

## Kathmandu, Chitwan, Lumbini & Pokhara - 13 Days

**Kathmandu**, the capital city of Nepal, is situated in the Kathmandu Valley and is renowned for its rich history, vibrant culture, and religious sites such as the Monkey Temple (Swayambhunath) and Pashupatinath Temple. The city's Durbar Square, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, beautifully exhibits traditional Nepali architecture.

**Nagarkot**, located approximately 32 km east of Kathmandu, is famous for its breathtaking views of sunrise and sunset over the Himalayas, including the majestic Mount Everest on clear days. It is a popular destination for both hiking enthusiasts and those seeking relaxation.

**Bhaktapur**, also situated in the Kathmandu Valley, is well-known for its remarkably preserved medieval architecture and pottery. Bhaktapur Durbar Square, another UNESCO World Heritage Site, showcases intricately carved temples, palaces, and statues.

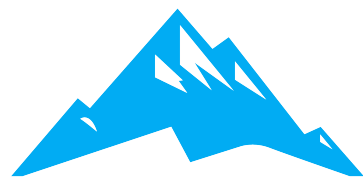
**Chitwan**, a district in southern Nepal, is recognized for its Chitwan National Park, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the finest wildlife-viewing parks in Asia. Visitors can witness endangered species such as Bengal tigers, one-horned rhinoceroses, and Asian elephants, while also enjoying jungle safaris and cultural experiences with the Tharu people.

**Lumbini**, located in southwestern Nepal, holds great religious significance as the birthplace of Siddhartha Gautama, the Buddha. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and houses numerous temples, monasteries, and monuments dedicated to the life and teachings of Buddha.

**Pokhara**, a picturesque city situated around Phewa Lake in central Nepal, is renowned for its stunning natural beauty. It offers panoramic views of the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri mountain ranges and provides opportunities for adventure activities such as paragliding, trekking, and boating.

**Bandipur**, a charming hilltop town in central Nepal, is famous for its well-preserved Newari architecture and panoramic views of the Himalayas. It provides a tranquil atmosphere, hiking trails, and cultural experiences.

**Gorkha**, a historical town in central Nepal, is celebrated for its Gorkha Durbar (Palace) and the Gorkha Museum, which showcase the region's history and culture. It is also the ancestral home of the Shah dynasty, which played a significant role in unifying Nepal.



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- Airport pickup and drop service
- Accommodation in Kathmandu (2Night)
- All meals and Accommodation during the tour.
- Transportation
- English speaking guide. His salary, lodging, fooding and insurance.
- Jungle Enter permits
- First aid medical box
- Farewell Dinner
- 13% VAT and 10% company service charge

## PRICE EXCLUDES

- Visa fee to enter Nepal (Visa Information)
- International flight tickets and extra baggage charges
- Extra night accommodation and meal costs in Kathmandu due to any change in scheduled itinerary
- Travel insurance/ Rescue operation costs
- All personal expenses
- Tips for guides and porters
- Temple Entry fee

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## ITINERARY IN DETAIL

### Day 1: Arrival in Hotel Chhimeki

Our staff will be waiting for you at the International Airport with a vehicle which will drive you to your respective Hotel in Kathmandu.

Depending on your arrival time, you can plan your visit to these attractions accordingly. If you arrive early, you can explore Thamel Dream Garden on the same day. This popular garden, situated in the heart of Thamel, offers a peaceful retreat with its lush greenery, vibrant flowers, and serene pathways.

On the other hand, if you arrive late, you can visit Kathmandu Durbar Square on the second last day of your departure from Nepal. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is a historic plaza showcasing temples, statues, courtyards, and palaces from the medieval era of the Malla Dynasty. It is a remarkable example of Newar architecture and holds immense cultural and religious significance in Nepal.

Additionally, you can also explore Asan Bazaar, one of the oldest and busiest marketplaces in Kathmandu. Known for its lively atmosphere and diverse range of goods, this marketplace offers everything from spices and vegetables to textiles and household items. Asan Bazaar is also renowned for its traditional architecture and is a center of activity, particularly during festivals and religious celebrations. It provides a glimpse into the vibrant daily life of Kathmandu's residents.

### Day 2: Kathmandu sightseeing O/N Nagarkot

Swyambunath, Boudhanath Stupa, Pashupatinath Temple, and all iconic destinations in Kathmandu, each offering a unique cultural and spiritual experience. Swyambunath, with its stunning architecture and panoramic views, sets a serene tone for the journey. Boudhanath Stupa's grandeur and historical significance provide a glimpse into Tibetan Buddhism's rich heritage. Pashupatinath Temple's reverence and devotion make it a profound spiritual center for Hindu worshippers. Finally.

Nagarkot's breathtaking vistas offer a serene finale, allowing visitors to marvel at the majestic Himalayas and the beauty of the Kathmandu Valley. It's sure to be an unforgettable adventure. Driving from Kathmandu to Nagarkot takes approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes by car. Nagarkot is famous for its stunning sunrise and beautiful sunset, which can be best enjoyed from the hilltop view tower at an altitude of 2170m. From Nagarkot, you can witness breathtaking panoramic views of eight mountain ranges, including Annapurna, Manaslu, Ganesh Himal, Langtang, Number, Mahalangur, Jugal, and Rolwaling. Among the 15 Himalayan ranges in Nepal, Nagarkot offers a remarkable glimpse of many of them. Additionally, you will be treated to a mesmerizing view of the entire Kathmandu Valley and the Shivapuri National Park.

### Day 3: Nagarkot to Kathmandu (Changu Narayan, Bhakatipur and Patan Darbar Square )

After having breakfast, you can head to **Changu Narayan**.

Changu Narayan Temple, located near Kathmandu, UNESCO World Heritage Site. The journey from Kathmandu to Changu Narayan typically takes around an hour by car, taking into account factors such as traffic and road conditions. However, if you are traveling from Nagarkot, approximately 20 minutes take proximity. Allotting approximately an hour to explore the rich history and architectural splendor of Changu Narayan Temple is a reasonable estimate. Afterward,

we proceed to Bhaktapur, which is a mere 15-minute drive away.

**In Bhaktapur Durbar Square**, located in the city of Bhaktapur, you will find well-preserved medieval structures and experience the rich Newari culture, which has earned it the prestigious UNESCO World Heritage site status. Explore the royal complex, courtyards, and the famous Nyatapola Temple, all of which are intricately adorned with wooden carvings. Engage in various activities at the pottery square and art galleries, and witness locals showcasing their traditional crafts. The next stop on your journey will be Changu Narayan Temple, situated on a mountaintop near Changu village. This ancient Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu is renowned for its historical and artistic significance. Enjoy the sweeping views of the surrounding countryside while marveling at the exquisite stone sculptures and statues.

**Patan Darbar Square**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site near Kathmandu, is a must-visit location for tourists. This historical site in the heart of Patan showcases stunning architecture, intricate wood carvings, and a rich cultural heritage. Explore the temples, statues, and palaces that surround the square, including the beautiful Krishna Mandir and the fascinating Patan Museum. Don't miss out on the vibrant markets, traditional crafts, and cultural performances that make this square a lively gathering place, efforts to preserve and restore the square have made it a top destination for those interested in Nepal's history.

#### **Day 4: kathmandu to Chitwan by touris bus**

Traveling from Kathmandu to Chitwan by tourist bus is a popular choice for both tourists and locals. The duration of the journey typically ranges from 5 to 7 hours, depending on the road conditions and traffic. Here's what you can generally expect:

**Starting Point:** Tourist buses usually depart from the Tourist Bus Park in Kathmandu. You can easily find these buses near the shorakhutte kaldhara area or Thamel, which are well-known tourist hubs in Kathmandu.

**Bus Amenities:** Tourist buses are designed to provide comfort and convenience, offering amenities such as reclining seats, air conditioning, and sometimes even Wi-Fi.

**Route:** During the bus journey, you will be treated to breathtaking landscapes, winding roads, and charming small towns. Along the way, you'll have the opportunity to admire the stunning views of the Himalayas on clear days as you pass through the scenic Prithvi Highway.

**Rest Stops:** The bus usually makes a few rest stops along the route, allowing passengers to grab refreshments, snacks, and use the restroom.

**Arrival:** Upon reaching Chitwan, the bus will drop you off either at the main bus park or directly at your designated hotel if it is located within the town.

To ensure a smooth journey, it's always a good idea to check the departure schedule and confirm the details with the bus operator or your hotel concierge beforehand. Additionally, don't forget to pack some snacks, water, and entertainment to make your trip even more enjoyable.

#### **Day 5: Chitwan activities (elephant ride jungle walk kayaning , etc)**

After breakfast, we will take a jeep that is waiting for us and make our way to Chitwan national park. This park provides you with a spectacular view of the forest and its species. Here we will be enjoying bird watching and

Elephant rides. We will also take part in other activities like Jungle safari and Elephant bathing, etc. After that, we will return back to our hotel and rest.

### **Day 6: Chitwan to Lumbini**

From there we will now take a vehicle and make our way to Lumbini. As the birthplace of Lord Gautam Buddha, Lumbini is a holy and historic location with tremendous religious and cultural value. We will go to the Maya Devi Temple, which is said to be the exact place where Maya Devi gave birth to Buddha. We will also visit other locations such as German monasteries, Japanese monasteries, and so on. We will then proceed to our hotel to rest.

### **Day 7: Lumbini to Pokhara ( By touris Bus)**

That sounds like a wonderful trip! Lumbini, the birthplace of Buddha, holds immense spiritual significance, and Pokhara's blend of natural beauty and cultural richness makes it a must-visit destination. The Newari architecture you'll encounter in Pokhara adds a unique charm to the cityscape. The intricate woodwork, pagoda-style temples, and quaint alleys provide a glimpse into Nepal's rich cultural heritage. Don't forget to explore Phewa Lake and enjoy the stunning views of the Annapurna mountain range while you're there

### **Day 8: Pokhara sightseeing**

It sounds like you're listing some of the attractions in Pokhara, Nepal! Pokhara is indeed a beautiful city surrounded by stunning natural landscapes and cultural landmarks. Here's a brief overview of the places you mentioned:

**Fewa Lake:** Also known as Phewa Lake, it's one of the main tourist attractions in Pokhara. The serene lake offers boating opportunities with a backdrop of the Annapurna mountain range.

**Peace Stupa (World Peace Pagoda):** Situated on a hilltop overlooking Pokhara Valley, the Peace Stupa offers panoramic views of the city, Fewa Lake, and the surrounding mountains. It's a symbol of peace and tranquility.

**David's Fall (Davis Fall):** A mesmerizing waterfall located a short distance from the city center. It's known locally as Patale Chhango. The waterfall originates from the Phewa Lake and disappears into an underground tunnel.

**Gupteshwor Cave (Gupteswor Gufa):** Adjacent to Davis Fall, this cave is famous for its natural limestone formations and the Gupteshwor Temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. It's a sacred site for Hindus.

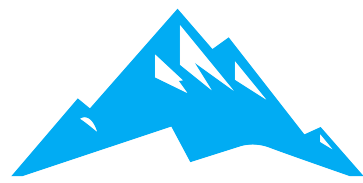
**International Mountain Museum:** Located in Pokhara, this museum showcases the history, culture, and biodiversity of the Himalayas. It's a great place to learn about mountaineering and the people who live in the region.

These are just a few of the many attractions Pokhara has to offer. Each place has its own unique charm and significance, making Pokhara a must-visit destination in Nepal for nature lovers and adventure seekers alike!

### **Day 9: Pokhara to Bandipur**

That sounds like an incredible journey! The drive from Pokhara to Bandipur indeed offers a feast for the eyes with its picturesque landscapes. And arriving at Bandipur, known for its preserved cultural heritage and stunning views, must be quite an experience. Enjoy your stay at the hotel and take the time to soak in the tranquility and beauty of the surroundings! If you need any recommendations or assistance during your stay, feel free to ask

### **Day 10: Bandipur to Gorkha (By Local bus)**



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Today, we are embarking on a delightful adventure to Gorkha from bandipur. This expedition promises to treat you with breathtaking vistas of the mesmerizing Nepalese landscape. As we proceed, we will traverse through picturesque green hills, terraced crops, and ancient communities. If the weather is on our side, we might catch glimpses of rural life and be awestruck by the majestic Himalayan mountain ranges. Moreover, this route is adorned with numerous cultural and historical gems waiting to be explored. Get ready for an unforgettable journey!

### **Day 11: Gorkha to Kathmandu**

Traveling by bus from Gorkha to Kathmandu is a popular route in Nepal. The distance between the two cities is approximately 140 kilometers, and the duration of the journey typically ranges from 5 to 6 hours, depending on the condition of the roads and the traffic.

To catch a bus from Gorkha to Kathmandu, you have the option of going to the local bus station or inquiring with local transportation providers about the schedules and fares. Buses from Gorkha to Kathmandu usually depart throughout the day, but it is advisable to check the schedule in advance to plan your trip accordingly.

Upon reaching Kathmandu, you will find yourself in the heart of Nepal's capital city, where you can immerse yourself in its rich cultural heritage, vibrant markets, and bustling streets. Enjoy your journey!

### **Day 12: Shopping and Rest**

Since we have few time before our departure, we will be going to Thamel for shopping. Thamel is an excellent place to shop for souvenirs and other items that you want to take back to your home country as a memory. After that, we will return back to our hotel and pack for our upcoming departure.

### **Day 13: Departure Airport**

Our departing date has finally arrived. The staff from our company will meet you at your accommodation and transport you to the international airport for your flight back home.