

# Nepal Insight



**Trip Duration:** 14 days

**Grade:** Moderate

**Activities:** Sight seeing, Trekking & Chitwan jungle safari

**Trek type:** Tea House

**Accommodation:** Hotel, Tea House and Resort

**Transportation:** Private tourist bus/internal flight

**Trip Date: 26.10.2012**

## Trip Highlights

- Plenty of flora and fauna.
- Interaction with different ethnic tribes.
- Magnificent views of Mt. Annapurna, Dhaulagiri, Fishtail and more.
- Deepest gorge in the world.
- Poon hill for spectacular panorama view of the Himalayas.

**Nepal Insight** is a nice combination trip comprising of culture and historical tours, trekking in the Himalayas and exploring the one and only Chitwan National Park. We chose this trip because of its variety in culture and landscape. We will cover from a mere elevation of 136 M to 3210 M - Abundant of flora and fauna, culture and mixture of ethnic tribes living in harmony. One horned Rhino in the Chitwan to Thar (Mountain goat) in the hills of Annapurna.

cultures, architecture and religion on their visit to Kathmandu, which is still visible as one wanders round the alleys and the surroundings. Due to its interesting history, fascinating cultures, characters and a very peaceful and harmony religion, visiting Kathmandu is a unique experience. the surroundings. Due to its interesting history, fascinating cultures, characters and a very peaceful and harmony religion, visiting Kathmandu is a unique experience.

encircling the giant Annapurna Himal embrace a wide range of terrain from subtropical jungle to a high, dry landscape resembling the Tibetan Plateau. It is also home to a variety of Nepal's ethnic and cultural groups.

This trekking trail takes you through beautiful Modi Khola valley up to Poon-hill, at the foothill of the Annapurna massif. Poon Hill is a viewpoint to see many of the Annapurna peaks including Machhapuchhre (Mt. Fishtail), Mt. Dhaulagiri to the north and the spectacular valley to the south.

## Kathmandu city tours:

Kathmandu was originally called "Kastha Mandap", a magnificent pagoda style Hindu temple in the heart of the valley. It is believed to be the centre point of the valley and was built by a single tree. It was constructed during the Malla Kings dynasty between 16th and 17th century. As time passed by there were a lot of visitors from all corners of Asia. These individuals contributed their arts,

## Annapurna Trekking:

Every trekker marvels at the magnificent scenery and the unspoiled biodiversity that the Annapurna region offers. This includes the peaks of Machhapuchhre (Fish Tail), Annapurna, Nilgiri, Gangapurna and Lamjung Himal. This area is also home to over 100 mammals, more than 60 species of reptiles and amphibians, 450 species of birds, and 9 types of rhododendron. The deep valleys and high mountains

The region is dominated by the Gurungs and Magar ethnic groups of Nepal. While descending on the way back to Pokhara, you will pass through the paved courtyards of Ghandruk village, one of the traditional Gurung villages. There you can experience age old tradition and culture, and interact with the local people.





### **Chitwan National Park:**

The Royal Chitwan National Park, established in 1973, is one of the richest and most spectacular wildlife sanctuaries, situated 75 airmiles south west of Kathmandu in tall grass land and magnificent forests. In this panorama jungle setting inside the 960 square km park is found one of the greatest wildlife in South East Asia. One horned Rhinos,

several species of deer, sloth deer, wild boar, fresh water dolphins, bison, marsh muggers, leopard and crocodiles, over 450 species of birds, 67 different kinds of butterflies and the elusive nocturnal Royal Bengal Tiger. Nowadays the National Park can be easily visited on all levels of budget. A typical day inside the park includes early morning jungle walks, elephant rides, dugout canoe rides, jungle

drives, sunset walks, elephant bathing and many others. The evening can be spent visiting a Tharu village, where you get a rare opportunity to witness a traditional Tharu dance. A fifth of the park is made up of the floodplains of the Narayani, Rapti and the Reu Rivers and is covered by dense tall Elephant grass interspersed with forests of silk cotton (Kapok), Acacia and Sisam trees.

### **Outline Itinerary**

Day 1: Arrive Kathmandu - Evening welcome Nepalese dinner with culture dance.  
 Day 2: Kathmandu sight seeing- Historical places, monastery, temples and city.  
 Day 3: Fly to Pokhara and commence trek to Dampus.  
 Day 4: Trek to Landrung  
 Day 5: Trek to Gandrung  
 Day 6: Trek to Tadapani  
 Day 7: Trek to Gorepani  
 Day 8: After excursion to Poon hill trek to Trikedunga  
 Day 9: Trek to Nayapool and drive to Pokhara  
 Day10: Drive to Chitwan national park—in the afternoon full program  
 Day11: In Chitwan with full day program  
 Day12: Drive to Kathmandu  
 Day13: Leisure in Kathmandu  
 Day 14: Depart Kathmandu

### **Cost Includes:**

- \* Arrival / Departure by private vehicle
- \* Welcome dinner with culture dance
- \* Accommodation in Kathmandu Hotel on BB basis.
- \* Twin sharing rooms on treks on full board basis –all meals
- \* City tours with qualified tour officer
- \* Experienced Trekking Guide
- \* Entrance Fees for city tours and National parks
- \* TIMS –Permits – (Trekking Information Management System)
- \* Domestic airfare
- \* All necessary ground transportation
- \* Sight Seeing
- \* Sleeping bags
- \* First-aid medical kit for trekking
- \* Porters
- \* Insurance for Porters and Guide

### **Cost does not include:**

- \* Visas
- \* International airport taxes
- \* Transfers outside of the tour program
- \* All optional additional tours and activities during free time

Nameste Suman,

Warmest greetings from Australia....I'm home again but all those fantastic memories created along our trek have not faded.

It was an incredible lifetime experience; but also it was a time of personal challenge and satisfying achievement.

Upon reflection, I am humbled by might of the Annapurna, yet proud to know "I did it!!".... thank you so much for caring for our group as a whole, yet encouraging each of us individually to succeed.

I am contented with my Nepalese experience but cannot wait to take the challenge again in September 2011.

See you on the trek!!

ciao.....Helene

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### **Our commitment to Eco-Tourism:**

Besides having over two decades of identifying and pioneering new areas, thereby providing you absolute wilderness trekking away from the main trails, we ensure you of new experiences. We, as much as possible, organise our trekking(s) as eco-friendly! All our guides and staff are very well versed regarding this subject as well. All our meals are cooked using kerosene fuel or gas. We do not use firewood as fuel to help preserve the beauty of nature and its environment from destruction.

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