

## Bandipur Hill Station Tour

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| <b>Trip code</b>      | 0                          |
| <b>Package name</b>   | Bandipur Hill Station Tour |
| <b>Duration</b>       | 1                          |
| <b>Max. elevation</b> | m                          |
| <b>Level</b>          | beginner                   |
| <b>Transportation</b> |                            |
| <b>Accommodation</b>  |                            |
| <b>Starts at</b>      | Kathmandu                  |
| <b>Ends at</b>        | Kathmandu                  |
| <b>Trip route</b>     |                            |
| <b>Cost</b>           | USD 95 per person          |

## Highlights

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## Overview

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Half way between Kathmandu and Pokhara this sleepy hill station high up on a ridge above the Marsyangdi River and the orange growing regions is a picturesque Newari town that still retains much of its centuries-old appeal. Bandipur presents sightseers with a heady mix of history, architecture, incredible views, awesome caves and unspoiled landscapes. This one time isolated town is one of the finest examples in Nepal of how eco and social responsible tourism can work to create a wonderful experience for visitors and a profitable one for the villagers. Here you can explore the biggest caves in Nepal, see silk making first hand or just soak up inspiring views of the middle Himalaya. Located at an altitude of 1,030 m, it has been described as a natural view tower, providing a spectacular panorama of the entire Annapurna Range plus the peaks of Dhaulagiri, Manaslu and Langtang to the Marsyangdi valley. Apart from the stunning views of the Himalaya and the

Marsyangdi Valley, a visit to the hill station is an opportunity to get a close look at Newari cultural that reflects the refined civilization of the Kathmandu Valley. Bandipur is also a great place for adventure sports like paragliding, caving, rock climbing, rafting and hiking. If your eyes are hungry for nature's company, especially the panoramic views of the Annapurnas and the living museum of Newari culture then walk for the tour and throb with pulsating beauty of Bandipur. Visits to Bandipur can be arranged on the way to or from Pokhara and they can be combined with trips to Manakamana, one of the holiest temples in Nepal and the only cable car ride the country has to offer. In Bandipur accommodation varies from first class mountain retreats to basic yet rewarding village home stays.

## Trip Itinerary

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### Day 1 :

#### **Bandipur Hill Station - Day Tour**

Bandipur is a beautiful place to explore on foot. The narrow streets surrounded by traditional houses attract every visitor. There are many places where you can visit during the early morning or the evening at your own pace.

**Tudikhel**, a former parade ground, now turned into a local playground is the main attraction of Bandipur. Stroll around its edges with a breathtaking view of Gorkha villages (hilly landscape)

**Martyr's Park**, **Teendhara**, and the botanical garden are also worth visiting in Bandipur.

Besides these places, you could explore the Raniban towards the east of primary settlement in Bandipur.

You can also find many religious places and temples around Bandipur as well. One of the most prestigious is the **Khadga Devi Sanctuary**. It is open once a year on the day of Fulpati during the celebration of Dashain.

**Bindha Basini temple**, Shrine of Lord Shiva, **Narayan Temple**, and Chandi Than are some of the few religious places in Bandipur.

Walking in the evening in Bandipur is outstanding. Strolling through the streets surrounded by modern cafes with balconies is an exquisite experience. The traditional houses with colorful flowers are the very definition of Bandipur. Seeing locals getting busy with their daily chores, and children playing around.

#### **A short hike around Bandipur village:**

Bandipur is rich in tradition and also rich in beautiful places around for hiking. We can offer different places to visit as a day tour. As per your interest, we can choose the places and organize to visit/tour according.

There are many short hikes around Bandipur. You can hike up to the Thani Mai temple. Only 30 minutes walk and you will reach this incredible hilltop viewpoint. The towering mountains in the distance and the Marsyangdi valley below are mesmerizing.

### **Day hike to Ramkot:**

For a longer hike, you may walk to a traditional Magar village in Ramkot. This half-day hike takes you on a journey through cultivated lands, lush vegetation, and ancient villages. The thatched roof round houses are one of the primary attractions of this village. Although there are only a few of these houses left, they still reflect the traditional lifestyle of the locals. From the Ramkot village, you could enjoy views of Annapurna, Dhaulagiri, and Manaslu alongside the Langtang mountain ranges.

### **Siddha Gufa (Siddha Cave):**

A small hike from the main street of Bandipur will take you to Siddha Cave. It is the largest cave in Nepal. You can visit this place while returning from Bandipur as well.

Siddha Cave is mystical and old. Strolling inside this cave with the help of a torchlight is nerve-wracking. You need to climb ladders and ropes as well. I recommend a visit to this place. A Hindu Sadhu lives deep in this cave. There is even a small pond inside this cave. This whole journey is thrilling and exciting.

## **Inclusions**

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### **What is included?**

- Local transportation if require
- Experience English Speaking Hiking Guide
- Mineral water during the tour
- Lunch & snacks during the hike
- Applicable government taxes

### **What isn't included?**

- Meals other than lunch (Breakfast and Dinner)
- Personal expenses, Tips and etc.
- Hiking gear.
- Travel, Medical insurance, and first aid kit.
- Anything not mentioned in the above.

### **Complimentary**