

## Journey Idea to Nepal

11 Days



Nepalese Holy Man

Prepared for  
Steppes Travel Families

## QUICK REFERENCE ITINERARY

Day 1	Fly UK/ Kathmandu
Day 2	Kathmandu
Day 3	Kathmandu/Pokhara
Day 4	Pokhara
Day 5	Pokhara
Day 6	Pokhara
Day 7	Pokhara / Seti
Days 8	Seti/ Chitwan
Day 9	Chitwan
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## DETAILED TRIP ITINERARY

### Day 1

#### UK/Kathmandu

Depart the UK on a flight to Kathmandu, a flight time of approximately 8 ½ hours, flying overnight.

### Day 2



#### Kathmandu

You will be met upon arrival by the Steppes Travel representative at the airport and transferred to your hotel. All transfers are private (unless stated otherwise) and included in your trip, however it will not detail every transfer on this itinerary.

*Overnight at the Dwarika Hotel in a standard room on a bed & breakfast basis.*

### Day 3



#### Kathmandu/Pokhara

After breakfast transfer to the domestic airport with your guide [15 minutes] for your 20 minute flight to Pokhara. This is a magnificent flight that includes all the western mountain ranges. Upon arrival at the airport, meet with your trek guide and porters and transfer by road to the trek start point. This takes 1 ½ hours. Trek for 1 hour to a local restaurant for lunch. This is followed by a walk around the local village of Birethanti before continuing to the Sanctuary lodge located at an altitude of 3362 ft. Total trek time 2 ½ hours. Enjoy a sunset view of the magnificent and unclimbed Machhapuchhare or Fishtail mountain. Dinner at the lodge after happy hour around the fire.

*Overnight at Ker and Downey Sanctuary Lodge on a full board basis.*

### Day 4



#### Pokhara

After breakfast, you will continue your trek to the Gurung lodge situated at an altitude of 4756 feet. From this lodge, there are clear views of Annapurna South and the surrounding peaks. This is an uphill trek that will take 2 ½ hours and passes through the famous bee village where honey is produced in the traditional way.

After lunch, we will visit a small museum set up by the locals that houses objects that have been used by the villagers for centuries. In the late afternoon, school children from the local school will visit the lodge and perform traditional dances and songs.

*Overnight at Ker and Downey Gurung Lodge on a full board basis.*

### Day 5

#### Pokhara

This morning we start out trekking through the unspoilt village of Majhgaun. Our walk then takes us through sub-tropical forests that include tree orchids, rhododendrons and magnolias. We also pass through the village of Pothana where many Tibetan traders live and sell their souvenirs. After about 4 hours, we arrive



Basanta Lodge in time for lunch. After lunch there will be an optional walk to the old village of Dhampus. From the lodge, there are sweeping views of the entire Annapurna Range. The altitude of Dhampus is 5000 ft / 1525 meters.

*Overnight at Ker and Downey Basanta Lodge on a full board basis.*

#### Day 6

#### Pokhara

After an early breakfast, we depart along the ridge & descend through the wooded hillside and terraced farmland to the valley floor (3000 feet). Trek time 1 ½ hours. We then transfer by vehicle to Pokhara in time for lunch. The afternoon is free to explore the lakeside with all its Tibetan curio shops.

*Overnight at Shangrila Pokhara hotel on a full board basis.*

#### Day 7

#### Pokhara / Seti

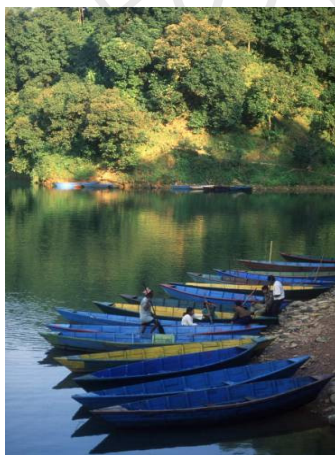


After breakfast, transfer by road for 1 hour through local countryside to the rafting start point. After a briefing, you will float for 3 hours with your raft crew to the Seti river camp which is located on a sandy bank with views over the river. The float passes through forested valleys which are unspoilt since there is no road access. Accommodation is in large safari style tents with attached bathrooms.

*Overnight at Ker and Downey Seti river camp on a full board basis.*

#### Day 8

#### Seti / Chitwan



Raft and float for 2 ½ hours to the road head. You will be able to observe the plentiful birdlife and riverside villages and people fishing on the riverbanks. After changing, you will be driven for 2 hours to the edge of the jungle. From here you transfer by boat, Landover and foot to Tiger Tops Tented Camp.

Tiger Tops Tented Camp is located in the Surung Valley on high ground overlooking tall grasslands with the river, middle hills and the snow capped Himalaya beyond. 8,000 metre peaks including Annapurna, Dhaulagiri and Manasulu can be seen from the Tented Camp on clear days.

The central dining area will be your special place for relaxation. Built in traditional Nepali style, it has a well stocked bar and an attractive open fireplace. Accommodation is in 12 large safari tents with comfortable twin beds separate hot and cold shower amenities and jungle toilets. Western and Nepali cuisine is served.

After an arrival briefing and settling into your tented accommodation, in the late afternoon, there will be an elephant back safari through the jungle to spot Chitwan's abundant wildlife.



Wildlife in Chitwan includes the greater one-horned rhinoceroses, spotted deer, hog deer, sambar deer and barking deer as well as a wide variety of birdlife. With a bit of luck there is always the chance of glimpsing the Leopard, sloth bear or Royal Bengal tiger. More sightings of tiger are made in Chitwan than in any other park in Nepal.

*Overnight at the Tiger Tops tented camp on a full board basis.*

#### **Day 9**

#### **Chitwan**

After an early morning safari - on foot, elephant or by jeep according to your choice, You will be transferred to Tiger Tops Tharu Lodge where you will be able to experience the life of the local Tharu tribe. You can also ride horses or relax by the pool.

*Overnight at the Tiger Tops Tharu lodge on a full board basis.*

#### **Day 10**

#### **Chitwan/Kathmandu**



After breakfast transfer by vehicle for 1 ½ hours to the airport for your 20 minute flight back to Kathmandu. Upon arrival in Kathmandu, you will be escorted to Boudinath, the largest Stupa in Asia which is home to some 10000 Tibetans. The Tibetans run and operate many shops and tea houses around the temple complex. We then transfer to the Shangrila hotel. In the evening we return to Thamel for any last minute shopping and a farewell meal at a local restaurant.

*Overnight at the Dwarika Hotel in a standard room on a bed & breakfast basis.*

#### **Days 11**

#### **Kathmandu/UK**

You are met this morning and transferred to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

\*\* Extend your stay in Kathmandu or add on a visit to Lukla and see Mount Everest up close.

## TRIP PRICE

In each location there is a variety of different category of hotels, lodges and guest houses, therefore the price below is a guide only.

### **Price from £2,495 per person, based on two sharing**

The rates quoted are subject to the availability of all services, currency fluctuations, written confirmation and Steppes Travels terms and conditions.

The price includes return flight from UK, internal flights, local transport, airport-hotel transfers and tours, accommodation (twin/double) and board. Accommodation is on a bed and breakfast basis, unless staying in a remote lodge when normally this will be on a full board basis.

The price excludes extra local excursions and guided tours, travel insurance, visas, single supplements (if applicable) and items of a personal nature, such as laundry, drinks, etc.

**Please note** that the above is only a suggested journey, allowing in-depth visits to the highlights of the country and the chance to explore the wide range of possibilities this fascinating country has to offer. We have a separate list of escorted tours and specialise in tailoring individual itineraries to your particular interests and requirements. This journey idea serves more as a general guide on what there is to see and do, as well as a guide on price.

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