

11. Nepal Top Destinations Tour - 12 Days

Tour Notes:

Tour Grade:	Easy, Comfortable, Nature Based, Cultural & Entertaining
Duration:	12 Days
Max. Elevation:	1,592m (Sarankot)
Best Time:	Four Seasons
Tour Points:	Kathmandu – Pokhara – Lumbini – Chitwan – Nagarkot – Namo Buddha – Kathmandu
Facilities:	Meal Breakfast Accommodation
Trip Guide & Porter:	Experienced Licensed English Speaking
Group Size:	Min. 2 – Max. 12

Trip Highlights:

- Explore Five UNESCO World Heritage Sites (Cultural, Historical, and Religious)
- Come to know Kathmandu's hustle and bustle life, hospitality, and treasures
- Visit Pokhara – the most beautiful city with a cluster of nine lakes in Nepal
- Witness hypnotic sunrise just above the **Annapurna I** (8,091m) – the tenth highest peak in the world
- Do adventurous activities – Paragliding, Boating, Mountain Flights, and Ultra-light Flights
- Enjoy ethnic culture (Magar and Gurung) in Pokhara
- Visit Lumbini – the birthplace of Lord Buddha and a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Enter into the 2,200 years old Mayadevi Temple, explore over 25 monasteries
- Explore Chitwan National Park – the first National Park in Nepal and the treasure of jungles, wildlife, and vegetation
- Enjoy Jungle safari, jungle walk, canoe ride, jeep drive, and experience of Tharu culture in Chitwan
- Witness astonishing sunrise/sunset views from Nagarkot

- Collect information about typical Nepalese rural lifestyle and farming methods.

Tour Description:

Nepal Top Destination Tour takes their cultural, historical, and religious importance to the major tourist destinations. You visit all seven **UNESCO World Heritage Sites** in a single **Kathmandu Valley** and the next site, **Lumbini** as well. You feel blessed visiting Pashupatinath Temple, Swayambhunath Stupa, Bouddha Stupa, Patan Durbar Square, Bhaktapur Durbar Square, Hanumandhoka Durbar Square, and Changunarayan Temple in Kathmandu Valley. Feel peace of mind after visiting **Lumbini** – the birthplace of Lord Buddha, and enjoy the jungle safari in Chitwan National Park.

When you visit **Pokhara**, you feel happier and more excited. Vivid **Pokhara** city, a cluster of nine lakes, mountain views, and cultural programs, makes you feel fully indulged with the beauty of **Pokhara**. But, most importantly, you get a chance to observe the golden sun rising just above pristine **Annapurna I** (8,091 m) – the tenth highest mountain in the world.

After **Pokhara**, we go to **Lumbini** – the **Buddha's** birthplace and the world's most important spiritual site, which attracts Buddhist pilgrimage from around the globe. **Lumbini** is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. First, enter into the 2,200 years old Mayadevi (the Queen of Shakya King) Temple – the most sacred site in the Lumbini garden where the **Lord Buddha** was born. Then, you can observe Ashok's Pillar and over 25 beautiful monasteries built by various countries.

You also visit **Chitwan National Park** and collect an exciting jungle experience with - jungle safaris, bird watching, canoe rides, and numerous other nature and jungle activities. Imagine the moment being in the region of diverse vegetation, thousands of bird species, wild animals like tigers, leopards, and rhinos; along the marshes and rivers are gharial and marsh mugger crocodiles basking in the sun.

The experiences and memories you collect at **Nagarkot** and **Namo Buddha** are also not less. You visit traditional villages and enjoy dense forests, rivers, natural flora, and fauna as a bonus. Meeting local people, you can feel the warmth of their innocent faces and organic hospitality.

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Itinerary in Detail

Day 01: Arrival Day and Tour Briefing in Kathmandu (1,300m/4,265ft.)

Accommodation:	At a Luxury Hotel/Guesthouse
Meals:	Breakfast

After you land at the Tribhuvan International Airport, our representative will welcome you, drive to our luxury hotel/guesthouse, and assist you in check-in. So, look for someone holding a placard with your name or our company's name – **Lonely Nepal** – waiting for you.

On this day, you simply take a rest at Hotel/Guesthouse overnight and restore your energy to accomplish your upcoming trip.

In the evening, our company arranges a short introduction meeting. After that, you will meet your guide, and our expert will provide you with all the detailed information about the trip.

Day 02: Kathmandu Valley Sightseeing – Full Day

Accommodation:	At a Luxury Hotel/Guesthouse
Activity Duration	Full Day
Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

After breakfast, you start sightseeing tours to the world heritage sites of Kathmandu valley, extending to the three ancient cities of Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, and Patan. These cities house seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites – Bouddhanath Stupa, Pashupatinath Temple, Kathmandu Durbar Square, Swayambhunath Stupa (Monkey Temple), Bhaktapur Durbar Square, Patan Durbar Square, and Chagunarayan Temple.

You visit Pashupatinath Temple (the holiest Hindu Temple on the bank of the sacred Bagmati River), Boudhanath Stupa (the biggest Buddhist Stupa architecture in the world), Bhaktapur Durbar Square, Patan Durbar Square, and Chagunaryan Temple. You also go to Swayambhunath Stupa – the 2,000 years old legendary stupa on the hilltop, also called 'Monkey Temple' with numerous shrines and monasteries on its premises. Finally, we come to Kathmandu Durbar Square; observe Kumari Temple (living goddess temple), Nautale Durbar, the Kaal Bhairav, the Swet Bhairav.

In Kathmandu, observe the hundreds of other exquisite monuments, sculptures, artistic temples, and magnificent art - reminders of the golden era in Nepal's architecture. So, Kathmandu is nicknamed the 'City of Temples'.

Overnight, you stay at a luxurious hotel and enjoy vivid Kathmandu.

Day 03: Travel from Kathmandu to Pokhara (820m/2,690ft) – the most beautiful lake city in Nepal

Accommodation:	At a Luxury Hotel/Guesthouse
Activity Duration:	210 km, 6-7 Hours' Drive (by a Tourist Bus or Private Vehicle)
Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

After enjoying a warm breakfast early in the morning, we start our beautiful journey to **Pokhara** via a luxury tourist bus. On the way, you enjoy the scenic pastoral landscapes, terrace farming, and rows of settlements on both sides of the road. We guarantee that you will be so happy to see distant mountains, close giant hills, rural villages, fast-flowing rivers (Trishuli, Narayani, and Marsyangdi).

Finally, you reach **Pokhara** – the city of lakes, multi-culture, and main tourist hub. We transfer you to the hotel, freshen up and take a rest. You can go for an evening walk around the lakeside city in the evening.

Day 04: Pokhara City Trip – Full Day

Accommodation:	At a Luxury Hotel/Guesthouse
Activity Duration:	Full Day
Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today, taking a warm breakfast in the morning, our city excursion starts in Pokhara – the city of blue lakes (Cluster of 9 Lakes) with greenery, enchanting, fresh water and air, spectacular backdrop of snowy peaks and clean streets, shops, and roads.

As per our schedule, our tour begins visiting David's Fall – a ferocious waterfall that originates from Phewa Lake, follows through rocks, and has created complex caves and tunnels on its path. Next is 'Mahendra Cave,' commonly known as 'Bats Cave.' Also, we go to Phewa Lake and sailboats.

Going uphill, on the top of the southern fringe of Phewa Lake, you reach the World Peace Pagoda. Observe pristine Phewa Lake, greenery surrounding, beautiful Pokhara city, and Annapurna massifs in the distance. It's amazing.

You can Gurung or Magar cultural shows in the evening and enjoy splendid Pokhara city.

Day 05: Drive to Sunrise View at Sarankot (1,592m/5,222ft), and drive to Lumbini (150m/490ft)

Accommodation:	At a Luxury Hotel/Guesthouse
Activity Duration:	8-9 Hours
Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

On this day, after taking an early meal, we drive you to Sarankot before the sun rises. Observe golden sun rising from Annapurna ranges. Beneath, you can see beautiful lakes and Pokhara city. We take lunch here at Sarankot.

Pokhara is also famous for some adventurous activities – sailing boats, paragliding, ultra-light aircraft flights, mountain flights, and so on.

After taking lunch at Sarankot, we returned to our hotel and packed up our luggage. Finally, we drive to Chitwan by a luxury tourist bus or private vehicle. On the way, you enjoy the scenic pastoral landscapes, terrace farming, green rolling hills, fast-flowing rivers, and rows of settlements on both sides of the road.

Completing 6-7 hours of a comfortable journey, we reach Lumbini – the birthplace of Lord Buddha and transfer you to the hotel.

Day 06: Sight Seeing at Lumbini, then drive to Chitwan (100m/330ft)

Accommodation:	At a Luxury Hotel/Guesthouse
Activity Duration:	7-8 Hours
Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today, after a warm breakfast, we start exploring the Lumbini area – the Buddha's birthplace and the world's most important spiritual sites which attract Buddhist pilgrimage from around the globe. Lumbini is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

First of all, we visit the 2,200 years old Mayadevi (the Queen of Shakya King) Temple – the most sacred site in the Lumbini garden where Lord Buddha was born. Then, you can observe Ashok's Pillar and beautiful poplar trees and ponds.

Also, you visit more than 25 beautiful monasteries built by various nations – China, Japan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Germany, France, South Korea, Thailand, and many more. Walk around the garden, contemplate in the quiet place, meet Buddhist monks and nuns, spin prayer wheels, and meditate with the Buddhist Music 'Om Mane Padme Hum.'

After taking lunch at Hotel in Lumbini, we will drive you to Chitwan by a luxury tourist bus or private vehicle. On the way, you enjoy the scenic pastoral landscapes, terrain farming, green rolling hills in the distance, rivers, and rows of settlements on both sides of the road.

After 4-5 hours of a comfortable journey, we reach Chitwan and transfer you to the hotel.

Day 07: Full Day Jungle Safari (Chitwan National Park)

Accommodation:	At a Luxury Hotel/Guesthouse
Activity Duration:	4-5 Hours Drive
Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

This day, we explore Chitwan National Park – the first national park in Nepal. Having tropical and sub-tropical forests, Chitwan National Park is the house for 56 species of mammals that include One-horned rhinoceros, Royal Bengal Tiger, rhesus monkey, langur, deer, leopard, gaur, wild boar, wild dog, and wild cat; 49 species of amphibians and reptiles that include the endangered long-snouted gharial, marsh mugger crocodile and python, and 525 species of birds that include summer migrant birds like paradise flycatcher, Indian pitta and parakeets, etc. during summer, while winter birds include waterfowl, Brahminy ducks, pintails, bar-headed geese, cormorants and migratory birds from Siberia.

After breakfast, we take a canoe ride in Rapti River for about an hour and watch the beautiful flock of birds and Gharials, an endangered species of crocodile. After that, we go to Elephant and Gharial breeding centers. There, you can play with baby elephants.

Alternatively, you can go on Wildlife Safari in a jeep deep into the forest for about 3 hours. Then, you can ride a canoe and witness wildlife by surprise. Along the marshes and rivers, you will see Gharials and crocodiles basking in the sun. Do not get out from the jeep and go close to them.

Also, we take you to Tharu village – a local Terai ethnic community in Nepal. They welcome you inside their traditional mud houses and offer you their typical cultural food, soothing folk songs, and dances. Again, you will feel that you have come to a different world.

Day 08: Bird Watching in Chitwan (100m/330ft), then Drive Kathmandu (1,300m/4,265ft)

Accommodation:	At a Luxury Hotel/Guesthouse
Activity Duration:	4-5 Hours Drive
Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Chitwan literally means "the heart of jungles" in Nepal. Early in the morning, we set out for bird watching. Chitwan National Park is the home for 525 species of birds that include summer migrant birds like paradise flycatcher, Indian pitta and parakeets, etc., during summer, while winter birds include waterfowl, Brahminy ducks, pintails, bar-headed geese, cormorants, and migratory birds from Siberia. We will see most of them with our unaided eyes or zoom in on them during our visit. Chitwan National Park offers an ecstasy for bird watchers.

Then, we return to our hotel and take lunch. After taking a rest for some time, we retrace back to Kathmandu. Finally, after 6-7 hours of a comfortable journey, we reach Kathmandu and transfer you to the hotel. You can take a rest or explore the streets and markets in Kathmandu. Even you can enjoy various cuisines at different restaurants in Thamel – Nepal's No. 1 tourist city.

Day 09: Drive to Nagarkot (2,175m/7,135ft) via Kathmandu (1,300m/4,265ft)

Accommodation:	At a Luxury Hotel/Guesthouse
Activity Duration:	6-7 Hours
Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

We take a warm breakfast at Bandipur early in the morning and drive to Kathmandu in a luxury tourist bus or private vehicle. On the way, you enjoy the scenic pastoral landscapes, terrace

farming, green rolling hills, fast-flowing rivers, and rows of settlements on both sides of the road.

After 4-5 hours of a comfortable journey, we reach Kathmandu. Again, we continue our drive to Nagarkot before sunset.

We enjoy the sunset view over spectacular mountain ranges, including Mt. Everest. And stay at Nagarkot overnight.

Day 10: Nagarkot (2,175m/7,315ft) – Changuunayaran – Drive to Namo Buddha (1,810m/5,930ft)

Accommodation:	At a Luxury Hotel/Guesthouse
Activity Duration	3-4 Hours
Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Early in the morning at Nagarkot, we enjoy an astonishing sunrise view – a golden ball coming out from the spectacular snow-capped mountain ranges. Then, we take breakfast and start trekking to Changuarayan Temple - a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the oldest temples in Nepal. On the way, we witness the spectacular views of the mountains, greeneries, and landscapes.

After exploring this holiest temple's arts, culture, and surroundings, we drive you back to Kathmandu.

Overnight, you stay at a luxurious hotel in Kathmandu.

Day 11: Explore Namo Buddha (1,810m/5,930ft) – Panauti (1620m/5,314ft) – Drive to Kathmandu (1,300m/4,265ft)

Accommodation:	At a Luxury Hotel/Guesthouse
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Activity Duration	3-4 Hours
Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

We explore Namu Buddha Monastery and its surroundings. You enter into sacred monasteries – Namu Buddha Monastery with religious and mythical importance during your visit. You can meet Buddhists devotees, monks, and nuns. In addition, you witness the sparkling views of the mountains – Ganesh Himal, Langtang Himal, Manaslu, and Mt. Everest (Eastern region).

From Namu Buddha, you trek to Panauti – one of the Kathmandu valley's oldest and most historic villages. Observe typical Newari culture and tradition, custom, tradition, and wooden craft. Even you see traditional farming, walk on the rural trails and explore the myths, history, and culture associated with Namu Buddha and Panauti village.

Day 12: Farewell/Departure Day:

Meals:	Breakfast,
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We offer you a delicate breakfast and transfer to the Tribhuvan International airport via our private transportation. Finally, we bid you a happy 'Goodbye' and wish you a safe flight.

Cost Includes:

- All airport/hotel transfers
- Boutique Hotel in Kathmandu with breakfast for three nights
- Professional govt. registered tour guide
- All ground transport Kathmandu-Pokhara-Kathmandu by private car with a driver
- Kathmandu city tour by English speaking tour guide
- Driver meals, accommodation, and salary during the tour
- Vehicle, driver, passenger insurance
- Fuel
- Highway taxes
- Pokhara city tour as per itinerary
- Sarankot Sunrise Tour

Cost Excludes:

- Lunch and Dinner in Kathmandu/Pokhara | Lumbini
- Monument fees in Kathmandu | Pokhara | Lumbini
- Guide and driver tipping