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NEPAL & BHUTAN TOUR - 9N/10D

Commence your journey with a seamless arrival in Kathmandu, followed by a refined transfer to your designated hotel. The subsequent morning, embark on a compelling voyage to Bhutan, immersing yourself in its captivating scenic expanse. Re-enter Nepal on the fifth day, making your way to the Pokhara International Airport. Engage in the exploration of Pokhara, a destination of remarkable allure, on the ensuing day.

As the itinerary unfolds, the eighth day marks your return flight to Kathmandu, initiating an enlightening city tour that unveils the historical and cultural gems nestled within the city's heart. The ninth day invites exploration of the Bhaktapur Durbar Square, a living testament to Nepal's rich heritage. Culminating on the tenth day, your departure encapsulates the experiences of cultural discovery, scenic immersion, and insightful exploration that this journey encapsulates.

Includes

We are pleased to present a professional overview of the comprehensive services included in your tour:

Nepal part inclusion

• Traditional Welcome: Your journey commences with a warm traditional welcome, expressed through the gesture of a garland.

- Seamless Air Travel: Air tickets for the Kathmandu-Pokhara-Kathmandu sectors have been thoughtfully arranged, ensuring convenient connectivity.
- Private Transfers: Your comfort is prioritized with airport-to-airport transfers facilitated by a private coach, following the outlined itinerary.
- Guided City Tours: Benefit from the expertise of a licensed guide during two full-day Kathmandu City Tours, encompassing entrance fees to key sites.
- Monumental Areas Access: Entrance fees for significant monumental

Bhutan Part Inclusion

- Accommodation: Enjoy the comfort of Twin Sharing accommodation under a Bed and Breakfast Plan.
- Culinary Experiences: Delight in local flavors with Lunch at local restaurants and Dinner either at your hotel or esteemed local establishments.
- Expert Guiding: Benefit from the insights of an Experienced English-Speaking Tour Guide licensed by the esteemed Tourism Council of Bhutan.
- Private Transportation: Seamlessly explore Bhutan with meticulously arranged private transports as per the itinerary and your group size.
- Hydration Assurance: Stay refreshed with the provision of one bottle of mineral water per person per day during your Bhutan tour.
- Sustainable Engagement: Demonstrating our commitment to responsible travel, a Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) contribution of USD 200 per person per night is included.
- Air Connectivity: Facilitating your journey, international air tickets for the KTM-Paro-KTM sectors are thoughtfully arranged.
- Entry Compliance: Your Bhutan Entry Visa Fee is included, ensuring a seamless entry process.

Note: Airfare's are subject to change which might alter the package cost.

Excludes

It's essential to be aware of the following exclusions, which offer you flexibility in tailoring your journey to your preferences:

Nepal part Excluced

- Nepal Entry Visa Fee: Ensuring your compliance with entry requirements, this fee is not included in the tour.
- Travel Insurance with Covid-19 Coverage: While comprehensive travel insurance is provided, it's important to note that specific coverage for Covid-19 is excluded.
- Emergency Evacuation Insurance: Though your safety is a priority, the cost of emergency evacuation insurance for helicopter charter flights is an additional consideration.
- Personal Expenses: Beverages and other personal services beyond those detailed in the itinerary are excluded, allowing for individual preferences.
- Tips, Donations, and Gratuity: Personal gestures of appreciation, gratuities, and donations are not included.

Bhutan part Excluced

- Monumental Areas Entrance Fees: While sightseeing, entrance fees to monumental areas and associated taxes are not included.
- Travel Insurance: Comprehensive travel insurance, while highly recommended, is not part of the tour package.
- Personal Expenses: Expenses such as bar bills, telephone charges, laundry, personal services, gratuities, and shopping are excluded, allowing you to manage your preferences.
- Pony Charges for Tiger's Nest: Should you choose to engage this experience, pony charges for the Tiger's Nest visit are additional.
- Optional Experiences: Bhutanese Traditional Hot Stone Bath, Archery, and Cultural Programs are available at an additional cost, providing flexibility to choose as per your interest.

These exclusions are outlined to ensure transparency and offer you the flexibility to customize your journey according to your needs and preferences.

Itinerary Day 1: Arrival in Kathmandu

Arrive at Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu. Welcome, meet, and assist our Going Nepal representative & transfer to the hotel. Welcome, drink followed by tour briefing. Rest of the day you can rest at the hotel.

Day 2: Fly Kathmandu - Paro - Thimphu Valley (2 HRS DRIVE)

Upon your arrival at Paro airport, our guide will warmly welcome you and transfer you to Thimphu. After having lunch at the restaurant, we will proceed to visit the Memorial Chorten, a beautiful temple built in memory of the late 3rd King. Our next stop will be at Changangkha Lhakhang, the oldest temple in the valley, offering a panoramic view of the surroundings. We will also visit the enclosure where the national animal, Takins, is kept and then head to see the largest and newly built statue of Buddha, providing a magnificent view of the entire Thimphu valley. You may choose to walk back to the hotel or be driven.

Overnight in Thimphu (If they have an early morning flight, then only this program is possible; if not, they have to skip a few sightseeing stops.)

Includes: Private transfers, Guided city tours, an English-speaking guide service, and entrance fees.

Accommodation: 3 hotels with twin-sharing rooms Meals: Full-board (BLD).

Day 3: Thimphu - Punakha (2.5 HRS)

In the morning, we will visit the Traditional Handmade Paper School of Arts and Crafts, where students learn 13 different arts predominantly used in Bhutan. Next, we will explore the Folk Heritage Museum, National Library, and the Traditional Institute of Medicine. Afterward, we will drive to Zilukha nunnery to meet the nuns and engage in interactions with them. Lunch will be served in the town, after which we will proceed to Punakha through Dochula pass (3200m). If weather conditions permit, you will be treated to a spectacular view of Bhutan's highest mountains. Walk around the 108 stupas before continuing to the sub-tropical valley of Punakha. Overnight in Punakha at the hotel.

entrance fees. Accommodation: 3 Hotel in twin sharing room Meals: Full-board (BLD)

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Day 4: Punakha - Paro (3.5 HRS)
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Today, we will retrace our drive back to Paro. After lunch, we will visit Paro Dzong (Fortress) on foot and take a leisurely walk across the oldest wooden bridge still in use. You will have the opportunity to explore the old Paro town and visit some local handicraft stores. If you're lucky, you might witness a traditional archery match. In the evening, you can enjoy the hotel facilities. Overnight in Paro at the hotel.

Includes: Private transfers, Guided city tours, English-speaking guide service, and entrance fees.

Accommodation: 3 Hotel in twin sharing room Meals: Full-board (BLD).

Day 5: Paro Sightseeing- Hiking to Tiger's Nest

In the morning breakfast at the hotel, we will drive to the base for the hike (2 hours uphill) to Tiger's Nest, the most revered temple in the country. Perched on a granite cliff overlooking the Paro Valley, this temple offers a breathtaking view. We will have lunch at the cafeteria during the hike, and most of the day will be spent on this awe-inspiring journey. After returning to the hotel, you can enjoy the facilities, and there is an optional Hot Stone Bath available at personal expense. In the evening, we will have a farewell dinner in the town.

Includes: Private transfers, Guided city tours, English-speaking guide service, and entrance fees. Accommodation: Twin room sharing, Meals: Full-board (BLD).

Day 6: Fly from Paro to Kathmandu connecting flight to Pokhara

Upon arrival in Kathmandu, Take a light Breakfast at the café at the airport. Transfer to domestic and catch a flight to Pokhara. You will reach Pokhara within 30 Minutes. On arrival check into the Resort followed by a welcome drink and briefing about the Program. Lunch at the hotel. After lunch, you will meet your guide and Half day Guided city tour, where you will visit Davis Fall, Gupteshwor cave, and Tibetan Camp and end your day by boating in Phewa Lake. After finishing the trip, drive back to the hotel or

you can enjoy your evening around Lakeside.

Includes: Private transfers, Guided city tours, English-speaking guide service, and entrance fees. Accommodation: Twin room sharing. Meals: Full-board (BLD).

Day 7: Early Morning sunrise at Sarangkot and Hike to Peace Stupa

Today woke up early in the morning for viewing the mesmerizing sunrise from Sarangkot which is at an altitude of 1600 m. On a clear day, you can see the whole Annapurna range along with Machhapuchre (Fishtail). After viewing the sunrise, drive back to the hotel and breakfast. After breakfast get ready for a small hike to a Peace stupa which is located just above Phewa Lake. Hiking to Peace Stupa takes around 2 Hours. You can see an excellent view of Pokhara Valley along with an Annapurna range and Phewa Lake. After the trip, make your way back to the hotel. Lunch and rest for the day. Later if you are interested then you can go shopping around the lakeside or just enjoy around lakeside. Dinner and Overnight at the hotel.

Day 8: Fly back to Kathmandu - City tour

Breakfast, drive to visit Swayambhunath and Kathmandu Durbar Square.

Swayambhunath Stupa: Said to be around 2000 years old, this Buddhist Stupa sits atop 2 kilometers west of Kathmandu overlooking the valley. The oldest written reference to the stupa dates from the 5th century, but it could have existed much earlier. Moreover, a legend has it that the stupa evolved spontaneously at the time of the Kathmandu valley's creation. Swayambhunath is famously known as the 'Monkey Temple' owing to the presence of a large number of monkeys around the area. Kathmandu Durbar Square- Kathmandu Durbar Square, also known as Basantapur Durbar and Hanuman Dhoka, is the old Durbar Square in downtown Kathmandu. Basantapur in the heart of the ancient city of Kathmandu will never impress visitors who came here for the first time, with its intricate wood carvings and rich history. Hanuman Dhoka was built during the Licchavi period (4th to 8th centuries AD) and King Pratap Malla expanded the building in the 17th century. With the highest concentration of ancient buildings, the square is home to many palaces, courtyards, and temples. It is also known as the "Temple Museum" because there are more than 50 temples in the square. Craft shops can be found on the grounds around Gaddi Baithak, where you will find several attractive crafts to buy. Among the 50 temples in the area is the temple of the titular deity, Taleju Bhawani. Durbar is divided into two courts, the outer Kasthamandap, Kumari Ghar, and Shiva-Parvati Temple, and the inner part consists of Hanuman Dhoka and the main palace. The next floors are transformed into museums dedicated to the three generations of the Shah of Nepal in Nepal. Most

parts of the palace are open to tourists all week.

After finishing sightseeing in these historic places around Kathmandu, stop for a lunch and shop around one of the most happening places in Kathmandu 'Thamel'. Afterward, drive back to the hotel,

Includes: Private transfers, Guided city tours, English-speaking guide service, and entrance fees.

Accommodation: Twin room sharing. Meals: Full-board (BLD).

Day 9: Excursion Bhaktapur Durbar Square - Patan Durbar Square

After breakfast fast, drive to visit World heritage sites as mentioned below: Bhaktapur Durbar Square (World Heritage Site): Among the three durbar squares, the Bhaktapur Durbar Square is by far the most elegant with its large open space facing south. The 15th-century Palace of 55 Carved Windows and the palace entrance, the Golden Gate a masterpiece in repousse art - have added splendor to this palace square which consists of buildings dating from the 13th century to the 18th century. The extraordinary Durbar Square with its extraordinary monuments reflects the glory days of the Malla dynasty when art and architecture thrived in the three cities of the valley. In front of the palace building are innumerable temples and architectural showpieces like the Lion Gate, the statue of King Bhupatindra Malla mounted on a giant stone pillar and the Batsala Temple. The stone temple of Batsala Devi is full of intricate carvings and is a beautiful example of Shikhara-style architecture. There is a bronze bell on the terrace of the temple, which is also known as the Bell of Barking Dogs.

PM: After Lunch in Bhaktapur; drive to Patan for sightseeing of Patan Durbar Square-Located about 5km south of Kathmandu, Patan is one of 3 royal cities in the valley. A destination for connoisseurs of fine arts, Patan is filled with wood and stone carvings, metal statues, and ornaments architecture, including dozens of Buddhist and Hindu temples, and over 1200 monuments.

Includes: Private transfers, Guided city tours, English-speaking guide service, entrance fees.

Accommodation: Hotel Majestic or Similar (3star Hotel) on twin sharing room Meals: Full-board (BLD).

Day 10: Departure

Breakfast and check out from the hotel. Timely transfer to the International airport for your onward destination.

Includes: Private transfers, Meals: Breakfast (B)

Highlights

- Seamless Arrival and Transfer: Begin your journey with a smooth arrival in Kathmandu, followed by a refined transfer to your hotel.
- Captivating Bhutan Exploration: Embark on a compelling voyage to Bhutan, immersing yourself in its captivating scenic beauty and rich cultural heritage.
- Return and Pokhara Exploration: Re-enter Nepal and journey to the Pokhara International Airport. Engage in the exploration of Pokhara's remarkable allure and natural beauty.
- Enlightening City Tour: The eighth day unveils an enlightening city tour in Kathmandu, revealing historical and cultural gems within the city's heart.
- Bhaktapur Durbar Square Exploration: The ninth day invites you to explore the Bhaktapur Durbar Square, a testament to Nepal's rich heritage and architecture.
- Culmination of Experiences: On the tenth day, your departure marks the culmination of cultural discovery, scenic immersion, and insightful exploration from this remarkable journey.

These highlights offer a glimpse into the diverse and enriching experiences that this tour encompasses, combining cultural exploration, natural beauty, and historical significance.

Travel Information

- Confirmation will be received at time of booking
- No wheelchair accessible
- Infants must sit on laps
- Not recommended for travelers with back problems
- Not recommended for pregnant travelers
- No heart problems or other serious medical conditions

- Travelers should have a moderate physical fitness level
- This is a private tour/activity. Only your group will participate

Things to know

- Getting a Nepal Visa upon Arrival
- We will be there at the Airport to recive you before an Hour your flight lands,
- You will be greeted by enthusiastic Namaskar
- You will always welcome with warm charming smile
- You should not have biff in Nepal
- If you are planning for a SIM card, you can get it in the Airport.
- Mention in the itinerary destinations Entrance fees for the world heritage site will be paid by GoingNepal.
- Most often you will be welcome by Tikka and khata.
- You should strictly remove the footwear before entering any religious areas.
- Nepal consist of Eight out of Ten highest peak of the Mountains in the world.
- Before bag packing it's always better to talk with your guide