



# Taste of Nepal

## Taste of Nepal Private Tour 11 days

Discover the beating heart of the Himalayas from the fertile Kathmandu Valley to the wildlife of Chitwan National Park.

### Inclusive price includes:

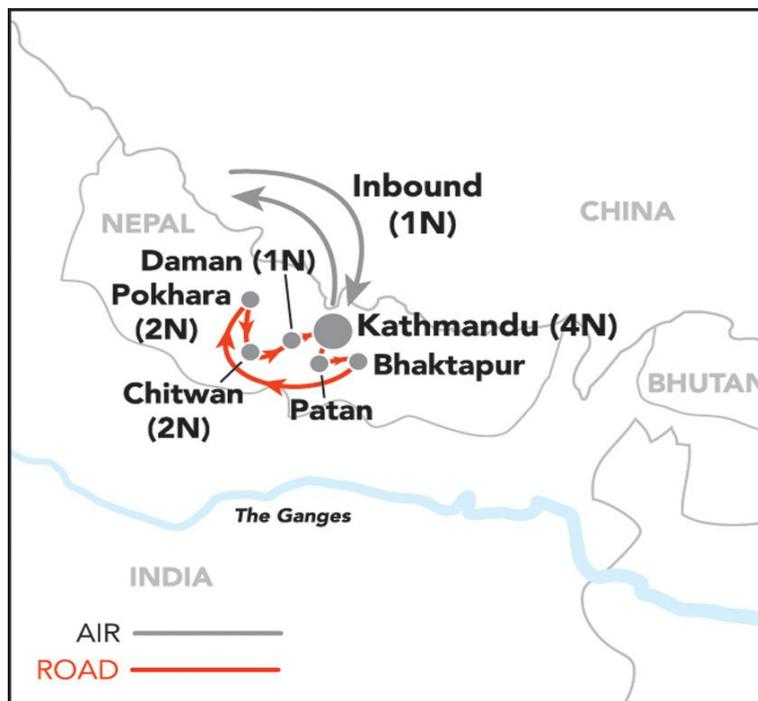
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Meals as stated, excluding drinks
- Touring with guides and entrance fees,
- Visa fees for UK passport holders

### Your Tour Dossier

This document is designed to be read in conjunction with the other pre-departure information provided by Wendy Wu Tours including the tour itinerary as described in our brochure and/or website. It aims to provide a straightforward description of the physical activities involved in sightseeing or travelling during the tour.

If there are any particular challenges, from the length of time spent on your feet, the length of drives and flights, to the standard of remote accommodation; they will be explained here.

All passengers must read this document to ensure the itinerary is suitable for their interests and physical capabilities. This is not your final itinerary and therefore does not mention all the sites visited.



## Welcome to Wendy Wu Tours

Nepal continues to amaze, fascinate and thrill our passengers, many of whom have travelled to one country in Asia with us, then another, year after year. We urge you to keep in mind all the rewards, as well as challenges of travelling in a country with a history, culture and attitude so unlike your own.

A typical day's sightseeing may include the bustle and noise of a city street, sights and smells of a local market and interacting with the locals. Travelling in India requires patience as potential delays are to be expected due to standards of service. There is a low level of English spoken throughout Nepal, so your local guides will be indispensable during your trip.

Almost everything will be different to what you may be used to. We have found that our passengers who embark with a sense of humour and adventure, who accept that things do not always go to plan, are those who find their experience most rewarding. It is essential that all passengers recognize the demands of factors such as basic facilities and cultural differences they may encounter in some areas.

## Taste of Nepal Private Tour – Medium Paced Tour

Our private tours are accessible to everyone. This tour will involve sightseeing on foot and some climbing of stairs.

This tour is not strenuous, but does require a higher level of fitness. However, this tour can be taken at a pace which suits the abilities of passengers travelling in your party. If any member of your party has mobility difficulties, please advise Wendy Wu Tours, so that our operators can be advised and may rearrange the itinerary to suit your needs. If at any point during the tour you feel that you are being rushed, or not moving fast enough, please let your local guide know, so that they may adjust the touring accordingly and provide you with the best experience possible.

*NB: Please note that times and distances listed in the tour dossier are approximate.*

### Days 1-2: UK/Kathmandu

On Day 2, you will be met at Kathmandu airport in the arrivals hall by your Local Guide from Wendy Wu Tours. Transfer to your hotel Check-in. Transfer approx. 30 mins.

*Day 2: Dinner*

### Day 3: Explore Patan

Visit Patan, the second largest city in Nepal (drive approx. 30 minutes). Tour the UNESCO World Heritage listed former Royal Palace, Patan's Durbar Square and Swayambhunath Stupa. You will also visit Boudhanath Stupa and the Pashupatinath Temple. (1.5 hour visit)

*Breakfast and Lunch*

### Days 4: Ancient Bhaktapur

Travel to Bhaktapur (drive approx. 45 minutes) where you will visit the Golden Gate at the Palace of 55 Windows and the Changu Narayan Temple (1 hour visit). Enjoy your evening at leisure

*Breakfast and Lunch*

### Days 5: Barahi Temple, Pokhara

Drive to Pokhara, approx. 7 hours drive.

Rest of the day free

*Breakfast and Lunch*

### Day 6: Discover Pokhara

Tour the International Mountain Museum (drive approx. 20 minutes and visit the museum for 2 hours) and enjoy a boat ride on Lake Phewa (40 minute boat ride) as well as a walk to the World Peace Pagoda (3 hours walk).

*Breakfast and Lunch*

### Day 7: Journey to Chitwan

Today, head to Chitwan National Park, which is approx. 6 hours' drive. Here, you will see one of the last refuges of the One Horned Rhino for a jeep safari.

*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner*

### Day 8: Chitwan National Park

Enjoy morning and afternoon safaris around the park seeking out wild elephants, tigers, sloth bears, deer and monkeys.

*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner*

### Day 9: Travel to Daman

Leave Chitwan National Park this morning and travel to Daman (6.5 hours' drive approx.) Walk to the local monastery in the afternoon, around a 2 hour visit.

*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner*

### Days 10: Kathmandu

Return to Kathmandu, approx. 4.5 hours drive. The rest of the day is at leisure.

*Breakfast and Lunch*

## Days 11: Fly Kathmandu to UK

This morning you will check out from the hotel and transfer to the airport for your international flight to the UK. You will arrive home later the same day.

### *Breakfast*

## Land Only

If you are travelling on a land only basis, then you will need to make your own way to the starting hotel in Kathmandu on Day 2. On Day 11, you will checkout from your Kathmandu hotel, and continue as per your own arrangements.

Please refer to the Wendy Wu Tours brochure and/or website for details on departure dates, prices, itineraries, inclusions and tour extensions available as well as full booking conditions.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Before You Leave

**Itinerary Changes** - The order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions or for operational purposes. For this reason, we have indicated approximate times only. Your Local Guide will inform you of any schedule changes as they are informed of them. Roads in Nepal have generally been improved over recent years, but some road construction and/or weather conditions may still lengthen the driving times.

**Visa**- A visa is required for entry into Nepal. A standard visa processing service is included in your tour cost. You will need to complete the visa application form which will be sent to you in 7 days of your booking. Once completed you will need to send the completed form to our office along with your passport and 1 passport photo per person taken within the last 6 months, in order for our office to process your visa with the embassy. We will require all this information 8 weeks prior to departure. As per our standard visa processing service, we will have your passport for at least 4 weeks. Any passports and visa applications that require an express service, or that are received in our office less than 6 weeks prior to departure will incur a £50 per passport express fee. Your passport must be valid for 6 months from your date of return from Nepal, and should have at least 2 blank pages for your Nepal visa.

In rare cases, you may be required to provide further information or documentation to the Indian embassy and/or be required to attend an interview at the embassy. If this is the case we will notify you as soon as we have been advised.

**Vaccinations and Your Health** - We recommend that you contact either your local GP or a travel doctor for advice on vaccinations and travel health. [www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk](http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk) is a comprehensive website that you may also find useful.

**Climate** - Please refer to the travel guides on our website for detailed temperature charts.

**Insurance** - It is a condition of booking with us that you take out suitable travel insurance. You must provide us with the name of your insurer, policy number and their 24 hour emergency contact number when you book with us or as soon as possible thereafter. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking.

### What to Expect on Tour

**Development** - Although Nepal is developing, it still lacks international standards of civil infrastructure and therefore tourist facilities. For example, you may see a hole in the road without a warning sign or safety barricade; concepts of personal responsibility are different to those in the UK. Consequently, tourist and public facilities may not uphold the same safety standards as in the UK. However, all of our suppliers meet local safety standards as a minimum. We want you to have an enjoyable holiday so we ask that you take extra care, use your common sense as well as refer to notices and follow advice from your Local Guide.

**Accommodation** - Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character, and can range from a business hotel in one city to a family run guesthouse in a smaller town. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all western amenities. Hotels are generally rated as local three to four star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality do exist between the UK and Nepal. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs.

Four and five star hotels are also available on private tours. If you would like to upgrade, please speak to one of our reservation consultants.

**Meals** – Some meals are included in our private tours, please see inclusions above. If you would like to travel on a fully inclusive meal basis please speak to Wendy Wu Tours, to arrange this prior to travel. Included meals are designed so that you can experience the local dishes, their individual flavours as well as the different ways they are prepared and cooked throughout Nepal. For meals not included, local guides will be happy to assist with recommendations on where and what to eat in order to fully appreciate this vastly different cuisine.

**Tipping** - As with most countries, tipping is a way of life in Nepal. For private tours we recommend an amount of US \$5-10 per person per day for tipping to be distributed amongst drivers, restaurants, guides etc. This amount is at your own discretion.

**Airport Development Fee** – Effective from July 17<sup>th</sup> 2014, all passengers over 2 years old departing from Tribhuvan International Airport, Kathmandu, will be charged Rs. 1000 Nepalese Rupees (approx. GBP£6.00). This fee must be paid locally by each Wendy Wu Tours customers at the airport before returning to the UK and is not included in the cost of your tour price.

**Optional Extras** - Prior to departure you may wish to add on some extra touring or evening shows to your itinerary, as you are travelling on a private basis, which means you have flexibility and choice. Please speak to one of our reservation consultants to discuss the optional extras available. Whilst on tour, your local guide may offer you some extra touring or unique experiences. The cost can range in price, so please allow extra money if you feel you may participate in any extra activities.

**Personal Expenses**- You will need to take some extra money to cover drinks, laundry and souvenirs, plus any additional sightseeing that may be offered to you. Based on the advice of previous customers an approximate amount of £150 per week should be sufficient; however for those that can't resist a bargain, consider allocating a higher amount.

#### **After your Booking**

Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive a confirmation invoice followed by deposit documentation, which includes a visa application form with help sheet. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approx. 2-3 weeks prior to departure, and will include a travel wallet, badge, lanyard, feedback form, travel guide, along with your final itinerary and international e-tickets.

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