

## Nepal Bhutan Tour - 12 Days

Nepal tour or Bhutan Tour? If you have this question in mind, this Nepal Bhutan tour is the ideal holiday package. Not only this tour covers the exotic destinations of Nepal, but it also provides an opportunity to explore the unique landscapes and cultural glimpses of Bhutan.

Upon your arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport at Kathmandu, we start our multi-country adventure with a half-day sightseeing tour around the cultural Kathmandu valley, followed by the Bhaktapur durbar square and the watching the scenic sunset and sunrise at the Nagarkot viewpoint. Chitwan is our next destination, where we will be experiencing the wild nature through the jungle safari. Elephant rides, jungle walks, boating, and bird watching are the main attractions of the Chitwan national park. Then we drive towards scenic Pokhara city, where we will hike towards Sarangkot hill. The Sarangkot hill offers panoramic views of the Annapurna range, Fishtail Mountain, and Mt. Dhaulagiri. After exploring Pokhara city, and Phewa Lake, we fly back towards Kathmandu. We will take another flight to Paro, and our Bhutan tour begins from here. The sightseeing around the Thimpu exhibits the Ta-Dzong, now the national museum, and Taktsang monastery (tiger's nest), considered the symbol of Bhutan and is the unique landscape of Bhutan situated at the cliff. The Bhutan exploration continues at Wangduephodrang and Paro city. Then finally, we conclude our 12 days Nepal-Bhutan tour after taking the return flight to Kathmandu.

This Nepal Bhutan tour is a golden opportunity for those travelers who want to explore both Himalayan countries and immerse in their natural beauty at once. If you are not time bounded and want to explore more, we are always there for you. Travel Nepal and Bhutan with Icicles Adventure treks and create a wonderful multi-country holiday.

## PRICE INCLUDES

### The Cost Includes During the Trip in Nepal

- Airport / Hotel / Airport pick up & transfer by private car / van
- Four nights' accommodation with breakfast at a 3-star category hotel in Kathmandu
- One night accommodation in Nagarkot inclusive of breakfast
- Pokhara to Kathmandu flight
- Two nights three days jungle safari tour in Chitwan national park including all meals
- A night accommodation with breakfast at a 3 star category hotel in Pokhara
- Full day sightseeing tour in Kathmandu, inclusive of all entrance fees, vehicle and tour guide
- All tour activities as per above program
- Entry permits and fees for all temple, park, monasteries, cultural and historical spots
- All our government taxes

### The Cost Includes During the Trip in Bhutan

- Bhutanese visa fee
- Airfare for international flights to Kathmandu to paro –paro to Kathmandu
- Government approved A and B category hotels on twin- shared basis
- All meals, tea and snacks
- Transportation in comfortable private vehicle(s)
- English speaking, trained and experienced local guide and staff
- All entrance and permit fees for visits to monuments and museums
- Company services and all required Bhutanese government taxes/royalties

## PRICE EXCLUDES

### Cost Does not Include during the Trip in Nepal

- Foods on every place not more than above indicated as per programs
- International airfare
- Nepal entry visa: you can obtain a visa easily upon your arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu. (a multiple-entry tourist visa good for 30 days can be obtained by paying US \$ 40 or equivalent foreign currency. Similarly, multiple-entry tourist visas for 90 days can be obtained by paying US \$ 100. Please bring 2 copies of passport-size photos.)
- All cold drinks such as: alcoholic beverages, mineral water, Coke, Fanta, juice, etc.
- Personal shopping and laundry
- Tips for guide and driver

### Cost Does not Include during the Trip in Bhutan

1. Items of a personal nature (personal gear, telephone calls, beverages, internet, laundry, etc.)
2. Trip cancellation and medical/evacuation insurance
3. Tips for staff (guide and driver)

4. Travel insurance



## ITINERARY IN DETAIL

### Day 1: Arrive at Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu

The hospitable meeting welcomes you, and you will be transferred to your hotel. Our guide will briefly explain the program upon arrival. Overnight at. Overnight at Hotel.

### Day 2: Kathmandu - Nagarkot

After breakfast, at about 9 o'clock, we will take you a glimpse of a half-day sightseeing tour in Kathmandu Valley, Pashupatinath Temple, one of the most important Hindu temples in Nepal. We keep going for a walk to see the huge stupa of Buddha, also known as Boudhanath, the largest stupa in Nepal. Afterward, taking a ride to Bhaktapur, a fascinating town, visits Bhaktapur Dubar Square featuring the Victorian illustrations style with temples and temples complex. Keeps the route connecting to Nagarkot. Overnight at the hotel. (Breakfast and Dinner Included)

### Day 3: Drive to Chitwan National Park

Today we leave for Chitwan, the Chitwan National park, perhaps the best park in Nepal, after arriving here; a tour briefing is organized before we begin Jungle Safari. The focal activities include bird watching, jungle walks, elephant rides, boating, village tour, canoeing, etc.

Enjoy cultural shows and bonfires in the evening, particularly during wintertime. Overnight at the resort (Breakfast and Dinner Included)

### Day 4: Full day jungle tour in Chitwan

This day, with a full day, to discover the Park where best preserved rare animals can be sighted including one-horned rhino, Royal Bengal Tiger, and several birds. Overnight at the resort, inclusive of full board meals. Overnight at the resort, (Breakfast, and Dinner Included)

### Day 5: Drive to Pokhara 5 hrs.

We drive to Pokhara today – about 140 kilometers from Chitwan and a 5-6 hour's drive. The drive is very much similar to that we had while coming to Chitwan from Kathmandu. From Mugling, we drive further west into the mountains, following the rivers for much of the day. Pokhara, also nicknamed the Lake City, is not only Nepal's but one of the most beautiful places on earth. The town offers magnificent views of Dhaulagiri, Manaslu, Machhapuchhare, five peaks of Annapurna, and others. Pokhara is also the gateway for trekking in the Annapurna Region. After arriving at Pokhara, we make a sightseeing trip to some of Pokhara's marketplaces, old bazaars, and landmarks. In the evening, explore the surrounding lakeside areas. Overnight at Pokhara (Breakfast, Included)

### Day 6: Drive to Sarangkot 20-min.drive back Pokhara and fly to Kathmandu

Early morning we drive to Sarangkot Hill to have the sunrise views over the Himalayas. The Sarangkot Hill offers an excellent panoramic view of the Annapurna range, the twin tails of Machapuchhre (Fishtail), and the Dhaulagiri massif. After breakfast, we make a full day sightseeing in Pokhara. We also make a short visit to the Gupteswar Mahadev Cave (also called Shiva Gufa) located in the southern end of the city, Chorepatan. Some of the other places that we visit today include the Seti River Gorge, the Seti River that flows through the city makes deep canyons and goes completely underground at places. Devi's Fall – Locally known as Patale Chhango or the Hell's Fall, an eerie

waterfall, Tibetan Refugee Camp and the mountain museum, etc. Overnight at hotel (Breakfast, Included)

### **Day 7: Kathmandu-Paro**

Today, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Paro (2,135m/7,000 ft) that offers fascinating views of the eastern Himalayan range of Nepal including Mt. Everest. On arrival, our Druk Yul representative will pick you up and transfer you to the hotel for a short rest and lunch. Later the day, you will explore around the Paro valley, visit one of the strategic but ruined fortress of Drugyul Dzong. From here, on a clear day, you can see Mount Jumolhari, Bhutan's second-highest mountain at 7,314 meters. You will continue through the beautiful valley to visit the watchtower, known locally as Ta-Dzong which is now the National Museum of Bhutan. Overnight at a hotel in Paro. (Breakfast, Lunch & dinner are included)

### **Day 8: Paro-Thimphu**

Today, after breakfast, you will hike to Taktsang (Tiger's Nest) Monastery, which is Druk Yul's most famous monastery, situated at 3180 meters. Guru Rinpoche is said to have flown on the back of a tigress to meditate in a cave where Taktsang Monastery now stands. Lunch will be served in the Cafeteria Restaurant, about halfway up the mountain. The monastery is perched on the edge of a cliff, about 900 meters above Paro Valley. After having explored the monastery, you will hike down to Paro. Then drive to Thimphu, the capital city of Bhutan. Overnight at a hotel in Thimphu. (Breakfast, Lunch & dinner are included)

### **Day 9: Thimphu-Wangduephodrang**

Today, you will explore the significant sites of Thimphu on a relaxed guided tour. Highlights include the memorial Chorten built in memory of the late third King Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, commanding 15th-century Changangkha Temple, the traditional indigenous hospital, the National Library with its treasure troves of manuscripts and ancient texts, and the traditional painting school where education is free for students to learn the old skills of conventional painting. Later on, you will drive through beautiful countryside to Wangduephodrang across the Dochula Pass, where on a clear day, you can get spectacular views of the Himalayas. From the pass, go downhill through rhododendron, fir, and hemlock forests. Check into the hotel on arrival. Overnight at a hotel in Wangduephodrang. (Breakfast, Lunch & dinner are included)

### **Day 10: Wangduephodrang-Paro**

After breakfast, you will visit the Punakha Dzong, stunningly situated between the male and female rivers like an anchored ship. On the way back, you will visit Chimi Lhakhang, a fertility temple dedicated to Divine Madman or Lama Drukpa Kuenley. If you wish, receive the blessing from the Lama's wooden phallus! Continue to drive to Paro via Dochu La Pass. Here, you will visit the new Druk Wangyal Monastery, which is the only of its kind in the country with elaborate paintings depicting the lineage of the present monarchy and their visionary works. Stop in Thimphu for lunch. Later in the evening, you can drive to Paro. Overnight at a hotel in Paro. (Breakfast, Lunch & dinner are included)

### **Day 11: Paro-Kathmandu**

Today you will be back in Kathmandu from Druk Yul. This morning we will transfer you to the Paro airport to catch your short but scenic flight to reach Kathmandu that goes again above the massive Himalayan range such as Mt Everest, Kanchenjunga, Chomolhari, Tsrin Gang, and Jichu Drake. On arrival at Kathmandu, we will pick you up and

transfer you to the hotel. The remaining time you can just rest and relax at the hotel or can explore the surrounding areas in Kathmandu. Overnight at a hotel in Kathmandu. (Breakfast is included)

**Day 12: Approximately 3 hours before the scheduled flight a representative icicles adventure treks and you will take you to the airport. "Farewell"**

