

itinerary

Himalayan Kingdom

Kathmandu | Nepal

3 nights / 4 days

Tour code: CT- 5

Pre Congress Tour Dates –3rd & 4th Sep. 2013
Post Congress Tour Dates – 13th & 14th Sep. 2013

Day 1: Delhi – Kathmandu (Fly)

- Transfer to Delhi airport
- Arrive at Kathmandu airport
- Transfer to your hotel
- Rest of the day at leisure
- Overnight at the hotel

In the morning, pick up from the hotel and transfer to Delhi's international airport to board flight for Kathmandu. Pick up timing will depend on flight timings

Meeting and assistance upon arrival in Kathmandu airport and transfer to the hotel for check in.

NEPAL – the world's only Hindu Kingdom, is a mystical country nestled in the folds of the magnificent Himalaya mountain ranges. The people of Nepal can always be seen to be smiling. Nepal is a deeply religious country, as you will see in their temples and buildings. The Nepalese culture is very diverse from India at the same time is also very similar in many aspects.

Rest of the evening is free.

Overnight at the hotel.

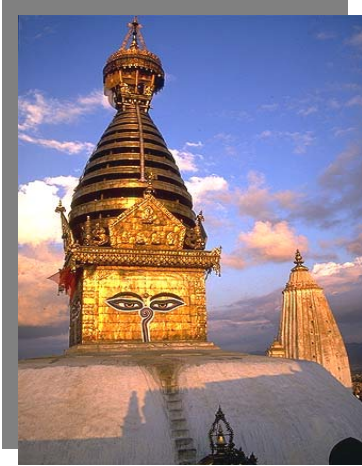
Day 2 : In Kathmandu

- **Optional:** Morning flight to Mount. Everest
- Breakfast at hotel
- Morning visit the city and Swayambhunath
- Afternoon visit to Patan and Tibetan Refugee Camp
- Overnight at the hotel

Enjoy early morning **Optional** Mountain flight to Everest. Return to the Hotel later on for Breakfast.

Breakfast at hotel.

Morning breakfast at hotel, proceed on a half day tour of Kathmandu city & Swayambhunath.



Kathmandu City:

Known as Kantipur, the capital of the Kingdom of Nepal. Here you will visit the temple of the Living Goddess who acknowledges the greetings of the devotees from the balcony of her temple residence. Kashtamandap - the source of the name Kathmandu and supposed to be made from the timber of a single tree and the Durbar Square are with its array of temples overlooked by the Hanuman Dhoka Palace, the ancient place of the Nepalese Royalty.

Swayambhunath:

Located approximately 4 kms. / 2.5 miles, this Buddhist Stupa is said to be 2000 years old. The Stupa which forms the main structure is composed of a solid hemisphere of brick and earth supporting a lofty conical spire capped by a pinnacle of copper gilt. Painted on the four sided base of the spire are the all seeing eyes of Lord Buddha. This hill is a mosaic of small Chaityas and Pagoda temples.

Afternoon visit Patan and Tibetan Handicraft centre



5 kms or 3 miles away from Kathmandu City. Patan also known as Lalitpur, is the city of fine arts, enclosed within 4 stupas said to be built in 3rd Century AD by Emperor Ashoka. You will see the Durbar Square, the Patan Durbar which houses a bronze collection, the Krishna Temple built by King Siddhi Narsingh Malla, Hiranya Varna Mahavir and Mahaboudha Temple.

A trip to the Tibetan Refugee Camp and the Handicraft Centre will also be done while, visiting Patan where you will witness the hand weaving of Tibetan carpets and moulding of metal statues.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 3 : In Kathmandu

- Early morning, optional mountain flight
- Breakfast at hotel
- Half day excursion to Bhadgaon, Pashupatinath & Boudhanath
- Afternoon is free
- Overnight at the hotel

After breakfast leave the hotel for half day tour of Bhadgaon, Pashupatinath & Boudhanath.

Bhadgaon - Also known as Bhaktapur meaning city of devotees, this place is the home of medieval art and architecture. Lying 14 kms./9 miles east of Kathmandu City, this place was founded in the 9th Century and is shaped like a conch shell. The city is at the height of 4600 ft. above sea level. In Bhadgaon, you will visit the Durbar Square with its array of temples overlooked by the Palace of 55 windows built by King Bupatindra Malla. The



Nyatapola Temple, also built by King Bhupatindra Malla, is the best example of Pagoda style and stands on

Pashupatinath - Situated 5 kms. east of Kathmandu City, Pashupatinath temple is one of the holiest temples dedicated to Lord Shiva. Situated amidst a lush green natural setting on the bank of the sacred Bagmati river, the temple built in pagoda style has gilded roof and richly carved silver doors. Visitors will be permitted to view the temple from the east bank of Bagmati river, entrance in the temple being strictly forbidden to all non Hindus. Pashupatinath is the centre of annual pilgrimage on the day of shivaratri which falls in the month of February/March. Behind the temple are the cremation grounds.

Boudhanath - This Stupa, 8 kms. east of Kathmandu City, is one of the biggest in the world of its kind. It stands with four pairs of eyes in the four cardinal direction keeping watch for righteous behaviour and human prosperity. This Buddhist Stupa was built by King Man Deva at the advice of the Goddess Mani Jogini. It is built on an octagonal base inset with prayer wheels. The shrine is ringed by houses of Lamas or Buddhist priest.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 4 : Kathmandu - Delhi

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Check out from the hotel & transfer to the airport.
- Arrive Delhi & proceed for your onward program.

Breakfast at hotel. Afternoon transfer to airport to board the flight to Delhi.

Upon arrival in Delhi, transfer to hotel or airport depending on your onward program.

TOUR ENDS

Tour Cost

No of guest	Budget Hotel – Cost Per Person	Deluxe Hotel – Cost Per Person
02 paying pax.	Rs.22900 /-	Rs.26500 /-

THE ABOVE COST INCLUDES:

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis
- Daily buffet breakfast
- All transfers, sightseeing's and excursion using an air- conditioned vehicle.
- Services of a professional local English speaking guide at the places of visit / during sightseeing.
- All currently applicable entrance fee as well as hotels luxury taxes.

THE ABOVE COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Any Expenses of personal nature like table drinks, laundry, telephone calls, mineral water, soft drinks etc.
- Nepal entry fees and Visa fees which is USD 25 per person(visa on arrival) also in order to travel to Nepal one must have multiple entry visa for India.
- Mountain flight
- Any airfare or airport taxes (approximate Rs 16500/- per person for Delhi – Kathmandu – Delhi)
- Any other meals or services not mentioned in the above program.