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***Nepal Escorted Tour 9 days  
from \$1699  
per person twin share.***



**Depart Dates & Prices:**

\$1899 per person: 19 May, 09 June, 13 Oct, 03, 24 Nov, 2018

\$1699 per person: 09 Feb, 02, 23 March, 04 May 2019

single supplement \$300

Book by 30 April

Extra nights Kathmandu pre and post tour \$79 per person.

Return economy airfares from All Australian Capitals to Kathmandu flying Malaysia Airlines, Thai Airways or China Southern Airlines.

# **Phone 1300 781 651**

This 8-day tour of Nepal gives travellers a great introduction to their time in Nepal. We include an arrival airport transfer, a hotel in the tourist district of Thamel in Kathmandu, a walking tour to get a feel for the city, several iconic Hindu & Buddhist temples and stupas, public coach travel between cities for added local flavour and lower cost, wildlife safaris in Chitwan National Park including an elephant ride, jungle walk, boat trip, village walk, and time in the lakeside town of Pokhara at the foot of the Annapurna mountain range. The tour finishes in back in Kathmandu, where a range of additional options can be added for people wanting to do more. These can be booked in advance or while in Nepal.

## **Tourist Visa**

Nepal makes things easy for foreign travellers. Visas are available on arrival at the international airport in Kathmandu and at all land border crossings that are open to foreigners, as long as you have passport photos on hand (not necessary at Kathmandu airport) and can pay the visa fee in foreign currency (some crossings insist on payment in US dollars). Your passport must be valid for at least six months and you will need a whole free page for your visa. A single-entry visa can be for 15 day the cost is USD \$15. At Tribhuvan International Airport, the fee is payable in major currencies.

## **Which month is best to visit Nepal?**

**Low Season (Jun–Sep)** The monsoon rains (mostly at night) bring clouds often obscure mountain views. **Shoulder (Mar–May)** The second-best time to visit and trek, spring brings warm weather and spectacular rhododendron blooms. **High Season (Oct–Nov)** Clear skies and warm days make autumn the peak season.

## **Tour Itinerary:**

### **Day 1 : Depart Australia**

### **Day 2 : Arrive into Kathmandu**

We greet you on your arrival in Kathmandu airport today and transfer you to your hotel in the Thamel tourist district of the city. Our rep will help you settle in and familiarise you with the local area before the rest of your day is free. In the evening our rep will take you on an evening walk through Thamel to check out the numerous bars, restaurants and nightlife on offer. You may have your first taste of Nepal's traditional dish tonight - Dal Bhat (rice and lentil curry).

- **OVERNIGHT:**  
Kathmandu hotel
- **EXTRAS:**  
Single room supplement (NPSHSH), Extra day in Kathmandu - pre-tour

### **Day 3 : Kathmandu city tour**

Our tour starts with a guided walk from our hotel in Thamel through small back streets full of numerous tiny shops, workshops, temples, and stupas to Durbar Square with its array of wooden and stone carved temples and palaces. You'll really get a feel for the bustle and chaos that is Kathmandu. After lunch at a rooftop restaurant overlooking Durbar Square, we visit the important and contrasting pilgrimage sites of Boudhanath Buddhist stupa and Pasupatinath Hindu temple. Boudhanath has a serene calm to it with many monasteries surrounding it and peaceful music playing. Pasupatinath however is more chaotic but equally

important religiously and you will see the riverside ghats where bodies are cremated amidst prayers and rituals.

- **OVERNIGHT:**  
Kathmandu hotel
- **MEALS:**  
Breakfast
  - **EXTRAS:**  
Everest Mountain Flight

#### **Day 4 : Local transfer to Chitwan National Park**

We leave the Kathmandu Valley today and take the tourist bus out on the main road to India through steep sided hills and valleys. You may well see white water rafters on the Trisuli River far below you. After a break and a total drive of 6-7 hours you arrive in the plains that border India and we take a local transfer to our lodge at Chitwan National Park. After settling in we take a village walk to learn more about the typical rural village life of the local Tharu people.

- **OVERNIGHT:**  
Chitwan hotel
- **MEALS:**  
Breakfast, Dinner

#### **Day 5 : Chitwan National Park wildlife safari**

We spend today exploring Chitwan National Park in search of, amongst others, tigers, rhino and wild elephant. In the morning we'll take a walk through the jungle and enjoy a canoe trip. Later on in the afternoon we take an elephant safari into the park. You may also get a chance to bathe with the elephants in the river!

- **OVERNIGHT:**  
Chitwan hotel
- **MEALS:**  
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **Day 6 : Chitwan to Pokhara**

This morning we have a walk dedicated to bird watching, or you can take another elephant safari into the park (at extra cost) before taking a tourist bus to the lakeside town of Pokhara which sits at the foot of the mighty Annapurna range of mountains. After settling into our hotel, the rest of the day is free to relax and explore this picturesque lakeside town. Our rep will take you on a walk through the Lakeside area which teems with trekking equipment shops, restaurants and bars.

- **OVERNIGHT:**  
Pokhara hotel
- **MEALS:**  
Breakfast

#### **Day 7 : Sarangkot walk and free time**

We get up early this morning and take a taxi up to the top of the nearby viewpoint at the top of Sarangkot hill. Here you can get fantastic morning views of the Annapurna mountain range which may inspire you for some trekking to come. We walk downhill back to Pokhara for a couple of hours, stopping at tea shops and enjoying the views. The rest of the day is free to relax and enjoy Pokhara, perhaps taking a rowing boat out on the lake or enjoying an optional sightseeing tour.

- OVERNIGHT:  
Pokhara hotel
- MEALS:  
Breakfast

**Day 8 : Pokhara, return to Kathmandu**

If you wish, you can finish the tour in Pokhara today (discounts apply). Our local rep will then be available to help you with any further activities you may like to do, whether this be to do some trekking in the mountains, try some fun white water rafting or just chill out some more in Pokhara.

Alternatively, the main tour itinerary returns to Kathmandu on the public tourist coach today (approx. 7 hours driving). Your last night is then free to enjoy the bars and restaurants and shops in Thamel before the tour ends tomorrow.

- OVERNIGHT:  
Kathmandu hotel
- MEALS:  
Breakfast

**Day 9 : Kathmandu, tour ends, transfer to airport for departure**

Your tour ends after breakfast this morning, and your time is free until we transfer you to the airport for your departure flight. If you will be staying on in Nepal, then our local rep will be happy to help you with information, advice and any onward arrangements.

- OVERNIGHT:  
N/A
- MEALS:  
Breakfast

**Included:**

- Return economy airfares from All Australian Capitals to Kathmandu
- All accommodation as stated in the itinerary in clean and friendly hotels and lodges.
- All transfers, including 24-hour airport arrival transfer service vehicle transport
- All transport including public tourist coach from Kathmandu to Chitwan to Pokhara to Kathmandu, and local transport including jeeps (and elephants) in Chitwan
- Services of a local escort throughout the tour
- Specialist city guides and wildlife safari guides in Kathmandu and Chitwan.
- All national park entry and activity fees
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners)
- All entrance fees to sites visited in the itinerary

**Excluded:**

- Visa fees (available on arrival for most nationalities)
- Travel insurance (compulsory, available on request)
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks and other personal expenses (e.g. laundry)
- Tips for guides, drivers & tour leader
- Any other items not mentioned above

Hotel

The hotels and accommodations listed below are the ones we use most often on this tour. From time to time we may exchange these for similar properties at the same level. In general, specific hotels cannot be guaranteed on our group tours, but you may select your preferred options if you are booking a tailor-made trip.

**Hotel Moonlight**  
**Kathmandu, Nepal**

Hotel Moonlight is located on the edge of Thamel, less than 1.2 miles from Kathmandu Mall and Times Square Mall. It offers a rooftop terrace with lovely views of Kathmandu.

**Hotel Orchid**  
**Pokhara, Nepal**

Offering a tranquil escape, Hotel Orchid is a 5-minute walk to Fewa Lake and offers views of the Himalayas and Peace Pagoda. It offers a roof-top garden restaurant, 24-hour room service, and modern rooms with free Wi-Fi.

**Hotel Mona Lisa**  
**Chitwan, Nepal**

Hotel Monalisa Chitwan is situated in Chitwan and is close to the area's popular attractions. It provides comfortable rooms, designed to suit the requirements of any guest.

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**DESTINATION INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAYS BOOKING CONDITIONS**  
**Please read this information prior to making your reservation**

**BROCHURE VALIDITY**

The information presented in our brochure is correct to the best of our knowledge, but is subject to change without notice. Changes can occur with respect to prices, itineraries, duration of holidays, service standards,

tour content, airfares and schedules. This is out of our control. Please ensure you advise details of your requirements at the time of booking.

#### **GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)**

The Australian GST does not apply to international travel. Any service fees, courier, cancellation and amendment fees are subject to GST. You will be charged GST where applicable.

#### **DEPOSIT**

A deposit is required to confirm your booking (varies depending on package booked). Receipt of deposit will be taken as an understanding by Destination International Holidays that the customer has checked their confirmed travel arrangements and has read and agreed to the terms and conditions.

#### **FINAL PAYMENT**

Payment in full must be made no less than 90 days before travel, unless required earlier by any supplier.

#### **PRICES**

All prices for our tours are advised in Australian Dollars (\$AUD). They are based on airfares, schedules and tariffs at the time of printing. Destination International Holidays reserves the right to vary the cost of the tour, taxes and airline prices if necessary by reason of currency fluctuation, cost increase, or airfare increase. All prices are subject to confirmation from local tour operators. Once full payment has been received by Destination International no surcharges in respect to currency fluctuations will be applied.

#### **ITINERARY CHANGES**

Destination International Holidays reserves the right to amend the itinerary for reasons such as service requirements, road or weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. Where a change is of a significant nature, it will be advised to our customers in writing. Destination International Holidays reserves the right to substitute hotels, lodges, inns and camps with properties of similar standard

#### **AMENDMENT FEES**

Any deviation to packages advertised or quotes will incur a fee of \$150 per person.

Should you need to alter your confirmed reservations, there will be an automatic fee charged of \$150 per amendment or transaction, plus any new arrangements made. Additionally, there may be cancellation fees levied by the tour operator or fees may be applicable where arrangements have been pre-purchased.

In addition, we charge

- \$50 per person for all airline seat reservations and baggage charges plus any airline fees.
- \$100 per person for all Tourist visa processing plus the cost for the visa fee.
- \$75 per person to reissue any travel documents lost in the mail.
- \$100 per person to process insurance claims when travel insurance has not been purchased from this office.

#### **CANCELLATIONS**

Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given as follows:

Days' Notice	90 or more	75-90	65-75	65-1
	Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare	75%	85%	100%

The above are Destination International Holidays cancellation fees. Airlines and Tour Operators may have additional fees. Transfer of a confirmed booking to another tour or departure date is deemed a cancellation of the original booking. There will be no refund for cancellation of unused services on or after commencement date. Please note that employees of any overseas suppliers are not authorised by Destination International Holidays to make any undertakings to our clients in respect of refunds or other matters.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

There will be variations in the size, standard and presentation of rooms and facilities within the one hotel. This is beyond the control of Destination International Holidays.

#### **CLAIMS**

If you encounter any problems on your holiday, you should to try and solve it directly with the supplier whilst overseas. If it is not possible to do so please do so in writing within 30 days of completing your Destination International Holidays arrangements.

#### **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

You must be insured for the duration of your trip. You need comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, health requirements, luggage and additional expenses. Insurance policies rarely cover for loss of cash.

#### **PASSPORT, VISA & VACCINATIONS**

You must familiarise yourself with any visa and health requirements that may be applicable in the countries you are visiting. You are responsible for all entry/exit health and any other documents required by laws, regulations, orders, demands or requirements of countries visited or transited. Please note that passport and visa requirements are not the responsibility of Destination International Holidays. We will not be held liable

for any loss or expense due to the failure to comply with the above. We recommend that you be in possession of a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended stay overseas.

**CONSULAR ADVICE**

Official travel advice issued by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is available by calling 1300 555 135 or visiting their web site [www.dfat.gov.au](http://www.dfat.gov.au). You must review this information both prior to making your booking and prior to departure.

**TOUR CONDITIONS**

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