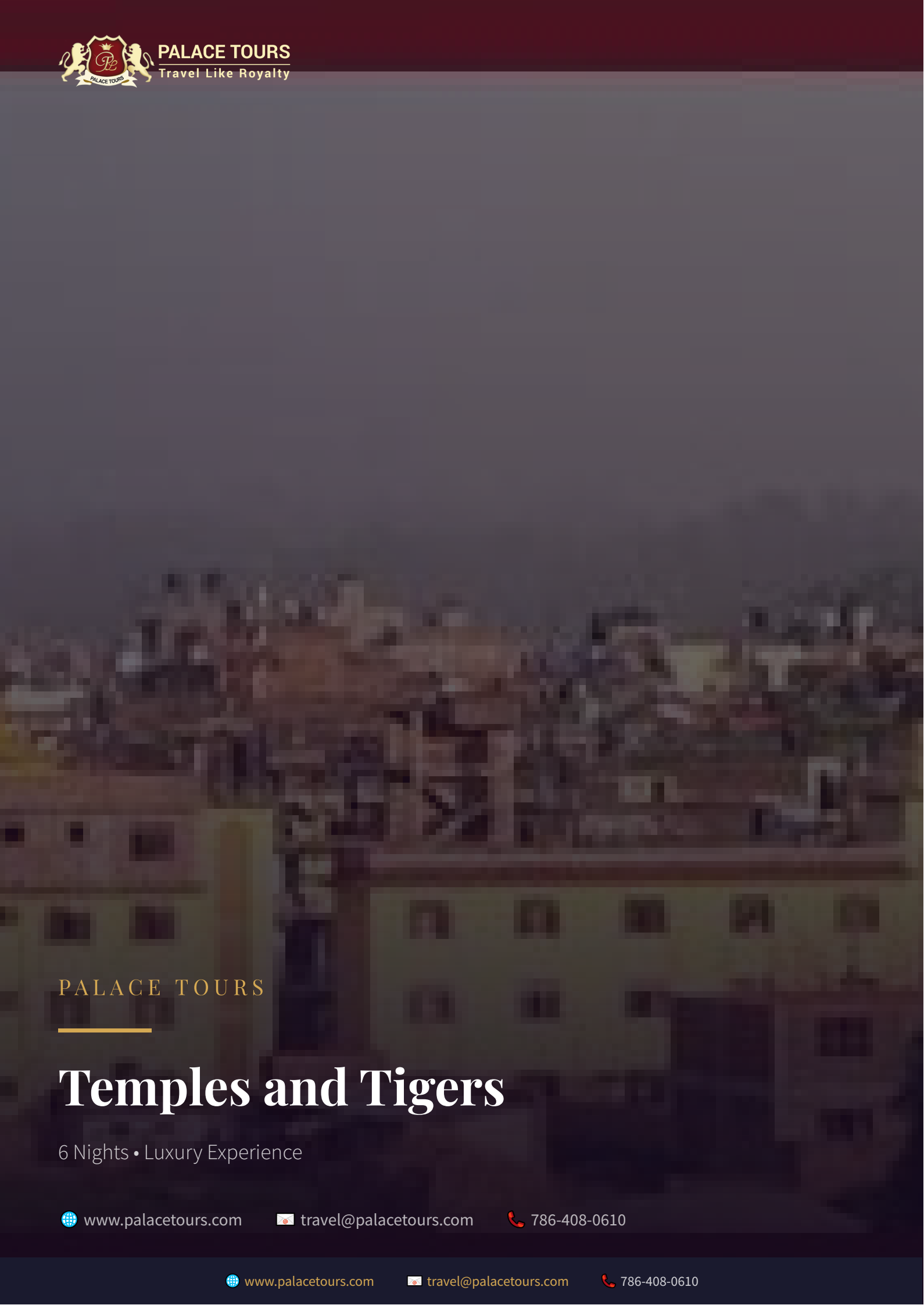


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Overview

Nepal has seen many rulers and ruling dynasties, which lead to a colorful, mixed history. From the moment you arrive at Kathmandu, discover its enrichment with more temples than homes, and its festivals that seemingly exceed the number of the days in a year. Explore the whole valley with its seven World Heritage Sites. When time comes to travel to Chitwan you will understand why Nepal is considered the biggest natural museum in the world. The Chitwan National Park has Sal forests which cover 70% of the area and there are about 600 species of plants. The Park is home to the only significant number of one-horned rhinos and other endangered species like the Bengal tiger, the gangetic dolphins and the gharial crocodile. There are altogether over 43 species of large mammals, 526 species of birds, 150 different types of butterflies, 126 species of fish and 49 species of reptiles in this wonderful Park.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

KATHMANDU

Upon arrival at Kathmandu International Airport, you are received and welcomed by one of our friendly representatives who will offer you a "Khada," a religious silk scarf. Transfer to your Kathmandu hotel where you can rest prior to your exciting week that lies ahead!

DAY 2

KATHMANDU



Following breakfast at the hotel, depart for a full-day 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 include Kal Bhairav, Hanuman Dhoka, Taleju Temple, Kasthamandap and Kumari Ghar; home to the Living Goddess. Afterwards visit **Swoyambhunath S**tupa, said to be one of the oldest Buddhist stupas in the world, which is majestically set high on a hill overlooking Kathmandu Valley.

Proceed towards Patan, the city of Fine Arts. Your tour includes a visit to Durbar Square, Krishna Temple, Golden Temple (Hiranya Varna Mahavihar) and more. Also visit the Tibetan Handicraft Centre where you can see the art of making carpets by the Tibetan refugees. Stay overnight at your hotel in Kathmandu.



DAY 3

KATHMANDU

After a delicious breakfast, depart your hotel for a full-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 Bagmati 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. Afterwards visit Bhaktapur, the "City of Devotees". Your tour here begins with a visit to Durbar Square, the Golden Gate, Palace of 55 Windows, Lion's Gate, The Nyatapola Temple, the tallest of its kind in Nepal, Bhairab Temple and the Pottery Centre.

Later, drive to Nagarkot, one of the most popular tourist hill-stations in Kathmandu Valley, situated 18km east of Bhaktapur at an altitude of 2175 m above sea level. It is also famous for its spectacular sunrise and sunset views. On a clear day, one can enjoy the panoramic views of snow capped mountains of eastern Nepal including Mt. Everest. Enjoy your overnight stay at your resort in Nagarkot.

DAY 4

CHITWAN

After an early morning breakfast and view of the sunrise, head west to Chitwan National Park (approx. 196km/ 6½ hours drive), one of the best managed national parks in the world. The Park is home to at least 450 species of birds, 45 species of amphibians and reptiles and 43 species of mammals which include the majestic Bengal tiger, the single-horned Indian rhinoceros and the sloth bear. Enjoy lunch at a lodge within the Park, participate in various jungle activities such as an elephant safari, jungle drive and nature walk. Have dinner and spend the night at a Jungle resort.





DAY 5

CHITWAN

Explore the flora and fauna of Chitwan National Park as you enjoy a safari through the park, go on an elephant safari, or take a nature walk. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and overnight at the lodge in Chitwan are included.

DAY 6

KATHMANDU

After breakfast, embark on a scenic five-hour drive along the sacred Trisuli River as you travel back to Kathmandu. You are free to explore Kathmandu for the remainder of the afternoon at your leisure. This evening, enjoy dinner accompanied by a cultural program in a Nepali restaurant.





DAY 7

KATHMANDU

After checking out of your hotel, our representative transfers you to the airport for your departure flight back home or to your next exciting destination.

Tips & Travel Guide

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sightseeing tours start at 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Every half-day sightseeing tour lasts for a maximum of 3 hours and each full-day tour will last for 7 hours with a 1 hour lunch break. <o:p></o:p></FONT></P> <P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt"><o:p><FONT face="Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif"> </FONT></o:p></P> <P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt"><FONT face="Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif"><STRONG>What types of vehicles are utilized for tours/transfers?<o:p></o:p></STRONG></FONT></P> <P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt"> <FONT face="Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif">We provide luxury vehicles with air conditioning. Size of the vehicle (ie: car, van, coaster or bus) is based on the group size.<o:p></o:p></FONT></P> <P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt"><o:p><FONT face="Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif"> </FONT></o:p></P> <P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt"><FONT face="Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif"><STRONG>What type of cuisine is served during the tour?<o:p></o:p></STRONG></FONT></P> <P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt"><FONT face="Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif">Most of the hotels that you will stay at provide a variety of cuisines including local specialties with a vegetarian option.<o:p></o:p></FONT></P> <P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt"><o:p><FONT face="Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif"> </FONT></o:p></P> <P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt"><FONT face="Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif"><STRONG>Is the tap water safe to drink? Is bottled water provided?<o:p></o:p></STRONG></FONT></P> <P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt"><FONT face="Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif">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.<o:p></o:p></FONT> </P> <P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt"><o:p><FONT face="Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif"> </FONT></o:p></P> <P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt"><FONT face="Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif"><STRONG>Is there internet/telephone access while on the tour?<o:p></o:p></STRONG></FONT></P> <P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt"><FONT face="Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif">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 <st1:country-region w:st="on"><st1:place w:st="on">Nepal</st1:place></st1:country-region>. Pre-paid mobile SIM card can be purchased or rented.<o:p></o:p></FONT></P> <P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt"><o:p><FONT face="Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif"> </FONT></o:p></P> <P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt"><FONT face="Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif"><STRONG>Do you have any recommendations for gratuities?<o:p></o:p></STRONG></FONT></P> <P class=MsoNormal style="MARGIN: 0in 0in 0pt"><FONT face="Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif">Gratuities are left solely to the discretion of the clients. </FONT></P>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Terms & Conditions

PAYMENT TERMS:

(i) 25% of total tour cost due at the time of booking

(ii) 75% or balance no later than 68 days prior to date of the first service sold by TRAVBUZZ / PALACE TOURS

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(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

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COMMON QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the Temples and Tigers tour of Nepal?

Temples and Tigers is a 7-day, 6-night private tour of Nepal. It combines the temples and World Heritage Sites of the Kathmandu Valley, a night in the hill station of Nagarkot, and two nights in Chitwan National Park looking for rhinos and tigers, before returning to Kathmandu.

Where do I stay each night on Temples and Tigers?

The tour includes 3 nights in Kathmandu with breakfast, 1 night in Nagarkot with breakfast, and 2 nights at a jungle lodge in Chitwan with all meals and jungle activities. Kathmandu nights fall at the start of the tour and on the final night after the drive back from Chitwan.

Which temples and heritage sites are visited on Temples and Tigers?

You tour Kathmandu Durbar Square, Kumari Ghar, home of the Living Goddess, and Swoyambhunath Stupa, then Patan with its Durbar Square, Krishna Temple and Golden Temple. On Day 3 you visit Pashupatinath Temple on the Bagmati River, the vast Boudhanath Stupa and Bhaktapur, the City of Devotees, covering much of the valley's seven World Heritage Sites.

Can non-Hindus enter Pashupatinath Temple?

Only Hindus may enter the inner courtyard of Pashupatinath Temple. Visitors of other faiths view the temple complex from the eastern bank of the holy Bagmati River, which gives a good view of the riverside ghats and shrines. Your guide explains the rituals you see there.

What is special about Boudhanath Stupa?

Boudhanath is said to be one of the largest Buddhist stupas in the world. Its dome is crowned by four pairs of painted eyes facing the four cardinal directions, watching over human conduct and prosperity. It is a centre of Tibetan Buddhist life in Kathmandu and is visited on Day 3 of the tour.

Why does the tour stop overnight in Nagarkot?

Nagarkot is a hill station on the rim of the Kathmandu Valley known for its sunrise views toward the Himalaya. You stay one night there after the Day 3 sightseeing and, weather permitting, watch the sunrise on the morning of Day 4 before setting off for Chitwan National Park.

How far is the drive from Nagarkot to Chitwan National Park?

The drive from Nagarkot to Chitwan is approximately 196 km and takes around 6.5 hours in a private air-conditioned vehicle with an English-speaking guide. You arrive at the lodge in time for lunch and your first jungle activities that afternoon.

Will I see tigers in Chitwan National Park?

> Chitwan is home to the Bengal tiger, but tigers are elusive and sightings can never be guaranteed. The park also holds the one-horned rhinoceros, sloth bear, gharial crocodile and more than 500 bird species, so wildlife viewing is rewarding even without a tiger. Rhinos are the most reliable sighting.

What jungle activities are included in Chitwan on this tour?

> Your 2 nights in Chitwan include all meals and the jungle activities in the itinerary, such as an elephant safari, a jungle drive and a guided nature walk. The lodge schedules activities around the season and park rules, with an afternoon program on arrival day and a full day of exploring on Day 5.

Which meals are included on Temples and Tigers?

> Breakfast is included daily in Kathmandu and Nagarkot, all meals are included at the Chitwan lodge, and there is a Nepali dinner with a cultural show in Kathmandu on Day 6. Other meals are not included, and Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve dinners required by hotels are charged extra.

What is not included in the Temples and Tigers price?

> The price excludes domestic and international airfare, international airport tax (approx. $18 for SAARC nationals and $23 for others), the Nepal visa fee (approx. $30 per person), travel insurance, meals not listed as included, gratuities, beverages, laundry and personal items, and any compulsory Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve dinners.

What is included in the Temples and Tigers tour price?

> The price covers 6 nights of accommodation, sightseeing and transport in a private air-conditioned vehicle with an English-speaking guide, entrance fees to the listed monuments, the Chitwan meals and jungle activities, one cultural show with dinner, porterage, and all applicable government taxes and service fees.

What is the difference between Deluxe and Heritage class?

> Temples and Tigers is sold in Deluxe and Heritage classes. Sightseeing, guiding, meals and transport are identical in both; the only difference is the hotels used. The accommodation section on this page lists the hotels for each class, or similar properties are used.

How do I get a visa for Nepal for this tour?

> Nepal visas are generally obtained on arrival at Kathmandu International Airport. Go to the Immigration Counter with passport-sized photographs and the visa fee, which is approximately $30 per person and not included in the tour price. Confirm the current rules for your nationality before travelling.

Are there set departure dates for Temples and Tigers?

> No scheduled departures are listed on this page at present. Temples and Tigers is an independent private tour that can start on the date you choose, subject to hotel availability. Send us your dates and class and we will confirm the exact fare.

What deposit is needed to book Temples and Tigers?

> A 25% deposit confirms your booking, with the balance due 65 days before departure. Bookings made within 65 days of the start date are paid in full at the time of booking.

Are there child prices on the Temples and Tigers tour?

> Yes. Child rates are set by age at departure, with one band for children under 5 and one for children aged 5 to 11. Older children pay the adult fare. Contact us with your children's ages and we will price the family accordingly.

Is single occupancy available on Temples and Tigers?

> Yes, single rooms are available on request. The tour is priced per person sharing a double room, so a single supplement applies. Our travel specialists will quote the single fare for your dates and chosen class.

How fit do I need to be for the Temples and Tigers tour?

> The tour suits most travellers with average mobility. Sightseeing involves walking around temple squares with some steps, and the Chitwan activities include a nature walk and time on safari. The longest days are the road drives of around five to six and a half hours between regions.

How do I ask a question or book Temples and Tigers?

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