IN THE HEART OF HIMALAYAS

Kathmandu – Chitwan - Pokhara - Kathmandu

07 Nights/08 Days

Genuine travel experiences

Malla Travel & Trek Services

TOUR OVERVIEW

Nestled in the mighty Himalayas and blessed with nature's beauty in abundance, Nepal is a treat to every traveler's soul. Start your journey with a stop in Kathmandu to discover its medieval old streets and architecture, explore the rich wildlife of Chitwan, and finally relax and admire the stunning panorama of the snow-capped mountain ranges in Pokhara.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

KATHMANDU: Explore the medieval streets of Bhaktapur Durbar Square and visit the Pashupatinath Temple to get the opportunity to talk to one of the Sadhus.

CHITWAN: Explore the rich wildlife of Chitwan National Park and spot the famous one-horned rhinos.

POKHARA: Soak in the scenic beauty of Pokhara and admire stunning panorama of the snow - capped mountain ranges, lush vegetation, shimmering water of Lake Phewa and the beautiful Pokhara valley

DAY BY DAY

DAY 01: ARRIVE KATHMANDU

Welcome to Nepal! On arrival at Kathmandu Airport you will be greeted by our tour representative in the arrival hall, who will escort you to your hotel and assist you in check-in. Later, proceed for a sightseeing tour of Kathmandu.

Kathmandu is a captivating city to be discovered. Today the city is slowly rebuilding after the earthquake and most of the tourist attractions have reopened making the city a must visit again while travelling in Nepal. The city combines the best of the country: from old-world streets, rich art and architecture dating back to centuries, to the finest temples and delicate handicrafts, the hustle and bustle of its colourful markets and popular Nepali food.

Overnight, stay at hotel.

DAY 02: KATHMANDU

In the morning go for a sightseeing tour of Bhaktapur Durbar Square to explore its medieval streets and its traditional Nepali architecture with intricate wood carvings. Stroll down South Bhaktapur Square to reach the Pottery Square, where you can admire the beautiful handicrafts.

In the afternoon, visit Bouddhanath Stupa – the largest stupa in Nepal, rich in Buddhist symbolism. Pilgrims come here to light butter lamps, chant mantras, and spin prayer wheels. Take a stroll around the dome and soak in the wonderful atmosphere.

Later drive to Pashupatinath Temple – the most important Hindu Temple in Nepal situated on the banks of River Bagmati. Time your arrival with the evening prayer ceremony by the river and perhaps even get an opportunity to talk to one of the Sadhus or priests and learn about the tenants of Hinduism.

Overnight, stay at hotel.

DAY 03: KATHMANDU - CHITWAN

After an early breakfast at the hotel, drive to Kurintar and take the cable car ride to visit Manakamana Temple.

The journey to reach Manakamana Temple is not a usual one. You will first have to take the cable car which rises more than 1000m above and offers magnificent views of Trishuli River and of the village. Once you reach on top, the next part of the journey is a short hike which takes you to the temple.

“Manakamana” translates as “your wishes come true” and it is believed that the Goddess Manakamana answers prayers of those who make the pilgrimage to worship her. Repeat the hike and the cable car journey back to Kurintar from where you drive to Chitwan 45 km away (approximately one hour) and check in.

Overnight, stay at hotel.

DAY 04: CHITWAN

Today spend the entire day exploring the wildlife of Chitwan.

Chitwan National Park means “Heart of the Jungle” and is famous as one of Asia’s richest and most diverse National Parks. Here you can spot one-horned rhinos, crocodiles, elephants, monkeys, pythons and deer, and if

you are very lucky you will get a chance to see the majestic Royal Bengal Tiger. Chitwan also has a wide variety of birds with approximately 500 species recorded.

There are plenty of activities to choose from in between the park visits: visit the elephant breeding centre or for birding enthusiasts take a jungle walk and spot different species of birds, or take a canoe ride to see the crocodiles. There is even the option of a village walk to meet the indigenous local people.

Overnight, stay at hotel.

DAY 05: CHITWAN – POKHARA

After breakfast, drive to Pokhara which is 87 km away (approximately two hours). En route stop at Bandipur.

Bandipur is situated on a ridge above the highway town of Dumre, and it is a beautiful small village showcasing the old Newari culture. Located at an altitude of 1030 m, Bandipur offers spectacular views of the Himalayas and Marshyangdi Valley. Take a stroll through this living museum and admire the impressive architecture, beautiful caves, and unspoiled landscapes.

After the visit, continue driving to Pokhara. A nature's gem and one of Nepal's most spectacular locations, Pokhara's appeal is enhanced by its amazing mountaneous surroundings and the charming Lake Phewa. On arrival check-in and the remainder of the day is at leisure.

Overnight, stay at hotel.

DAY 06: POKHARA

This morning set out for a 2 hours gentle hike to Kalabang Village situated on a hilltop at 1500 m above sea level. The village is worth the hike and offers a stunning panorama of the snow - capped mountain ranges, lush vegetation, shimmering water of Lake Phewa and the beautiful Pokhara valley.

After a cup of refreshing tea, visit the local village and interact with the locals. Subject to it being opened, visit the community school.

Later drive back to Pokhara. Afternoon is at leisure for some independent explorations. There are a few activities that Pokhara has to offer: fishing, paragliding, or simply walking around leisurely, admiring the mountain peaks mirrored in the calm waters of Phewa Lake. This is truly a picturesque panorama and makes for some great photography.

Overnight, stay at hotel.

DAY 07: POKHARA – KATHMANDU

Wake up early morning to watch the sunrise from Sarangkot and capture the changing colours of the Himalayan peaks. It is a spellbindingly timeless moment. After breakfast, check out from hotel to fly back to Kathmandu. Upon arrival in Kathmandu, transfer to hotel.

In the evening take a one hour rickshaw ride through the bustling and colourful bazaars of Kathmandu to reach Thamel. In Thamel, you will feel the vibrant pulse of this city and you can explore the many shops, bars and restaurants the area has to offer. There are plenty of dining options available and you can try some of the local cuisine as you celebrate the last evening of your Nepal holiday.

Overnight, stay at hotel.

DAY 08: DEPART KATHMANDU

Today your tour in Nepal comes to an end. We arrange your drop to the Kathmandu Airport, from where you will board your flight back home. If required, our representative will be at hand to assist you with a smooth check-out from the hotel and escort you to the airport.

We advise you to arrive at the airport at least 3 hours prior to departure and keep your passport and a printout of airline ticket handy to avoid last minute hassles.

This itinerary is only a slice of the wonderful diversity and beauty that Nepal has to offer and we hope that you will return soon to discover more.

Namaste!

EXTENSIONS

- Discover the iconic cities of Varanasi and Khajuraho
- Travel to the land of the Thunder Dragon

OVERALL HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the medieval streets of Bhaktapur Square
- Visit Bouddhanath Stupa – the largest stupa in Nepal
- Witness the Hindu rituals at Pashupatinath Temple
- Explore the rich wildlife of Chitwan
- Soak in the scenic beauty of Pokhara

INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation
- Transport
- Guide
- Entrances
- Not included is travel insurance, tips and any expense of personal nature

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