

Kathmandu - Chitwan - Pokhara Tour

TRIP OVERVIEW

Kathmandu – Chitwan – Pokhara Tour: Explore Nepal's Heritage, Wildlife, and Scenic Beauty

The **Kathmandu – Chitwan – Pokhara Tour** is a perfect blend of cultural exploration, wildlife adventure, and natural beauty, offering travelers a comprehensive experience of Nepal. This tour takes you from the historic temples and vibrant streets of **Kathmandu**, to the lush jungles of **Chitwan National Park**, and finally to the serene lakeside city of **Pokhara**, the gateway to the Annapurna Himalayan range. Ideal for families, adventure seekers, and cultural enthusiasts, this tour combines sightseeing, wildlife encounters, and leisure in a seamless journey across Nepal's most iconic destinations.

Discover the Cultural Heart of Nepal: Kathmandu

Your journey begins in **Kathmandu**, Nepal's bustling capital, where ancient temples, palaces, and cultural landmarks create an enchanting atmosphere. Explore **Durbar Squares**, **Swayambhunath Stupa (Monkey Temple)**, and **Pashupatinath Temple** to immerse yourself in the city's rich heritage. Stroll through vibrant markets, sample local cuisine, and witness the harmonious blend of Hindu and Buddhist traditions that define the cultural tapestry of Kathmandu.

Wildlife Adventure in Chitwan National Park

From Kathmandu, travel to **Chitwan National Park**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its rich biodiversity and wildlife experiences. In Chitwan, you can embark on **jeep safaris and elephant rides** to spot rare animals such as **one-horned rhinoceroses, Bengal tigers, wild elephants, and various bird species**. Explore the jungle on foot with guided nature walks, visit **Tharu villages**, and learn about the indigenous people and their traditions. The combination of adventure and cultural interaction makes Chitwan an unforgettable part of the tour.

Serenity and Adventure in Pokhara

Next, the tour leads to **Pokhara**, a picturesque city nestled on the shores of **Phewa Lake** and surrounded by snow-capped Himalayan peaks. Here, travelers can enjoy **boating on the lake**, stroll along the lakeside promenade, and explore attractions such as **Davis Falls, Gupteshwor Cave**, and the **World Peace Pagoda**. Pokhara is also a base for short treks, paragliding, and sunrise viewpoints like **Sarangkot**, offering stunning panoramic views of the Annapurna and

Dhaulagiri ranges. The city combines natural beauty with relaxation, making it the perfect conclusion to your journey.

Why Choose the Kathmandu – Chitwan – Pokhara Tour

This tour is ideal for travelers seeking a **comprehensive Nepal experience** in a limited timeframe. It offers the perfect balance of **culture, adventure, and scenic beauty**, with smooth transportation between destinations, comfortable accommodations, and opportunities for both exploration and leisure. Whether it's the spiritual atmosphere of Kathmandu, the thrilling wildlife of Chitwan, or the tranquil landscapes of Pokhara, this tour ensures memories that last a lifetime.

The **Kathmandu – Chitwan – Pokhara Tour** is a thoughtfully curated journey that captures the essence of Nepal—its culture, wildlife, and natural splendor. From bustling city streets to tranquil lakes and dense jungles, this tour offers a complete and unforgettable travel experience for every type of traveler.

Trip Highlights:

- Explore **Kathmandu's heritage sites**, including Durbar Squares, Swayambhunath, and Pashupatinath.
- Experience **Chitwan National Park**, with **jeep safaris, elephant rides, and jungle walks**.
- Discover **Tharu culture** through village visits and cultural performances.
- Enjoy **Phewa Lake** in Pokhara with boating and lakeside strolls.
- Visit **Davis Falls, Gupteshwor Cave**, and the **World Peace Pagoda**.
- Witness **panoramic Himalayan views** from Sarangkot or other viewpoints.
- Relax in **comfortable hotels or resorts** with scenic surroundings.
- Combine **adventure, wildlife, and cultural experiences** in a single tour.

TRIP DETAILED ITINERARY

- **Day 1**

Arrive in Kathmandu, We will warmly welcome you at the airport and transfer to your hotel for check-in, followed by a refreshing welcome drink.

We will be waiting to welcome you at **Tribhuvan International Airport, Kathmandu**, where you will be greeted with a traditional **Nepali flower garland** to mark your arrival. After the warm welcome, we will drive you to your hotel, approximately **30 minutes during the day** and **20 minutes at night**.

Upon reaching **the hotel**, you will be offered **welcome drinks and biscuits**, followed by the **settlement of your rooms**. Once settled, please join us back in the **lobby or meeting hall** for a **briefing** about your tour program on the Kathmandu, Chitwan, Pokhara Tour, including an introduction to your **guide and** other relevant details. After the briefing, you will have the opportunity to **check your equipment** with your guide.

Note: If you arrive in Kathmandu at night, these activities will be scheduled for the following day after breakfast and meals.



Difficulty

Easy



Meals

Welcome dinner at Culture
Home



Max altitude

1350m



Accommodation

Hotel

- **Day 2**

Kathmandu - Swoyambhunath - Patan Durbar Square - Pashupatinath - Bouddhanath Stupa 4 - 6 hours

Today, you'll enjoy a **full-day guided cultural tour of the Kathmandu Valley**, exploring some of the most sacred and historically rich UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The day

begins with a visit to the **Swoyambhunath Stupa**, also known as the *Monkey Temple*, perched on a hilltop offering **panoramic views of Kathmandu city**. It's one of the oldest religious sites in Nepal, symbolizing harmony between Buddhism and Hinduism.

Next, you'll visit **Patan Durbar Square**, a remarkable collection of **Newari architecture, ancient temples, and intricate courtyards** that reflect the artistic legacy of the Malla kings. In the afternoon, the tour continues to **Pashupatinath Temple**, Nepal's most revered Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, located along the sacred Bagmati River. The site offers a deep spiritual experience, often accompanied by traditional rituals and ceremonies.

Finally, the day concludes with a visit to the **Bouddhanath Stupa**, one of the largest stupas in the world and a center of Tibetan Buddhism in Nepal. The atmosphere here is peaceful and spiritual, surrounded by **colorful prayer flags, monasteries, and Buddhist chants**, creating a serene ending to a day filled with culture and devotion.

Highlights of the Day

- Visit **Swoyambhunath Stupa (Monkey Temple)** for panoramic city views
- Explore **Patan Durbar Square**, home to exquisite Newari architecture
- Discover **Pashupatinath Temple**, Nepal's holiest Hindu site
- Experience the spiritual ambiance of the **Bouddhanath Stupa**
- Enjoy a **guided cultural and historical tour** of Kathmandu Valley



Difficulty

Easy



Max altitude

1350m



Accommodation

Hotel



Meals

Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner

- **Day 3**

Bhaktapur Sightseeing - Drive to Nagarkot - Overnight at Hotel 5 - 6 hours

Today's journey begins with a **guided tour of Bhaktapur**, one of the most beautifully preserved medieval cities in Nepal. Bhaktapur Durbar Square is a living museum of **Newari art, architecture, and culture**, showcasing elegant temples, palaces, and courtyards. You'll explore highlights like the **55-Window Palace, Nyatapola Temple, and Dattatreya Square**, immersing yourself in centuries-old craftsmanship and history.

After exploring Bhaktapur, continue with a **scenic drive to Nagarkot (2,175m)**, a serene hill station renowned for its panoramic Himalayan views. The drive takes you through **terraced farmland, small villages, and winding hillside roads**, offering glimpses of rural life in the Kathmandu Valley. Upon arrival, check into your **hotel or resort**, relax, and breathe in the refreshing mountain air.

As evening descends, head to the **Nagarkot Viewpoint** to witness one of Nepal's most stunning sunsets. On a clear day, you can enjoy spectacular views of **Mount Everest, Langtang, Dorje Lakpa, and Ganesh Himal**, their snow-capped peaks glowing in golden hues — a perfect way to end the day.

Highlights of the Day

- Visit the **UNESCO World Heritage Site – Bhaktapur Durbar Square**
- Explore **ancient temples, royal courtyards, and traditional art**
- Enjoy a **beautiful drive through countryside and terraced hills**
- Witness a **breathtaking sunset over the Himalayan range**
- Overnight stay at a **peaceful hotel or resort in Nagarkot**



Difficulty

Easy



Max altitude

2175m



Accommodation

Hotel - Resort



Meals

Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner

• **Day 4**

Nagarkot - Changunarayan - Drive back to Kathmandu - Overnight at Hotel 5 - 6 hours

Wake up early to witness a **magnificent sunrise over the Himalayas from Nagarkot Viewpoint** — one of the most iconic experiences in Nepal. On a clear morning, the snow-capped peaks of **Mount Everest, Langtang, Ganesh Himal, and Gauri Shankar** shimmer in the first golden rays of the sun, creating a breathtaking sight. After breakfast at your hotel, begin your **scenic downhill drive or short hike** toward **Changunarayan Temple**, one of the oldest and most revered Hindu temples in the Kathmandu Valley.

The **Changunarayan Temple**, dedicated to Lord Vishnu, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its **ancient stone carvings, intricate woodwork, and historical significance** dating back to the 4th century. The surrounding village also offers a glimpse into **traditional Newari life and culture**, making it an enriching cultural stop. After exploring the temple and enjoying the tranquil setting, continue your journey back to **Kathmandu**.

Upon arrival in **Kathmandu**, check into your hotel and spend the rest of the evening relaxing or exploring the city at your leisure. You can stroll through **Thamel's lively streets, enjoy local cuisine, or shop for souvenirs** — a wonderful way to wrap up your journey before departure.

Highlights of the Day

- Witness a **spectacular sunrise over the Himalayan range from Nagarkot**
- Visit **Changunarayan Temple**, the oldest temple in the Kathmandu Valley
- Experience **Newari culture and local village life** around Changunarayan
- Enjoy a **scenic drive or short hike through forested hills**
- Return to **Kathmandu for an overnight stay at a comfortable hotel**



Difficulty

Easy



Meals



Max altitude

2175m



Accommodation

Hotel

- **Day 5**

Kathmandu - Chitwan by bus - Overnight at Hotel 5 - 6 hours

Today, you'll begin your journey from **Kathmandu (1,350m)** to **Chitwan (415m)**, traveling by **tourist bus through scenic landscapes and countryside villages**. The drive offers a wonderful change in scenery — from the bustling city to lush green hills, winding rivers, and finally to the **tropical plains of the Terai region**. Along the way, you'll follow the **Trishuli River**, known for its white-water rafting, and pass through charming roadside settlements and farmlands.

After a drive of about **5 to 6 hours**, you'll arrive in **Chitwan National Park**, one of Nepal's most famous wildlife destinations and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Upon arrival, check into your **hotel or jungle resort**, where you'll be welcomed with refreshments and a short briefing about the upcoming jungle activities. The warm lowland climate and relaxed environment make it a perfect place to unwind after your drive.

In the evening, you can **enjoy a leisurely walk around the resort area**, or attend a **cultural Tharu dance performance**, offering an introduction to the local ethnic traditions of Chitwan. The day ends with a delicious dinner at your resort, surrounded by the tranquil sounds of nature.

Highlights of the Day

- Scenic **bus journey from Kathmandu to Chitwan** through hills and river valleys
- Enjoy **views of the Trishuli River and rural countryside** along the route
- Arrival at **Chitwan National Park**, Nepal's premier wildlife reserve
- **Welcome briefing and relaxation** at your hotel or jungle resort
- Evening **Tharu cultural dance and dinner** at the resort



Difficulty

Easy



Max altitude

1350m



Accommodation

Hotel - Resort



Meals

Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner

- **Day 6**

Full day Jungle Excursions & Elephant Safari in Chitwan National Park 6 - 7 hours

Today is a thrilling day dedicated to **wildlife exploration and jungle adventure** in the lush environment of **Chitwan National Park**, one of Asia's most renowned nature reserves. After an early breakfast at your resort, begin the day with a **guided nature walk or canoe ride along the Rapti River**, where you can spot crocodiles, exotic birds, and other aquatic wildlife. The park is home to an incredible diversity of species, including the **Bengal tiger, one-horned rhinoceros, sloth bear, and over 500 bird species**.

The highlight of the day is the **Elephant Safari**, a truly unforgettable experience that allows you to explore the grasslands and dense forests from the back of a trained elephant. This unique vantage point offers a closer and safer view of wildlife in their natural habitat. During the afternoon, you may also visit the **Elephant Breeding Center** or participate in **jeep safaris and village walks**, learning more about the conservation efforts and traditional Tharu community lifestyle.

As the day winds down, enjoy a **sunset view over the Rapti River**, where the sky turns crimson against the backdrop of the jungle. Later, relax at your resort with a delicious dinner and perhaps another **Tharu cultural performance**, celebrating the natural beauty and heritage of Chitwan.

Highlights of the Day

- Early morning **canoe ride or jungle walk** along the Rapti River
- Exciting **Elephant Safari** through grasslands and forest trails
- Spot **wildlife such as rhinos, crocodiles, and colorful birds**
- Visit the **Elephant Breeding Center and Tharu village**
- Enjoy a **sunset view and cultural evening at the resort**

**Difficulty**

Easy

**Meals**

Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner

**Max altitude**

415m

**Accommodation**

Hotel - Resort

- **Day 7**

Chitwan - Pokhara stay - Overnight at Hotel 5 - 6 hours

After breakfast at your resort, you'll depart from **Chitwan (415m)** and begin your scenic journey to **Pokhara (827m)** — one of Nepal's most picturesque and relaxing destinations. The drive takes you through **lush hills, river valleys, and charming countryside towns**, offering glimpses of rural life and landscapes that change from tropical plains to mid-hill greenery. You'll follow the **Trishuli and Seti rivers**, which flow through dramatic gorges, adding beauty to the ride.

The journey takes around **5 to 6 hours**, depending on road conditions and traffic. Upon arrival in **Pokhara**, check into your **hotel or lakeside resort** and relax after the long drive. Pokhara, often called the "**City of Lakes**," is famous for its tranquil setting beside **Phewa Lake**, with a stunning backdrop of the **Annapurna and Machhapuchhre (Fishtail) mountains**.

In the evening, you can enjoy a **leisurely walk around Lakeside**, soak in the calm atmosphere, or dine at one of the many lakeside restaurants. Watching the sunset over Phewa Lake with the reflection of the mountains is the perfect way to end the day before starting your adventure in Pokhara.

Highlights of the Day

- Scenic **drive from Chitwan to Pokhara** through hills and river valleys
- Enjoy views of the **Trishuli and Seti rivers along the journey**
- Arrival in **Pokhara – the City of Lakes and mountain views**

- Relax and **explore the Lakeside area** in the evening
- Overnight stay at a **comfortable hotel or resort in Pokhara**



Difficulty

Easy



Max altitude

827m



Accommodation

Hotel - Resort



Meals

Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner

• Day 8

Chitwan - Back to Kathmandu - Overnight at Hotel 5 - 6 hours

After an early breakfast at your resort in **Chitwan**, you'll start your journey back to **Kathmandu (1,350m)**. The scenic drive takes about **5 to 6 hours**, following the beautiful **Narayani and Trishuli Rivers**. As you leave the subtropical plains of the Terai, the landscape gradually transforms into winding hill roads, terraced farms, and charming mountain villages, giving you a final glimpse of Nepal's rural beauty.

During the drive, you can make short stops for refreshments or photos along the way, enjoying panoramic views of the **green hills, deep valleys, and river gorges**. The route is one of Nepal's most traveled highways and offers a mix of adventure and comfort, connecting the lowlands back to the capital.

Upon arrival in **Kathmandu**, check into your **hotel** and take the rest of the evening to relax or explore the nearby **Thamel area**, known for its lively shops, cafes, and restaurants. It's the perfect time to do some last-minute souvenir shopping or simply unwind after your journey before concluding your trip in Nepal.

Highlights of the Day

- Scenic **drive from Chitwan back to Kathmandu** through lush hills and valleys
- Stunning views of the **Narayani and Trishuli Rivers** along the way

- Experience the **transition from Terai plains to hilly landscapes**
- Short stops for refreshments and photo opportunities
- Relax and **overnight stay at a comfortable hotel in Kathmandu**



Difficulty

Easy



Max altitude

1350m



Accommodation

Hotel



Meals

Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner

• Day 9

Rest and shopping day

After days of travel and adventure, today is set aside as a **rest and leisure day** in **Kathmandu**. You can take this time to relax at your hotel, enjoy a slow breakfast, and recover from your journey. The day is entirely flexible — ideal for unwinding and reflecting on your incredible Himalayan experiences.

For those who love exploring, **Thamel**, **Ason**, and **Durbar Marg** are some of the best areas for **souvenir shopping**. These lively markets are packed with traditional Nepali handicrafts, Pashmina shawls, handmade jewelry, trekking gear, and unique local art. You can also visit quaint coffee shops, rooftop restaurants, or spas for some well-deserved relaxation.

If you wish, optional tours can be arranged to visit remaining cultural landmarks or local markets. As the evening settles, enjoy a farewell dinner in one of Kathmandu's traditional restaurants, accompanied by a Nepali cultural performance — a wonderful way to celebrate the end of your journey in Nepal.

Highlights of the Day

- Relaxing rest day after a long and scenic journey

- Explore **vibrant markets** like Thamel, Ason, and Durbar Marg
- Shop for **souvenirs, handicrafts, and trekking gear**
- Optional short tours or cultural experiences around the valley
- Enjoy a **farewell dinner with cultural performance** in the evening



Difficulty

Easy



Meals

Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner



Max altitude

1350m



Accommodation

Hotel

• Day 10

Departure from Kathmandu to your destination

Your incredible journey in Nepal comes to an end today. After breakfast, depending on your flight schedule, you'll have some free time to relax at your hotel or do a bit of last-minute shopping around **Thamel**. It's the perfect opportunity to pick up any final souvenirs or simply enjoy a quiet coffee before your departure.

Your guide or company representative will transfer you to **Tribhuvan International Airport** for your onward flight. As you drive through the streets of Kathmandu one last time, take a moment to reflect on the breathtaking Himalayan landscapes, cultural heritage, and warm hospitality you've experienced throughout your stay.

Whether you're returning home or continuing your travels elsewhere, Nepal will leave you with unforgettable memories and perhaps even the desire to return for another adventure among its majestic mountains and vibrant traditions.

Highlights of the Day

- Enjoy a relaxed morning before your departure

- Final souvenir shopping or café visits in Thamel
- Private transfer to Tribhuvan International Airport
- Reflect on your memorable journey through Nepal
- Warm farewell and assistance with airport formalities



Difficulty

Easy



Meals

Breakfast

TRIP EXPENSE

TRIP COST INCLUDED

- Airport Pick up and transfers to hotel and briefings with tea and biscuits in Kathmandu.
- All accommodation as BB hotel in Kathmandu, Chitwan and Pokhara.
- Welcome dinner at Nepali cultural restaurant with cultural live show.
- Full board meal such as breakfast, Lunch and dinner during the tour.
- Daily fresh fruit allowance.
- Properly tea and coffee whatever hot drink available.
- Experience professional tour guide.
- All domestic flight tickets.
- Full insurance for staff during the trip.
- All entrance fees during the sightseeing in Katmandu and until finished.
- All transportation with AC deluxe from the starting to ending points of the trip.
- Walky Talky and satellite phone.
- All taxes as necessities by Nepal government.

TRIP COST NOT INCLUDED

- All international flight tickets and Nepal entry visa fees.
- All hard drinks such as : whisky, rum, cola, fanta, etc.
- Personal travel and insurance.
- Any emergency rescue evacuation and extra cost offering from unfavorable circumstance such as weather bad.
- Personal tips for trekking staff.