



## Rara Lake Tour (15 Days)

**Trip Code:** GN/SPT-354

**Starting From:** \$0

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### Itinerary

#### Day 1 : KATHMANDU (ARRIVAL)

Arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA), welcome by our representative in traditional Nepali style and transfer to the hotel. At hotel our representative will brief you about your tour. Rest of the day is free for you for acclimatization.

##### KATHMANDU:

Kathmandu, the largest city of Nepal, is the political as well as cultural capital of the country. Kathmandu is a city where ancient traditions rub shoulders with the latest technological advances. However, it is the grandeur of the past that enchants the visitor whose gaze may linger on an exquisitely carved wooden window frame, an 18th century bronze sculpture or the spiritually uplifting stupas.

Overnight at hotel

#### Day 2 : KATHMANDU-LUMBINI

After breakfast drive a long way to Lumbini the birth place of “light of asia” Lord Buddha. Visit Maya Devi Temple, Ashoka Pillar, Eternal Flame of Peace and some monasteries build by different countries.

Overnight at hotel

##### LUMBINI

Where Lord Buddha was born - is a piece of Heaven on Earth, where one could see the snowy mountains amidst a splendid garden, embedded with stupas and monasteries. However, the exact location remained uncertain and dubious until 1 December 1886 when a wandering German archaeologist Dr. Alois A. Fuhrer came across a stone pillar and ascertained beyond doubt it was indeed the birthplace of Lord Buddha. Since that day it has become a focal point for hundreds of thousands of pilgrims



### **Day 3 : LUMBINI-SURKHET**

After breakfast, drive for Surkhet.  
Overnight at hotel

### **Day 4 : SURKHET-MANMA(KALIKOT)**

After breakfast, drive for Manma(Kalikot)  
Over night at hotel

### **Day 5 : MANMA-RARA LAKE**

After finishing your breakfast we will be driving and then hiking for a while to reach Rara Lake.  
Overnight at hotel

### **Day 6 : RARA LAKE**

You have all the day to enjoy the nature at it best on Rara Lake. Take photos, go for boating or horse riding it's your entire choice do whatever you want.

Overnight at hotel

#### **RARA LAKE**

Biggest and deepest fresh water lake in Nepal, located northwest of the country map at the altitude of 2990m from the sea level. The lake is the main attraction in RARA NATIONAL PARK region. The water surface of the lake is 10.8km<sup>2</sup> with the maximum depth of 167m. Lengthwise it is 5.1Km long and 2.Km wide. The beauty of this lake can't be expressed as it's surrounded by beautiful mountains with snow capped Himalayas on the background.

### **Day 7 : RARA LAKE-MANMA**

After breakfast, hike for a while to get our vehicle and then back to Manma for overnight.  
Overnight at hotel

### **Day 8 : MANMA-SURKHET**

After breakfast, drive to Surkhet for overnight.

### **Day 9 : SURKHET-CHITWAN**

After breakfast, drive to Chitwan the land of jungles. You will be staying here for two nights doing all the jungle adventures organized by the resort/hotel.

Overnight at hotel

#### **CHITWAN**

The word Chitwan consists of two parts “Chit” meaning Heart and “Wan” meaning Jungle in Nepali. Thus Chitwan literally means “heart of jungle”. Chitwan is a bit hot in summer as it is located in inner terai but however, it is cool in the winter. In recent years Chitwan has topped the list of things to do in Asia. It is a truly wildlife adventure of a different kind-jungle safaris on elephant backs or jeeps, bird watching, canoe rides and jungle walks.

### **Day 10 : CHITWAN**

Full day jungle activities as organized by the hotel/resort

Chitwan National Park is situated in south central Nepal in the sub tropical lowlands of the inner terai of Chitwan, Makawanpur, Parsa and Nawalparasi districts. It lies between 27°16.56' - 27°42.14' Latitudes and 83°50.23'-84°46.25' Longitudes. The altitude ranges from 110m to 850m above sea level. The park is bounded by the Rapti and Narayani River in the north, Parsa Wildlife Reserve in the east and Madi settlements and India border in the south. The physiography of the park consists of the Terai and Siwaliks. Three major rivers Narayani, Rapti and Reu, and their floodplains; and several lakes and pools are the major water sources of the park. The Chitwan National Park is Asia's best preserved conservation area, where wildlife thrives and their habitats remain intact. Chitwan is only half-hour flight from Kathmandu. The park consists of Sal forests, tall elephant grasslands, hills, ox-box lakes.

Enlisted as a UNESCO World Heritage Site (Natural) in 1984, the park spreads over an area of 932 sq. km. The park offers interesting sites and activities. The display at the Visitor Center at Sauraha provides fascinating information on wildlife and conservation programs.

### **Day 11 : CHITWAN-POKHARA**

After breakfast and wonderful jungle experience in Chitwan you will be driving for 6hrs to another most beautiful city of Nepal i.e. Pokhara also known as “Switzerland of Nepal”. Visit to Davi’s Fall & Gupteswar Mahadev Cave.

Pokhara: The center of adventure in Nepal is located in the mid western Nepal and it is six hours drive or 20- minutes flight from Kathmandu. Pokhara is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Nepal after Kathmandu. The valley is filled with lush vegetation, swift flowing rivers and dotted with clear, shimmering lakes. It is one of the major towns of Nepal, providing a perfect gateway from the chaotic life in the cities.

It is also the only place in the world from where one can enjoy the magnificent view of mountains having the elevation above 8000 meters while sitting below 1000 meters above the sea level. Out of the 14 highest mountains of the world, known as the Thousanders, Annapurna, Dhaulagiri and Manaslu can be seen from Pokhara.

Overnight at hotel

### **Day 12 : POKHARA**

Early morning wake-up and drive for 40mins up to a hill Sarangkot to view the most famous sunrise and golden looking Mount Fishtail will surely make a good start for your day. After taking pictures and enjoying sunrise with your morning tea/coffee, back to hotel for breakfast. You will be free till afternoon to enjoy the different optional activities (Paragliding/Zip Flyer/Bunjee/Ultralight Flights) as per your choice available in Pokhara. Afternoon, visit to World Peace Pagoda from where you can see the FEWA LAKE and then drive back for one hour boating. Stroll around or do shopping in Lakeside Street. It’s more alive at night as it is full of different pubs/bars/live music and restaurants.

Overnight at hotel

### **Day 13 : DAY13 POKHARA-KATHMANDU-NAGARKOT**

Finishing you breakfast at hotel 7-8 hours drive to Nagarkot via Kathmandu.

#### **NAGARKOT**

Nagarkot is a small village or a hill station, located 32km east of Kathmandu city at the elevation of 2195m. It is famous for its sunrise and sunset. Wide range of high Himalayas like Annapurana, Manaslu, Ganesh, Langtang & Everest are waiting to take your breath away by its beauty. Also panoramic view of Kathmandu valley can be seen. You can also go for some short hikes around the hills and forests.

Overnight at hotel

## **Day 14 : KATHMANDU**

After enjoying your breakfast with the view of snow capped Himalayas and sunrise you will be enjoying full day sightseeing tour of Kathmandu Valley including Bhaktapur Durbar Square, Pashupatinath Temple, Boudhanath, Swayambhunath & Kathmandu Durbar Square.

Overnight at hotel

### **PASHUPATINATH TEMPLE**

One of the biggest in the world of its kind and the popular Hindu pilgrimage site, Pashupatinath Temple, it lies 6 Km from central Kathmandu, One of the holiest Hindu temples for Hindu dedicated to Lord Shiva. Pashupatinath is Situated on the bank of the sacred Bagmati river, the temple, it is built in pagoda style, has a gilded roof and beautifully carved silver doors as well as will visit Guheshwori situated near Pashupatinath.

### **BOUDHANATH STUPA**

Listed in UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE since 1979 one of the largest spherical stupa in world coz of its massive mandala, located 11km northeast of centre of Kathmandu city. Also a centre for large number of Tibetan refugees makes it popular as "Little Tibet"

### **SWAYAMBHUNATH STUPA**

Recognized as one of the oldest holy sites in Nepal, listed in UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE, famous as Monkey Temple, Swayambhunath Stupa is located at the western part of Kathmandu City. SWAYAM= self, BHU=LAND and NATH=lord gives it a meaning SELF ORIGINATED LORD from the land. Being at the hilltop you can enjoy the wide view of KATHMANDU CITY.

### **KATHMANDU DURBAR SQUARE:**

An old palace from where the MALLAS and SHAH dynasty use to rule and reside before the construction of NARAYANHITI PALACE. The value of this palace is retained as all the main functions like crowning of the king and legitimizing use to take place here even after the new palace came into existence. Most of the constructions are from 16th to 17th centuries surrounded with temples and towers, mostly damaged due to the large earthquake in 2015. Renovation work needs time to complete but surely this UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE will bring you to the ROYAL old time. One of the main attractions here is KUMARI GHAR where the LIVING GODDESS "KUMARI" resides.

### **BHAKTAPUR DURBAR SQUARE:**

One of the must and most visited attraction of KATHMANDU VALLEY. Historic old city of its own culture and arts famous for it's wood arts and carvings. Several Temples, 4 Squares, Golden gate, 55 windows palace and Nyatapola temple the tallest temple in Nepal are the main attractions here.

## **Day 15 : DEPARTURE**

Spending 14 nights with us in Nepal and giving us the opportunity to serve you as your travel partner, we would like to thank you for your visit with us hoping you had a great time with Great Nepal Travels Team. Our representative will drop you to the airport on



scheduled time for your further destination.