

Potential Side Trips

Option 1:

Chisapani-Nagarkot-Changunarayan Hike

Number of Days: 4 days

Trip Cost per-person: USD 390 (Includes tour guide, breakfast, lunch and dinner, necessary permits, transportation)

We can also make it one day, two days or four days trip depending on your available time.

Day/Place	Activity
Day 1/ Kathmandu- Sundarijal to Chisapani 	<p>Chisapani Height: 2,215m Highlights: Hike through Shivapuri National Park sub-tropical forest. Views of Langtang Himal, Ganesh Himal, Jugal Himal and Gaurishankar Himal ranges Hike Duration: 4 to 5 hours</p> <p>Chisapani is a small settlement of Brahmin, Gurung and Sherpa with fantastic views and good hiking around it. After about an hour drive from Kathmandu to Sundarijal, the hike starts from Sundarijal, passes the main water source for Kathmandu and goes on through Shivapuri National Park until you reach Chisapani village. You will stay at a teahouse (basic hotel) in Chisapani.</p>
Day 2/ Chisapani to Nagarkot 	<p>Nagarkot Height: 2175 Highlights: Panoramic views of the Himalayas- five of the fourteen tallest mountains in the world, including Mt. Everest (8848 m.) (only on very clear day you can see Mr. Everest). Other mountains are Lhotse (8516 m.), Cho Oyu (8201 m.), Makalu (8463 m.) and Manaslu (8163 m.) and many other lesser summits. Hike Duration: 6-7 Hours</p> <p>After breakfast, we proceed to flat trails for about 3 hours. The trail descends almost two hours then we will reach small village called Chowki Bhanjyang where we will have our lunch. Beyond Chowki Bhabjyang, the trail is flat for almost one and half hours then 30 minutes ascend to arrive at the beautiful Hill station called Nagarkot. The view of the peaks looks gorgeous during Sunrise and Sunset. Stay overnight at a Hotel in Nagarkot.</p>
Day 3/ Nagarkot to Dhulikhel	<p>Nagarkot to Dhulikhel</p> <p>Heights: 1505 Highlights: Mountain view, rural life Hike Duration: 5-6 hours</p>



Early sunrise view at Nagarkot is the most fascinating and mesmerizing view. Dhulikhel is your next destination. Treading along the unexplored trails of Dhulikhel can be very exhilarating and enriching experience, overnight in Hotel.

Or

If you want to end the trip in 3 days you will do following

Nagarkot to Changunarayan to Kathmandu

The trail from Nagarkot to Changunarayan descends through terraced fields, through a Tamang village and on along a ridge of deciduous forest. From Nagarkot to the temple at Changunarayan it takes about 4 hours. This temple is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which has been resorted after being damaged in the 2015 earthquakes. There is also a very interesting museum at the temple which has been lovingly cared for over the years.

From Changunarayan there will be a vehicle to Kathmandu.



Day 4/ Dhulikhel to Namobuddha to Balthali to Kathmandu



Dhulikhel to Namobuddha to Panauti

Height: 1750

Highlight: Buddhist stupa visit, good view of Panauti valley and terraces.

Hike Duration: 5-6 hours

After breakfast Dhulikhel to Namobuddha hiking is one of the best hiking in terms of Mountain View and religious way. After breakfast take a drive up to **Dhullikhel** and start a hiking up to Namobuddha. It is situated on a hill above Panauti, the terraced farmlands, superb Mountain View, visit to beautiful Buddhist Stupa of Namobuddha and the serene temples in Panauti are the main height lights of this hiking. There is an amazing legend related to the Buddha, which is commemorated, by an **ancient stone slab and a stupa with the all-seeing eyes of Lord Buddha**. Panauti standing in a peaceful valley roughly 8 Km south of Banepa, This Town is relatively untouched but where festivals preserving tradition of the indigenous Newars are held. drive back kathmandu

OPTION-2

Best of Kathmandu Valley-City Tour

Number of Days: 2

Highlights: UNESCO World Heritage Sites (Bhaktapur, Pashupatinath, Bouddha, Soyembhunath and Kirtipur)

Price per person for two days: 140 (Per day USD 75)

Includes (Lunch and Dinner, transportation in Private vehicle, tour guide, all permits and Entrances)

DAY	Activity
Day 1/ Bhaktapur 	Bhaktapur After breakfast, we begin our sightseeing tour by visiting UNESCO World Heritage Sites within Kathmandu. We will start with Bhaktapur. Filled with monuments, most terra-cotta with carved wood columns, and palaces and temples, Bhaktapur is Located about 20 km east of Kathmandu in the Kathmandu Valley, Bhaktapur is known as the 'City of Devotees', the 'City of Culture', the 'Living Heritage', and 'Nepal's Cultural Gem'. It is one of the 3 royal cities in the Kathmandu Valley. We will have lunch there and drive to Pashupatinath Temple.
Pashupatinath   PASHUPATINATH →	Dedicated to Lord Shiva, Pashupatinath is one of the four most important religious sites in Asia for devotees of Shiva. Pashupatinath is more than just a religious destination. It is a combination of religion, art, and culture. It offers peace and devotion. The temple, spread across 246 hectors wide, is abundant with temples and monuments. Hundreds of rituals are performed here every day. The temple premises is an open museum. The largest temple complex in Nepal, it stretches on both sides of the Bagmati River which is considered holy by Hindus. Cremation of Hindus take place on raised platforms along the river. One of the largest Buddhist stupas in the world, Boudhanath is a major pilgrimage point near Kathmandu. After visiting Pashupatinath we will drive to Bouddha, another UNESCO World heritage site. The first stupa at Boudhanath was built sometime after AD 600, when the Tibetan king, Songtsen Gampo, converted to Buddhism. In terms of grace and purity of line, no other stupa in Nepal comes close to Boudhanath. From its whitewashed dome to its gilded tower painted with the all-seeing eyes of the Buddha, the monument is perfectly proportioned. Join the Tibetan pilgrims on their morning and evening koras (circumambulations) for the best atmosphere. We will have dinner in Bouddha and return to hotel.
Bouddhanath 	

Day 2
Aasan/Indrachowk



After our breakfast we will drive to Jamal and we will walk towards Aasan and IndraChowk. This tour allows you to experience the hustle and bustle of the ancient streets of the Asan Tole and Indra Chowk Bazaars whilst learning about its history and the culture of Nepali people. We visit market stalls, temple shrines and hidden courtyards. You can sample the local fare, try your hand at bartering with the locals or just soak in the atmosphere and capture photos of a truly magical part of Kathmandu.



Swayambhunath



Also known as the "Monkey Temple" among visitors from abroad, Swayambhunath sits atop its hill, overlooking most parts of the valley. This is a good place to catch panoramic views of the city. The site itself has stood as a hallmark of faith and harmony for centuries. The glory of Kathmandu Valley is said to have started from this point.

Drive to Kirtipur

Lunch in Kirtipur

Kirtipur



Kirtipur is situated on a ridge 8 km southwest of Kathmandu. The ancient Newar township - with its brick-paved streets lined with typical red brick houses and tiled roofs, and temple squares - is a natural fortress. Visit Kirtipur for authentic experience of the Newari culture, the indigenous culture of the Kathmandu Valley. Walk along its narrow lanes to observe the life of the people who have lived for many generations per age-old traditions and beliefs. Try some Newari food. Enjoy. It's off the beaten path yet just a stones throw away from the hubub of Kathmandu

We will have lunch in a traditional Newari restaurant run by women. After we visit kirtipur we will drive back (40 min) to our hotel in Kathmandu.

OPTION-3

Mardi Himal Trek (Starts from Pokhara)

Duration: 4 days

Price per person: USD 400 (Pickup and transfer, all meals and accommodation (tea house), necessary permits, guide and porter)

Minimum pax: 2

Maximum Altitude: 4500 meter from sea level

Situated just east of one of the most popular treks of Nepal, the Annapurna Base Camp trek, the Mardi Himal trek is a hidden gem. Few trekkers make their way to the Mardi Himal Base Camp spectacularly situated at the base of Mardi Himal and the impressive Machapuchhre. The trail goes along small winding paths, through magical rhododendron forests until you climb out of the forest at an elevation around 3,300 m. The landscape changes quite abruptly into a rugged high mountain landscape, with amazing views of Mardi Himal, Machapuchhre, Annapurna South and Hiunchuli.

From High Camp (3580 m; some maps incorrectly mention 3900 m) you can climb up to Mardi Himal Base Camp in about 3-4 hours, which offers spectacular close up views of the entire Annapurna Range.

There are simple guesthouses and homestays along the entire route. If you plan to do this trek in the winter months please check with a local tour operator if the lodges are open.

Day 1 Drive to Dhampus from Pokhara (1.5 hrs) and hike to Forest Camp (2550 m) 6-7hrs

Day 2 Forest Camp (2550 m) - High Camp (3580 m) 6-7 hrs

Day 3 Hike to Mardi Himal Base Camp (4500 m) and return to High Camp (3580 m) 6-7 hrs

Day 4 High Camp (3580 m) - Sidhing (1850 m) 6 hrs and drive to Pokhara by Jeep (2.5 hrs)



OPTION-3

ROYAL TREK (Starts from Pokhara)

Price Per person: USD 340 (Includes: all meals, transportation, accommodation (tea house, homestay, Hotel), tour guide, necessary permits)

Minimum pax: 2

Royal Trek in Nepal is one of the finest short village and shrub walk which starts from Bijayapur near Pokhara. The trail follows the foothill of Kalikasthan, Shaklung, Chisopani. The beautiful trip is labeled 'Royal Trek' after Prince Charles from England and his 90 person associates had trekked this small trekking route in the 1980s. Since then it has become popular because of the ease with which it can be completed in three days. However, there is no compromise on views. During the trip, you can enjoy dramatic views of whole Annapurna range, Machhapuchhre, Lamjung Himal and Manaslu Himal which is just breathe taking. And it is a unique experience walking through the cultural Nepal cultural villages, terraced fields and beautiful flora and fauna.

And this Nepal Royal Trek is basically suggested for beginners or those who have very limited time and would like to enjoy village tour on foot and want to have an opportunity to experience the unforgettable trekking holidays in the Himalaya. This Royal trek presents a true picture of exclusivity and satisfying you the chance to capture traditional lifestyles of the tribes whose ancient religious practices and traditions have not changed for many years. The trip finally ends at the beautiful Begnas Lake. There you can enjoy boating and fishing.

Day 01: Morning or afternoon, drive from Pokhara to Arghaun village (20 minutes). Trek to Thulokote (1,400m) 3 hrs. walk. The route follows very gentle ascend following villager trail which used by them for long time.

Day 02: Trek from Thulokote to Lipeni (1,540m) 6 hrs walk. It will be more interesting hill side hiking and trekkers can glimpse beautiful mountains.

Day 03: Trek from Lipeni to Chisapani (1,520m) 5 hrs walk. This is another best hiking days passing through small ridges and natural wild side with the spectacular views. Chisapani is the best spot for the mountain views and photographic site.

Day 04: Walk down to Begnas Lake (890m) along a small ridge that separates the Rupa and Begnas lakes. 4 hrs. walk. Drive to Pokhara.



OPTION-4

Chitwan National Park

Number of days: 4 days

Price per person: USD 310

Includes: Transportation in private vehicle, National park permit, activities mentioned in itinerary, Two meals includes every day, tour guide, accommodation in non-star hotel.

Minimum Pax: 3

While Nepal is known as a country of hills and mountains, many visitors are pleasantly surprised by the beauty of the Terai, the lowlands bordering India. The Chitwan National Park is a jewel on the Terai. It has run a very successful one-horned rhinoceros breeding program, and visitors on safari are almost guaranteed to spot one of the spectacular animals, as well as other wildlife.

Itinerary

Day 1: Travel to Chitwan from Kathmandu (6-7 hours): You will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to the tourist bus park at 6am via private vehicle. Then you will take a 5-6 hour scenic drive to Chitwan, Sauraha, along the banks of the Trishuli and Narayani rivers. After your arrival you will be transferred to hotel in Sauraha (Chitwan National Park). After a short rest you will have a village tour in the Tharu community where you will learn about their lifestyle and culture. Then, visit the National Park Visitor's Center where you can learn more about the history of the National Park and its wildlife. Around 7pm you will have the choice of a Tharu cultural dance presentation by the local villagers. The day will conclude with a dinner around 8pm.

Day 2: Jungle Safari: There will be a wake-up call followed by morning tea at 6am, then a buffet breakfast will be served at 6:30 am. At 7 am you will proceed to go bird watching and canoe riding along the Rapti river. Here you will observe two rare species of crocodiles - the Marsh Muggier and Gharial. On the way back, you will walk through jungle where you can witness species of flora and fauna. Buffet lunch will be served at 1pm. At 3pm, continue on a jeep safari which will provide you with an excellent opportunity to see four different kinds of deer, rhinoceroses, wild boars, monkeys, leopards, sloths and even Bengal tigers (very rare chance to sight). You will also catch sights of many other smaller mammals that have made the Chitwan National Park their natural habitat. You will visit the Tharu Cultural Museum. The day will be over with buffet dinner served at 8 pm.

Day 3: A day with the elephants: Get up early this morning and follow the elephants into the grasslands beside the river, where the mahouts cut and collect the grass for the elephants to eat during the day. While watching the beautiful sight of the elephants grazing in the morning mist, enjoy a steaming cup of traditional Nepali tea. You can even have a go at cutting and binding the grass yourself--it's harder than the mahouts make it look! Return to the Elephant Camp after breakfast, where you will sleep tonight. Spend the rest of the morning with the mahouts, learning how to take care of the elephants. Lunch will be ready around noon, and you might wish to relax.

Day 4: Travel Back to Kathmandu and dinner at Nepali Traditional Restaurant



Other Adventure activities:

1. Scenic Flight to Mt. Everest- in Kathmandu: USD 198 Per person
2. Paragliding in Pokhara: USD 90 Per person (might vary the price depending on season)