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Overview

Join Palace Tours on this 5-day journey to Kathmandu to discover its numerous temples and monuments and fly to Chitwan National Park for unforgettable jungle adventures and wildlife viewing opportunities.

Beautiful mountains, hills, valleys and plains dominate the geography of landlocked Nepal that extends from the Himalayan range in the north to the Indo-Gangetic lowlands in the south. Mt. Everest, the highest point of the Himalayas, is in Nepal. The country is well endowed with perennial rivers and glacial lakes that originate in the Himalayas. The variety in Nepal's topography provides a home to wildlife such as tigers, rhinos, monkeys, bears, yaks, leopards and many different species of insects and birds. Nepal is home to almost 10 percent of the world's bird species, 500 of which can be found in the Kathmandu Valley.

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

ARRIVE IN NEPAL FOR A KATHMANDU CITY TOUR

Upon arrival in Kathmandu International Airport, you are met and greeted by our representative who offers you a welcome gift of a "Khada," a religious silk scarf, and transfers you to your hotel.

Depart for a sightseeing tour of Kathmandu, the "City of Glory". Visit Durbar (palace) Square, the epicenter of religious and cultural life, an area filled with old temples and historical significance. Some of the sights you may see include Kal Bhairav, Hanuman Dhoka, Taleju Temple, Kasthamandap and Kumari Ghar; home to the Living Goddess. Afterwards, visit Swoyambhunath Stupa, said to be one of the oldest Buddhist stupas in the world, which is majestically set high on a hill overlooking Kathmandu Valley. Stay overnight at your hotel in Kathmandu.

DAY 2

TRAVEL TO CHITWAN FOR A JUNGLE EXPERIENCE

After breakfast, you are transferred to the domestic airport for a connecting flight to Chitwan. Upon arrival in Chitwan, you are met and greeted by the staff and transferred to the property. Enjoy lunch at the lodge before participating in various jungle activities such as an elephant safari, nature walk, jungle drive and more. Later, return to the lodge for dinner and an overnight stay.

DAY 3

ENJOY THE WILDLIFE IN CHITWAN

After breakfast at the lodge, you have another chance to participate in various jungle activities you may not have had time to do yesterday. Enjoy lunch, dinner and overnight at the lodge.

DAY 4

TRAVEL BACK TO KATHMANDU AND TAKE A TOUR OF THE TEMPLES

After breakfast at the lodge, receive a transfer to the airport and fly back to Kathmandu. Upon arrival in Kathmandu airport you are met and transferred to your hotel.

This afternoon, enjoy a half-day sightseeing tour of Pashupatinath Temple, a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. This massive temple complex sits alongside the banks of the holy Bagmati River. Only Hindus are allowed to enter the courtyard of the temple, whereas tourists can see the temple from the eastern side of the river. Later, visit Boudhanath, a Buddhist Stupa said to be one of the largest in the world. This massive structure stands tall with four pairs of eyes each facing the four cardinal directions, watching for righteous behavior of mankind and for human prosperity. Stay overnight at your hotel in Kathmandu.

DAY 5

DEPARTURE DAY

Check out of the hotel this morning after breakfast and transfer to the airport to connect to your departure flight home.

Tips & Travel Guide

What are the passport/visa requirements for travel to Nepal?

Visas for Nepal are obtained upon arrival in Nepal. Please go to the Immigration Counter and have 3 passport-sized photographs and approximately US \$30.00 cash per person ready for the visa fee, along with your passport.

I am flying to Nepal from India. Do I need a re-entry permit for India?

If you are planning to enter India multiple times within a 2-month period, recent updates to Indian visa regulations may impact your travel. Further clarification was issued stating that if the visa holder is traveling to multiple countries on the same itinerary, no permit is needed, as long as the trip follows the itinerary exactly. The visa holder must carry a copy of their itinerary to show the Immigration Officer upon their first entry to India.

What is the best season to travel to Nepal?

We operate tours throughout the year; however the best seasons to travel to Nepal are spring and autumn. We do operate tours in the off-season but do not recommend them, as Tiger Tops in Chitwan is closed from June until the second week of September.

What should I bring for my stay in Nepal?

We recommend that you bring casual clothes in jungle colors such as beige, brown, khaki and green that are least disturbing to the environment and are most appropriate for wildlife viewing. Natural fiber clothes are often best for the humid jungle conditions, trousers are preferred and a fleece jacket or sweater is recommended if you are traveling during wintertime. We also recommend that you bring binoculars, sunscreen, insect repellent, camera with extra film and a small suitcase/overnight bag if your tour includes an overnight in Chitwan.

Approximately how many hours do the tours each day last?

maximum of 3 hours and each full-day tour will last for 7 hours with a 1 hour lunch break.

What types of vehicles are utilized for tours/transfers?

We provide luxury vehicles with air conditioning. Size of the vehicle (ie: car, van, coaster or bus) is based on the group size.

What type of cuisine is served during the tour?

Most of the hotels that you will stay at provide a variety of cuisines including local specialties with a vegetarian option.

Is the tap water safe to drink? Is bottled water provided?

We do not advise tap water for drinking. Most of the hotels provide boiled and filtered water to the clients. Bottled water can be provided at an extra charge.

Is there internet/telephone access while on the tour?

Most of the hotels have internet access in the business center and telephone access in every room. Only satellite (international roaming) mobile gets a signal in Nepal. Pre-paid mobile SIM card can be purchased or rented.

Do you have any recommendations for gratuities?

Gratuities are left solely to the discretion of the clients.

Terms & Conditions

PAYMENT TERMS:

- (i) 25% of total tour cost due at the time of booking
- (ii) 75% or balance no later than 65 days prior to date of the first service sold by TRAVBUZZ / PALACE TOURS

CANCELLATION FEES:

- (i) 25% of the total tour value if cancelled more than 65 days prior to date of first service sold by TRAVBUZZ / PALACE TOURS
- (ii) 50% of the total tour value if cancelled 64-30 days prior to date of first service sold by TRAVBUZZ / PALACE TOURS
- (iii) 100% of the total tour value if cancelled 29-0 days prior to date of first service sold by TRAVBUZZ / PALACE TOURS

We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance to cover the losses incurred in case of cancellation. For information on available plans or to purchase travel insurance, please visit www.palacetours.com/insurance.

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