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NEPAL UNVEILED: A JOURNEY THROUGH KATHMANDU, POKHARA, CHITWAN, BANDIPUR, AND LUMBINI

"Nepal Unveiled" tour is a once-in-a-lifetime adventure that takes you on a journey through some of Nepal's most iconic destinations, including Kathmandu, Pokhara, Chitwan, Bandipur, and Lumbini. Experience the rich cultural heritage of the country, admire its stunning natural beauty, and immerse yourself in the local way of life. This tour offers a unique blend of cultural, historical, and natural experiences that showcase the best of what Nepal has to offer. Get ready for an unforgettable journey through this incredible destination!

Includes

- Traditional welcome on arrival with Nepali scarp or Garland
- Airport to Airport transfers by private vehicle as per the group size
- Vehicle transfer (Kathmandu-Chitwan-Lumbini-Pokhara-Bandipur-Kathmandu) round trip
- 02 mineral water each day while on a city tour or traveling outside Kathmandu
- 1-Half day and 2- Full day Kathmandu City sightseeing with the service of a licensed guide.
- 1- Full day Pokhara City sightseeing with the service of a licensed guide
- 2- Full day Chitwan jungle activities with the service of a nature guide
- 1-Half day Lumbini sightseeing with the service of a licensed guide
- Professional Language speaking Professional Local guide service throughout

the trip

- 03-nights' accommodation in Kathmandu on Twin sharing on a BB basis
- 01-nights' accommodation in Lumbini on Twin sharing on a BB basis
- 01-nights' accommodation in Bandipur on Twin sharing on a BB basis
- 01-nights' accommodation in Pokhara on Twin sharing on a Full board basis
- 02-nights' accommodation in Chitwan on a Jungle plan basis
- Breakfast included in Kathmandu, Chitwan, Lumbini, Pokhara, and Bandipur
- Monumental areas entrance fees while sightseeing Tours in Kathmandu, Lumbini, Pokhara, and Bandipur
- Welcome and Farewell dinner in Kathmandu
- Applicable 24.3% Govt Taxes
- Fulltime assistance

Excludes

- International Air ticket
- Nepal Entry Visa Fee
- Travel Insurance with coverage for Covid19
- Meals except those mentioned above
- Expenses of Personal Nature i.e. beverages, and other services except those mentioned in the itinerary
- TIPs, Donations, and gratuities

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Kathmandu

Arrive at Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu. Welcome, meet, and assist by

Going Nepal representative and transfer to the hotel. Welcome drink followed by tour Briefing and rest. Later in the evening Welcome dinner with the Going Nepal Team at a hotel or typical Nepali restaurant. Overnight at Hotel in Kathmandu.

- Elevation of Kathmandu: 1363m
- Transportation: Private Vehicle
- Driving distance: 10-15 min drive to Hotel
- Meal plan: Welcome Dinner
- Accommodation: Nepali Ghar

Day 2: Drive to Chitwan National Park

Breakfast, check out from the hotel, and drive to Chitwan National Park which will be a 5-6 Hour drive, enjoy a beautiful ride through the rivers and jungles of Terai. After reaching Chitwan, drive to the hotel booked for the night. On arrival check into the Resort followed by a welcome drink. Lunch at the hotel. After lunch, a briefing by a tour guide on the programs was arranged. You will be brought to the nearby ethnic Tharu Village where you will learn more about the life and lifestyle of the Tharus. Visit the National Park visitor's center where you can learn more about the history of the National Park and its wildlife. You will have a sunset view tour from the bank of the Rapti River. Back at the hotel, Dinner, and overnight.

- Elevation of Chitwan: 110-850 M
- Driving Distance: 5-6 Hrs.
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner (AP)
- Accommodation: 4-Star Jungle resort

Day 3: Chitwan National Park activities

Wakeup call followed by Breakfast at the hotel. After finishing the trip proceed to Chitwan Jungle Tour. Canoe ride along the Rapti river. This is an excellent opportunity for Bird Watching and for seeing the 2 rare species of crocodiles; the Marsh Mugger and the fish-eating Gharial. Plus, Jungle walk and Back to the hotel. Rest & Relax. Lunch in the hotel, Jeep Safari. An excellent opportunity to see four different kinds of deer, rhino, wild boar, monkey, leopard, sloth bear, and the Royal Bengal Tiger (if you are lucky). You will also encounter many other smaller mammals that have made Chitwan their home. Back at the hotel, Dinner in the hotel, and after dinner Tharu Cultural Dance Performances. Overnight at the Hotel.

- Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Drive from Chitwan National park to Lumbini (Birth place of Lord Gautam Buddha)

Breakfast and check out from the resort. The drive from Chitwan to Lumbini is approximately 200 km and takes about 5 hours by car. Upon arrival in Lumbini, check in to the hotel and later you can take a half-day tour of the famous Buddhist pilgrimage site, which is the birthplace of Lord Buddha. The tour typically includes visits to the Mayadevi Temple, the Ashoka Pillar, the sacred pond where Queen Mayadevi is said to have taken a bath just before giving birth to Lord Buddha, and other important monuments. To make the most of your half-day tour, we provide you with a knowledgeable guide who can provide insights into the rich cultural and religious heritage of the site. After finishing the tour you rest at the hotel. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

- Elevation of Lumbini: 174m
- Driving Distance: 5-6 hrs
- Meals: Breakfast (BB)
- Accommodation: 4-Star Hotel

Day 5: Drive from Lumbini to Pokhara via Tansen (Palpa)

Breakfast at the hotel and check out. Lumbini to Pokhara via Tansen (Palpa) is approximately a 250 km journey that takes about 7 hours by car. The route passes through scenic countryside and hills, offering stunning views of the surrounding landscape. The journey can be made by hiring a private car or by taking a public bus. Tansen (Palpa), located halfway between Lumbini and Pokhara, is a hilltop town known for its unique Newari culture and traditional architecture. If you have time, you may consider taking a short detour to Tansen to explore this charming town. After reaching Pokhara check in to the hotel and rest. Later in the evening you can explore Pokhara lakeside and enjoy your evening around. You can have dinner around the lakeside in a nice restaurant. Overnight at the hotel.

- Elevation of Pokhara: 800m
- Driving Distance: 7-8 hrs.
- Meals: Breakfast (BB)
- Accommodation: 4-Star Hotel

Day 6: Early Morning sunrise from Sarangkot, Half day tour and Drive to Bandipur

Today you get a wake-up call for going to Sarangkot which is a hilltop to catch the

glimpse of Sunrise and the glittering Himalayas. When the sun starts appearing over the snowcapped mountains, we admire the brightening appearance of mountain peaks. The view of Pokhara valley spotted with Seti River and Fewa Lake enchants us. The 360-degree view of Machhapuchhre (Fishtail) Annapurna Range, Manaslu, Dhaulagiri Range, and Lamjung Himal is alluring. We take photos of crystal-clear mountains and enjoy the peaceful scenery. After enjoying the stunning view from Sarangkot, we come back to the hotel and have breakfast. After breakfast, refresh, and leave for a sightseeing tour of Pokhara valley we will drive to the Bindabasini temple and observe morning Hindu rituals. Then we will visit Gupteshwor Cave (One of the biggest caves in South Asia), Tibetan Refugee Camp, and Davis Falls. Afterward, we will drive to the Lakeside for enjoying the boat ride for an hour. After finishing the trip drive back to the hotel and check out. Lunch can be done around the lakeside or on the way to Bandipur. The drive from Pokhara to Bandipur is approximately 140 km and takes about 4 hours by car. The route passes through scenic countryside and hills, offering stunning views of the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri mountain ranges. Bandipur is a historic hill town located on a ridge above the Marsyangdi River and is known for its charming traditional architecture, vibrant culture, and breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains. Upon reaching Bandipur check in to the hotel and rest. Later in the evening, you can take your time to explore Bandipur. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

- Meals: Breakfast
- Elevation of Bandipur: 1030m
- Driving Distance: 3-4 hrs.
- Meals: Breakfast (BB)
- Accommodation: 4-Star Hotel

Day 7: Drive from Bandipur to Nagarkot, Visit Patan

Breakfast and check out from the hotel. The drive from Bandipur to Nagarkot is approximately 215 km and takes about 6 hours by car. The route passes through scenic countryside and hills, offering stunning views of the surrounding landscape. Before reaching Nagarkot, visit Patan Durbar Square, located in the city of Lalitpur (Patan), which is approximately 20 km from Kathmandu. Patan Durbar Square is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is renowned for its impressive traditional Newari architecture, intricate carvings, and rich cultural heritage. Nagarkot is a popular hill station located on the outskirts of Kathmandu, known for its stunning views of the Himalayas, including Mount Everest, and its peaceful atmosphere. After finishing the trip make your way to Nagarkot, which will take about 1 and a half hours. After reaching Nagarkot, check in to the hotel and rest. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

- Elevation of Nagarkot: 2195m
- Driving Distance: 7-8 hrs.
- Meals: Breakfast (BB)

- Accommodation: 4-Star Hotel

Day 8: Full-day Kathmandu sightseeing

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the capital. On the way, you will visit Bhaktapur Durbar Square, Pashupatinath, and Boudhanath.

Bhaktapur Durbar Square- Spread over an area of 6.88 sq. km, Bhaktapur or Bhadgaon showcases the splendor of the Golden Age of Nepali art and architecture. Built by King Anand Dev Malla in the 9th century, the city was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979. It has remained a model for heritage conservation since then. At the Bhaktapur Durbar Square, you will find many fine examples of sculpture, woodcarving, and pagodas dedicated to different gods and goddesses – the Nyatapole & Dattatray Temples, Golden Gate, Palace of 55 windows, etc. After finishing the trip drive your way to Pashupatinath Temple: The temple lies 5 km to the east of the city center. Located on the banks of the sacred Bagmati River, this temple is the most revered Hindu temple in Nepal. Bagmati River is actually an extremely sacred river; Pashupatinath is the Nepali equivalent of Varanasi on the sacred River Ganges. The cremation Ghats along the Bagmati river city's most important location for open-air cremations. Fire is burned here day and night. The main temple is only open to Hindus; Non-Hindus can observe the area from another side of the Bagmati River. The most important festival observed here is Shivaratri, or 'the Night of Lord Shiva' when devotees and pilgrims from far and wide across Nepal and India, including sadhus (barely attired holy men with long locks of hair and smeared in ashes) and ascetics, throng the temple to have a darshan (glimpse) of the sacred Shiva lingam. The other holy occasion when devotees descend to the temple in large numbers is one (a festival solely observed by Hindu women) in mid-September.

Boudhanath: The world's largest stupa. Boudhanath is the center of Tibetan culture in Nepal. The 36-meter-high stupa of Boudhanath is one of the largest stupas in South Asia. Boudhanath Stupa was renovated by the Licchavi rulers in the eighth century. The mandala design in Boudhanath is a copy of the one in Gyantse in Tibet. The stupa is located in the area of the ancient trade route to Tibet where Tibetan merchants rested and offered prayers for many centuries. Gompa monasteries, curio shops, and restaurants surround Boudhanath. Here we finish our sightseeing and stop for Lunch. After refreshments and lunch drive towards the hotel. Check-in and rest of the day rest inside the hotel.

- Meals: Breakfast

Day 9: Full-day Kathmandu sightseeing

Early morning breakfast and drive for Full day Kathmandu explore.

You will visit Khokana Village in Lalitpur. A tour of Khokana village offers a unique opportunity to learn about the traditional Newari culture and way of life. The tour typically includes visits to traditional Newari houses, local shrines and temples, and the historic oil press, which is still in use today. Visitors can also observe local craftsmen at work, sample traditional Newari cuisine, and learn about the village's agricultural practices. After visiting Khokana village, make your way to Swayambhunath- Said to be around 2000 years old, this Buddhist Stupa sits atop a hillock 2 kilometers west of Kathmandu overlooking the valley. The oldest written reference to the stupa dates from the 5th century, but it could have existed much earlier. Moreover, a legend has it that the stupa evolved spontaneously at the time of the Kathmandu valley's creation. Swayambhunath is famously known as the 'Monkey Temple' owing to the presence of a large number of monkeys around the area. Continue your sightseeing to Kathmandu Durbar Square- Kathmandu Durbar Square, also known as Basantapur Durbar and Hanuman Dhoka, is the old Durbar Square in downtown Kathmandu. Basantapur in the heart of the ancient city of Kathmandu will never impress visitors who came here for the first time, with its intricate wood carvings and rich history. Hanuman Dhoka was built during the Licchavi period (4th to 8th centuries AD) and King Pratap Malla expanded the building in the 17th century. With the highest concentration of ancient buildings, the square is home to many palaces, courtyards, and temples. It is also known as the "Temple Museum" because there are more than 50 temples in the square. Craft shops can be found on the grounds around Gaddi Baithak, where you will find a number of attractive crafts to buy. Among the 50 temples in the area is the temple of the titular deity, Taleju Bhawani. Durbar is divided into two courts, the outer Kasthamandap, Kumari Ghar, and Shiva-Parvati Temple, and the inner part consists of Hanuman Dhoka and the main palace. The next floors are transformed into museums dedicated to the three generations of the Shah of Nepal in Nepal. Most parts of the palace are open to tourists all week.

After visiting all the places, you can stop in Thamel a tourist hub in Kathmandu, you can stop here for a lunch and for shopping. After exploring all the places, drive back to the hotel and relax. Later in the evening Farewell dinner with the Going Nepal crew in a hotel or a typical Nepali restaurant. Overnight at the hotel.

- Meals: Breakfast

Day 10: Departure

Breakfast at the hotel and check out. Transfer to the airport for your onward destination.

- Meals: Breakfast

Highlights

- Explore the historic city of Kathmandu and visit its iconic landmarks, such as Pashupatinath Temple, Swayambhunath Stupa (Monkey Temple), and Durbar Sqare.
- Admire the stunning views of Pokhara, known as the "Gateway to the Himalayas," and visit popular attractions like the International Mountain Museum and the World Peace Stupa.
- Experience the beauty of nature and observe the diverse wildlife in Chitwan National Park, including elephants, one-horned rhinoceroses, tigers, and more.
- Visit the birthplace of the Lord Buddha, Lumbini, and explore its sacred temples and monasteries, including the Maya Devi Temple.
- Discover the charming and well-preserved hill town of Bandipur, known for its traditional Newari architecture and stunning views of the surrounding mountains.
- Immerse yourself in the local way of life and enjoy cultural experiences like visiting traditional villages, observing Hindu rituals, and participating in outdoor activities like hiking and rafting.
- Take home unforgettable memories from this comprehensive tour package that showcases the best of what Nepal has to offer.

Travel Information

- Flight information: The nearest international airport to Kathmandu is Tribhuvan International Airport, which is well-connected to major cities around the world. Visitors can book flights to Kathmandu and arrange for airport transfers through the tour operator or on their own.
- Transportation: The tour package includes transportation between destinations in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles. Visitors may also have the option to take local flights, such as between Kathmandu and Pokhara, for a fee.
- Accommodation: The tour package includes accommodation in comfortable, well-appointed hotels or resorts in each destination. Visitors can choose from a range of room categories and amenities, and the tour operator can assist with booking the best option for your needs.
- Meals: The tour package includes meals, typically in the form of daily breakfast. Visitors may also have the option to upgrade to full board or all-

inclusive packages for a fee.

- **Local tours and activities:** The tour package includes local tours and activities, such as visits to cultural and historical sites, wildlife safaris, and outdoor activities. Visitors may have the option to add additional experiences and activities for a fee.
- **Travel insurance:** Travel insurance is not included in the tour package but is highly recommended to protect against medical emergencies, trip cancellations, and lost or stolen items while traveling in Nepal.
- **Travel documents:** Visitors should bring a valid passport and any necessary visas, along with copies of important documents, such as travel insurance, flight tickets, and passport. It is also advisable to bring local currency for any incidentals and to exchange for Nepalese Rupees upon arrival in the country.

Things to know

- **Travel itinerary:** The tour itinerary is designed to cover the main highlights of each destination and may involve long hours of travel and outdoor activities. Make sure to bring comfortable clothing and shoes and be prepared for changes in weather conditions.
- **Visa requirements:** Visitors from most countries require a tourist visa to enter Nepal, which can be obtained upon arrival at the airport or at a Nepalese embassy or consulate. Make sure to check the visa requirements for your country before traveling.
- **Local currency:** The local currency in Nepal is the Nepalese Rupee. You can exchange currency at banks, money exchanges, or ATMs in the main cities.
- **Health and safety:** Nepal is located in a high-altitude region, and visitors may experience altitude sickness. It is advisable to drink plenty of water and to acclimatize slowly to the new environment. Travelers should also take necessary precautions to avoid food and water-borne illnesses and to protect themselves from insect bites.
- **Respect for local culture:** Nepal is a culturally rich country, and visitors are expected to respect local traditions, customs, and religious beliefs. It is also advisable to dress modestly and to avoid taking photographs of people without their permission.
- **Travel insurance:** It is recommended to have travel insurance that covers medical emergencies, trip cancellations, and lost or stolen items while traveling in Nepal.

- Local tour guide: A knowledgeable local tour guide will accompany you throughout the tour and provide information on the destinations and cultural experiences. You can also ask your tour guide for recommendations and advice on local experiences and activities.