



# Nepal

## Temple, Jungle, Himalaya

The lively streets of Kathmandu are buzzing with street vendors tirelessly hawking their goods. Pilgrims murmur as they turn their prayer wheels, and mantras play on a continuous loop from the loudspeakers in the temples. All the while, colourful prayer flags flutter softly in the wind. In an off-road vehicle, we ride through Chitwan National Park and in Pokhara, at picturesque Lake Phewa, the ice capped Himalayas glisten in the sun on the horizon.

- Temples and culture in the royal cities
- Jungle feeling in Chitwan National Park
- Himalayan panorama

10 days

4 Apr. – 13 Apr. 2024

from € **1699,-**

# Nepal: Temples, jungles, and the Himalayas

## Day 1, Thu, 04.04.2024: Namaste

Individual arrival in Kathmandu (flights not included). Upon your arrival in the capital city of Nepal in the morning, you will be transferred to the hotel. At a local restaurant, a delicious welcome dinner will be served, giving us the opportunity to sample Nepalese cuisine while graceful dancers put on mesmerising performances. Ramro saanga kaanus – Enjoy your meal! D

## Day 2, Fri, 05.04.2024: Kathmandu

Today, our Marco Polo guide welcomes us with a hearty “Namaste”, and we jump right into the action: at Durbar Square, the main square in the city, the royal palace, the pagodas, and the temples showcase the refined art of local woodcarving. Later, we climb up countless steps to the stupa at **Swayambunath** where from the golden roof, Buddha’s eyes gaze out in all directions. In the afternoon, **Boudhanath**, the most important Buddhist temple in Nepal, is on the agenda. With a diameter of more than 100 metres, its unmistakable dome is one of the largest in the world.



**At the monastery, a Tibetan lama welcomes us and presents us with a traditional khata, a welcome scarf made of white silk. Monks softly sing their chants, and in the distance, the sounds of traditional instruments can be heard. With blessings for a safe journey in our hearts, we depart from this enchanting place.**

From Buddhism to Hinduism: afterwards, we will visit **Pashupatinath**, one of the most important Hindu temples in the country. Our guide explains to us the significance of the crowds of pilgrims and the burning ceremonies along the banks of the Bagmati River. B

## Day 3-4, Sat, 06.04.24 – Sun, 07.04.24: Into the jungle

A six-hour drive to **Chitwan National Park**. The bumpy roads are a good warm-up for what awaits us over the next two days. Accompanied by experienced English-speaking rangers, we explore the jungle of the former royal hunting grounds surrounding our lodge in open off-road vehicles, on foot, and by canoe. Over 400 different species of birds await us, in addition to antelopes, crocodiles, and large schools of fish. With a bit of luck, you might even see a tiger. We will get to know the culture of the Tharu people living here during a visit to their village and will have the opportunity to see a traditional dance performance in the evening. B/L/D

## Day 5, Mon, 08.04.2024: Off to the Himalayas

Continue in the direction of Pokhara along the shores of scenic Lake Phewa. Today’s destination is the mountain village of Sarangkot, situated at an altitude of 1,592 metres above the town and the lake. On a clear day, we can enjoy the unparalleled **panorama of the main Himalayan ridge** – Dhaulagiri, Annapurna II, and the sacred mountain Machhapuchhare, which is regarded as the seat of the “Buddha of Boundless Light”. Dinner at the hotel. B/D

## Day 6, Tue, 09.04.2024: Lively Pokhara

When the alarm clock rings in the early morning, and the sunrise bathes the white mountain peaks in soft red light, we have the best seat in the house at the hotel. After breakfast, we will drive down to **Pokhara**. The bustling city welcomes us with its laid-back traveller’s atmosphere. Our guide takes us on a city tour: count-

less temples, such as Bindabasini Mandir, one of the oldest temples in the region, are waiting to be explored. The afternoon is free for you to spend at your leisure. B

## Day 7, Wed, 10.04.2024: A Day full of discovery

We have a full day to enjoy Pokhara – take a stroll by the lake or have a coffee at one of the countless eateries on the main thoroughfare. If interested, you can accompany your guide on a tour of the **World Peace Stupa** (additional fee). A one-hour walk (easy) takes us to the massive white pagoda on a ridge above the lake. A steep trail (one-hour walk, medium difficulty) leads us down to the lake. From there, we go back to Pokhara by boat. B

## Day 8, Thu, 11.04.2024: Through the Kathmandu Valley

We embark on the long journey back to the Kathmandu Valley. The city and its offshoots stretch across the entire valley. In the late afternoon, we reach our last accommodation in **Bhaktapur**. B

## Day 9, Fri, 12.04.2024: Another day full of discovery

If visibility is good, we will drive to Dhulikhel. On a clear day, we have a fantastic view of the gigantic mountains in the background. If you are lucky, you might even see Mount Everest. In the afternoon, we will explore **Bhaktapur**, which many consider to be the most beautiful of the royal cities in the Kathmandu Valley. Severely damaged in the 2015 earthquake, the richly decorated palaces and temples from the 9th century have been restored and once again exhibit the splendour of days gone by. B

## Day 10, Sat, 13.04.2024: Goodbye

The time has come to say goodbye to Nepal. In the course of the day, you will be transferred to the Kathmandu airport for your flight home (flights not included). B

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

## Flights

International flights not included.

## Hotels

Place	Nights	Hotel	Category	Subject to change
Kathmandu	2	Maya Manor Boutique Hotel	***	
Chitwan	2	Machan Country Villa	***	
Sarangkot	1	Himalayan Front Resort	***	
Pokhara	2	Waterfront Resort	***	
Bhaktapur	2	Bhadgaon	***	

## Travel documents and vaccinations

In addition to a visa (not included), German nationals require a passport that is valid for at least six months past the end of their stay with at least one free page. Citizens of other countries, please check with the appropriate consulate. Vaccinations are not required.

## Included in the tour price

- Transfers, excursions, and round trip in a good local coach
- 9 nights in a single room
- Breakfast, 1 x dinner in a restaurant, 1 x dinner at the hotel
- Full board during your stay at Chitwan National Park
- English-speaking Marco Polo tour guide in Nepal

- Blessing ceremony with souvenir scarf
- Activities at the lodge in Chitwan National Park
- Entrance fees (approx. €40)

## Extras (booked separately)

- Excursion to the World Peace Stupa €49

## Price per person from €

9 days

	SGL	DBL-discount
04.04.-13.04.23	1699	400

**Minimum number of participants:** Minimum 6, maximum 16 participants. If the minimum number of participants is not reached, the Tour Operator may cancel the travel contract no later than 21 days before the start of the tour.

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