



ANNAPURNA TREKKING ADVENTURE OF NEPAL EX KATHMANDU WEEKLY FROM OCTOBER 2019 – OCTOBER 2020

No other area in Nepal has such a splendid variety of natural beauties as the Annapurna region. It is a rare combination of long arrays of snow-capped peaks, crystal lakes, and turbulent rivers with deep gorges, Tibetan monasteries, and picturesque villages, inhabited by simple and friendly ethnic people.

On this trip we will pass through many villages where we will have ample time to take photographs and chat with the local people. Language is not a big problem as many of the local people speak English. If not, our Guide will be happy to translate for us. There are many different ethnic groups along the trail, but the predominant people in this area are the Gurung. Together with the Magar and Chettrie people, the Gurung are famous as soldiers in the British Army, better known as Gurkhas. You will experience diverse terrain from glacial valleys to sub-tropical valleys with banana trees and rice paddies to high ridges clad in thick rhododendron forest.

INFORMATION ON ROYAL CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

Royal Chitwan National Park where you will see yet another side of Nepal. The 2 days here are spent on trips into the jungle on an elephant's back, swimming, jungle walks, and bird watching and if the river is up, even a canoe trip on the Rapti River to look at crocodiles. Or, if you prefer, you can stay at the lodge and just relax. The food is excellent - a combination of western and traditional Nepali. The friendliness and knowledge of the staff will be a highlight of your stay here.

Situated in the Rapti Valley, Chitwan National Park is approximately 80 miles southwest of Kathmandu by road. The region in which the park is situated is known as the Terai, a flat and highly cultivated plain that constitutes the entire southern quarter of the country. Extremely hot in the Summer while mild and cool in winter, this region produces most of the country's food. Early this century, the Terai was a rarely visited jungle expanse with very few inhabitants, the only visitors being members of the Nepalese upper class on hunting trips.

Today there are only about a thousand one horned rhinos left in the world, and over 300 of these are in the Chitwan National Park. Fewer than 2000 tigers remain in the sub continent, more than 40 live in Chitwan. There are many other animals as: the fish eating gharial crocodiles, buffaloes, sloth bear, hog deer and wild peacocks. For a more in-depth study of all the animals in the park you should read *The Heart of the Jungle* by KK Gurung. Remember that although there are many animals to be seen in Chitwan, it is not a zoo. Nor is it like the vast open plains of southern Africa. It is a small compact jungle park where you must go out and find the animals; it is possible that you may not see anything at all. If you rise early in the morning and go on a jungle walk or elephant ride with the park guides, you

are very likely to spot some wildlife. It should also be noted that there are over 400 species of birds living in the park, and if you are interested in bird watching there will be plenty of opportunities. Just ask the Lodge guides all transport, meals and activities are included in your stay.

Nepal Itinerary

Day 01: Arrival to Kathmandu | Transfer to Hotel (3 Star) | Welcome Dinner

Day 02: Kathmandu to Pokhara by flight in the morning | Pokhara Sightseeing | Overnight at Hotel (3 Star)

Day 03 – Trekking Day 1: Pokhara to Tikhedhunga via Nayapul | Overnight at Tea-house

Day 4– Trekking Day 2: Tikhedhunga to Ghorepani | Overnight at Tea-house

Day 05– Trekking Day 3: Ghorepani to Tadapani via Poon Hill | Overnight at Tea-house

Day 06– Trekking Day 4: Tadapani to Ghandruk | Overnight at Tea-house

Day 07– Trekking Day 5: Ghandruk to Pokhara | Overnight at Hotel (3 Star)

Day 08: Pokhara to Chitwan via Drive (Private Vehicle) | Program Start

Day 09: Full Day Program at Chitwan

Day 10: Fly back to Kathmandu in the afternoon after completion of the program in the morning |

Overnight at Hotel (3 Star) | Farewell Dinner in the evening

Day 11: Departure Day

Cost: AUD 1700 per person (Minimum 4 Pax)

Cost Includes:

- All Pick up and Drop Service
- 2 nights hotel in Kathmandu with breakfast – 3 Star
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- 5 Day fully supported trek including accommodation and food
- 2 nights 3 days full board program in Chitwan
- All required transportation: Domestic flights (Ktm – Pkr and Bharatpur – Ktm), Private Vehicle (Pkr – Chitwan), Private Transport (Pkr – Trekking Start Point and Trekking End Point – Pokhara)
- Professional and Highly Experienced English Speak Trekking Guide, 1 Porter for 2 Pax with max load of 25 Kg including their food, accommodation and insurance
- Trek Permit: ACAP and TIMS Card
- Comprehensive Medical Kit
- T-shirt, Duffel Bag and Trek Map with Company Logo
- Rescue Arrangement Service
- 13% VAT and 10% Service Charge
- Welcome and Farewell Dinner

Cost Excludes:

- Visa fee to enter Nepal
- International flight tickets
- Food in Kathmandu and Pokhara
- Extra night accommodation and meal costs in Kathmandu due to any change in the scheduled itinerary
- Travel insurance/ Rescue operation costs
- All personal expenses (Laundries, Electric accessories, Internet, and so on)
- All Soft Drinks and Alcoholic Beverages
- Tips for guide and porters



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