



WORLD DISCOVERY
— HISTORY CULTURE WILDLIFE —

A Taste of Nepal



The Temple of Swayambhunath, Kathmandu

DAY 1 – Depart UK.

DAY 2 – Arrival in Kathmandu.

On arrival in Kathmandu you will be met by a representative of World Discovery outside immigration and customs. You will then be taken by private car direct to your hotel.

DAY 3 – Kathmandu Sightseeing.

After a leisurely breakfast, you will meet your World Discovery guide and spend the morning visiting the highlights of Nepal's fascinating capital, located at 1,337m (4,390ft) in a valley beneath the towering peaks of the Himalaya. Walk through the atmospheric medieval centre of this ancient city, visiting **Durbar Square** with its many temples and monuments, including the old Royal Palace, home to the famous 'Living Goddess'. Continue to the dramatic Buddhist stupa of **Swayambhunath**, located on a hilltop overlooking the city. The afternoon is at leisure, with the opportunity of taking an optional excursion to Patan, the second city of the Kathmandu Valley, with its superb collection of ancient temples.

Meals included: Full breakfast.

DAY 4 – Kathmandu.

A day to relax at your hotel, do some shopping, or explore some of the other attractions within easy reach of the capital. For those with an interest in history and architecture, a must-see is the glorious medieval town of **Bhaktapur**, virtually untouched by modernity and designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Also worth visiting is the Hindu holy site of **Pasupatinath**, where crowds of pilgrims gather to bathe and worship in the many shrines beside the sacred Bagmati River (a tributary of the Ganges). Your World Discovery representative is on hand to organise these and other visits on your behalf.

Meals included: Full breakfast.

DAY 5 – Fly to the Royal Chitwan National Park.

In the morning fly to Bharatpur, gateway to the Royal Chitwan National Park, and transfer by road to your lodge. The first jungle activity will be organised for the late afternoon.

Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAY 6 – Royal Chitwan National Park.

The Royal Chitwan National Park is a World Heritage Site and Nepal's best known wildlife reserve. It lies in the lowland jungles - the "terai" - of Nepal, and comprises 976 square kilometres of sal and riverine forest and grassland. It is a magnificent and unspoilt "jungle" environment with a greater variety of wildlife than any other area in Nepal. Over 480 species of birds have been recorded in the park and you can expect to see nearly half of these, as well as many mammals and reptiles which may include Indian Rhinoceros, Wild Boar, Sambar, Muntjac, Chital and Hog Deer, Rhesus and Hanuman Monkeys, and the Marsh Mugger and fish-eating Gharial Crocodiles. Tiger, Leopard, Sloth Bear and Gaur also occur, but are seldom seen. You may choose to make your wildlife excursions on foot, by elephant back, by dugout canoe or by jeep.

Meals included: Full breakfast, lunch, dinner.

DAY 7 – Return to Kathmandu. Special 6-course Nepali dinner.

After breakfast transfer to Bharatpur for the return flight to Kathmandu. The rest of the day is at leisure. In the evening you will be taken (unless you are already staying there) to the unique Dwarika's Kathmandu Hotel for a special farewell Nepali dinner.

Meals included: Full breakfast, dinner.

DAY 8 – Depart for home.

Private transfer to the airport for your international flight home.

Meals included: Full breakfast.