

Classic Nepal Explorer: Kathmandu, Pokhara, Chitwan & Lumbini Tour

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Destination
Nepal



Duration
7 Nights 8 Days



Starting from
Rs. 65,000 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↩ Kathmandu · 2N

↩ Pokhara · 2N

↩ Chitwan · 2N

↩ Lumbini · 1N

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Overview

Classic Nepal Explorer: Kathmandu, Pokhara, Chitwan & Lumbini Tour – a thoughtfully paced 8-day / 7-night Nepal tour package that blends cultural heritage, serene Himalayan vistas, wildlife adventure, and pilgrimage highlights. Ideal for first-time visitors and spiritual travelers seeking a comprehensive Nepal experience, this Nepal Pilgrimage tour package covers UNESCO World Heritage sites, the peaceful Buddhist pilgrimage site of Lumbini, scenic Pokhara, and jungle life in Chitwan National Park.

Highlights:

- Kathmandu Valley: UNESCO temples and historical Durbar Squares
- Pokhara & Sarangkot: Phewa Lake, mountain viewpoints, boathouse cruise
- Chitwan National Park: Jungle safari, elephant or jeep rides, Tharu culture
- Lumbini: Birthplace of Lord Buddha, monastic zones and Mayadevi Temple
- Suitable as a 7 and 8 Nepal Pilgrimage tour package option for combined culture and pilgrimage travel.

This itinerary is crafted to balance sightseeing and relaxation, with domestic transfers and comfortable mid-range accommodation. Customization options are available on request.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation for 7 nights in standard/tourist-class hotels or lodges (twin/double sharing)
- ✓ Daily breakfast and selected meals as per itinerary
- ✓ Airport pick-up and drop-off in Kathmandu
- ✓ Domestic flight: Kathmandu–Pokhara (one-way) and optional Bhairahawa–Kathmandu (if selected)
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by private vehicle with an experienced driver
- ✓ Cultural and wildlife program fees in Chitwan National Park (standard activities)
- ✓ English-speaking local guide in Kathmandu and Lumbini (subject to availability)
- ✓ All applicable government taxes and service charges

✗ Not Included

- ✗ International airfare and Nepal visa fees
- ✗ Travel insurance (mandatory)
- ✗ Personal expenses such as laundry, phone calls, and tips/gratuities
- ✗ Extra activities or upgrades (paragliding in Pokhara, private jeep/elephant rides on request)
- ✗ Meals not specified in the itinerary
- ✗ Entrance fees where specified as optional
- ✗ Note: Park entrance fees, safari upgrades, and optional activities may be payable locally and are subject to change.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Kathmandu and Evening at Thamel

Arrive at Tribhuvan International Airport, Kathmandu. Meet and transfer to your hotel in Thamel, Kathmandu. Spend the afternoon resting or strolling through the bustling streets of Thamel. In the evening enjoy a welcome briefing and a traditional Nepali dinner at a local restaurant.

Day

2

Kathmandu Valley Sightseeing

Full-day sightseeing of the Kathmandu Valley covering major UNESCO sites. Visit Swayambhunath Stupa (Monkey Temple) for panoramic city views, explore Kathmandu Durbar Square to see ancient palaces and Kumari Ghar, and visit Pashupatinath Temple (Hindu) and Boudhanath Stupa (Buddhist). The day offers an immersive introduction to Nepal's living cultural heritage.

Day

3

Fly to Pokhara and Lakeside Walk

Morning domestic flight to Pokhara (30 minutes). Transfer to your hotel by Phewa Lake. Afternoon leisure with a lakeside walk, optional boat ride on Phewa Tal and a visit to Barahi Temple on the island. Enjoy sunset views over the Fishtail (Machapuchare) silhouette from the lakeside.

Day

4

Sarangkot Sunrise & Pokhara Highlights

Early drive to Sarangkot to witness a spectacular sunrise with panoramic views of the Annapurna range and Machapuchare (Fishtail). Return to Pokhara for breakfast, then visit the International Mountain Museum, Devi's Fall, and Gupteshwor Cave. Evening free to explore Lakeside markets and cafés.

Day

5

Drive to Chitwan National Park

Drive (approx. 5–6 hours) from Pokhara to Chitwan via scenic lowland highways. Arrive at the lodge near Chitwan National Park, check-in and enjoy a traditional Tharu cultural program in the evening. Briefing on jungle activities to follow.

Day

6

Jungle Activities in Chitwan

Full day of wildlife activities inside Chitwan National Park: early morning birdwatching, canoe ride on the Rapti River, jungle walk or jeep safari, and an optional elephant bathing session or elephant-back safari where available. Look out for one-horned rhinoceros, deer, langurs, and diverse birdlife.

Day

7

Drive to Lumbini — Birthplace of Buddha

After breakfast drive (approx. 3–4 hours) to Lumbini, the sacred birthplace of Lord Buddha and a major pilgrimage site. Visit the Mayadevi Temple, sacred pond, and the Lumbini Monastic Zone with international monasteries. Enjoy a peaceful evening stroll in the contemplative gardens.

Day

8

Lumbini to Kathmandu Departure / Extension Options

Morning at leisure for final visits or meditation in Lumbini. After lunch transfer to Bhairahawa/Rupandehi airport for a short flight to Kathmandu (approx. 25–35 minutes) or drive back to Kathmandu (approx. 6–7 hours) depending on your preference. Arrive Kathmandu for your international departure or extend your stay. If your international flight departs the same day, ensure flight timings allow for domestic transfers and buffer time.

? Frequently Asked Questions

? What is the best time to visit Nepal?

Nepal's prime seasons are October–November (post-monsoon) and March–April (spring). October–November offers crystal-clear skies, superb mountain views, and major festivals like Dashain and Tihar, making it ideal for trekking and sightseeing. March–April brings blooming rhododendrons, pleasant weather, and fewer crowds. Winter (December–February) is cooler with snow at higher elevations, perfect for budget travelers seeking discounts. Monsoon season (June–September) brings lush landscapes but frequent rains, landslides, and leeches on trails. For snow experiences, visit December–February at hill stations like Kalinchowk or Upper Mustang. Spring and autumn are best for trekking, while winter offers clear mountain views with crisp air.

? How can Indian citizens reach Nepal?

Indians can reach Nepal by air, road, or rail. By air, fly to Tribhuvan International Airport (Kathmandu), Gautam Buddha Airport (Bhairahawa), or Pokhara International Airport from Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Varanasi, and Bengaluru. By road, major border crossings include Sunauli–Bhairahawa (for Lumbini/Pokhara), Raxaul–Birgunj (fastest to Kathmandu), Panitanki–Kakarbhitta (eastern Nepal), and Banbasa–Mahendranagar (far-west). Good highways connect borders to major cities. By rail, take Indian Railways to Jayanagar–Janakpur–Kurtha line or reach border towns like Gorakhpur, Raxaul, then cross by road. Road travel offers scenic views but expect monsoon delays due to landslides.

❓ **Do Indian citizens need a visa for Nepal?**

No, Indian citizens do not need a visa to visit Nepal. However, you must carry valid identification – either an Indian passport or Voter ID with photograph. Aadhaar cards are generally not accepted for air travel, so check current requirements before departure. Children should carry valid photo ID as required by airlines and immigration authorities. This visa-free access makes Nepal one of the most convenient international destinations for Indians. You can stay for extended periods, but if planning to work or study, additional permits may be required. Always verify the latest entry requirements before travel, as policies can change.

❓ **What are the local transportation options within Nepal?**

Nepal offers various transportation options. In cities, use metered taxis or ride-hailing apps like Pathao and Tootle (available in Kathmandu/Pokhara). City buses and minibuses are the cheapest option, with Sajha Yatayat operating key routes in Kathmandu Valley. For intercity travel, choose tourist buses or private cars for comfort to destinations like Pokhara, Chitwan, and Lumbini. Domestic flights save time to Pokhara, Bharatpur (Chitwan), Lukla, and other destinations. Motorbikes and bicycles are popular in Pokhara and Thamel for short distances. For mountain areas, jeeps and local buses connect remote regions, though roads can be challenging during monsoon season.

❓ **Where should I stay in Nepal and what accommodation options are available?**

Kathmandu's Thamel district is perfect for budget travelers and trekkers, offering guesthouses, hostels, and mid-range hotels. Durbar Marg and Lazimpat provide upscale options. In Pokhara, stay in Lakeside for lake views, restaurants, and easy access to activities. Luxury options include Dwarika's Hotel and Hyatt Regency (Kathmandu), Temple Tree Resort and Fish Tail Lodge (Pokhara). For wildlife, choose jungle lodges in Chitwan like Meghauri Serai or Barahi Jungle Lodge. Hill stations like Nagarkot and Bandipur offer mountain view resorts. Budget travelers can find Zostel hostels, homestays, and guesthouses starting from \$5-15/night. Mid-range hotels cost \$25-60, while luxury resorts range \$100-300+ per night.

❓ **What are the must-visit attractions in Nepal?**

Nepal's top attractions include Kathmandu Valley's UNESCO sites: Pashupatinath Temple, Boudhanath Stupa, Swayambhunath (Monkey Temple), and the Durbar Squares of Kathmandu, Patan, and Bhaktapur. Pokhara offers Phewa Lake, World Peace Pagoda, and Sarangkot for sunrise views. Chitwan National Park provides jungle safaris for rhinos and tigers. Lumbini, Buddha's birthplace, features sacred gardens and international monasteries. For trekking, visit Everest region (fly to Lukla) or Annapurna region for Poon Hill and Annapurna Base Camp treks. Nagarkot and Dhulikhel offer Himalayan sunrise views near Kathmandu. Adventure seekers should try Everest mountain flights, paragliding in Pokhara, and white-water rafting on various rivers.

❓ What local food and cuisine should I try in Nepal?

Nepal's staple dish is Dal Bhat – lentils, rice, vegetable curries, and pickles, offering unlimited refills. Try momos (dumplings) with spicy chutney, available in vegetarian, chicken, or buffalo varieties. Thukpa and thenthuk are hearty Tibetan-style noodle soups. Sample Newari cuisine including bara (lentil pancakes), choila (spiced meat), chatamari (Nepali pizza), and yomari (sweet dumplings). Other specialties include sel roti (festival rice doughnut), gundruk (fermented greens curry), aloo tama (bamboo shoot curry), and sekuwa (grilled meat). Drink masala chai, tongba (warm millet brew), or local raksi spirit. Popular restaurants include Bhojan Griha and Thamel House (Kathmandu), and Moondance and Rosemary Kitchen (Pokhara).

★ Traveller Reviews



Chetan Khatri

★★★★☆ 4/5

Well-Scheduled Tours

The tours were well-scheduled without feeling rushed. It allowed for plenty of exploration and relaxation time.



Priya Joshi

★★★★★ 5/5

A Spiritual Journey

The spiritual sites visited during the tour were enlightening and peaceful. I highly recommend this tour for anyone seeking spirituality.



Anshul Sinha

★★★★☆ 4/5

Vast Array of Experiences

This tour packed a vast array of experiences into a short period! I was surprised at how much we accomplished!



Garima Sharma

★★★★★ 5/5

Stunning Sunrise Views

Watching the sunrise over the Himalayas was a life-changing experience! Highly recommend it.



Kiran Gupta

★★★★★ 5/5

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