



## Heritage Tour

<b>Trip code</b>	15
<b>Package name</b>	Heritage Tour
<b>Duration</b>	10
<b>Max. elevation</b>	1380 m
<b>Level</b>	EASY
<b>Transportation</b>	Kathmandu , Lumbini , Pokhara and Kathmandu by Tourist bus.
<b>Accommodation</b>	3***Hotel twin sharing bed basis during the tour.
<b>Starts at</b>	Kathmandu
<b>Ends at</b>	Kathmandu
<b>Trip route</b>	Kathmandu - Lumbini - Chitwan - Pokhara - Kathmandu.
<b>Cost</b>	USD 1,390 per person

## Highlights

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- Cultural heritage exploration in Kathmandu
- Jungle Safari activities in Chitwan
- Cultural and spiritual exploration in Lumbini
- Wonderful sunrise from Sarangkot
- Sightseeing tour in Pokhara
- Panoramic views of Annapurna, Dhaulagiri, Manaslu, and Ganesh Himal mountain range

## Overview

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Nepal Heritage Tour explores the cultural and natural heritage sites in different parts of the country. This tour offers you a closer understanding of the cultural and natural heritage riches of Nepal. The heritage sites reflect the true colors of the lifestyle and traditions of the Nepalese people living in the

country.

The heritage sites are located in different parts of the country so you will be able to explore different places with diversity in lifestyle and culture. In addition to the cultural understanding of Nepal, you will also get a chance to explore the beautiful wildlife. When you go to [Chitwan](#) for a jungle safari tour, you will explore the jungle for the wild animals.

From the ancient and medieval cultural and historical wonders to the modern lifestyle of Kathmandu to Jungle safari in Chitwan, and from a cultural spiritual exploration of Lumbini to a peaceful sightseeing tour in Pokhara, you will certainly love the experience and vibes on the tour.

## Trip Itinerary

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### Day 1 : Arrival in Kathmandu – Transfer to Hotel, and getting to know Nature Trail (1350m)

Arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport, Kathmandu. After the clearance of customs and luggage's, exit from the Airport Departure lounge and as soon as you exist 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 transfer 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. Overnight at hotel in Kathmandu.

### Day 2 : kathmandu city Tour

The distinctive cultural and historical identities of the Kathmandu Valley make it an extraordinary place to explore. With your camera in hand, discover the enchanting cities of Kathmandu and Patan Durbar Square. We will drive to Kathmandu Durbar Square first. Kathmandu Durbar Square is listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. It is an ancient courtyard incredible with spectacular craftsmanship that reflects the local inhabitants of yesteryear. Several buildings in the Square collapsed due to a major earthquake on 25 April 2015. But construction has already been started and efforts have been made for its restoration. You can observe the hand crafted arts carved in temples, palaces, dabali, etc. Further, we drive to another historical town of Patan. The drive takes just 30 minutes without any traffic. Patan Durbar Square is regarded as the culturally and historically richest Durbar Square among three Durbar Squares (Kathmandu Durbar Square, Patan Durbar Square and Bhaktapur Durbar Square). It is also listed in UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Patan, the city of Artists, offers many visual treats for your study which will be practical. After full day sightseeing, you will transfer to your respective hotel for overnight stay in Kathmandu or Patan, the choice is yours.

### Day 3 : Drive Kathmandu - Lumbini ( 205 km ) - 7 hrs

After breakfast, we travel overland from Kathmandu to Lumbini, the birthplace of Lord Buddha, which has been reserved as the place of holy pilgrimage. You could also fly from Kathmandu to Lumbini which will take only 45 minutes to reach there. Lumbini has been included as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. This pilgrimage site in southwest Nepal attracts devout Buddhists from around the

world, who arrive to pay homage at the Sacred Garden where the 'Enlightened One' was born. A famous landmark is the Ashoka Pillar raised by the great Emperor who converted to Buddhism. Today Lumbini has been enlivened by the multitude of architecturally beautiful temples, stupas and monasteries built by various international Buddhist communities. Overnight at Hotel in Lumbini.

#### **Day 4 : Explore around Pilgrime site**

Today we will be spending whole day sightseeing around Lumbini by riding a rickshaw. Lumbini being the birth place of Buddha is also an important architectural and historical site of the world civilization. We also walk through the Sacred Lumbini Garden where the Buddha was born converges on the Ashoka pillar, visit the Maya Devi Temple with its bas-relief sculpture depicting Maya Devi holding on with her right hand to a branch of pipal tree and giving birth to the infant Buddha who stand up on a lotus pedestal. There's a museum nearby, The Kapilvastu Museum; the pottery, jewelry and ornaments are gathered in-house. End up the remarkable tour in Tilaurakot by visiting the shrines, monasteries and stupa near the sacred garden. Tilaurakot is the ancient palace of King Suddodhan (Siddhartha Gautama's father), where the Buddha spent his formative years as a Shakya Prince. The remains of many ancient stupas and monasteries can be found in the surroundings of Lumbini. The Ashoka pillar is said to have been erected by the Indian Emperor Ashoka in 250 BC and bears an inscription confirming this as the birth place of the Buddha. A stone image of Maya Devi giving birth to Lord Buddha as she holds onto a branch is seen in the Maya Devi temple.

#### **Day 5 : Lumbini - Chitwan - 4 hrs drive**

After breakfast, we travel overland from Lumbini to Royal Chitwan National Park. 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's 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 including bonfire before getting in bed. Overnight in resort in Chitwan.

#### **Day 6 : Full day Jungle safari in Chitwan national park**

With a wakeup call along with tea or coffee, we have the great time to witness the wildlife at its best in Royal National Park. This includes Bird watching, Nature Walk, Elephant briefing and bathing, Canoeing and visit to elephant breeding center. You can see different species of birds migrating from the different country and place. After doing bird watching activities your delicious breakfasts will be waiting for you. We will then head to the grasslands and forests near the Narayani River. If you are lucky, you will see many amazing creatures that you spend most time to looking for; rhinoceroses, Chitwan's royal Bengal tigers, leopards, monkeys, many types of deer and reptiles. Check your camera gear – preferably with a telephoto lens and you will not miss any shots. 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. Elephant briefing: to learn more about the life of these fascinating

animals during a visit to our elephant stables. We will also go to the observation tower, then later in the evening head back to the resort for dinner.

### **Day 7 : Chitwan to Pokhara - 6 hrs drive**

On the following day, we have our breakfast in hotel then pack our stuff for a drive to Pokhara through Prithvi highway. After a drive about three hours, you will reach Manakamana Temple, which means Temples of fulfilling wishes. Thousands of Hindus visit this temple every year with the belief that their wishes get fulfilled after the visit to this temple in the Gorkha district of Nepal. Stories abound of people's wishes coming true: lost sons returning home, lovers finding romance against all odds, people finding success in their business ventures, students excelling in their exams, etc. Unlike in other temples, the priest in the temples comes from an ethnic group, Magar, non-Brahmin caste. The temple located at the top of the hill can be reached with the help of the one and only cable car service in Nepal. The cable car ride of 30 minutes is an attraction on itself.

If you have a flexible time then you could extend your holiday and stay an overnight in Manakamana and visit the surrounding area. However, visiting Manakamana temple and driving to Pokhara is also possible unless you travel on Friday and Saturday. Since, the temple will have lot of visitors in these days. After sightseeing around the temple, you will be transferred to your respective hotel in Pokhara. At evening, you can walk around the lake side and have a pleasant moment all by yourself.

### **Day 8 : Sightseeing in Pokhara**

After breakfast proceed for half day sightseeing tour of Pokhara city including Devi's fall, World Peace Pagoda, Gupteshwor Mahadev cave, Seti River, Bindhyabasini temple and Barahi temple. Rest of the day free for personal activities with Boating on Phewa lake.

Today, you have a lot of places for your sightseeing. Pokhara provides its visitors to enjoy its natural and cultural beauty.

### **Day 9 : Drive back to Kathmandu**

Wake up to see the glorious sunrise view. After breakfast, drive to Kathmandu. The drive is only about 7 hours. Upon arrival, take a leisurely walk around Thamel Bazaar in Kathmandu. Stay overnight at hotel in Kathmandu.

### **Day 10 : Departure to homeland**

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

Your 8 days nature tour will end today. We hope this tour will be a life time memory and you have been able to view some exciting sceneries of Nepal. We will be expecting to see you back in future. We believe that you had a good time in Nepal, discovering the wonders of Nepal – a country blessed with natural beauty and rich cultural history

## Inclusions

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### What is included?

International & domestic airport transfers as per the itinerary.

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

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

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

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

Kathmandu - Lumbini - Chitwan - Pokhara - Kathmandu drive by Tourist Bus

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.

Temple and monastery entry permit fees.

Bar bills and Personal Expenses.

Tips for staff and guide (expected).

### Complimentary