Nepal Cultural and Wildlife Tour

(Kathmandu, Pokhara, Chitwan)

12 Days Itinerary

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Kathmandu

Your Nepal Cultural and Wildlife Tour begins with your arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu. A representative of Alpine Club of Himalaya welcomes you and assists with your transfer to the hotel in a private vehicle. After check-in you can rest and recover from your journey, or explore the nearby streets, local markets and restaurants. Your guide gives a short briefing about the tour, the destinations and the travel arrangements, and in the evening you join a welcome dinner.

Max. Elevation	1,400 m (Kathmandu)
Duration	30-45 minutes airport transfer
Accommodation	3-star hotel in Kathmandu
Meals	Welcome Dinner

Day 2: Kathmandu City Tour

After breakfast you tour Kathmandu with an experienced guide in a private vehicle, with entrance fees included. The main stops are Pashupatinath Temple, the sacred Hindu temple on the Bagmati River; Boudhanath Stupa, a centre of Tibetan Buddhism; Swayambhunath, the Monkey Temple, with views over the valley; and Kathmandu Durbar Square, the old royal palace complex. All four are UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and visiting them in one day shows how closely Hindu and Buddhist practice sit together in the city.

Max. Elevation	1,400 m (Kathmandu)
Duration	Full day sightseeing
Accommodation	3-star hotel in Kathmandu
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Sakhu Height Drop and Nagarkot Hiking

After breakfast you travel to Sakhu for the Height Drop activity, with fees and safety equipment included. You then continue by private vehicle up to Nagarkot, a hilltop village on the rim of the Kathmandu Valley. In the afternoon you go on a guided hike through the surrounding villages and hills, with views of the valley and the Himalayan range, and spend the night at a hotel or resort in Nagarkot.

Max. Elevation	2,175 m (Nagarkot)
Duration	Activity, drive and guided hike
Accommodation	Hotel or resort in Nagarkot
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Bhaktapur Sightseeing and Drive to Kathmandu

After breakfast you drive to Bhaktapur for a guided tour, with a private vehicle and entrance fees included. Bhaktapur is a medieval city known for its temples, traditional Newari architecture, pottery squares and narrow brick streets. In the afternoon you drive back to Kathmandu and transfer to your hotel.

Max. Elevation	2,175 m (Nagarkot) / 1,400 m (Kathmandu)
Duration	Sightseeing and 1.5-2 hours drive
Accommodation	3-star hotel in Kathmandu
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Fly from Kathmandu to Pokhara

You take the short, scenic domestic flight from Kathmandu to Pokhara, with views of the Himalayan range on clear days, and transfer to your hotel. Pokhara sits beside Phewa Lake with the Annapurna range and Machhapuchhre behind it. The rest of the day is free to relax and walk along the lakeside.

Max. Elevation	1,400 m (Kathmandu) / 1,100 m (Pokhara)
Duration	25-30 minutes flight
Accommodation	4-star hotel in Pokhara
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6: Full-Day Pokhara Sightseeing

A guided full-day tour of Pokhara in a private vehicle, with entrance fees included. You visit Davis Falls, where the water disappears into an underground tunnel, and Gupteshwor Mahadev Cave, a sacred cave with a Shiva shrine, then the World Peace Pagoda on the ridge above Phewa Lake and the International Mountain Museum. You can also take a boat on Phewa Lake.

Max. Elevation	1,100 m (Pokhara)
Duration	Full day sightseeing
Accommodation	4-star hotel in Pokhara
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7: Sarangkot Sunrise and Free Day in Pokhara

You start early with a transfer to Sarangkot for the sunrise over the Annapurna range and Machhapuchhre. After returning to the hotel for breakfast, the rest of the day is free for lakeside relaxation or optional adventure activities in Pokhara.

Max. Elevation	1,600 m (Sarangkot)
Duration	Sunrise tour and free day
Accommodation	4-star hotel in Pokhara
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8: Drive from Pokhara to Chitwan

After breakfast a private car takes you from Pokhara to Chitwan, driving down from the hills to the Terai lowlands through rivers, farmland and small towns. You check in to your jungle resort, have lunch and settle in. The full-board stay in Chitwan begins today.

Max. Elevation	1,100 m (Pokhara) / 200 m (Chitwan)
Duration	5-6 hours drive
Accommodation	4-star lodge in Chitwan
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9: Chitwan National Park Excursion

A full day of activities in Chitwan National Park, with park and entrance fees included. You go on a jeep safari with a driver through the grasslands and forest, looking for one-horned rhinoceros, deer and other wildlife, and visit the Elephant Breeding Centre. Bengal tigers live in the park, but sightings are rare and never guaranteed.

Max. Elevation	200 m (Chitwan)
Duration	Full day of activities
Accommodation	4-star lodge in Chitwan
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10: Chitwan National Park Jungle Safari

Today's activities include a canoe ride on the Rapti River, a guided jungle walk with a naturalist and birdwatching. The park is home to crocodiles, deer and many resident and migratory bird species. In the evening you watch a Tharu cultural show of traditional music and dance.

Max. Elevation	200 m (Chitwan)
Duration	Full day of activities
Accommodation	4-star lodge in Chitwan
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11: Fly from Bharatpur to Kathmandu

After breakfast you transfer to Bharatpur Airport for the short flight back to Kathmandu, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free for rest or shopping, and in the evening you join a cultural farewell dinner to mark the end of the tour.

Max. Elevation	1,400 m (Kathmandu)
Duration	Approx. 25 minutes flight
Accommodation	3-star hotel in Kathmandu
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Farewell Dinner

Day 12: Departure

After breakfast, a representative of Alpine Club of Himalaya transfers you to Tribhuvan International Airport for your flight home.

Max. Elevation	1,400 m (Kathmandu)
Duration	Airport transfer
Accommodation	No
Meals	Breakfast

Cost Include

- Private vehicle for all airport pickups and drop-offs.
- 3 nights in Kathmandu at a well-rated 3-star hotel on a twin-sharing basis.
- 1 night in Nagarkot at a hotel or resort on a twin-sharing basis.
- 3 nights in Pokhara at a well-rated 4-star hotel on a twin-sharing basis.
- 3 nights full board in Chitwan National Park (3 meals a day, 4-star lodge accommodation).
- Welcome dinner on arrival and a cultural farewell dinner in Kathmandu.
- Guided city tour in Kathmandu, including private vehicle and entrance fees.
- Guided Bhaktapur sightseeing, including private vehicle and entrance fees.
- Sakhu Height Drop activity, including fees and safety equipment.
- Nagarkot hiking with a guide.
- Guided full-day city tour in Pokhara, including private vehicle and entrance fees.
- Sarangkot sunrise tour with transfers.
- Kathmandu to Pokhara flight, including all departure taxes.
- Pokhara to Chitwan transfer by private car.
- Bharatpur to Kathmandu flight, including all departure taxes.
- Chitwan National Park activities: national park fees, entrance fees, jeep and driver, jungle safari, Rapti River canoe ride, jungle walk with a naturalist guide, bird watching, Elephant Breeding Centre visit and Tharu cultural show.
- Comfortable private vehicles as per the itinerary, suitable for the group size and local roads.
- A highly experienced, government-licensed, English-speaking tour guide throughout the trip.

- All applicable government and local taxes.
- Fuel, road taxes and parking fees.

Cost Exclude

- Nepal entry visa fee.
- International airfare.
- Travel insurance, which is strongly recommended.
- Lunch and dinner in Kathmandu, Nagarkot and Pokhara, except the welcome and farewell dinners.
- Optional adventure activities in Pokhara.
- Personal expenses such as bar bills, laundry, snacks and bottled drinks.
- Tips for guides and drivers.
- Single room supplement.
- Any services or expenses not specifically mentioned under the cost includes section.