



## Itinerary

### 13 Day Magic of Nepal & Bhutan Tour

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE:** Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.

#### DAY 1: Arrive Kathmandu

Welcome to Nepal! Your holiday to Nepal & Bhutan begins with a airport pick up. You will be met by our airport representative and transferred to hotel. The remainder of the day is at your own leisure.

**MEALS:** None

**OVERNIGHT:** Hotel Jampa, Kathmandu

#### DAY 2: Kathmandu City Tour

After a good night's rest & a hearty breakfast at the hotel, you go for a full-day tour in Kathmandu. The tour starts in Swayambunath (Monkey temple) and goes to Kathmandu durbar square in the morning. You then go to visit Boudhanath Stupa in the afternoon. Kathmandu is a wonderful mix of the ancient & the new & this includes western influences that make your visit to the capital an interesting place to spend time in as the old stubbornly jostles for its place with rising attractions from Europe & the west. After the tour, you will be transferred to the hotel and your evening is free to explore yourself.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**OVERNIGHT:** Hotel Jampa, Kathmandu

**OPTIONAL:** Scenic Everest Flight USD\$250 - payment on arrival

#### DAY 3: Kathmandu ~ Pokhara

This morning we take the tourist bus along the scenic Trisuli and Marsyangdi Rivers towards Pokhara (approx 6 hours). Take in the breathtaking views of Ganesh Himal and the Manaslu peak in the distance. Pokhara is a tourist's paradise full of natural as well as cultural heritage sites such as lakes, caves, & temples of Buddhist and Hindus along with stunning mountains. On arrival into Pokhara, the city of lakes, we will transfer to the hotel and you can relax for the rest of the day and enjoy this beautiful town of serene lakes.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**OVERNIGHT:** Hotel Splendid View, Pokhara

#### DAY 4: Pokhara Day Tour

You will enjoy an early start this morning and drive to Sarangkot, a beautiful hill famous for its sunrise over the Himalaya. Enjoy a close-up look of the Annapurna, Fishtail and return to hotel to have breakfast and visit Bindhyabasini Temple, Bahari temple, World peace stupa, Devi's Falls, Cave and evening is free and overnight at hotel.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**OVERNIGHT:** Hotel Splendid View, Pokhara

#### DAY 5: Pokhara to Chitwan National Park

After an early morning breakfast, we will drive to Chitwan and check into the jungle lodge and embark on a wildlife Tharu village tour..

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Rhino Land, Chitwan

#### DAY 6: Chitwan National Park Full Day

Enjoy breakfast amidst the sweet chirping of birds, we set out for a Full day of jungle activities that include Jungle Walking, watching Elephants bathing in the river and visit the elephant Breeding center. In the park, you get to see the range of wild animals like one-horned rhino, wild elephants, leopard, etc. Likewise, you also see different types of flora and vegetation. During supper, you will be treated to a traditional Tharu cultural stick dance and enjoy another night at the lodge.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Rhino Land, Chitwan

#### DAY 7: Chitwan to Kathmandu

After breakfast we take you for an interesting Bird watching tour in the morning and then drive back to Kathmandu. Evening in Kathmandu is at your own leisure.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**OVERNIGHT:** Hotel Jampa, Kathmandu

#### DAY 8: Fly To Bhutan!

After having breakfast at hotel, we will transfer you to the airport for your flight to Bhutan! Upon arrival in Paro, clear customs and immigration. Keep your copy of the visa clearance letter handy (your visa has been paid). Meet your guide and driver outside the terminal building and transfer to Thimphu. From here you will do some sightseeing around the city: visit Buddha point, Memorable Choden, Traditional School of Arts & Crafts and Tashicho Dzong. Take a stroll around the city in the evening.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Hotel Amodhara, Thimphu

#### DAY 9: Thimpu ~ Punakha

After having breakfast at the hotel, you start to drive to Punakha by passing through Dhochu la pass. You check in to the hotel in Punakha and go to visit Punakha Dzong. Punakha Dzong is the second oldest in Bhutan that built-in 1637 AD. Punakha Dzong is located in the middle of the Male and Female River. Then you go to visit Chime Lhakhang temple and some other places around, return to the hotel and overnight at hotel. After having breakfast at the hotel, you start to drive back to Thimphu, where you stop to have lunch. You then continue driving to Paro. Check in to the hotel, and the evening is free and overnight at the hotel.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Hotel Pema Karpo, Punakha

#### DAY 10: Punakha ~ Paro

After having breakfast at the hotel, you drive back to Thimphu and walk around the Hontsho village where the Tibetan refugees are living. Then continue driving to Paro.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Mandala Resort, Paro

#### DAY 11: Hike Tiger's Nest Monastery (Taktsang)

Wake up early morning and have a delicious breakfast. You then go on a short hike to visit Tiger Nest Monastery, which is also known as Taktsang monastery that takes about 3-4 hours to go and return. Taktsang Monastery is a prominent Himalayan Buddhist sacred site and the temple complex located in the Cliffside of the upper Paro valley in Bhutan. You may visit Kichu Lhakhang, National Museum and farm house if time is permitted.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Mandala Resort, Paro

#### DAY 12: Paro ~ Kathmandu

We transfer you to the airport in Paro to take a flight back to Kathmandu enjoying aerial views of Tibetan snow-capped peaks. Upon landing at the airport, you will be transferred to the hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore Kathmandu and check out the shopping. Sadly, this is your last day stay in Nepal after your Nepal/Bhutan tour.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Hotel Jampa, Kathmandu

#### DAY 13: End of Tour

We are confident that you've enjoyed one of the best holidays ever & will go back home with lasting memories of these two amazing countries. Our escorts & vehicles will be on standby at your hotel to take you to the airport for your final departure home to Australia.

**MEALS:** Breakfast