Nepal Heritage Tour (12 Nights 13 Days)

Nepal Heritage Tour is a perfect program for those travelers who are interested in experiencing the best natural and cultural attractions of Nepal. Of the four world heritage sites, Nepal has, Nepal Heritage Tour offers you a visit to three world heritage sites (Kathmandu Valley, Chitwan National Park, and Lumbini) and the lake city of Pokhara and Tansen.

Your tour starts as soon as you land in Kathmandu Valley that a site of great historical and cultural significance. You will visit Kathmandu Durbar Square, Bhaktapur Durbar Square and Patan Durbar Square, Pashupatinath Temple, Swoyambhunath and Boudhanath stupas.

The following day you will drive to Chitwan National Park, home to some of the most endangered animals such as rhino, tigers, and elephants. You can go on a guided jungle safari, nature walks, bird watching, row boats on Rapti River and enjoy Tharu cultural programs. Your next destination is Lumbini, the birthplace of Lord Buddha and a world peace center. Next, you will visit Tansen, the ancient hill town, inhabited by the Newari ethnic group. Spending one full day in Tansen, you will then visit Pokhara to explore its pristine lakes and spectacular panorama of Annapurna, Dhaualgiri, and Macchapucrre.

Duration: 13 days

Price: $1200

Grade: Easy

Destination: Nepal

Activity: Tour in Nepal

Region: Kathmandu Valley

Itinerary:

Day Day 01: Arrive Kathmandu

We will meet at the Tribhuvan international airport & transfer to hotel. In the afternoon walk around in the Kathmandu Durbar Square and then we will invite you to visit our office get the briefing for each day program.

Day Day 02: Kathmandu

Early morning mountain flight which will be an hour. After the mountain flight, we start World Heritage Sites in Kathmandu. Kathmandu Durbar Square holds the palaces of the medieval Kings who ruled over the then Kathmandu Kingdom. Pashupatinath houses a sacred Lingam, or the phallic symbol of Lord Shiva. The Aryaghat alongside Pashupati and on the banks of the Bagmati River is a famous funeral site for the Hindus. The Buddhists shrine of Boudhanath is one of the largest stupas in the world, and one of the holiest Buddhist pilgrimage and tourist destinations in Kathmandu. The area of Boudhnath is also famous for over 50 Tibetan monasteries. Swayambhu meaning the "the self-existent" is popular among the foreigners as the Monkey Temple owing to a large number of monkey population residing in the area.

Day Day 03: Kathmandu

Two more World Heritage Site cities adjacent to Kathmandu: Patan & Bhaktapur. Patan is also known as The City of Fine Arts.

Patan Durbar Square is one of the places in the Kathmandu Valley where the medieval arts and architecture still remain in its original state. The Durbar Square is full of ancient places, temples and shrines, noted for their exquisite carvings, mostly the Hindu and Buddhist monuments. Similarly, the medieval town of Bhaktapur, or the Town of the Devotees, preserves medieval arts, architecture, culture, and lifestyle to this date. One is sure to feel like traveling back into the past while walking along the Bhaktapur thoroughfares, squares and streets.

Day Day 04: Kathmandu to Chitwan.

After having morning breakfast and drive to Chitwan, 190 km from Kathmandu and a 5 hour's drive into the mountains and River valley. All the way we descend down along the winding road on the banks of the Trishuli River. After checking in to the hotel and getting refreshed you will be briefed about full nature programs by our nature guide. Then we head on for activities. There will be a guided village walk and a walk on the banks of the Rapti River to watch the charming sunset views in the sub-tropical jungle. In the evening, dinner with the cultural program by ethnic tribal people with their stick dance and tribal drums.

Day Day 05: Full day Jungle Safari Activities

The Chitwan National Park has been declared by the World Heritage Site. Today you will discover why the National Park holds an important place in preserving the wild lives that are rapidly getting extinct from this planet. You're almost sure to spot water buffalo, egrets, woodpecker, and deer in their natural habitat. The Park is also home to rhinoceros, tigers, leopards, sloth bears, wild bison, genetic dolphin, 468 birds, butterflies, as well as the near extinct Gharials crocodiles. You can do a number of activities here - an elephant safari, nature walk, bird watching, a jungle drive or a canoe trip. You may even take a bath with an elephant and learn how to wash your elephant! Don't forget to take a video of your elephant-bath which will be one of the fondest memories of the lifetime

Day Day 06: Chitwan to Lumbini

After enjoying bird watching or jungle safari in the morning and then drive to Lumbini another World Heritage Site about 195 km. from Chitwan and a 4 hour's drive further south-west. Lumbini is not only the most important Buddhist pilgrimage site the place where Buddha was born but it's also an important architectural and historical site of the world civilization. Reaching Lumbini, we explore some of the major landmarks and monuments in Lumbini such as: Mayadevi Temple the exact site where Buddha was born, Ashoka's Pillar, erected by Emperor Ashoka (249 BC), and various other temples & monasteries founded by the devotees from different countries: Tibetan, Chinese, Japanese and Burmese, Korean, etc

Day Day 07: Lumbini - Tansen

Tansen is a small hill town situated on the way of Pokhara to Lumbini. The main attraction of Tansen is the beautiful green hill above the main city of Tansen. The beautiful green hill is attracting international tourist as well as domestic tourist. Tansen Bazar, Tansen Durbar Place, snow-covered mountain view are other attraction of Tansen.

Day Day 08: Tansen to Pokhara

We drive to Pokhara 285 km north-east from Pokhara which takes for about 6-7 hours. The drive is very much on the same road we came by till we reach Mugling. From Mugling, we drive further west into the mountains and Marsyangdi River valley, following the rivers for much of the day. Pokhara, also nicknamed as the Lake City, is not only Nepal's but one of the most beautiful places on earth. The town offers magnificent views of Dhaulagiri, Manaslu, Machhapuchhare,(Holy mountain) five peaks of Annapurna and others. Pokhara is also the gateway for trekking in the Annapurna Region. After arriving Pokhara, we make a sightseeing trip to some of Pokhara's marketplaces, old bazaars, and landmarks. In the evening, explore the surrounding lakeside areas.

Day Day 09: Pokhara

Early morning we drive to the Sarangkot Hill to have the sunrise views over the Himalayas. After breakfast, we make a full day sightseeing of Pokhara. Enjoy walking along the bank of Phewa Lake, admiring the stunning reflection of the Fish Tail Peak in the blue Phewa Lake waters. We also take a boat around the Phewa Lake which is the second biggest lake of Nepal. We take the boat across the lake and take an hour's walk to the World Peace Pagoda. We also make a short visit to the Gupteshwar Gufa Cave (also called Shiva Gufa). Some of the other places that we visit today include the Seti River Gorge, Devi's Fall, and the mountain museum

Day Day 10: Pokhara - Nuwakot 3 hours.

After breakfast, we drive you to Nuwakot via Kakani. Kakani is the beautiful point of the land terraces and the distant mountains. During the drive to Nuwakot, you will have a chance to fish farming and rural life of the people in that region.

Explore the village and interact with the locals in the evening.

Day Day 11: Nuwakot - Kathmandu

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Day Day 12 : Kathmandu

Rest and shopping in Kathmandu.

Day Day 13: Departure

Free for shopping and personal activities until departure time. Transfer to the airport according to your departure time for the next destination

Highlights:

- Visit three world heritage sites: Kathmandu Valley, Lumbini & Chitwan National Park
- Explore the lake city of Pokhara and ancient hill town of Tansen
- Enjoy Nepali cuisine and ethnic cultural programs