

# TRACKS SAFARIS

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### A JOURNEY TO NEPAL



**Kathmandu - Dhulikhel – Kathmandu – Koshi Tappu – Kathmandu – Chitwan -  
Pokhara – Kathmandu**

- Day 1 Travel to Kathmandu
- Day 2 Arrive at Kathmandu. Drive to Dhulikhel
- Day 3 Morning sightseeing walks in Dhulikhel
- Day 4 Morning you will be driven back to Kathmandu via Bhaktapur
- Day 5 This morning you will fly to Biratnagar and then be driven to Koshi Tappu. Afternoon walking safari at Koshi Tappu.
- Day 6 Morning and afternoon hikes, canoe rides, and jeep safaris at Koshi Tappu
- Day 7 Morning birding walk at Koshi Tappu. Afternoon fly back to Kathmandu via Biratnagar
- Day 8 Morning fly to Chitwan. Afternoon jeep safari at Chitwan
- Day 9 Morning and afternoon jeep elephant and walking safaris to Chitwan National Park

- **Day 10** Morning and afternoon jeep, elephant and walking safaris to Chitwan National Park
- **Day 11** Morning – fly to Pokhara. Afternoon at leisure
- **Day 12** Morning and afternoon – village walks and forest hikes
- **Day 13** Morning – fly to Kathmandu and then fly back home from Kathmandu international airport

Ever since Nepal opened its borders to outsiders in the 1950s, this tiny mountain nation has had an irresistible mystical allure for travellers. Today trekkers are drawn to the Himalaya's most iconic and accessible hiking - some of the world's best - with rugged trails to Everest, the Annapurnas and beyond. Nepal is nirvana for mountain lovers and other travellers are drawn here by the incredible culture, lush forests and the endless adventure. Nepal offers soft adventure and easy wilderness tours with wonderful opportunities for both culture and nature seekers to indulge and enjoy the pristine Himalayan experience.

**Day 1** Depart the UK to Kathmandu arriving early next morning

**Day 2** Arrive Kathmandu and be driven to Dhulikhel

Arrive into Kathmandu. On exiting the baggage reclaim you will be met by a representative and transferred in an air conditioned vehicle to your hotel in Dhulikhel, The Dhulikhel Lodge (40 minutes' drive from the airport). Enroute – enjoy a sightseeing tour of Kathmandu.

**Overnight - The Dhulikhel Lodge, Dhulikhel – Dinner only**



**The Himalayas**

**Day 3** Dhulikhel

Dhulikhel offers a wealth of opportunities for exploration. Roam the shops in the village, enjoy guided hikes of various lengths and difficulty, or just relax on the patio and enjoy the splendid view. There are sacred Hindu temples, an active Tibetan Buddhist Monastery, a venerated holy location where the Buddha offered his flesh to a starving tiger, and many scenic view points within a morning's walk of your lodging. Local people are very friendly and likely to invite you in to see their homes, school, or shops.

**Overnight - The Dhulikhel Lodge, Dhulikhel – Dinner only**



**Patan museum**

#### **Day 4 Dhulikhel to Kathmandu via Bhaktapur**

This morning you will be driven to Bhaktapur for a guided tour of the ancient city and its ruins. Later you will be driven further to Kathmandu. On arrival, check in to the beautiful Dwarika's hotel. After lunch, you will meet your guide for a half day tour of Kathmandu including the Pashupatinath Temple and the Patan Darbar Square. Evening is at leisure.

**Overnight – Dwarikas, Breakfast only.**

#### **Day 5 Kathmandu to Koshi Tappu**

Today morning you will fly to Biratnagar. On arrival – meet your driver and be driven to Koshi Tappu (2 hours' drive). On arrival at Koshi Tappu – check in to the tented camps at the Koshi Tappu Camp. Later in the day – enjoy a guided birdwalk in the near and surrounds.

**Overnight – Koshi Camp, Koshi Tappu Reserve – All meals included**

#### **Day 6 Koshi Tappu Reserve**

Early in the morning, enjoy a guided birdwalk – main birds include the Ferruginous Duck, Garganey, Cotton Pygmy Goose, Spiny Babbler, Brown Hawk Owl, Brown Fish Owl, Lesser Adjutant and many other birds. There are a few rare Fishing Cat in this area – so one will need to keep a lookout for the same. After a few hours of birding, the camp jeep will drive you back for lunch. Later you may be driven to the Koshi barrage to look for Fresh Water Dolphin and a no of other waders and waterfowl.

**Overnight – Koshi Camp, Koshi Tappu Reserve - All meals included**

#### **Day 7 Koshi Tappu to Kathmandu**

After a morning birdwalk – you will be driven to Biratnagar to fly to Kathmandu. The flight offers spectacular views of the Himalayan range. On arrival at Kathmandu you will be met and driven to your hotel Dwarika's for overnight stay with an afternoon at leisure. If you wish a short drive to the markets of Kathmandu can be organised for you.

**Overnight – Dwarikas, Breakfast only.**





**Chitwan Jeep Safari**



**Chitwan - Indian Rhinoceros**

### **Day 8 Kathmandu to Chitwan National Park**

This morning you will be driven to Chitwan (6 hours' drive with stops). The journey from Kathmandu to Chitwan follows the fast flowing Trisuli River, a fairly reliable site for Ibisbills. Other birds that one might see here include White-capped Water Redstart, Brown Dipper and with some luck Wallcreeper. You will possibly arrive at the Royal Chitwan National Park by mid-afternoon where you will transfer to the comfortable Machan Paradise View Lodge. The park comprises 932sq km of Sal and riverine jungle, a magnificent environment with a greater variety of wildlife than any other area of Nepal. Over 500 species of birds have been recorded here and you can hope to see at least 200 species over a three-four nights stay in Chitwan. The mammals and reptiles count is impressive too - including Indian Rhinoceros, Wild Boar, Sambar, Indian Muntjac, Spotted and Hog Deer, Rhesus Macaque and Nepal Grey Langur and possibly Marsh Mugger and the fish-eating Gharial Crocodiles. Cats like the Jungle Cat, Tiger and Leopard are all present but are very elusive and rarely sighted. Time permitting – enjoy an afternoon jeep safari to the Chitwan National Park.

**Overnight – Machan Paradise View Lodge – All meals included.**

### **Day 9 Chitwan National Park**

Early morning – enjoy an elephant safari to explore the park. Later in the day explore the rivers and the surrounding areas and enjoy jeep safaris to go further looking for mammals. The main mammals here include the Indian Rhinoceros, Asiatic Wild Buffalo, Indian Gaur, Nepal Gray Langur, Hog Deer, Swamp Deer and Sambar. There might be sighting of Jungle Cat, Leopard or Tiger as well – but they are elusive and rare. Birds include Green Billed Malkoha, Spangled Drongo, Spiny Babbler, Grey Capped Pygmy Woodpecker, Himalayan Flameback, Red Headed Trogon, White-browed Scimitar Babbler, Lesser and Greater Yellownapes and many more birds. With some luck one might see the Bengal Florican too.

**Overnight – Machan Paradise View Lodge - All meals included.**



**Ibisbill**



**Swamp Deer**

### **Day 10 Chitwan National Park**

Early morning – enjoy an elephant safari to explore the park. Later in the day explore the rivers and the surrounding areas and enjoy jeep safaris to go further looking for mammals. Today you will be exploring an area of the park that you did not go to the day before.

**Overnight – Machan Paradise View Lodge - All meals included**

### **Day 11 Chitwan to Pokhara**

Today, after breakfast, you will be driven to the airport to fly to Pokhara. On arrival, meet your driver and be driven to the Tiger Mountain Pokhara Lodge. The rest of the day is at leisure. This boutique lodge is just half an hour's drive from Pokhara in western Nepal. Situated on a spectacular hilltop ridge a thousand feet (305m) above the Pokhara Valley, it has panoramic mountain views of Machhapuchhare, and three of the world's 8,000m (over 26,000ft) Himalayan peaks, Dhaulagiri, Annapurna and Manaslu. If you wish an afternoon hike to the nearby areas can be organized.

**Overnight – Tiger Mountain Pokhara Lodge, Pokhara – All meals included.**

### **Day 12 Pokhara**

After breakfast, choose from a number of optional walking tours – long hikes to the nearby Gurung village or shorter outings to the Begnas Lake can be arranged. You can also go for a birding walk in the nearby forests. After lunch enjoy a sightseeing tour of Pokhara. Evening is at leisure.

**Overnight – Tiger Mountain Pokhara Lodge, Pokhara – All meals included.**



**Nepal is famous for three mountains of which one is the Fishtail or Machhapuchhare**

### **Day 13 Pokhara to Kathmandu and fly back home.**

After breakfast, fly back to Kathmandu and then fly back home.

### **PRICE INCLUSIONS:**

- Accommodation for 11 nights on Twin share basis and meals as specified in the itinerary
- Transportation by Toyota Innova's - mineral water will be provided in the car for sightseeing and long drives – In Nepal a Toyota Prado or a similar vehicle will be used.
- Porterage fee at the hotel/airports only
- Local English speaking guide and entrance fees to (single entry) to any monument in the program.



- All entrance fees at the national parks and walking safari fees, elephant ride fees etc.
- Air fare from Kathmandu to Biratnagar and back & from Pokhara and back in economy class.

**PRICE EXCLUSIONS:**

- International, visa fees, airport tax or any kind of insurance cover
- Drinks and other meals than those mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips or gratuities • Any car arrangements on free days
- Still and video camera fee at monuments and game parks
- Items of personal nature like drinks, laundry, telephone calls, tips, camera fees, etc



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