# Itinerary for Package: Best of Nepal Bhutan

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**Why Best of Nepal Bhutan tour is popular for?**

- Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of **Kathmandu Valley**: Durbar Squares, Swayambhunath, Pashupatinath & Boudhanath.

- Experience a scenic hike to **Nagarkot** with panoramic Himalayan views and visit the medieval city of **Bhaktapur**.

- Enjoy a **jungle safari in Chitwan National Park**, home to one-horned rhinos, Bengal tigers, and diverse birdlife.

- Visit **Lumbini**, the birthplace of Lord Buddha, with its sacred Maya Devi Temple and international monastic zone.

- Journey through **Bhutan's cultural treasures**: Thimphu's Memorial Chorten & Buddha Point, Punakha Dzong, and Paro's Kyichu Lhakhang.

- Hike to the world-renowned **Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest)**, perched dramatically on a cliffside.

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Package Duration: 15 days days

**Day 1:**

**Day 1: Arrive Kathmandu**
Meet upon arrival in Kathmandu, welcome and transfer to hotel Rest of the day at leisure Overnight at the hotel

**Day 2: Kathmandu**
Morning: Sightseeing tour of Kathmandu Durbar Square also called the 'City of Glory'. Visit includes, Durbar Square, KumariGhar - home to the World's only living Goddess. A short visit to Bhairab - the God of destruction, Taleju Temple - built in 1549 AD and Hanuman Dhoka Palace.

Thereafter visit SwoyambunathStupa, said to be one of the oldest Buddhist Stupas in the World, which is majestically set high on a Hill overlooking Kathmandu Valley. Afternoon: Sightseeing tour of Pashupatinath, a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. This massive temple complex sits alongside the banks of the holy Bagmati River. Afterwards, visit Boudhanath, a Buddhist Stupasaid to be one of the largest in the world. This massive structure stands tall with four pairs of eyes each facing the four cardinal directions. Overnight at the hotel

**Day 3: Kathmandu**
Morning: Excursion to Changunarayan - is the Vishnu Temple which was built in 4th century situated on a hill north of Bhaktapur. UNESCO enlisted heritage site, considered the oldest temple in Kathmandu Valley. After visiting Changunarayan Temple, commence hike uptoTelkot (approx. 2hrs leisure walk), this is a ridge walk where one can see KTM valley towards south and Majestic Himalayan ranges towards North (weather permitting). Thereafter, drive to Nagarkot, a lovely hillside town with glorious views of the Himalayas. The drive takes you through beautiful landscaped, villages and terraced rice fields. After enjoying the mountain view (weather permitting), return to Kathmandu enroute visit the medieval city of Bhaktapur, also called the ‘City of Devotees’ where you will meander down narrow lanes past centuries old homes and temples. Visit includes Durbar Square, The Golden Gate, Palace of 55 Windows, Lion's Gate. The Nyatpola Temple, the tallest of its kind in Nepal, Bhairab Temple, the Pottery square and Dattratraya Temple. Overnight at the hotel

**Day 4: Drive to Chitwan National Park**
Drive to Chitwan National Park - 170 kms (approx. 5 hrs drive) and check-in at jungle lodge. Chitwan National Park - 932sq km area of tall grassland and magnificent forest – one of the Asia’s richest and most spectacular wildlife sanctuaries.Chitwan National Park is the home of great one horned rhinoceros, sloth bear, wild boar, gaur, 4 species of deer, 2 species of monkeys, 2 species of crocodiles, the elusive Royal Bengal Tiger, over 450 species of birds and various other reptiles. Afternoon: Jungle related activities Overnight at jungle lodge

**Day 5: Chitwan National Park**
Fullday jungle related activities such as elephant back safari, canoe ride, bird watching/jungle walk etc. Overnight at the jungle lodge

**Day 6: Chitwan National Park – Lumbini**
Drive to Lumbini – 160kms (approx. 4hrs drive) and check-in at hotel Afternoon: Visit birth place of Lord Gautam Buddha. The spiritual heart of Lumbini is Maya Devi Temple, which marks the spot where Queen Maya Devi gave birth to Siddhartha Gautam. In the adjoining sacred garden you’ll find the pillar of Ashoka, ancient ruins of Stupas, and maroon- and saffron-robed monks congregating under a sprawling Bodhi (pipal) fig decorated with prayer flags. Maya Devi Temple is set in the middle of the large 4km by 2.5km park grounds known as the Lumbini Development Zone. It comprises landscaped lakes and numerous monasteries that have been constructed by Buddhist communities from around the world. Overnight at the hotel

**Day 7: Lumbini – Kathmandu**
Transfer to Bhairawa airport (approx. 45mins drive) and fly to Kathmandu. Meet upon arrival in KTM, receive and transfer to hotel. Rest of the day at leisure or stroll around Thamel on own Overnight at the hotel

**Day 8: Kathmandu – Paro – Thimphu**
Transfer to international airport for flight to Paro. Upon arriving Paro International Airport, our representative will meet and escort you to a local hotel, after that visit National Museum and

ParoRinpongdzong.Then Drive to Thimphu. Overnight at the hotel

**Day 9: Thimphu**
On this day, visit Memorial chorten, changkha Monastery and then to Takin Zoo. After Lunch, visit arts and crafts school and Post office. Then visit TashichoDzong and then end the day by visiting Buddha Point, where the largest statue of the Buddha is built. Overnight at hotel

**Day 10: Thimphu – Punakha**
On this day, drive to Punakha and visit Chimi Lhakhang. On the way, you will see the construction of wangdue phodrang Dzong which was gutted by fire on 2012. On reaching, visit Chimil Lhakhang. Overnight at hotel (option: it is possible to stay with local Bhutanese family - homestay with basic facility) Overnight at the hotel

**Day 11: Punakha**
Visit Punakha Dzong which is located at the confluence of Pho Chhu (Male River) and Mo chu (Female River). After that, visit to Khamsumyulley Namgyel Chorten. Overnight at the hotel

**Day 12: Punkkha – Paro**
Drive to Paro and upon arrival, visit KyichuLhakhang, DrukgyelDzong. Overnight at the hotel

**Day 13: Paro**
Today is going to be your most memorable day as you will visit Taktshang Monastery (tiger's lair), which will take approx. 5/6 hours. After the trek, you can stroll through Paro Town. Overnight at the hotel

**Day 14: Paro - Kathmandu**
Transfer to Paro airport for flight back to Kathmandu. Meet upon arrival in KTM and transfer to hotel. Rest of the day at leisure Overnight at the hotel

**Day 15: Departure**
Free until departure transfer to international airport for onward flight.