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First, your dream Himalayan journey finally becomes a reality with our 10-day **Real Experience Nepal Tour**. **Indeed**, Nepal is a land of profound contrast and rich history. **Here**, ancient spiritual traditions thrive alongside snow-capped mountain peaks. **In addition**, tranquil lakes gradually give way to dense subtropical jungles. **Ultimately**, this comprehensive itinerary brings together Nepal's top three tourist destinations into one seamless adventure. **For instance**, you can explore more options on our Nepal Tour page. **As a result**, you will discover living heritage, dramatic mountain views, and untamed wildlife.

Discover Nepal's Cultural & Natural Highlights

Initially, step into the culturally affluent Kathmandu Valley. **In fact**, the city is an open-air museum housing seven distinct UNESCO World Heritage Sites. **For example**, you will explore the ancient royal courtyards of Patan and Bhaktapur. **Furthermore**, you will visit sacred shrines filled with timeless Newari architecture. **Next**, travel westward to Pokhara, the scenic adventure capital of Nepal. **Meanwhile**, you can learn about regional sights via the official Nepal Tourism Board. **Specificially**, watch breathtaking sunrises over the Annapurna Massif from Sarangkot. **Afterward**, enjoy relaxing boat rides across Phewa Lake. **Finally**, descend into the lush lowlands of Chitwan National Park. **Currently**, this park is managed by the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation. **Additionally**, check out our popular Chitwan Jungle Safari package. **Here**, you will join guided 4×4 Jeep safaris to spot rhinos and tigers. **Besides**, you will also enjoy peaceful river canoe trips and vibrant Tharu cultural stick dances.

- **Kathmandu Valley:** Visit ancient temples, royal palaces, and bustling local bazaars.

- **Pokhara City:** Experience mountain vistas, underground caves, waterfalls, and lake boating.

- **Chitwan Wilderness:** Track rare wildlife, spot aquatic birds, and experience local ethnic traditions.

Crafted for Every Traveler

Above all, the **Real Experience Nepal Tour** is thoughtfully designed for all ages. **Consequently**, it is ideal for families, couples, and senior travelers alike. **In addition**, you can easily customize your trip with options ranging from budget to luxury hotels. **Moreover**, enjoy authentic local meals while immersing yourself in Nepalese hospitality.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Kathmandu & Hotel Transfer

Welcome to Nepal! Upon landing at **Tribhuvan International Airport (KTM)** in Kathmandu, proceed through immigration, process your tourist visa, and retrieve your luggage at the baggage carousel. Once you clear customs and exit the main arrival terminal building, look for our representative waiting outside the gate holding an official **Attractive Travels and Tours** sign with your name. You will be greeted warmly and escorted to your private vehicle for a smooth transfer to your reserved hotel. After check-in, spend the remainder of the day at leisure resting and recovering from your flight ahead of your upcoming city tours.

Day 2: Kathmandu Valley UNESCO World Heritage Tour

After breakfast at your hotel, embark on a full-day guided tour across four of Kathmandu's most iconic UNESCO World Heritage sites. This day offers a deep dive into the valley's rich spiritual, architectural, and historical traditions.

- **Kathmandu Durbar Square:** Explore the ancient royal palace complex of the Malla kings, built between the 12th and 18th centuries. Highlights include the multi-tiered **Taleju Temple**, the 16th-century **Jagannath Temple**, the fierce stone idol of **Kal Bhairav**, and **Kumari Ghar**—the residence of Kathmandu's Living Goddess. You will

also visit **Kasthamandap**, the historical wooden pavilion from which Kathmandu derives its name.

- **Swoyambhunath Stupa (The Monkey Temple):** Perched high on a hill overlooking the valley, this 2,000-year-old Buddhist sanctuary is famous for its gilded spire painted with the all-seeing eyes of Lord Buddha.

- **Boudhanath Stupa:** Next, visit one of the largest spherical stupas in the world. Surrounded by over 50 active Tibetan monasteries, this vibrant plaza is known as “Little Tibet.” Here, you can join pilgrims in circumambulating the stupa or enjoy tea from a rooftop café overlooking the plaza.

- **Pashupatinath Temple:** Conclude your day at Nepal’s most sacred Hindu temple complex along the Bagmati River. While the main inner temple is reserved for Hindu worshippers, visitors can view the gold-pinnacled architecture and traditional riverbank cremation ceremonies from the eastern bank.

Day 3: Heritage Exploration of Patan & Bhaktapur Durbar Squares

After breakfast, set out on a cultural journey to explore the ancient neighboring cities of **Patan** and **Bhaktapur**, both renowned UNESCO World Heritage sites within the Kathmandu Valley.

- **Patan Durbar Square (The City of Fine Arts):** Located just south of Kathmandu across the Bagmati River, Patan is celebrated for its exquisite Newari architecture, metalworking, and stone carvings. Walk through the central courtyard, visit the **Patan Museum**, admire the 17th-century stone **Krishna Mandir**, and see the gilded **Golden Temple (Hiranya Varna Mahavihar)**.

- **Bhaktapur Durbar Square (The City of Devotees):** Drive east to Bhaktapur, a remarkably preserved medieval town that feels frozen in time. Stroll through car-free brick alleys, visit **Taumadhi Square** to marvel at the five-tiered **Nyatapola Temple** (Nepal’s tallest pagoda), and explore the **55-Window Palace** and **Pottery Square**.

Return to Kathmandu by late afternoon to relax and prepare for your onward journey into the hills.

Day 4: Scenic Drive to Bandipur & Optional Trishuli River Rafting

Depart Kathmandu early in the morning for a scenic drive toward Bandipur. As you leave the valley through the Nagdhunga pass, enjoy panoramic views of the Ganesh, Manaslu, and Annapurna mountain ranges on clear days. Descend winding mountain roads along the Prithvi Highway, following the rushing waters of the Trishuli River.

> **Optional Adventure:** Stop en route for an optional **2-to-3-hour white-water rafting trip** on the Trishuli River. This beginner-friendly rafting excursion offers exciting rapids before you continue your journey.

Arrive in **Bandipur** by late afternoon. Perched dramatically on a mountain ridge at 1,030 meters, this medieval Newari town was once a thriving stop on the ancient Tibet-India trade route. Spend your evening strolling along the pedestrianized main bazaar, admiring preserved 18th-century Newari architecture, and taking in sweeping views of the central Himalayas.

- **Overnight:** Bandipur village lodge/hotel.

Day 5: Scenic Drive to Pokhara & Evening Phewa Lake Boating

After breakfast, depart Bandipur and drive west toward **Pokhara**, Nepal's premier lake city. The 80-kilometer journey along the Prithvi Highway takes roughly 3 hours. As you approach the Pokhara Valley, enjoy views of the snow-capped Annapurna Massif, including Dhaulagiri, Manaslu, and the iconic, sacred peak of **Machhapuchhre (Fishtail)**.

Upon arrival in Pokhara, check into your hotel and spend a relaxed afternoon at leisure. You can wander through the local marketplaces or stroll along the vibrant, pedestrian-friendly streets of the Lakeside area.

In the late afternoon, embark on a peaceful **wooden boat ride across Phewa Lake**. Gliding

over the water, admire the reflection of the surrounding mountains and visit **Tal Barahi Temple**, a sacred two-story pagoda shrine situated on a small island in the center of the lake.

- **Overnight:** Pokhara hotel.

Day 6: Full-Day Sightseeing in Pokhara

Enjoy a full day exploring Pokhara's most celebrated natural and cultural attractions. Begin after breakfast with a drive to **Devi's Falls (Patale Chhango)**, where the Pardi Khola stream plunges into an underground tunnel. Directly across the road, venture down stone stairs into the **Gupteshwor Mahadev Cave** to view its sacred natural Shiva shrine and underground waterfall.

Next, visit the **International Mountain Museum** to discover the rich history, geology, and culture of the Himalayas and the mountaineers who conquered them. Afterward, drive to the **World Peace Pagoda (Shanti Stupa)** perched high on Anadu Hill for panoramic vistas of Phewa Lake, Pokhara Valley, and the snow-capped Annapurna Range.

Conclude your sightseeing with a stop at **Bindhyabasini Temple**, Pokhara's oldest shrine located on a hilltop in the old city, before taking a peaceful boat ride across Phewa Lake to visit the island shrine of **Tal Barahi Temple**.

- **Overnight:** Pokhara hotel.

Day 7: Sarangkot Sunrise, Scenic Drive to Chitwan & Tharu Cultural Evening

Wake up early for a pre-dawn drive to **Sarangkot Hill** (1,600m). From the viewpoint, watch the first morning light illuminate the Annapurna Massif, Dhaulagiri, and Machhapuchhre (Fishtail). Return to your hotel for breakfast before checking out.

Next, embark on a scenic 150 km drive south toward **Chitwan National Park**. Descend winding mountain roads along the Trishuli and Narayani rivers, watching the high Himalayan landscape

give way to lush, subtropical plains.

Upon arrival at your jungle resort, check in and enjoy a brief orientation by the resident nature guide regarding your wildlife itinerary. In the late afternoon, take a guided walk through a local village toward the banks of the Rapti River to enjoy a quiet jungle sunset.

In the evening, enjoy dinner followed by a traditional **Tharu cultural stick dance performance** presented by local villagers.

- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Overnight:** Chitwan Resort/Lodge

Day 8: Full-Day Chitwan Jungle Safari & River Exploration

Immerse yourself in the wilderness of **Chitwan National Park**, a protected UNESCO Natural World Heritage site.

Start your morning with an **open-top 4×4 Jeep safari** deep into the core jungle and dense elephant grasslands. Accompanied by an expert naturalist, track iconic wildlife, including the Greater One-horned Rhinoceros, wild boars, spotted deer, sloth bears, and—if fortune favors you—the elusive Royal Bengal Tiger.

After returning to the resort for breakfast, set out on a peaceful **traditional wooden canoe ride** down the Rapti River. Gliding along the water, observe fish-eating Gharials and Mugger crocodiles basking along the banks, along with diverse migratory and resident water birds.

In the afternoon, enjoy a guided **nature walking tour and bird-watching walk** through the riverine forests. Learn about the park's rich plant life, tracking techniques, and conservation efforts before returning to your lodge for dinner.

- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (Full Board)
- **Overnight:** Chitwan Resort/Lodge

Day 9: Overland Drive to Kathmandu & Cultural Farewell Dinner

After breakfast, depart Chitwan and begin your overland drive back to **Kathmandu**. Leaving the Terai plains behind, ascend back into the Himalayan foothills along the Narayani and Trishuli river valleys. For the best views of river gorges, terraced hillsides, and rural villages, sit on the **left side** of your vehicle during the drive up toward the Kathmandu Valley.

Upon arriving in Kathmandu in the late afternoon, check into your hotel. Spend your remaining free time shopping for authentic Nepalese souvenirs—such as pashmina shawls, singing bowls, tea, and local handicrafts—in the bustling markets of Thamel.

In the evening, gather for a complimentary **farewell dinner at a traditional Nepalese restaurant**, featuring authentic local cuisine accompanied by a live cultural song and dance performance.

- **Driving Duration:** Approx. 6 to 8 hours (160 km)
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **Overnight:** Kathmandu City Hotel

Day 10: Souvenir Shopping & Final Airport Departure

Enjoy your final breakfast in Nepal. Depending on your flight schedule, spend your remaining hours exploring the vibrant streets of **Thamel** or visiting local artisan markets for last-minute souvenir shopping. Popular items include hand-woven pashmina shawls, singing bowls, local tea, spices, and Nepalese handicrafts.

At the designated time, meet your driver at the hotel for a private transfer to **Tribhuvan International Airport (KTM)** for your onward flight.

> **Airport Logistics Notice:** Departure transfers are scheduled to arrive at the airport **3 hours prior to your international flight departure** to allow sufficient time for baggage screening, airline check-in, and immigration clearance.

We hope the rich cultural heritage, breathtaking Himalayan vistas, and untamed wilderness of the **Real Experience Nepal Tour** leave you with unforgettable memories. Safe travels home, and we look forward to welcoming you back to the Himalayas on your next adventure!

- **Meals Included:** Breakfast

Inclusions

- **Airport Transfers:** Private tourist vehicle transfers for both arrival and departure at Tribhuvan International Airport (KTM).
- **Kathmandu Accommodation:** Three nights of hotel accommodation (3-star category) in Kathmandu, including daily breakfast.
- **Pokhara Accommodation:** Two nights of hotel accommodation (3-star category) in Pokhara, including daily breakfast.
- **Chitwan Wildlife Package:** Two nights and three days of full-board safari activities in Chitwan National Park (3-star resort), including all meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner).
- **Jungle Safari Permits:** Official Chitwan National Park entry permits and conservation fees included.
- **Licensed Tour Guide:** Dedicated English-speaking tour guide for the entire trip (covering their salary, accommodation, meals, equipment, and insurance). *Note: Local nature guides lead activities within Chitwan.*
- **Private Transportation:** Ground transfers between Kathmandu, Pokhara, Chitwan, and back via private tourist bus, car, or van.
- **Sightseeing & Activities:** All scheduled tour excursions as outlined in the itinerary.
- **Cultural Experience:** Traditional Nepalese farewell dinner with a live cultural dance performance.

- **Taxes & Expenses:** All applicable government taxes, service charges, and official administrative fees.
- **Company Souvenirs:** Complimentary company T-shirt and official Trip Completion Certificate upon tour conclusion.

Exclusions

- **International Flights:** Airfare to and from Tribhuvan International Airport (KTM) in Kathmandu.
- **Meals in Cities:** Lunch and dinner in Kathmandu, Pokhara, and Bandipur (breakfast is included daily; Chitwan provides full-board meals).
- **Monument & Heritage Entry Tickets:** Entrance fees for temples, monasteries, museums, and historical sites in Kathmandu, Pokhara, and Bandipur
- **Travel Insurance:** Comprehensive travel, medical, and emergency evacuation coverage.
- **Personal Expenses:** Personal items such as beverages, bottled water, laundry, telephone calls, snacks, and bar bills.
- **Driver & Guide Gratuities:** Tips for your tour guide, nature guides, and drivers.
- **Additional Accommodation:** Extra night stays resulting from early arrivals, flight delays, or early departures.