

Duration: 8 Days

Grade: Easy

Max Altitude: 7000m

Group Size: 12-18

FROM

Trip Code: MRR-107

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PER PERSON

Trip Highlights

- Tour to three of the best cities of Nepal, Kathmandu, Pokhara & Chitwan.
- Explore Nepal's ancient temples and UNESCO heritage sites in the Kathmandu Valley.
- Witness sacred rituals at Pashupatinath and spiritual calm at Boudhanath Stupa.
- Enjoy a scenic journey from Kathmandu to Pokhara through hills and river valleys.
- Enjoy peaceful evenings by the lakeside and take to the water for boating on Phewa Lake in Pokhara.
- Watch the Himalayan sunrise over Annapurna from the Sarangkot viewpoint.
- Take a look at and explore Pokhara's natural wonders, including Devi's Fall and Gupteshwor Cave.
- Immerse yourself in Tharu culture through village walks and traditional dance programs.
- Go on a jungle safari inside Chitwan National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Glide along the Rapti River during a serene canoe ride with wildlife sightings.
- Enjoy a perfectly balanced cultural and scenic tour that combines culture, nature, wildlife, and comfort.

Overview

The Kathmandu-Pokhara-Chitwan Tour offers a complete introduction to Nepal's cultural, natural, and wildlife heritage. This journey is ideal for travellers seeking variety without rushing. Each destination reveals a different side of Nepal, creating a balanced and meaningful experience.

Our journey begins as you arrive in Kathmandu and meet the local representatives from Mercy Holidays. Nepal's capital city welcomes you with ancient temples, lively streets, and deep spiritual traditions. As an official start to the Kathmandu-Pokhara-Chitwan Tour, our guides take you to explore UNESCO World Heritage Sites that reflect centuries of art, faith, and craftsmanship. Sacred places like Pashupatinath and Boudhanath invite quiet reflection amid vibrant rituals. Walking through Durbar Square connects you with Nepal's royal and cultural past.

Pokhara: The City where Landscapes blend with Serenity

After that, we advance towards another beautiful city, Pokhara. This route offers river valleys, terraced fields, and changing mountain views. In Pokhara, we experience life slowing down as we stroll beside Phewa Lake. Boating on calm waters and strolling along Lakeside create moments of peace. Furthermore, we also go for an early morning visit to Sarangkot, a viewpoint that offers an outstanding sunrise view over the Annapurna range.

Moreover, Pokhara also introduces us to Nepal's dramatic natural landscapes. We also get opportunities to visit different significant spots like Devi's Fall, Gupteshwor Cave, and the Peace Pagoda. Also, let us tell you that each of these stops blends nature with quiet contemplation, and the city feels relaxed, refreshing, and deeply restorative.

Chitwan: The City of Lowland Jungles

After the peaceful stay and exploration in Pokhara, we move towards Chitwan, a city where humans live very close to the wildlife. As we leave Pokhara and advance towards Chitwan, the journey shifts into the lowland jungles, where the Chitwan National Park offers a completely different environment filled with forests, rivers, and wildlife.

After a good rest, our guide takes us for a quick jungle safari and canoe ride that offers us a chance to spot rhinoceros, deer, birds, and other native species. Besides, Chitwan also provides firsthand experience of living in the Tharu village, where we also get to participate in cultural dances that share stories of a community shaped by the jungle.

This tour is designed for comfort, discovery, and connection. Travel is well-paced with options for flights or scenic drives. Guided sightseeing ensures a deeper understanding at every location. The Kathmandu Pokhara Chitwan Tour is perfect for first-time visitors, families, and travellers seeking Nepal's highlights in one seamless journey.

Permits Required

Visiting all of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites requires travellers to obtain different permits or passes. Without these passes or permits, you might not be able to enter different significant places.

Here are the permits that you need to obtain for the Kathmandu Pokhara Chitwan Tour:

- Chitwan National Park Entry Permit
- Heritage Site Entry Permits
- Restricted Area Permits
- Trekkers' Information Management System

Booking the Kathmandu-Pokhara-Chitwan Tour with Mery Holidays means all the permits and passes will be arranged by our team before you arrive in Kathmandu and begin the tour.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 Arrival in Kathmandu

Max Altitude: 1400m / 4344ft Distance: 6.4 KM Stay: 3-5* Star Hotel Meals: Welcome Dinner/ Breakfast

Major Highlights of the Day

Warm airport welcome and hotel transfer

Short trip briefing and orientation

Free time in Thamel

Local cafés and souvenir shopping

First impressions of Kathmandu



Day 2

Kathmandu Sightseeing

Max Altitude: 1400m/4553ft Stay: 3-5* Star Hotel Meals: Breakfast

Bouddhanath Stupa

Just about 3.7 kilometers from Pashupatinath temple sits another UNESCO World Heritage Site, Bouddhanath Stupa. This, one of the largest Buddhist stupas in the world, is where we head to after the Pashupatinath Temple. As you enter a small gate, a huge white dome and all-seeing eyes of Buddha are surrounded by a crowd of pilgrims and casual visitors welcome you.

Besides, you will also hear the monks chanting and see the prayer wheels turning with a lot of pigeons settled on the white dome. We will walk around the stupa, and you might also sit in any cafes or restaurants to try some special Tibetan dishes like laphing or keema noodles, or any other dishes of your choice. After breakfast in the hotel, we begin our Kathmandu sightseeing tour. Today, our guides will take you to some of the most sacred and First things first, welcome to Nepal, the country of the Himalayas. As you arrive at Tribhuvan International Airport, a representative from Mercy Holidays welcomes you and assists with your hotel transfer. At the hotel, the staff welcome you with a refreshing drink before you check in and go for some refreshments and rest.

Later in the day, you can explore Thamel at your own pace. This lively neighbourhood is filled with cafés, local shops, and colourful streets. It's a gentle way to ease into Kathmandu's energy before your sightseeing begins. In the evening, the Mercy Holidays team calls you in for a quick trip briefing, followed by a warm, welcoming, and delicious welcome dinner.

historic sites in the city, which include both cultural and historical spots.

Pashupatinath Temple

We start by visiting the Pasupatinath Temple, known as one of the most significant temples of Hinduism. Located along the Bagmati River, the temple complex is a powerful spiritual centre where centuries-old cremation rituals continue daily. Just some time to spend in this temple, and you get deep insight into Hindu philosophy, life, death, and rebirth.

swayambhunath Stupa

From Bouddhanath, our trip takes us towards Swayambhunath Stupa, aka the Monkey Temple, located about 9 to 10 kilometers from Bouddhanath. Seated right at the hilltop, this stupa offers panoramic views of the Kathmandu Valley. Talking about the symbolic side, Swayambhunath Stupa symbolizes harmony between Buddhism and Hinduism, surrounded by shrines, prayer flags, and playful monkeys.

Finally, we visit Kathmandu Durbar Square, a spot where royal palaces, courtyards, and temples showcase the finest Newar architecture and craftsmanship to conclude Day 2 of the **Kathmandu-Pokhara-Chitwan Tour**.

Day 3 Drive/Fly to Pokhara

Max Altitude: 822m / 2,697 ft Distance: 207km Stay: 3-5* Star Hotel Meals: Breakfast

After such an interesting, exciting, and insightful exploration of the Kathmandu valley, it's time for us to drive or fly to Pokhara. The drive takes us through river valleys, terraced hills, and rural villages, offering glimpses of everyday Nepali life. On the other hand, flying provides dramatic aerial views of mountains and landscapes.

As we arrive in Pokhara, our representatives take you directly to the hotel, where you can get the needed refreshment. After that, you are all free to enjoy a peaceful evening walk around Lakeside. Besides, it's also recommended to go boating on Phewa Lake, which allows you to relax while reflecting on the Annapurna range mirrored in the water. The calm setting sets a soothing pace for the days ahead.

Major Highlights of the Day

- Scenic drive (6 to 7 hours) or flight (25 minutes) to Pokhara
- Changing landscapes and mountain views
- Lakeside stroll in the evening
- Boating on Phewa Lake
- Relaxed mountain-town atmosphere

Day 4 **Pokhara Tour/Sightseeing**

Max Altitude: 822m / 2,697 ft Stay: 3-5* Star Hotel Meals: Breakfast

Point today. Located at an altitude of 1600 meters or 5250 feet, this viewpoint offers a stunning sunrise view, accompanied by a spectacular panoramic view of the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri mountain ranges. The quiet morning atmosphere adds to the sense of awe and gratitude.

From there, our guides take you to the Bindhyabasini Temple, an important Hindu shrine for locals. From there, we continue to tour towards **Devi's Fall**, where water disappears into an underground gorge, followed by Gupteshwor Cave, a sacred cave temple hidden beneath the falls. Finally, we conclude the tour by visiting the World Peace Pagoda, a serene and significant site that offers panoramic views of the Pokhara Valley, Phewa Lake, and the surrounding mountains.

Highlights of the day

- Himalayan sunrise from Sarangkot
- Visit to Bindhyabasini Temple
- Natural wonder at Devi's Fall
- Sacred Gupteshwor Cave
- Peace Pagoda panoramic views. Our day in Pokhara begins with you waking up early in the morning.

Why so? Well, because we will be going for an **early sunrise view hike to the Sarangkot viewpoint**

Day 5 Drive to pokhara to chitwan

Max Altitude: 815m / 2674ft Distance: 160km Stay: 3-5* Star Hotel Meals: Breakfast Lunch & Dinner

After spending a couple of days in Pokhara, we travel to Chitwan. This section of the drive moves from mountain scenery to subtropical lowlands, along with Nepal's geographic diversity. As we reach Chitwan, Mercy Holidays arranges your settlement in a jungle lodge near the national park.

After you take your time to get some rest and refreshments, our team takes you on a guided Tharu village walk that introduces you to the indigenous community of the region. In the evening, you get a chance to enjoy a **Tharu cultural dance program**, where traditional music and storytelling reflect centuries of jungle life.

Highlights of the day

- Scenic drive to Chitwan
- Transition from hills to plains
- Tharu village cultural walk
- Traditional Tharu dance performance
- Jungle lodge experience

Day 6 Chitwan Jungle Activities

Max Altitude: 850m/2789ft Stay: 3-5* Star Hotel Meals: Breakfast Lunch & Dinner

The sixth day is dedicated to exploring Chitwan National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We take you on a guided jungle safari, where you will be lucky enough to spot one-horned rhinoceros, deer, wild birds, and possibly other wildlife. Being guided by the natural guides helps you delve deep into the conservation and jungle ecosystems.

In the meantime, you will also get a chance to enjoy a canoe ride along the **Rapti River**, gliding quietly through crocodile habitats and birdlife zones. Finally, the day ends with a peaceful sunset by the river, surrounded by nature's sounds.

Highlights of the day:

- Jungle safari in Chitwan National Park
- Wildlife observation with expert guides
- Canoe ride on the Rapti River
- Visit to Elephant Breeding Centre
- Riverside sunset experience

Day 7 Return to Kathmandu Via Flight or by Road

Max Altitude: 1400m / 4344ft Distance: 153km Stay: 3-5* Star Hotel

We believe you enjoyed this tour a lot and also got good insight into the culture, religion, and wildlife of three of the major cities of Nepal. Today, it's the day we return to Kathmandu, the place where this tour began. You can either choose to return to Kathmandu by bus or even by a domestic flight. In both cases, the journey back to the capital provides time to reflect on the rich cultural and natural experiences of the tour.

Once in Kathmandu, you will check back into your hotel and get refreshed. After that, the rest of the day is yours for shopping, café visits, or quiet relaxation. It's an ideal time to revisit favourite spots or prepare for departure. In the evening, our team invites you for a delicious farewell dinner, and of course, an authentic Nepali cuisine is what you will enjoy.

Day 8 Departure

Max Altitude: 1400m / 4344ft Meals: Breakfast

Finally, it's the day to wrap up the **8 Day Kathmandu-Pokhara-Chitwan Tour**. The Mercy Holidays team drops you off at the airport as per your schedule, or you can even plan for any other adventure here in Nepal.

In either case, the memories of temples, mountains, and wildlife remain with you for your life, and you can always revisit your camera roll for what you experienced throughout this tour.

What's Included

Cost Includes

- Accommodation
- Transfers
- Domestic flights (if applicable)
- Guided sightseeing
- Entrance fees
- Jungle activities in Chitwan
- Airport transfers

Cost Excludes

- International flights
- Visa fees
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Meals not mentioned
- Optional activities

Trip Notes

Book the Kathmandu Pokhara Chitwan Tour with Mercy Holidays Now!

Some journeys are about ticking places off a list. This one is about experiencing Nepal at a comfortable, meaningful pace. From ancient temples and peaceful lakes to jungle wildlife and cultural encounters, the Kathmandu Pokhara Chitwan Tour brings Nepal's highlights together in one seamless experience.

Here's what booking the package with us offers you:

- Carefully curated routes covering Nepal's most loved destinations
- Comfortable stays are chosen for location, cleanliness, and calm surroundings
- Knowledgeable guides who share stories beyond the guidebook
- Flexible travel options to suit your time and comfort
- Safe, well-managed activities in cities, mountains, and jungles
- A friendly team that supports you at every step

The Kathmandu-Pokhara-Chitwan Tour can be enjoyed throughout the year, but there are some seasons that offer the best overall experience. Since this journey covers cultural cities, mountain viewpoints, and jungle landscapes, choosing the right season helps maximise comfort, visibility, and activity enjoyment.

Autumn (September to November) & Spring (March to May)

Autumn and Spring are widely considered the best times for the Kathmandu Pokhara Chitwan Tour. Throughout these months, we can experience stable weather, clear skies, and pleasant temperatures across all regions. Moreover, this season also offers excellent mountain visibility in Pokhara and comfortable conditions for sightseeing in Kathmandu and Chitwan.

Here are a few major upsides of choosing the autumn and spring seasons for this tour:

- Clear Himalayan views from Sarangkot and Pokhara
- Mild temperatures are ideal for sightseeing and jungle activities

- Lively cultural atmosphere with major festivals like Dashain and Tihar
- Lower humidity and minimal rainfall

Winter (December to February)

As this is not a trekking package, even the winter season can be a good choice. Winter offers a calmer travel experience with fewer crowds. Days are generally sunny, though mornings and evenings can be chilly, especially in Kathmandu and Pokhara. Chitwan remains warmer, making jungle activities pleasant.

Here's why choosing Winter is also a good idea for the Kathmandu-Pokhara-Chitwan Tour:

- Clear skies and crisp mountain views
- Fewer tourists at major attractions
- Comfortable temperatures in Chitwan
- Peaceful travel atmosphere

Monsoon (June to August)

Monsoon season brings greenery and fewer travellers, but also frequent rain. While cultural sightseeing remains possible, jungle activities and long drives may be affected by weather conditions.

Here are why you should go for this tour in the Monsoon season:

- Lush landscapes and vibrant countryside
- Fewer crowds and quieter attractions

However, let us tell you that the monsoon comes with more drawbacks. So, prepare yourself to the fullest and talk to our experts at Mercy Holidays before making a plan.

Difficulty Level & Physical Requirements

The Kathmandu-Pokhara-Chitwan Tour is certainly easy, as there is no walking or hiking anywhere in the package. Besides, this tour to Kathmandu, Pokhara, and Chitwan is designed to be comfortable and relaxed, focusing on cultural sightseeing, nature experiences, and gentle exploration rather than physical challenge. This makes the tour

perfect for the elderly, children, and people who want to dive into the cultural and religious side of Nepal.

However, difficulties might arise in some cases, like canoeing in Chitwan and while walking up the stairs to reach the World Peace Pagoda in Pokhara. However, it just requires a little preparation and following of safety instructions to make this trip anyone's cup of tea.

Check these safety instructions and tips before heading for the Kathmandu-Pokhara-Chitwan Tour:

- Follow the guide instructions during wildlife activities
- Avoid sudden movements and loud noises
- Light walking during village tours

Also, we recommend that you respect the religious boundaries in each of the places that we visit during this tour.

Food and Accommodation During the Tour

Mercy Holidays is always focused on providing top-notch food and accommodation throughout any package you book with us. This also applies to the Kathmandu-Pokhara-Chitwan Tour. Yes, you can expect comfort, cleanliness, and local flavour throughout the journey. From city hotels to jungle lodges, both food and accommodation are selected to enhance your overall travel experience while ensuring convenience and safety.

Here is what type of accommodation you can expect during the Kathmandu-Pokhara-Chitwan Tour:

- Clean and comfortable rooms with private bathrooms
- Hot showers and essential amenities
- Calm environments suitable for relaxation
- Friendly service and local hospitality
- Easy access to major attractions or activity points

The same approach also goes for the food arrangements that we make. Our package includes daily breakfast at the hotel, which includes both local and continental options. Unlike breakfast, we arrange lunch and dinner in restaurants near sightseeing areas or at the hotel.

Here are the food options that you can expect during the tour to Kathmandu, Pokhara & Chitwan:

- Traditional Nepali meals such as dal bhat
- Indian, Chinese, and continental dishes
- Vegetarian-friendly menus at most restaurants
- Simple, fresh, and hygienically prepared food

Vegetarian food is widely available throughout the tour. If you prefer vegan, gluten-free, or have other dietary preferences, please talk to us before the trip. This helps us make prior arrangements of food as per your preferences or dietary needs.

Transportation (Road vs Flight) for Kathmandu Pokhara Chitwan Tour

Mercy Holidays has comfort, flexibility, and safety planned for transportation during the Kathmandu-Pokhara-Chitwan Tour. For travelling to Pokhara from Kathmandu and vice versa, you can choose between scenic road journeys and short domestic flights, depending on time, budget, and travel preference.

Road Travel Option

Travelling by road is amazing these days as the route from Kathmandu to Pokhara has recently been black-pitched. So, you will be in for the smoothest of drives. Also, the same goes for travelling to Chitwan. This driving journey allows you to experience Nepal's changing landscapes up close.

Besides, you also get chances to drive through river valleys, terraced farmlands, and small towns, offering a glimpse into local life. Also, not to forget, the bus, micro, or jeep that Mercy Holidays arranges for this tour is private, well-maintained, and driven by experienced professionals.

Here's an overview of the road travel:

- Kathmandu to Pokhara: approximately 6 to 7 hours
- Pokhara to Chitwan: approximately 4 to 5 hours
- Chitwan to Kathmandu: approximately 5 to 6 hours

Flight Travel Option

Unlike road travel, domestic flights are the fastest way to travel between major destinations. Flights significantly reduce travel time and offer spectacular aerial views of mountains and landscapes. The flight from Kathmandu to

Pokhara takes approximately 5 minutes, whereas the flight from Chitwan to Kathmandu takes approximately 25 to 30 minutes.

Here are some amusing benefits of choosing flights over road trips:

- Saves travel time and energy
- Comfortable and convenient
- Ideal for shorter itineraries or senior travellers
- Stunning Himalayan views on clear days

However, if you choose transportation by flight, we would like to inform you that flights are weather-dependent, with limited luggage allowance, and they also cost significantly more than the cost of road travel.

Health, Safety & Travel Tips

The Kathmandu-Pokhara-Chitwan Tour is generally safe, comfortable, and suitable for travellers of all ages. This 8 Day tour remains at low altitudes and focuses on cultural sightseeing, nature experiences, and guided wildlife activities. With basic care and awareness, travellers can enjoy a smooth and relaxing holiday across Nepal's diverse regions.

One thing to note is that weather conditions might vary between cities, mountains, and jungles, so simple preparation goes a long way. Here are a few health tips and travel tips to make your journey comparatively easy and well-going:

Health & Safety Tips

- Drink only bottled or purified water throughout the trip
- Stay hydrated, especially during warm days in Chitwan
- Eat freshly cooked meals from clean restaurants
- Carry personal medications and basic first-aid supplies
- Wear comfortable shoes for walking on stone steps and uneven paths

- Use sunscreen, hats, and sunglasses during daytime sightseeing
- Follow the guide instructions at all heritage sites and activities

Travel Tips

- Remain inside vehicles during jungle safaris
- Avoid loud noises and sudden movements in wildlife areas
- Do not feed or approach animals in Chitwan National Park
- Dress modestly when visiting temples and religious sites
- Remove shoes before entering sacred places
- Walk clockwise around stupas and prayer wheels
- Keep valuables secure in crowded areas

What to Pack for the Kathmandu Pokhara Chitwan Tour

No matter how easy or difficult a trip is, smart packing helps you stay comfortable as the tour moves from cultural cities to mountain viewpoints and jungle landscapes. Since the journey involves sightseeing, light walking, and wildlife activities, carrying versatile and essential items is recommended.

Here is what you must pack for the Kathmandu-Pokhara-Chitwan Tour:

Clothing & Footwear Essentials

- Lightweight, breathable clothes for daytime sightseeing
- Modest outfits suitable for temples and religious sites
- Warm layers or a light jacket for mornings and evenings
- Comfortable trousers or long skirts for cultural visits

- Sleepwear and casual evening wear
- Comfortable walking shoes with a good grip
- Sandals or flip-flops for hotel use
- Closed shoes for jungle activities in Chitwan

Personal Care & Health Items

- Personal medications in original packaging
- Basic first-aid kit with bandages and pain relief
- Sunscreen, lip balm, and moisturiser
- Hand sanitiser and wet wipes
- Insect repellent for Chitwan

Travel Essentials

- Valid passport and travel documents
- Printed and digital copies of important papers
- Travel insurance details
- Small daypack for sightseeing
- Reusable water bottle

Accessories and Helpful Items

- Sunglasses and a wide-brim hat or cap

- A camera or a smartphone for photography
- Power bank and charging cables
- Journal or notebook for memories
- Light scarf or shawl for temple visits

No matter if this is your first visit to Nepal or a return journey to explore more, Mercy Holidays ensures your trip is smooth, comfortable, and memorable.

[Contact us today](#) and secure your next vacation plan to enjoy the beautiful combination of heritage, culture, and wildlife tour with Mercy Holidays!

FAQ

Is the tour guided throughout, and what languages do the guides speak?

Yes, the tour is guided throughout key sightseeing and activity days. Guides are experienced, knowledgeable, and primarily English-speaking. Other languages may be available on request, subject to availability.

Travel insurance is strongly recommended for this tour. It should cover medical expenses, trip delays, cancellations, and personal belongings

All jungle activities are conducted with licensed naturalist guides and trained drivers. Safaris are done in regulated vehicles, and canoe rides follow strict safety guidelines. Guests receive clear safety briefings before every activity.

Is travel insurance required for the Kathmandu, Pokhara Chitwan Tour, and what does it cover?

Travel insurance is strongly recommended for this tour. It should cover medical expenses, trip delays, cancellations, and personal belongings

Can I extend my stay in Pokhara for additional activities like paragliding or trekking?

Yes, your stay in Pokhara can be extended for activities such as paragliding, short treks, or extra sightseeing. Mercy Holidays can customise the itinerary based on your interests and available time. Additional nights and activities can be arranged on request.

What wildlife can I expect to see during the Chitwan jungle safari and canoe ride?

Chitwan National Park is home to one-horned rhinoceroses, deer, monkeys, various birds, and sometimes crocodiles along the Rapti River. Naturalists guide safaris and canoe rides to maximise wildlife sightings. However, please note that sightings of some animals are never guaranteed.

What types of accommodations are provided during the tour in Kathmandu, Pokhara, and Chitwan?

Mercy Holidays ensures to arrange accommodations in well-maintained hotels in Kathmandu and Pokhara, and comfortable jungle lodges near Chitwan National Park. Also, all the stays offer clean rooms, private bathrooms, and essential amenities.

Is the Kathmandu Pokhara Chitwan Tour suitable for families with children or elderly travelers?

Yes, the tour is designed to be easy to moderate, with minimal physical strain and plenty of rest breaks. Activities like sightseeing, lakeside walks, and jungle safaris are safe and enjoyable for all age groups. Also, the ease of the tour makes it perfect for people of any age group.

What are the must-see UNESCO World Heritage Sites included in the Kathmandu sightseeing portion of the tour?

Kathmandu Durbar Square, Pashupatinath Temple, Swayambhunath Stupa are the must-see UNESCO World Heritage Sites that we visit during this tour package