



## Classic Nepal Tour

<b>Trip code</b>	
<b>Package name</b>	Classic Nepal Tour
<b>Duration</b>	8
<b>Max. elevation</b>	1380 m
<b>Level</b>	EASY
<b>Transportation</b>	Kathmandu - Chitwan - Pokhara drive by Tourist Bus, Pokhara - Kathmandu fly by domestic flight.
<b>Accommodation</b>	3***Hotel in Kathmandu/Chitwan/Pokhara twin sharing bed basis during the tour.
<b>Starts at</b>	Kathmandu/Pokhara
<b>Ends at</b>	Kathmandu/Pokhara
<b>Trip route</b>	Kathmandu - Chitwan - Pokhara - Kathmandu.
<b>Cost</b>	USD 1,200 per person

## Highlights

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World Heritage site ( Boudhnath, Pasupatinath, Swayambunath and Kathmandu durbar square.

Pokhara (Phewa lake) Sarangkot sunrise views.

Chitwan National Park, Jungle safari, bird watching, Jeep safari.

Pokhara - Kathmandu flight with beautiful scenery

## Overview

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## **Classic Nepal Tour is a week tour program which covers two major highlights of Nepal i.e. Kathmandu valley, Pokhara valley and Chitwan.**

Nepal has always been a classic destination for the visitors as it offers wide range of expedition and adventurous activities along with the natural beauty. The tour starts from the cultural, religious and political hub of the Kathmandu valley and extends to majestic natural locations of Chitwan and Pokhara. Join us as we provide the opportunity to build lifetime memories of the diverse, exciting and enlightening range of attractions Nepal has to offer. This classic Nepal customizable combination tour gives you a great taste of this Himalayan country, including the Kathmandu valley, Chitwan wildlife safaris, and a sunrise view from Sarangkot of Pokhara. Visiting Kathmandu valley will cover most world heritage sites and Pokhara tour will cover the Annapurna region Mountains. The Chitwan national park will provide you a great wild life experience. In Bhaktapur we see beautifully preserved palaces and temples. Add the jungle and wildlife of Chitwan National Park and the buzz of Kathmandu and this trip is bound to become an intrepid classic.

This tour is popular among those who want to explore major sightseeing destinations combining Cultural tour with natural scenic beauty. Kathmandu is the leader on the list of must-see attractions in Nepal. Being the capital city, it is the most animated and colorful city in Nepal. It is considered as the gateway to tourism. Kathmandu valley consists of major Cultural Heritage sites and provides in-depth knowledge about the cultural harmony, religious aspects and the ancient Newari architecture and lifestyle. This trip will cover the most important touring place of Nepal in 8 days. Classic Nepal tour is our common package that is suitable for everyone and this tour is customizable. You can add or reduce the days as per your time availability. Any group size with any age can do this trip. You will visit the heart of Kathmandu city with full of heritage sites and Pokhara, which is one of the most popular destinations for tourist in Nepal. This tour is appropriate for those who wish to take in an abundance of vivid aesthetic and natural experiences in a holiday.

## **Trip Itinerary**

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### **Day 1 : Arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport. Upon arrival, meet and transfer to hotel**

Flying to the country of Mountains is a wonderful experience in itself. On a clear day, the views of snowcapped mountain peaks will take your breath. Your flight lands at Tribhuvan International Airport which is located in Kathmandu. Kathmandu is a small town and the capital of the country surrounded by the hills from all sides. It is the historical and cultural heart of Nepal. The capital of modern Nepal is nestled in the middle of the snow-capped Himalayan Mountains, in a valley surrounded by gentle, green terraced hills, ancient temples, shrines and red tiled-roofed houses.

Tribhuvan International Airport

Proceed for the customs and luggage's clearance and then exit from the Airport Departure lounge. As soon as you exit you can see number of peoples outside holding a placard. Among them one of the representative of Nature Trail Travels & Tours, Trekking & Expedition will be holding a placard with your name in it. So, closely look at them. He will then escort you to your respective hotels. Or else, you can visit our office and after full description about your trip, you will be driven to your hotel.

## **Day 2 : Early morning transfer to airport for Mount Everest Flight. After an hour flight, proceed for half day sightseeing tour including: Swayambhunath (Monkey Temple) and Kathmandu Durbar Square**

Today, you will be transferred to airport for the scenic Mount Everest flight. For those who are restricted by time from going trekking can get panoramic view of the Himalayas in just an hour. You can have the world's highest mountain view i.e. Mount Everest (8848 m) along with other mountains. After an hour of Mountain flight, transfer to hotel have your breakfast and then proceed for the half day sightseeing tour of the two Heritage Sites among which one is recognized by the UNESCO i.e. Kathmandu Durbar Square and Swoyambhunath. You will explore the ancient and medieval Hindu Temples, Buddhist Stupas and monasteries, palaces, monuments and shrines. Kathmandu Durbar Square is located in front of the old royal palace of the former Kathmandu Kingdom and is one of three Durbar (royal palace) Squares in the Kathmandu Valley in Nepal. Durbar square is surrounded with spectacular architecture and vividly showcases the skills of the Newar artists and craftsmen over several centuries. The Royal Palace was originally at Dattatraya square and was later moved to the Durbar square. The Kathmandu Durbar Square held the palaces of the Malla and Shah Kings who ruled over the city. Along with these palaces, the square surrounds quadrangles, revealing courtyards and temples. It is known as Hanuman Dhoka Durbar Square, a name derived from a statue of Hanuman, the monkey devotee of Lord Ram, at the entrance of the palace. The labyrinth of backstreets and alleys leading from one bazaar ("chowk") to another are a true highlight of the city's character.

### **Swayambhunath**

Swoyambhunath is an ancient religious architecture atop a hill in the Kathmandu Valley, west of Kathmandu city. This Stupa is laden with 13 gold plated spires symbolizing 13 stages to salvation in Buddhism. Different sorts of Buddha has added to the attraction of the Stupa. It occupies a central position and is probably the most sacred among Buddhist pilgrimage sites. For Tibetans and followers of Tibetan Buddhism, it is second only to Boudhanath. The Swoyambhunath complex consists of a stupa, a variety of shrines and temples, some dating back to the Licchavi period. A Tibetan monastery, museum and library are more recent additions. The stupa has Buddha's eyes and eyebrows painted on. Between them, the number one (in Devanagari script) is painted in the fashion of a nose. Children will enjoy here seeing the monkeys jump from here to there. Be careful with your personal belongings as the monkeys here are clever enough to snatch the good from your hands. After sightseeing, you will be driven back to your respective hotels.

Word of caution: don't set a stringent schedule for the day. Although the flights are typically in the morning to take advantage of the best weather, each airline has several flights operating on the day and your booking is for one of them, not for a particular flight. You are, however, guaranteed a departure and that if there are several people in your party, you'll be on the same flight.

### **Day 3 : Full Day sightseeing tour including: Pashupatinath, Boudhanath and Bhaktapur Durbar Square**

Today after breakfast, you will have a private vehicle and a professional tour guide at your disposal. After breakfast, get on with today's sightseeing tour which includes: Pashupatinath Temple, Boudhanath Stupa and Bhaktapur Durbar Square.

PashupatiNath

### **Day 4 : Drive Kathmandu to Chitwan – approx. 6 hrs. drive**

On the following day, we drive to Chitwan after having our breakfast at hotel. We travel overland towards Royal Chitwan National Park via Prithvi Highway. You will enjoy the views of enormous plains of the Terai region while driving towards Chitwan. Chitwan National Park is declared as World Heritage Site under the category of Natural Sites by UNESCO. Chitwan is one of Asia's best wildlife – viewing spots and the place to don your safari togs, clamber atop a lumbering elephant and head into the dawn mist in search of rhinos and tiger. 8% of the world bird species, rare mammals including one horned rhinoceros and the Bengal tiger makes it exclusive. Once reaching your destination, you will be briefed about the elephant activities and Jungle Safari. You can later enjoy the sunset in Rapti River, elephant back safari and stroll around the Tharu villages. Once the night falls down, we entertain you with cultural performances (Tharu stick dance, peacock dance) including bonfire before getting in bed.

### **Day 5 : Full Day Wildlife Activities in Chitwan**

With a wakeup call along with tea or coffee, we have the great time to witness the wildlife and click some amazing pictures at its best in Royal Chitwan National Park. This includes Elephant Safari, Canoeing, visit to elephant breeding center and cultural show. Sal forest, open grassland and riverine jungle will accompany you during elephant safari. The ride is far from smooth. We'll be traveling through dense elephant grass that can grow up to 18-20 ft. in height and is the favorite habitat for rhinoceros and other animals. The elevated vantage point is a great advantage and provides a good safety margin in case a Bengal tiger shows up. After doing elephant safari, your delicious breakfasts will be waiting for you. We will then head to the grasslands and forests near the Narayani River. In later afternoon, a traditional dug-out canoe takes you on a silent trip down the Rapti River to view aquatic birds and the crocodile along the river banks. We then head towards the elephant breeding center to see them being raised to re-

populate their dwindling numbers and disperse them over various regions where they have a chance for survival, to see these majestic animals and understand how they live and what they do. You can click cute pictures of newly born calf. We will also go to the observation tower, then later in the evening head back to the resort for dinner. We hope that this day will be the finest day for those who loves to explore wildlife.

Wildlife activities in Chitwan National Park

### **Day 6 : Drive Chitwan to Pokhara – approx. 4/5 hrs. drive.**

Wake up call early in the morning and proceed for Nature walk and bird watching. Don't forget to bring your camera as you will have a marvelous opportunity to click various species of birds today. Among those, some of these birds are migrating birds, which have flown thousands of miles and sheltered in this national park. Our guides will help you identify some species of birds, plants and other wildlife that you may encounter. Getting back to the hotel, we take breakfast and then drive to Pokhara, another beautiful town and a center of tourist attraction. Pokhara is a striking scenic lake town where nature is amplified with the views of majestic peaks, sparkling water lakes with boating and canoeing thrills will add on a greater value to your photographic tour. Witnessing some natural wonders of nature in waterfalls and gorges and magical dawns that light up the sky and the snowy Himalayan spires in hues of the rising sun and capturing these magical vistas and wonderful landscapes in your camera will obviously fulfill the expectations of an ideal Nature tour.

Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the respective hotel where you get refreshed and proceed for an hour boat ride in Phewa Lake and visit Tal Barahi Temple, a famous temple dedicated to Goddess Kali.

### **Day 7 : Early morning sunrise view from Sarangkot, and then fly to Kathmandu**

Early in the morning we will drive to Sarangkot hill for viewing sunrise and stunning snowcapped mountain ranges. There's a non-descript village just before the view point. The village is located on Sarangkot mountain at an altitude of 1600m and is renowned for its panoramic Himalayan view: Dhaulagiri, Annapurna and Manaslu as well as down on the city of Pokhara and Phewa lake. In recent years, Sarangkot has become a hotspot for Paragliding, Zip-flyer, Ultra-light, Bungee jump etc. While you are in Sarangkot, you can enjoy these activities. Afterwards you will be transferred to airport for your flight back to Kathmandu.

Sarangkot

### **Day 8 : Final Departure**

Depending on your flight time, we will drive you to the International airport for your onward flight.

## Inclusions

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### What is included?

International & domestic airport transfers as per the itinerary.

one hour mountain flight from Kathmandu

3 nights 3 star hotel accommodation in Kathmandu on twin sharing basis on BB plan.

2 nights 3 star hotel accommodation in Pokhara on twin sharing basis on BB plan.

2 nights 3 hotel accommodation in Chitwan twin sharing bed basis on full board basis ( Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner ).

Kathmandu - Chitwan - Pokhara drive by Tourist Bus

Pokhara - Kathmandu fly by domestic flight.

Chitwan National park fee

A professional english speaking guide for entire trip.

Complementary farewell dinner in a Typical Nepali cultural restaurant.

All government taxes, VAT, Tourist Service charges and official expenses.

### What isn't included?

International Air fare

Entry Visa fees - at present \$25 for 15 day, US\$ 40 for 30 day, and US\$ 100 for three month visa on entry into Nepal.

Lunch and Dinner in Kathmandu and Pokhara.

Temple and monastery entry permit fees.

Bar bills and Personal Expenses.

Tips for staff and guide (expected)

### Complimentary