Kathmandu, Pokhara Chitwan Tour – 11 Days

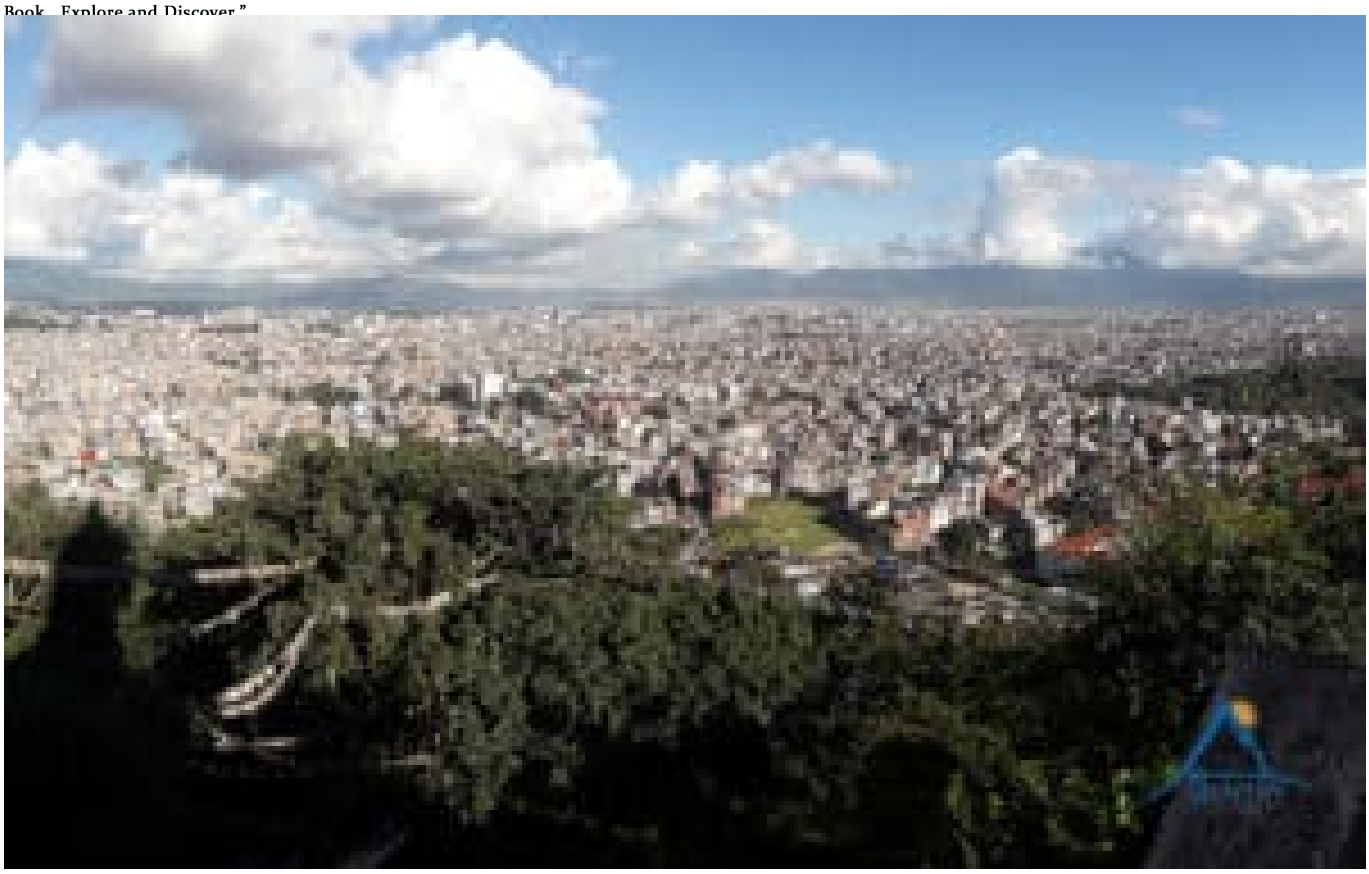
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Welcome to the **Kathmandu, Pokhara, and Chitwan Tour**. This masterfully crafted journey successfully unveils Nepal's absolute best highlights. Moreover, it seamlessly blends culture, wilderness, and alpine magic. Designed for leisure seekers, this trip thoroughly explores iconic treasures of the Kathmandu, Pokhara, and Chitwan Tour. From ancient Kathmandu temples, subsequently, travelers move toward Pokhara's mirror-like lakes. Eventually, tours descend into Chitwan's subtropical jungles. Furthermore, visitors experience vibrant city life, while simultaneously witnessing Himalayan sunrises and additionally tracking rare rhinos. Ultimately, this relaxing adventure deeply enriches every visitor. For more travel ideas, check out the Nepal Tourism Board.

Kathmandu: The City of Temples & Living History



Steeped in ancient mythology, Kathmandu undoubtedly serves as Nepal’s cultural heart. Sacred shrines bustle daily. Meanwhile, centuries-old pagodas pierce the skyline, featuring intricate woodcarvings.

- **What Makes It Special:** It proudly hosts UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Key landmarks include Pashupatinath, Swayambhunath, and royal palace squares. Learn more about local heritage in our Nepal Travel Guide.
- **Ancient Durbar Squares:** Marvel at the royal palaces and intricate architecture of Kathmandu, Patan, and Bhaktapur Durbar Squares, showcasing Nepal’s medieval artistic heritage.
- **Sacred Spiritual Shrines:** Visit revered world-famous sites, including the watchful eyes of Boudhanath Stupa, Swoyambhunath (Monkey Temple), and the open-air cremation ghats of Pashupatinath.

- **Himalayan Sunrise at Nagarkot:** Take a scenic morning trip to the ridge of Nagarkot to witness a golden sunrise breaking over panoramic mountain views, including distant glimpses of Everest.

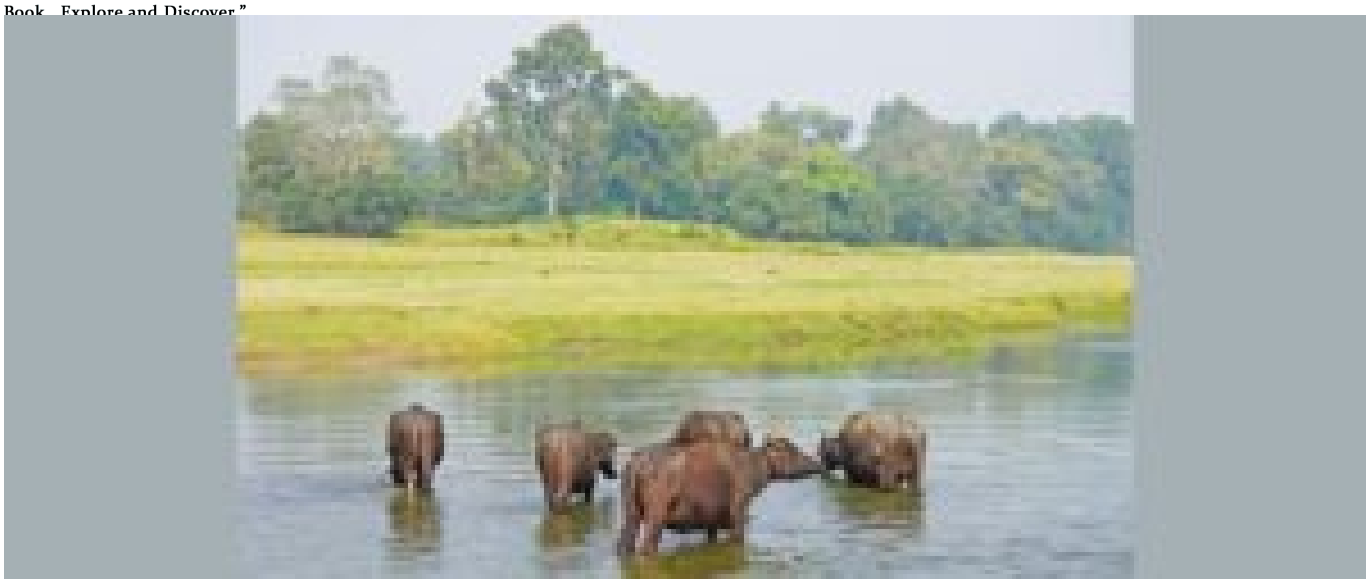
Pokhara: The Serene City of Lakes & Mountains



Tucked beneath the Annapurna range, Pokhara remains a true nature paradise. Tranquil lakes beautifully reflect snow-capped giants. Consequently, this creates breathtaking scenic views.

- **What Makes It Special:** Famous activities include Phewa Lake boating, cave explorations, and Sarangkot sunrises. Additionally, it offers world-class paragliding.
- **Lakeside Relaxation & Boating:** Unwind by the peaceful, mirror-like waters of Phewa Lake and enjoy leisurely boat rides against the backdrop of the Annapurna range.
- **Sarangkot Sunrise & Paragliding:** Catch breathtaking Himalayan sunrises from the heights of Sarangkot, which also serves as a world-famous launchpad for thrilling paragliding adventures.
- **Natural Wonders & Caves:** Explore mysterious underground formations like Gupteshwar Mahadev Cave, cascading waterfalls, and sacred hilltop temples like the World Peace Pagoda.

Chitwan: The Untamed Subtropical Jungle



Leaving the hills behind, Chitwan directly drops visitors into emerald lowlands. As Nepal's first national park, this protected biosphere shelters diverse wildlife.

- **What Makes It Special:** Travelers can track one-horned rhinos, spot wild elephants, and enjoy river canoe trips. Furthermore, visitors experience vibrant Tharu culture.
- **Subtropical Jungle Safaris:** Embark on action-packed wildlife expeditions inside Chitwan National Park via open-jeep safaris to track rare species in their natural habitat.
- **Wildlife Encounters:** Enjoy unique opportunities to spot the endangered One-horned Rhinoceros, wild elephants, marsh crocodiles, and hundreds of exotic bird species.
- **River Canoeing & Cultural Immersion:** Glide quietly down emerald rivers in traditional dugout canoes and experience vibrant traditional dances hosted by the indigenous Tharu community.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Is this tour suitable for families, seniors, or children?

Yes, absolutely. This itinerary prioritizes comfort, leisure, and cultural immersion over high-altitude endurance. Consequently, it avoids strenuous trekking, making it ideal for all age groups.

Do I need to be physically fit for this trip?

No special fitness training is required. Activities primarily involve light courtyard walks, scenic

vehicle transfers, gentle boat rides, and relaxed safaris.

What is the best season to book this tour?

- **Spring (March to May):** Features warm weather, blooming wildflowers, and clear daylight hours.
- **Autumn (September to November):** Offers crisp blue skies, stable weather, and magnificent mountain visibility.
- **Winter (December to February):** Delivers sunny days, though mornings and evenings remain chilly.

How do we travel between Kathmandu, Chitwan, and Pokhara?

Transportation uses comfortable tourist buses or private vehicles along winding highways. Additionally, private cars handle all city tours and airport transfers.

Can I see Mount Everest on this tour?

Yes! During early morning excursions to Nagarkot, clear days offer distant views of Himalayan peaks, including Mount Everest. Furthermore, closer Annapurna panoramas are visible from Pokhara.

Is a Nepal tourist visa available upon arrival?

Yes. International travelers easily obtain a visa on arrival at Kathmandu airport by presenting a valid passport and passport photos.

What kind of wildlife can I expect to see in Chitwan National Park?

Chitwan boasts rich biodiversity. Safari drives provide great chances to spot one-horned rhinos, deer, wild boars, and exotic birds.

Are monument entry fees and city lunches included?

- **Exclusions:** Monument entry fees and city lunches remain excluded to provide flexible dining options.
- **Inclusions:** Hotel breakfasts, full-board meals in Chitwan, and all listed safari activities are covered.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Kathmandu and Hotel Check-In

Welcome to Nepal! As you step off your international flight and complete your arrival formalities, a friendly representative from our company will greet you warmly at Tribhuvan International Airport. Look for your name or our company sign in the arrivals area.

We will then escort you to a comfortable private tourist vehicle and drive you smoothly through the lively streets of the capital city to your designated hotel. After checking in, you can take a well-deserved rest in your room, unpack, or gently stretch your legs and settle in for a relaxing overnight stay.

- Location: Kathmandu
- Drive Hours: 20 to 30 minutes (depending on traffic)
- Accommodation: 3-Star Hotel in Kathmandu
- Meal Plan: Not included (Welcome/Dinner arrangements vary by package)
- Elevation: 1,400 meters / 4,593 feet

Day 2: Full-Day Cultural Sightseeing of Kathmandu's UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Following a delightful breakfast at your hotel this morning, your expert local guide and a private vehicle will meet you for an enriching full-day excursion across the historic Kathmandu Valley.

You will begin your exploration at the sacred Pashupatinath Temple, situated along the banks of the holy Bagmati River, where you can observe traditional Hindu rituals and open-air cremation ceremonies. Next, travel to the ancient hilltop stupa of Swayambhunath—affectionately known as the Monkey Temple—which offers panoramic views over the entire valley. In the afternoon, visit the colossal and serene Boudhanath Stupa, one of the largest spherical stupas in the world and a vibrant center of Tibetan Buddhism. Conclude your cultural journey at Patan Durbar Square, marveling at its exquisite Newari woodcarvings, stone architecture, and ancient royal courtyards

before returning to your hotel for a restful evening.

- Location: Kathmandu
- Drive Hours: 2 to 3 hours (total sightseeing transfers)
- Accommodation: 3-Star Hotel in Kathmandu
- Meal Plan: Breakfast
- Elevation: 1,400 meters / 4,593 feet

Day 3: Exploration of Narayanhiti Palace Museum and Kathmandu Durbar Square

Enjoy a relaxing morning with some well-deserved leisure time to sleep in, sip coffee, or pack your belongings at your own pace. Later in the day, your guide and private vehicle will pick you up to continue discovering the fascinating history of the Kathmandu Valley.

Your first stop is the Narayanhiti Palace Museum, the former royal palace that served as the residence of Nepal's monarchs until 2008, offering a unique glimpse into modern royal history and state architecture. Afterward, you will proceed to Kathmandu Durbar Square, a historic plaza filled with ornate medieval palaces, intricate courtyards, and ancient temples like Kumari Ghar (home to the Living Goddess). Following this enriching afternoon tour, your driver will safely return you to your hotel for a comfortable overnight stay.

- Location: Kathmandu
- Drive Hours: 1 to 2 hours (total sightseeing transfers)
- Accommodation: 3-Star Hotel in Kathmandu
- Meal Plan: Breakfast
- Elevation: 1,400 meters / 4,593 feet

Day 4: Sunrise Excursion to Nagarkot and Exploration of Bhaktapur Durbar Square

Rise early this morning for a scenic pre-dawn drive to the picturesque hill station of Nagarkot, renowned as one of the finest vantage points in the region. As the first rays of sunlight break across the horizon, you will witness a breathtaking panoramic sunrise over the snow-capped Himalayan peaks, including a distant view of majestic Mount Everest from the local observation tower.

After enjoying this unforgettable mountain spectacle and a hearty breakfast nearby, your guide will escort you to the exceptionally preserved medieval city of Bhaktapur Durbar Square, a proud UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, you will wander through historic brick-paved lanes to admire the magnificent 55-Window Royal Palace, the towering and architecturally brilliant Nyatapola Temple (Nepal's tallest pagoda), and the lively Pottery Square, where local artisans shape traditional clay pots by hand. Following this wonderful cultural immersion, your driver will return you to your Kathmandu hotel for a peaceful overnight stay.

- Location: Nagarkot & Bhaktapur / Kathmandu
- Drive Hours: 2.5 to 3 hours (total journey and sightseeing transfers)
- Accommodation: 3-Star Hotel in Kathmandu
- Meal Plan: Breakfast
- Elevation: 2,175 meters / 7,136 feet (Nagarkot) & 1,400 meters / 4,593 feet (Kathmandu)

Day 5: Scenic Overland Journey from Kathmandu to Chitwan National Park

Following a delightful breakfast at your hotel this morning, you will check out and embark on a scenic, five-hour overland drive toward the subtropical lowlands of Chitwan. As you descend from the hills along the winding highway, you will enjoy wonderful views of rural settlements, cascading rivers, and terraced farmlands.

Upon your arrival in Chitwan, our friendly resort representatives will warmly welcome you and escort you to your jungle lodge or resort. Chitwan National Park is Nepal's first and most famous national park, proudly recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its incredible biodiversity. After checking in and settling into your room, you can relax and unwind for the remainder of the afternoon, preparing for the exciting wildlife adventures ahead during a comfortable overnight stay.

- Location: Chitwan National Park
- Drive Hours: 5 hours (approximate travel time)
- Accommodation: Jungle Resort / Lodge in Chitwan
- Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner (Full Board)
- Elevation: 100 to 150 meters / 328 to 492 feet

Day 6: Full-Day Wildlife Safari & Jungle Excursions in Chitwan

Embrace the sounds of nature as you awaken early in the heart of the wilderness. After a nourishing breakfast at your resort, you will embark on an action-packed day of full-day jungle activities inside Chitwan National Park alongside expert local naturalists and tracking guides.

Your jungle adventure begins with a tranquil early-morning dugout canoe ride along the Rapti River, offering a prime opportunity for bird watching and observing freshwater Gharial and Marsh Mugger crocodiles basking on the riverbanks. Next, venture deep into the Sal forests and grasslands on an exciting jungle safari drive and guided nature walk. As you explore the park's diverse eco-system, your naturalists will help you spot one-horned rhinoceroses, wild deer, monkeys, and colorful exotic birds. After a thrilling day immersed in wildlife, you will be driven back safely to your resort to relax and unwind for the night.

- Location: Chitwan National Park
- Drive Hours: 3 to 4 hours (total safari drive & internal resort transfers)
- Accommodation: Jungle Resort / Lodge in Chitwan

- Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner (Full Board)
- Elevation: 100 to 150 meters / 328 to 492 feet

Day 7: Scenic Drive from Chitwan to the Lakeside City of Pokhara

After enjoying a delightful breakfast at your jungle resort, you will check out and embark on a comfortable four-hour scenic drive heading northwest toward the picturesque lakeside city of Pokhara. As you travel along the highway following winding rivers and terraced hillsides, you will catch magnificent, ever-changing vistas of rural Nepali countryside. On a clear day, the magnificent snow-capped peaks of the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri mountain ranges will begin to greet you on the horizon.

Upon your arrival in Pokhara, our representative will escort you smoothly to your hotel. After checking in, you can take some time to settle into your room or take a relaxing stroll along the vibrant lakeside promenade to soak in the peaceful ambiance of this stunning mountain valley before your overnight stay.

- Location: Pokhara
- Drive Hours: 4 hours (approximate travel time)
- Accommodation: 3-Star Hotel in Pokhara
- Meal Plan: Breakfast
- Elevation: 827 meters / 2,713 feet

Day 8: Sunrise Excursion to Sarangkot, Pokhara Sightseeing, and Optional Paragliding

Rise early this morning for a scenic pre-dawn drive up to the famous hilltop vantage point of

Sarangkot. As the morning sun breaks over the horizon, you will witness a breathtaking, panoramic sunrise casting golden hues across the majestic Annapurna and Dhaulagiri mountain ranges, all while enjoying a sweeping view of the peaceful Pokhara Valley below. For adventure seekers, Sarangkot is also world-renowned as a premier launchpad for paragliding, offering an exhilarating flight over the valley.

After returning to your hotel for breakfast, you will embark on an afternoon sightseeing tour around Pokhara. Explore remarkable natural wonders such as the cascading Devi's Fall, the mysterious underground cavern of Gupteshwor Mahadev Cave, and the cultural exhibits at the International Mountaineering Museum. Afterward, enjoy a serene boat ride across the tranquil waters of Phewa Lake to visit the island-bound Barahi Temple, before returning to your hotel for a comfortable overnight stay.

- Location: Sarangkot & Pokhara
- Drive Hours: 2 to 3 hours (total sightseeing transfers)
- Accommodation: 3-Star Hotel in Pokhara
- Meal Plan: Breakfast
- Elevation: 1,592 meters / 5,223 feet (Sarangkot) & 827 meters / 2,713 feet (Pokhara)

Day 9: Scenic Drive Back to Kathmandu and Leisure Afternoon

Following a delightful breakfast at your hotel in Pokhara this morning, you will check out and begin your scenic overland journey back toward the vibrant capital of Kathmandu. As your private vehicle travels along the winding highway, you can relax, enjoy the changing countryside scenery, and reflect on the incredible memories created throughout your holiday.

Upon your arrival in Kathmandu, our representative will escort you smoothly to your hotel for check-in. The rest of the afternoon is entirely at your leisure. You can unwind in your room, explore the bustling local markets of Thamel for last-minute souvenirs, or relax at a cozy café before your final overnight stay in Nepal.

- Location: Kathmandu

- Drive Hours: 6 to 7 hours (approximate travel time)
- Accommodation: 3-Star Hotel in Kathmandu
- Meal Plan: Breakfast
- Elevation: 1,400 meters / 4,593 feet

Day 10: Relaxing Day of Rest and Souvenir Shopping in Kathmandu

Enjoy a leisurely, restful morning at your own pace, sleeping in or relaxing comfortably at your hotel after your wonderful journey across Nepal.

In the afternoon, our private vehicle and driver will be ready to take you into the vibrant shopping hubs of Kathmandu, such as Thamel or local artisanal markets. This gives you the perfect opportunity to complete your remaining chores, pick up authentic Nepali handicrafts, pashminas, singing bowls, or tea souvenirs, and pack your bags comfortably for your journey home tomorrow.

- Location: Kathmandu
- Drive Hours: 1 hour (local shopping transfers)
- Accommodation: 3-Star Hotel in Kathmandu
- Meal Plan: Breakfast
- Elevation: 1,400 meters / 4,593 feet

Day 11: Final Departure and Transfer to Tribhuvan International Airport

After an unforgettable journey exploring the cultural heritage, pristine wildlife, and majestic mountain vistas of Nepal, your holiday comes to an end today. Enjoy a final, relaxing breakfast at your hotel and complete your check-out formalities.

Depending on your international flight schedule, a friendly representative from our company will pick you up from your hotel and provide a comfortable, private vehicle transfer to Tribhuvan International Airport. We will assist you with your luggage and bid you a warm farewell, wishing you a safe and pleasant journey back home filled with wonderful memories!

- Location: Kathmandu to Airport
- Drive Hours: 20 to 30 minutes (depending on traffic)
- Accommodation: Not applicable (Departure day)
- Meal Plan: Breakfast
- Elevation: 1,400 meters / 4,593 feet

Inclusions

- **Airport Transfers:** Airport pickup and drop-off in a private car or vehicle for international or domestic flights.
- **Ground Transportation:** All transportation as per the itinerary, including private cars for city tours and comfortable tourist transfers.
- **Accommodations:**
    - Hotel accommodation in Kathmandu on a Bed and Breakfast (B/B) basis.
    - Hotel accommodation in Pokhara on a Bed and Breakfast (B/B) basis.
    - Hotel accommodation in Chitwan on a Full Board (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner) basis.
- **Guided Sightseeing Tours:**

- Kathmandu Valley full-day and half-day tours by private car.
- Pokhara sightseeing tour by private car.

- **Wildlife Safari:** Chitwan National Park jungle safari activities by Jeep or Elephant back.
- **Professional Staff:** A professional, English-speaking tour guide, plus an assistant guide for groups of more than ten passengers.
- **Taxes and Permits:** All government and local taxes, along with all necessary travel documents and permits.
- **Complimentary Extras:**
  - Company-branded T-shirt.
  - Special farewell dinner in Kathmandu.
  - Official trip completion certificate.

Exclusions

- **isa Fees:** Tourist visa fees for entry into Nepal (available on arrival at the airport).
- **International Airfare:** International flights to and from Kathmandu, along with any associated airport taxes.
- **Meals in Cities:** Lunches and dinners during your stays in Kathmandu and Pokhara (breakfast is included).
- **Monument Entry Fees:** Entrance fees for historical sites, museums, and national parks during the Kathmandu and Pokhara sightseeing tours.
- **Personal Expenses:** All personal items, including bar bills, alcoholic beverages, laundry services, Wi-Fi charges, hot showers in certain lodges, and emergency rescue evacuation insurance.
- **Extra Accommodations:** Any additional hotel nights in Kathmandu, Pokhara, or Chitwan outside of the specified itinerary dates.
- **Gratuities:** Tips and appreciation tokens for your tour guide, driver, and safari staff.

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