# Itinerary for Package: Once in a Lifetime Experience

Begin your adventure in Nepal's vibrant capital, **Kathmandu**. Explore ancient temples and palaces, immerse yourself in the bustling markets of **Thamel**, and experience the spiritual serenity of **Boudhanath Stupa** and **Pashupatinath Temple**. Continue to the tranquil city of Pokhara, nestled beside the serene Phewa Lake. Enjoy breathtaking views of the Annapurna range while flying from Kathmandu.

Upon reaching in **Pokhara**, proceed to experience the **thrill of trekking** without the strain with our comfort trekking options. Traverse through picturesque trails, stay in charming lodges, and enjoy the majestic Himalayan scenery without compromising on comfort. After staying in the mountains for few days return to Pokhara and visit the stunning Devi's Fall, and explore the enchanting World Peace Pagoda.

Afterwards enjoying in Pokhara, take a road to **Bandipur**, the quaint hilltop town. Wander through its beautifully preserved traditional architecture, soak in panoramic mountain views, and enjoy the warm hospitality of the locals. Thereafter proceed to **Chitwan National Park**, dive into an unforgettable wildlife adventure at Chitwan National Park. Spot endangered species like the one-horned rhinoceros and Bengal tiger, enjoy game drive inside the National Park, and experience the rich biodiversity of this UNESCO World Heritage site. At the end conclude your journey in **Nagarkot**, renowned for its spectacular sunrise views over the Himalayas. Relax in a comfortable resort and take in the stunning vistas of the snow-capped peaks.

Package Duration: 15 days days

## Day 1: Arrive Kathmandu

Meet upon arrival in Kathmandu, receive and transfer to hotel. Rest of the day at leisure after a long-haul flight. Overnight at the hotel

## Day 2: Kathmandu sightseeing

Breakfast at the hotel Experience the spiritual heart of Kathmandu with our full-day tour covering Swoyambhunath, Boudhanath, and Pashupatinath. This immersive journey takes you through three

of Nepal's most revered and iconic religious sites, offering a deep dive into the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of the region. Begin your day at the ancient Swoyambhunath Stupa, also known as the Monkey Temple. Perched atop a hill, this UNESCO World Heritage site provides panoramic views of Kathmandu Valley. Wander around the stupa, spinning prayer wheels, observing the resident monkeys, and soaking in the serene atmosphere as you learn about its historical and religious significance. Next, visit the grand Boudhanath Stupa, one of the largest stupas in the world and a crucial pilgrimage site for Buddhists. Marvel at the stupa's imposing structure, adorned with colorful prayer flags and the all-seeing eyes of Buddha. Walk around the stupa's base, joining the steady stream of pilgrims in their clockwise circumambulation, and explore the surrounding monastery-laden area, rich with Tibetan culture. Conclude your tour at the sacred Pashupatinath Temple, one of the holiest Hindu temples dedicated to Lord Shiva. Located on the banks of the Bagmati River, this UNESCO World Heritage site is a vibrant complex of temples, shrines, and ghats. Witness the poignant rituals performed by sadhus (holy men) and observe the traditional cremation ceremonies on the riverbank, gaining insight into the spiritual practices that define Nepalese culture. Overnight at hotel

## Day 3: Kathmandu sightseeing

Breakfast at the hotel Morning: Sightseeing tour of Kathmandu Durbar Square also called the "City of Glory". Visit includes Durbar Square, Kumari Ghar - Home to the world's only Living Goddess; once a year, during IndraJatra festival, the President of Nepal seeks the Kumari's blessing. A short visit to KalBhairab - the God of destruction and Taleju Temple - built in 1549 AD and Hanuman Dhoka. Afterwards, visit BoudhanathStupa, 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. Overnight at hotel

## Day 4: Kathmandu – Pokhara – Sanctuary Lodge (1060m)

Breakfast at the hotel Transfer to airport for flight to Pokhara(30mins flight), upon arrival in Pokhara, our trekking crew will receive and we transfer by road with guides & porters to our trek start point {1-hour. Our walk will follow a ridgeline in the lower foothills of the Annapurnas with surrounding views of the PokharaValley. This route then drops to the Modi River Valley, where Sanctuary Lodge is located at 1060 meters. The lodge has magnificent views of the sacred and unclimbed FishtailMountain, or Machhapuchhre, as it is locally known. Lunch is at the lodge followed by an optional walk to the nearby village of Birethanti. Or you may choose to spend the afternoon exploring the surrounding river valley (Trek time 3-4 hours) Overnight Sanctuary Lodge

#### Day 5: Sanctuary Lodge – Gurung Lodge (1450m)

Following a leisurely breakfast, we leave the Sanctuary lodge & trek to Gurung Lodge at 1450 meters. The lodge is built along the lines of a traditional Nepalese village. Every room has spectacular views of the surrounding valley and mountains. Trek time to the Lodge is just 2 hours. After lunch at the lodge, you will be escorted to the local village of Tanchok. There will be a talk at a local house, now made into a museum. The contents of the house illustrate how the local people live, together with the tools and implements of day to day traditional village life. There will also be a visit to the school and should there be more than 6 guests, the school children will visit the lodge and perform a number of local dances and songs typical of the region. Overnight Gurung Lodge

#### Day 6: Gurung Lodge – Basanta Lodge (1525m)

This morning we start out trekking through the unspoilt village of Patlekhet. Our walk then takes us through sub-tropical forests that include tree orchids, rhododendrons and magnolias. Along the way, we will stop at the village of Pothana where many Tibetan traders live and sell their souvenirs. After about 3½ hours, we arrive at the Basanta Lodge. After lunch at the lodge there will be an optional walk through the old village of Dhampus. From the lodge, there are sweeping views of the

entire AnnapurnaRange. The altitude of Dhampus is - 1525 meters. Overnight Basanta Lodge

## Day 7: Basanta Lodge (Dhampus) – Phedi–Pokhara (1000m)

After breakfast, we depart along the ridge & descend through the wooded hillside and terraced farmland to the valley floor - 1000m. Trek time 1½ hours. We then transfer by vehicle to Pokhara (30 minutes). En route, we can visit the Tibetan Refugee camp, on request. Rest of the day at leisure Overnight at hotel

#### Day 8: At Pokhara - relaxation

Breakfast at the hotel Full day free to explore the lake city of Pokhara or if interested hike to nearby hill stations on own. Pokhara is Nepal's number #1 adventure and leisure city with nature, mountains and lakes and a trekking gateway to the Annapurna's with plenty of entertainment for individual Travellers. Overnight at hotel

## Day 9: Pokhara-Bandipur

After breakfast, drive to Bandipur, a journey of some 3 hours through the countryside. Bandipur is a living museum of Newari culture, a beautifully preserved village crowning a lofty ridge, its main street lined with traditional row houses. Time seems to have stood still here, although it has taken a lot of effort to preserve this magic while developing the town as a destination. Derelict buildings have been reborn as cafes and lodges, and temples and civic buildings have been pulled back from the edge of ruin. With its attractive 18th-century architecture, pedestrian zone and outdoor dining, it has a distinctly European feel.

## Day 10: Bandipur- Chitwan National Park

Drive to Chitwan for approx. 4hrs. Chitwan National Park - An UNESCO world heritage property, Chitwan National Park has a history of over 3 decades in park management and a rich experience in resolving conflicts between the park and the people. It is a rich natural area in the Terai, the subtropical southern part of Nepal. A total of 68 species of mammals, 544 species of birds, 56 species of herpetofauna and 126 species of fish have been recorded in the park. The park is especially renowned for its protection of One Horned Rhinoceros, Royal Bengal Tiger and Gharial Crocodile. Upon arrival refreshing and briefing about the facilities & jungle activities by the naturalist. After refreshing, lunch will be served Rest of the day at game drive Dinner and overnight at the Jungle lodge

## **Day 11: At Chitwan National Park**

Wake-up call followed by tea or coffee then proceed for jungle drive Proceed for the Jeep Safari crossing the Rapti River by Patela Boat to start with from Bhimle army check post. There are two choices of routes available, which our naturalists pick upon their experience on current sightings and animal movement. Jeep safari (Jungle Drive) begins from the open grassland area followed by the mix (riverine) forest and continues inside the dense Sal Forest crossing the Reu River inside the Park to see different wildlife around the famous Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge surroundings area and oxbow lakes (Devi Tal, Munda Tal, Lamo Tal, Kamal Tal) to view different wildlife, Aquatic birds and the Marsh Muggers. The other routes will be towards Sukhibhar post and Park HQ, Kasara and Reu River-SurungKhola. There will be short tea/coffee break in between the safari in a scenic and safe spot chosen by the Naturalist. Back to the resort for lunch time. After lunch, proceed for Jungle walk Dinner and overnight at the jungle lodge

#### Day 12: Chitwan National Park - Kathmandu

Drive to Kathmandu from Chitwan National Park. The drive follows the Prithvi Highway, offering stunning views of lush green hills, terraced farmlands, winding rivers, and rural villages. Rest of the day at leisure (if time permits) Upon arrival in Kathmandu, check-in at the hotel Ovenight at the

## Day 13: Full day free in KTM

Optional: Early morning Mt. Everest sightseeing flight Rest of the day at leisure to explore the surroundings or visit the preferred places on own (on request, we arrange to visit Children's Home, Local School, Orphanage) Overnight at the hotel

#### Day 14: Kathamndu - Nagarkot via Bhaktapur

Drive to Bhaktapur - approx. 1 hr drive and visit Bhaktapur, also called the "City of Devotees" where you will meander down narrow lanes past centuries old homes and temples. The tour begins with the visit of Durbar Square, The Golden Gate, Places of 55 Windows, Lion's Gate. The Nyatpola Temple - the tallest of its kind in Nepal, Bhairab Temple, the Pottery Centre and Dattratraya Temple. After lunch, drive to Nagarkot – 12 kms (approx. 30-45mins). Nagarkot is a popular hill-station town at an altitude of 2175m. The panorama of major peaks of eastern Himalayas including Mt. Everest can be seen from here. Other Himalayan peaks like Manaslu (8463m), Ganesh Himal (7111m), Langtang (7246m), ChobaBhamre (6016m), Gaurishankar (7134m) and Number (6957m) are also clearly seen from Nagarkot including beautiful sunrise and sunset view over the Majestic Himalayas. Overnight at the resort

#### Day 15: Full day in Nagarkot

Fullday at relaxation or do some walks around the nearby local villages.

#### Day 16: Departure

Free till departure transfer to international airport for onward flight