



NEPAL BHUTAN INCENTIVE TOUR – 9 DAYS

Detailed Itinerary

||Day 01|Arrive in Kathmandu|

Upon arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport, you will be met and assisted by our representative. You will then be transferred to the hotel as booked.

Overnight at Hotel [-/-/D]

||Day 02|In Kathmandu|

After breakfast we will do a full day sightseeing of Kathmandu valley. Our sightseeing includes Kathmandu durbar square, Swayambhunath Stupa and Patan durbar square.

Kathmandu, the largest city of Nepal is the political as well as the cultural capital of the country. We visit the vegetable & spice market in Ason, and see its many courtyards and bustling bazaars. Also visit the Kathmandu Durbar Square which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Experience Rickshaw ride around Kathmandu Durbar Square.

Swayambhunath Stupa is a UNESCO WORLD Heritage Site and also known as a Self-Created stupa.

Transfer to **Patan**, also known as Lalitpur - the city of artisans and a paradise of fine arts. Best known for its cultural heritage, the city retains much of its old charm with its narrow streets, brick houses and multitude of well-preserved Hindu temples, Buddhist monasteries (vihars) and monuments.

Overnight at Hotel [B/L/D]



||Day 03| Fly to Pokhara|

Flight Duration (Domestic Flight): 25 minutes approx.

Altitude: 827 m / 2,713 ft – 1,740 m / 5,710 ft

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Pokhara which takes approx. 25 minutes.

Pokhara's bewitching beauty has been the subject of many travel writers. Its pristine air, spectacular backdrop of snowy peaks, serene lakes and surrounding greenery make it 'the jewel in the Himalaya', a place of remarkable natural beauty. Pokhara Valley is the end of the famous Annapurna Circuit and a gateway to some of the most famous long-distance treks in Nepal.

Visit the **Davis Fall**, a lovely waterfall that marks the point where a stream from Phewa Lake vanishes underground through a natural tunnel. **Gupteshwor Mahadev Cave**, across the Davis Fall, is one of the longest caves in Nepal. Visit Pokhara's traditional **Old Bazaar**.

Enjoy boating at the PhewaTaal, the second largest lake in Nepal. The lake is stream fed but a dam regulates the water reserve, therefore, it is classified as semi-natural freshwater lake. Visit **Barahi Temple** – the island temple situated in a small island in the Phewa Lake surrounded by marvelous views.

Drive about 45 minutes to Tiger Mountain Pokhara Lodge, an ideal base to relax in a rural mountain setting away from the bustle of the cities.

Overnight at Hotel [B/L/D]



||Day 04| In Pokhara|

Tiger Mountain Pokhara Lodge offers numerous activities.

A walk before breakfast

For those who are keen on watching birds, lodge's skilled local guides will offer the chance to see many birds as they forage for food. Bulbuls, Barbets, Babblers and other species typical of the middle hills of Nepal are seen regularly around the lodge.

After breakfast visit to explore the flora and culture of the hill villages around the lodge with an outdoor setting for lunch. Combining steady walking in rural villages, farmlands and forests, the walk will be a mini-trek and typical of a day's walking in the Himalayas.

Overnight at Hotel [B/L/D]

||Day 05| Fly back to Kathmandu|

Flight Duration (Domestic Flight): 25 minutes approx.

Altitude: 1,400 m / 4600 ft

Today you will be transferred to Pokhara Airport for your flight back to Kathmandu. Later, we will visit Pashupatinath Temple and Boudhanath Stupa.

The magnificent **Pashupatinath** temple with its astonishing architectural beauty is situated on the bank of the sacred Bagmati River. Dedicated to the Hindu God of Destruction, Lord Shiva, this temple is regarded as the most



sacred of all Lord Shiva temples. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the temple comprises of a richly ornamented pagoda that houses the sacred linga or phallic symbol of Lord Shiva.

Boudhanath Stupa is one of the most imposing landmarks of Kathmandu and is a center of Tibetan Buddhism. Thousands of pilgrims circle the stupa in a clockwise direction each day spinning the prayer wheels. It is said that each spin of a prayer wheel is the equivalent of reciting the mantra. The stupa's massive mandala makes it one of the largest spherical stupas in Nepal. The ancient stupa is one of the largest in the world. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Overnight at Hotel [B/L/D]

| | Day 06 | Fly to Paro, Bhutan |

Flight Duration (International Flight): 1 hour approx.

Upon arriving at Paro, you will be met by our representative and transferred to the hotel as booked. Later we will visit National Museum and Paro Dzong.

The National Museum of Bhutan is a unique circular building also known as Ta-dzong which is an ancient watchtower above the Paro Dzong. This unusual round building is said to be in the shape of a conch shell. The original building was constructed in 1656 but the building was converted into a museum in 1968.

Paro Dzong, also known as Ringpung Dzong means 'Fortress on a heap of jewels'. This impressive dzong is the finest example of Bhutanese architecture and is one of the most popular and well known dzongs in Bhutan. It is the administrative seat of the district of Paro.

Overnight at Hotel [B/L/D]



||Day 07| Day excursion to Thimphu|

Distance: 53kms/ 32 miles

Drive Time: 1 hour approx. (each way)

Altitude: 2,250 m / 7,382 ft

Today we will do a day excursion to Thimphu. Our sightseeing will include following places:

While driving to Thimphuen route visit **SimtokhaDzong**, which is believed to be the first dzong built in Bhutan.

In Thimphu, visit the **Folk Heritage Museum**, the first structure to incorporate both monastic and administrative facilities. Its students are both monks and ordinary people. Visit the**Memorial Chorten, National Library of Bhutanand TashichhoeDzongin Thimphu**.

After the sightseeing, drive back to Paro and transfer to the hotel.

Note: TashichhoDzong is open during weekdays after office hours (5pm onwards) and from 9am to 5pm on weekends.

Overnight at Hotel [B/L/D]

||Day 08| In Paro|

Hike Duration: 4.5 hours approx. (round trip)

Hike to Taktsang Monastery and later visit Drukgyeldzong and KyichuLakhang.

Perched on the side of a vertical cliff at 3000 m altitude north of Paro, hike for about an hour to the beautiful **Taktsang Monastery** also known as the 'Tiger's Nest', the most famous and an unofficial symbol of Bhutan.



The DrukgyelDzong was an administrative center till 1951 when a fire caused by a butter lamp engulfed the Dzong and completely destroyed it. All that remains of the Dzong now are tokens of a haunted house, still robust walls and charred remains of gigantic wooden posts and beams. Located close to the Paro Airport, the KyichuLhakhang is an important Himalayan Buddhist Temple. Built in the 7th century, this is one of Bhutan's oldest religious sites.

Overnight at Hotel [B/L/D]

| | Day 09 | Final Departure |

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your onward journey.

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