **Overnight stay in Kathmandu on a half-board basis.**

## DAY 14 | KATHMANDU

After breakfast is a sightseeing tour of Dakshinkali Temple dedicated to Kali, the fearful form of Lord Siva's consort, Parvati. Then continue the tour to Kritipur and Chovar to visit the Bakery Project run by local woman in Kritipur.

- **Overnight stay in Kathmandu on a half-board basis.**

## DAY 15 | KATHMANDU

Breakfast at hotel. Day free to do what you'd like, perhaps a bit of last-minute shopping. Evening dinner at Nepali restaurant with cultural dance show.

- **Overnight stay in Kathmandu on a half-board basis.**



## DAY 16 | KATHMANDU

Breakfast at hotel and leisure time until your transfer to the airport.

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### END OF SERVICES

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#### INCLUDED

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##### TOUR GUIDE:

- Local guides and excursions

##### ACCOMMODATION:

- 15 nights' accommodation in hotels of chosen category

##### ENTRANCE FEES AND ACTIVITIES:

- All entrance fees mentioned

##### TRANSPORT:

- In A/C vehicle

##### OTHERS:

- Meet and greet at the airport

#### NOT INCLUDED

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- Tips
- Visa fees
- Personal expenses
- Optional excursions
- Arrival and departure flights