

# TOUCHING THE SKY

09 Nights/ 10 Days

Kathmandu-3, Chitwan-2, Pokhara-3, Nagarkot-1

## Day 01

### Kathmandu



Meeting at airport upon arrival by Nebuti Personnel. Kathmandu is the capital of Nepal and the Kathmandu Valley is the political and cultural heart of the Kingdom. After arrival you will be transferred to the hotel.

## Day 02

### Kathmandu



**Pashupatinath**, Your guided tour will take you for a visit of the Hindu culture in Nepal, **Pashupatinath**. This is the place where holy siddhus pray and cremations on the Bagmati River are carried out. While you are not allowed into the temple if you are not a Hindu, the grounds surrounding the temple usually have a fascinating crowd of the faithful.

**Boudhanath** the second largest stupa in the world and the largest in Nepal, is also called the Peace Stupa. With its large stupa, this is the place where all devout Buddhists come for a pilgrimage. It is not unusual to see very old devotees circumnavigate the shrine hundreds of times falling to their knees and rising again for a few steps only to go back down again to their knees. The eyes of Buddha in the 4 sides of the stupadenote the wisdom of Lord Buddha which is to be flourished in all the 4 directions.

**Bhaktapur Durbar Square** Bhaktapur, 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. Bhaktapur is filled with monuments, most terra-cotta with carved wood columns, palaces and temples with elaborate carvings, gilded roofs, open courtyards. The city is dotted with pagodas and religious shrines. Lying

along the ancient trade route between India and Tibet, Bhaktapur is surrounded by mountains and provides a magnificent view of the Himalayas.

### Day 03

#### Kathmandu



Sightseeing to City / Kathmandu Durbar Square, Swayambhunath & Patan Durbar Square

#### City / Kathmandu Durbar Square

Kathmandu's Durbar Square, which is one of three durbar (royal palace) squares in the Kathmandu Valley. It is the site of the Hanuman Dhoka Palace Complex, which was the Royal Nepalese residence until the 19th century and where important ceremonies, such as the coronation of the Nepalese monarch, still take place today. You will then visit one of the most curious attractions in Nepal, the Kumari Chowk. This gilded cage contains the Raj Kumari, a young girl chosen through an ancient and mystical selection process to become the human incarnation of the Hindu mother goddess, Durga. She is worshipped during religious festivals and makes public appearances at other times for a fee paid to her guards.

#### Swayambhunath

Swayambhunath, the golden spire of the 5th-century Swayambhu stupa is adorned with a colorful fluttering of prayer flags; it crowns a hill overlooking the Kathmandu Valley and offers fantastic views over the city of Kathmandu. Swayambhunath is one of the most recognizable symbols in Nepal and the painted eyes of Buddha watch all who ascend the worn stone steps.

#### Patan Durbar Square

**Patan**, also known as **Lalitpur**, the city of beauty is separated from Kathmandu only by the Bagmati River and is the second largest town in the valley. Lalitpur is fragmented from other cities due to its substantive architectural ancient masterpieces. Patan's central Durbar Square is absolutely packed with temples: It's an architectural center point with a far greater concentration of temples per sq. meter than in Kathmandu or Bhaktapur. Known as the "City of Fine Arts" Patan is famous for the wonderful architecture visible in the Krishna Madir and other monumental sites. Patan is one of the oldest cities of Nepal too.

### Day 04

#### Kathmandu >> Chitwan



Drive to Chitwan. Chitwan is 180 Km from Kathmandu & is a 05 hours drive from Kathmandu. Chitwan is one of Asia's premier wildlife reserves. Its 360 square miles of tall grasslands and forests are home to a wide variety of mammals and birds, including several endangered species. Overnight at hotel.

### **Day 05** **Chitwan**



Enjoy Jungle observation at Chitwan National park. The highlight being the Elephant Safari in the jungles. Other activities are Canoeing, Dugout canoe, Nature Walk and Bird Watching. Also experience walking through the forests with naturalists and watch the Native folk dances of the Terai. Overnight at hotel.

### **Day 06** **Chitwan >> Pokhara**



Drive to Pokhara. Pokhara is 180 Km & is a 04 hours drive from Chitwan. From Pokhara town (2,352 feet) the 25,000+ peaks of the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri ranges rise a scant 20 miles away with no intervening ridges to spoil the view. Overnight at hotel.

## Day 07 Pokhara



This morning you will go for an excursion trip to **Sarangkot**. The village of Sarangkot (1590 m) is situated on the top of a hillock just north of Phewa Lake. One gets to see beautiful views of sunrise and sunset from Sarangkot as the sun splashes hues of red on the Himalayan range. On a clear day, the panoramic ranges of Annapurna, Dhaulagiri, Machhapuchhre and Ganesh Himal can be observed from here.

This afternoon you will visit **Bindebasini Temple**. This is one of the oldest temples in Pokhara was a part of Kaski Kingdom, the main deity of the temple, Goddess Durga, was brought from India. Apart from the peace and tranquility that can be felt in this region, the premises of the temple offers a good view of the Himalaya on a clear day. The temple is in the area of the bazaar, hence, a journey of the old bazaar can be combined with a visit to the temple. Sightseeing to **Devi's fall**, also known as Patale Chango is an awesome waterfall lying 2 km southwest of Pokhara. During summer and rainy season, the waterfall takes its real form, with gushing water splashing and making its way through the rocks. Just opposite of Devi's fall, on the other side of the road, there is **Gupteshwor Cave**. This cave is popular for the different natural forms made from limestone deposits. Photography is strictly prohibited inside the cave. Overnight at hotel.

## Day 08 Pokhara



Trek Begnas – Kalikasthan An interesting and exciting **mountain trek** in the mountains overlooking the Pokhara Valley. You will first be taken to the **Begnas Lake** (18 kms/ 45 mins) – the place from where we will start the *trek for the more hardy and adventurous* – the first stage of this trek involves climbing the mountain till **Ban Pokari** (about 60 mins). From Ban Pokari, trek further to the **Shree Indrani Primary School at Lamaswara** (30 mins) – this being an easy trek through a little settlement (this is the mildest trek option on offer).

Here, we will have the option to either continue trekking till **Kalikhasthan**, right up in the mountains (1½ hrs – *for the hardy trekkers*) or trek back to the waiting car at Ban Pokari (30 mins – *for the mild trekkers*) and then drive up to Kalikhasthan (14 kms / 40 mins). *{The medium trekkers could just do the segment from Ban Pokari till the base of Kalikhasthan}*.

Finally, arrive at Kalikhasthan and then climb the final 15 mins from where we get an absolutely breathtaking view of the **Himalayas**.

### Day 09

**Pokhara >> Kathmandu >> Nagarkot**



Drive back to Kathmandu and then continue drive to **Nagarkot**. Nagarkot is situated 32 kilometers, 1.5 hrs drive east of Kathmandu at an altitude of 2,175 meters. The panoramic view of the major peaks including Mt. Everest can be seen from here. This place is also famous for viewing sunrise

### Day 10

**Nagarkot >> Airport**



Drive straight to the international airport which is 1.5 hours drive approx from Nagarkot to board flight for onward journey