

VIP Special Nepal Trip 8 days



Experience the unique blend of Culture and Nature in the **Kathmandu valley**, Once a lake, Kathmandu valley is the union of three Newar sister cities namely Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur. Surrounded by hills on all the sides, Kathmandu valley has always remained the center of Nepalese civilization and current modern urbanization of Nepal. The Newar community is the ethnic inhabitants of this valley with evidential history of 2000 years. All the 3 cities have an integral role in the development of cultural and traditional heritage as well as national economy.

Gorkha

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Pokhara

Pokhara is the most famous tourist destination of Nepal and also the adventure hub of the country. The starting point of trekking and rafting voyage of Nepal, Pokhara is a tranquil valley full of remarkable natural beauty. The view of serene Phewa Lake with Fishtail Mountain in its backdrop creates a magnificent magical ambience. Pokhara is surrounded by thick forests, gushing rivers, emerald lakes and the spectacular range of snow filled Himalayan peaks. Enjoy a mountain flight to see The Himalayas and off course Mount Everest. This first class trip will give you a unique experience and a peek into Nepali Culture and Nature and at the same time enjoy Nepali hospitality at top level.

Your FIRST day:

Bed and breakfast is taken care off. (<http://kathmandu.regency.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp>)

Day 2:

Sightseeing **Boudhanath** A religious belief that crawling around Boudhanath Stupa on your knees exempts you from your sins has made this stupa popular amongst all. Boudhnath is the focal point of Tibetan Buddhism in Nepal and large number of Buddhist devotees gathers here to pay their homage every day. Built in the 5th century, Boudhanath stupa is regarded as the biggest stupa in the world. This stupa is located in the ancient Tibetan trade route of Boudha in Kathmandu city. Numerous Tibetan monasteries have

been established around Boudhnath since 1950 AD by Tibetan refugees who settled here
{end-tooltip} / {tooltip} **Swayambhunath** {end-texte} The 1,000 years old Swayambhu Nath temple is one of the religious destination of the Kathmandu valley located 3 kms west to Kathmandu city. According to Nepalese belief, this temple self existed in the form of a lotus emitting brilliant light in the center of a lake before the birth of Kathmandu. The modern round structure of the temple was created in due time only to cover the intense light emitted from the center of the temple. Situated on top of a hillock, large crowds gather in this temple everyday to view the overall site of Kathmandu valley. Swayambhu Nath temple was also enlisted in the UNESCO world heritage monument list in 1979 AD. This is also one of those few Hindu temples where foreigners are allowed. {end-tooltip} / {tooltip}

Kathmandu Durbar Square

{end-texte} Kathmandu Darbar Square in the heart of Kathmandu city is the home to the Living Goddess Kumari. The numerous artistic monuments, ancient erotic carvings and fine display of woodwork and architecture all around the square will surely make you overwhelmed. Catch a glimpse of the Taleju Temple which only opens once a year during Dashain festival and the Kasthmandap resting point which was built by wood of a single tree. Visit the historic Darbar Square museum to observe royal mementos of the royal Shah dynasty. This museum was previously the royal palace of the Shah dynasty and was built in 1768 AD. Just outside of the museum, you could see two big drums, probably the biggest in the world which used to be beaten while announcing royal decrees. Kathmandu Darbar Square was also enlisted in the UNESCO world heritage monument list in 1979 AD. {end-tooltip}

After breakfast about 9 am your first sightseeing will commence and seeing some highlights of the |Kathmandu Valley. You will be visiting various important religious centers of both Buddhism and Hinduism. Close by the Hyatt is the Stupa Boudhanath, one of the largest in the World, a very popular shrine for the Buddhists. Many handicraft and local products are available in the many little shops surrounding the Stupa.



Later we depart for another popular Buddhist temple, called Swayambhunath or better known as the monkey temple. Our transfer will take you to the top of the hill where this temple complex lays and you have ample time to walk around and go down the immense stairs in the company of many monkeys.

After the monkey temple we proceed towards Kathmandu Durbar Square, the authentic place of

royalty where the kings were crowned and from where they ruled the lands. A real ancient place.

After the Durbar square we proceed to Thamel which is the major tourist center of Kathmandu where we will be having dinner in Nepali Chulo (A traditional Nepal Cultural restaurant). Then proceed back to the Hyatt where Bed and Breakfast is available for you.

Day 3:

Sightseeing **Changu Narayan Temple** The oldest temple of the Kathmandu Valley according to the 5th century stone inscription found inside the temple, Changu Narayan temple sits on top of a hill in the Changu village which is 23 kms North East of Kathmandu city. Surrounded by green environment, this 3rd century temple is a magnificent display of ancient metal and wood art work. The locals of Changu Narayan are experts in metal and wood carvings. This temple was also enlisted in the UNESCO world heritage monument list in 1979 AD.

Bhaktapur Durbar Square

Bhaktapur Durbar Square is a conglomeration of artistic ancient temples and monuments built around the 55 window palace of Bhaktapur. Full of charming artistic architectural monuments, this square highlights ancient Nepalese arts. The major attractions of the square are the lion gate built in 1696 AD and the most beautiful and richly molded artwork of its kind in the world, the golden gate. Likewise, the magnificent palace of 55 windows built in 1427 AD is also another must visit place in Bhaktapur Durbar Square.

Patan Durbar Square

The business hub of Patan city, the Patan Durbar Square is the cluster of historic temples, pagodas and monuments. The square is full of artistic wood and metal works. This square once used to be the royal palace of the Malla kings similar to the Kathmandu and Bhaktapur Durbar squares. The two masterpieces worth mentioning are the Krishna temple and the Tushahity royal bath in the Durbar square vicinity.

After breakfast we will travel about 23 km outside Kathmandu and visit one of the oldest temples in the valley: the Changu-Narayan-Temple. After this unique visit you will travel the a

UNESCO World Heritage site: where again you will have a unique experience visiting {tooltip} **Bhaktapur**

{end-texte} The Newar city of Bhaktapur lies 12 kms east to capital Kathmandu. Similar to other two adjoining cities of the valley, Bhaktapur is also known for its art, culture, festivals and ethnic Newar community. But unlike Kathmandu and Patan, Bhaktapur for keeping its culture, tradition, lifestyle and arts preserved and alive has been called an open museum. {end-tooltip} and Durbar Square a medieval city which of all old places in the Kathmandu valley has been preserved the best..

On our way back to Kathmandu we will also visit another ancient place: Patan Durbar Square famous for their Krishna Temple. We will also visit the {tooltip} **Patan** {end-texte} The city of fine arts, Patan also known as Lalitpur is one of the most vibrant cities of Nepal. Patan is one of the three Newar cities of the Kathmandu valley and is situated 5 kms south east of Kathmandu city. The 2,300 years old Patan city is extremely rich in its arts and architecture. {end-tooltip} museum which is a great place to have our lunch.

Then we transfer back to the Hyatt for dinner and free time at your own leisure.

Bed and Breakfast is ready for you.

Day 4:

Visit {tooltip} **Gorkha** {end-texte} Gorkha is one of the district of Nepal that has a historical value for modern Nepal. {end-tooltip} and transfer through to Pokhara



Pack your bags and get ready for a special experience.. Right after an early breakfast we will leave for Pokhara (6-7 hours drive) The route will provide you with magnificent views of the rivers and mountains. A photo stop can always be arranged. Just ask. About halfway to Pokhara we will visit the Gorkha Palace and sightseeing of the surroundings of beautiful nature. Right after our lunch we proceed to Pokhara and around evening time you will be welcomed into the Fishtail lodge with full-board during your stay in Pokhara. (www.fishtail-lodge.com)

Day 5:

Sightseeing day in Pokhara



Right after breakfast we will bring you a busy program with many cultural events and beautiful places to see, amongst them: Barahi Temple, David's Fall, Mahendra Cave. And in between enjoy magnificent panoramic mountain views. LUNCH ?????

The Lakeside Area is very nice for shopping so this is off course built in the program.. Later in the day return to your hotel, for dinner and overnight.

Day 6:

Return by plane to Kathmandu. Visit {tooltip} **Pashupatinath** {end-texte} The temple of the Lord of all living beings, Pashupatinath is the holiest pilgrimage destination of the Hindus throughout the world. This temple is of two storeys with golden roofs and four silver doors in each direction. Pashupatinath temple is located in the banks of the holy river Bagmati in the Kathmandu city. Historic evidences prove that the temple existed since 879 AD however the present temple was built in 1679 AD. The temple premise comprises of numerous holy shrines and archeologically important monuments. This temple is center of accumulation of thousands of devotees and Sadhus flocking from all over the world during the Shiva Ratri and Teej festival. Although a Hindu temple, Pashupatinath is equally worshipped by the Budhists too. Pashupatinath was also enlisted in the UNESCO world heritage monument list in 1979 AD. {end-tooltip}

Pack your bags and right after breakfast we will cross a small river and after a short Jeep drive we arrive at a domestic airport from where we will fly back to Kathmandu in about 35 minutes.

LUNCH ?????

We wish you a good flight home.

Included in this itinerary are:

1.

All necessary transport by deluxe private vehicle with driver

2.

All deluxe accommodations with Bed/Breakfast plan

3.

2 Nights accommodation in Pokhara with Full Board

4.

All sightseeings as mentioned in Kathmandu Valley and Pokhara

5.

Mountain flight with guaranteed window seat

6.

Air transfer from Pokhara to Kathmandu

7.

Entrance fees for temples, monasteries, historic sites

8.

Tour guide for the whole trip

Not included are:

1.

Tipping and personal expenses

2.

All the foods (lunches) and drinks in Kathmandu (unless stated otherwise)

3.

Donations for temples, schools and monasteries

4.

Personal equipment

5.

Travel Insurance

6.

Air tickets from your home to Kathmandu and back

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