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Kathmandu Pokhara Lumbini Chitwan Tour - 9 Days

The Kathmandu, Pokhara, Lumbini, and Chitwan tour gives a perfect blend of culture, spirituality, nature, and wildlife across Nepal's top four destinations in just 9 days. From the foothills of the Himalayas to the lowland jungles, this tour offers a diverse range of breathtaking landscapes and unforgettable experiences. Participants will have the opportunity to explore UNESCO heritage sites, sacred locations, and embark on jungle safaris.

The Kathmandu, Pokhara, Lumbini, and Chitwan tour begins in Kathmandu, Nepal's vibrant capital, which serves as a cultural and spiritual hub filled with temples, stupas, heritage sites, and medieval architecture. The second destination, Pokhara, is a picturesque lakeside city known for its stunning views and adventure sports. Next, travellers will visit Lumbini, the birthplace of Lord Buddha. An important Buddhist pilgrimage site and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Finally, the tour concludes in Chitwan, home to Chitwan National Park, renowned for its thrilling jungle safaris and diverse wildlife.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Explore three UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Kathmandu.
- Witness the sunrise over the Himalayas from Sarangkot in Pokhara.
- Visit Lumbini, the birthplace of Buddha, for a spiritual experience.
- Engage with Tharu communities and learn about local traditions.
- Enjoy an exhilarating jungle safari in Chitwan National Park.

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PRICE INCLUDES

- Airport transfers (arrival and departure) with assistance
- Accommodation in 3-star hotels or similar (8 nights)
- All transportation within Nepal as per the itinerary (private car/van)
- Meals: Breakfast daily + selected meals during the tour (usually breakfast + some lunches/dinners)
- Sightseeing and entrance fees to all listed monuments, temples, and museums
- Guided tours with professional English-speaking guides in Kathmandu, Pokhara, Lumbini, and Chitwan
- Jungle safari activities in Chitwan (jeep safari, elephant ride, canoe ride)
- Cultural programs (Tharu dance show, farewell dinner with cultural program)
- National park entrance fees for Chitwan
- All government taxes and service charges

PRICE EXCLUDES

- International airfare (to/from Nepal)
- Nepal visa fees (approx. $30 for 15 days, payable on arrival or online)
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- Meals not mentioned (lunches/dinners not specified or personal food preferences)
- Alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, and bottled water
- Tips and gratuities for guides, drivers, hotel staff, and porters

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- Personal expenses (laundry, phone calls, souvenirs, extra activities not listed)
- Optional activities not mentioned in the itinerary
- Any emergency medical expenses or evacuation costs

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DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival Kathmandu

Upon your arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport, our representative from Trek Curator will greet you with a traditional garland and assist you in transferring to your hotel. You can relax and explore the area around your hotel. In the evening, discover various cafes, restaurants, shops, and clubs for entertainment.

Day 2: Kathmandu Sightseeing

After breakfast, embark on a full day of sightseeing in Kathmandu Valley. Start by visiting Kathmandu Durbar Square, where you can explore the Hanuman Dhoka Palace, Kumar Ghar (the living goddess), and Taleku. Observe the intricate wood carvings and medieval architecture. Next, visit the Swayambhunath Stupa (popularly known as the Monkey Temple) for panoramic views and insight into Buddhist symbolism. Afterwards, visit Pashupatinath Temple, a sacred Hindu site and cremation area along the Bagmati River. Finally, you will visit Bouddhanath Stupa, a giant mandala and a significant Tibetan Buddhist centre. Throughout the day, you will gain cultural insights into Nepal's Hindu-Buddhist harmony.

Day 3: Drive to Pokhara

After breakfast, drive to Pokhara, a city known for its stunning natural beauty. Your journey will take you through terraced fields, picturesque landscapes, forests, riverbanks, and lush valleys. As you travel for approximately 6 to 7 hours, you'll have the chance to see traditional stone-roof villages and the Himalayan foothills. Once you

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reach your hotel, you can relax or explore the nearby areas. Enjoy a leisurely evening in lakeside cafes or take a boat ride on Phewa Lake.

Day 4: Pokhara Exploration

Spend a full day exploring Pokhara. Early in the morning, drive to Sarankot for a spectacular sunrise, revealing panoramic views of Annapurna, Dhaulagiri, and Machapuchare. Your sightseeing itinerary includes Davis Falls, a romantic waterfall that disappears into an underground tunnel, and Gupteshwor Temple, dedicated to Goddess Durga. After that, visit the International Mountain Museum, which highlights the history of Himalayan expeditions. In the evening, explore the lakeside restaurants or local shops.

Day 5: Pokhara to Lumbini

Begin your day with a drive of approximately 6 to 7 hours to Lumbini, the birthplace of Lord Buddha. Lumbini is a spiritual hub for Buddhists, and you will explore the Mayadevi Temple and Sacred Garden, along with various international monuments, the Ashokan pillar, ancient ruins, and monastic zones. This exploration will offer you a peaceful insight into the origins of Buddhism. Optionally, you can participate in an evening meditation session at one of the international monasteries.

Day 6: Drive from Lumbini to Chitwan National Park

After visiting Lumbini, head towards Chitwan, Nepal’s premier wildlife reserve, which takes approximately 4 to 5 hours by car. Upon arrival, check in at a jungle lodge or resort. After settling in, you will receive an orientation about the jungle safari experience from your guide. Visit a Tharu village to learn about the indigenous culture. In the

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evening, enjoy a cultural dance show performed by the Tharu communities, featuring local instruments.

Day 7: Chitwan Jungle Safari

Spend the day experiencing the wildlife of Chitwan National Park, a UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site. Your adventure may include a jungle walk, jeep safari, or elephant ride, accompanied by an expert naturalist. You may spot wildlife such as one-horned rhinoceroses, deer, monkeys, wild boars, various birds, and possibly even Bengal tigers. After the safari, enjoy a canoe ride on the Rapti River to observe crocodiles and birds, and visit the elephant breeding centre.

Day 8: Return to Kathmandu

In the early morning, take a scenic drive back to Kathmandu, where you'll witness rural life and the picturesque river valley hills. Upon arrival, you can either relax at your hotel or visit local cafes and restaurants. Optionally, explore Thamel or Asan market for shopping. In the evening, join us for a farewell dinner at a traditional Nepali restaurant, featuring a cultural program.

Day 9: Departure

Depending on your flight schedule, our representative will assist you with check-out and transfer you to the airport at least 2 hours before your departure. This concludes your culturally rich and naturally diverse experience in Nepal, leaving you with unforgettable memories.

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