



# The Best of Nepal & India

20 day tour to Kathmandu, Chitwan, Pokhara, Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Pushkar, Jojawar, Udaipur & Mumbai

This tour offers you an exciting opportunity to explore the treasures and lifestyles in the two magical and mysterious countries of former Himalayan Kingdom of Nepal and colourful, vibrant India, both wonderfully rich in history and culture. On this incredible trip we sample some of the best this region has to offer, from Buddhist stupas of Kathmandu, the exquisite palaces of Jaipur to the Taj Mahal, and the Palaces of Mughal India. After exploring the sights of Old and New Delhi as well as the spectacular Taj Mahal, journey through the princely state of Rajasthan to take a closer look at the region's magnificent forts and explore cities that are full of atmosphere and character, set against stunning desert scenery.



## Day 01 Australia ✈ Kathmandu

Fly from Australia to Kathmandu, capital of Nepal. Upon arrival you are met and transferred to your hotel. Stay overnight in Kathmandu.

## Day 2 Kathmandu ⇄ Chitwan (5.5hrs)

Meal: B/L/D

After breakfast, drive to Chitwan. Nepal's first national park, the Chitwan National Park offers one of the finest wildlife experiences in Asia. Supporting diverse flora and fauna, it is home to some of the rare species of animals like Bengal tiger, gharial and the world's second largest population of Asian Rhinoceros apart from leopards, Muger crocodile, Indian rock python and several species of deer. Arrive and check in at the hotel. Afternoon is at leisure. Evening proceed for cultural show including the performance of Tharu stick dance. Stay overnight in Chitwan.

## Day 3 Royal Chitwan National Park

Meal: B/L/D

The Chitwan National Park, occupying approximately 960 sq.km, was formally a hunting ground reserved for the royal families, now boasts of one of the richest areas in wildlife and tall grassland habitat. After breakfast, set off on a canoe ride down the Rapti River to enjoy the many species of birds and one can also see crocodiles idling on the riverbank. At the end of the trip will be the ox-cart ride back to the camp by passing the Tharu village, and thereafter, followed by an elephant ride. These well-trained elephants will take you into the deeper parts of the jungle where grazing one-horned rhinoceros and summer deer abound. If lucky, one may catch a glimpse of the sloth bear, gaur and even the endangered Bengal tigers. Stay overnight in Chitwan.

## Day 4 Chitwan National Park ⇄ Pokhara (4.5hrs)

Meal: B/D

This morning you will take a scenic drive to Pokhara, "The dreamland of Nepal". Three out of the ten highest mountains in the world namely Dhaulagiri, Annapurna I and Manaslu are situated within 30 miles (linear distance) of the city, bestowing the northern skyline

of the city, a very close view of the great Himalayan Peak. The proximity to Himalayas also makes it one of the most popular places to start your trekking tours. Upon arrival, check in to hotel. In the evening, enjoy one hour boating at Fewa Lake. Marvel the sights of the beautiful Himalayan peaks of Machhapuchhare (Fishtail), Annapurna, Dhaulagiri Himal. Later walk back to hotel, the walk will provide you with lots of shopping options towards the lake side area. Rest of the evening is at leisure. Stay overnight at the hotel in Pokhara.

## Day 5 Pokhara

Meal: B/D

After breakfast proceed for half day city tour of Pokhara. Visit Bidabashini Temple, a white dome like structure that dominates a spacious stone-paved courtyard built atop a shady hillock. It is dedicated to Goddess Bhagwati, yet another manifestation of Shakti. Visit Devi's Fall, which was accidentally discovered when a trekker fell and mysteriously disappeared into an underground passage beneath the fall. Visit the Mahendra Cave, a limestone cave famous for its stalactites and stalagmites and presence of bats, Gupteshwar Mahadev Cave – a cave temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, seti George and Tibetan Refugee camp, where barter system is still practiced. Stay overnight at Pokhara.

## Day 6 Pokhara ⇄ Kathmandu (5.5hrs)

Meal: B/D

After breakfast check out from hotel and drive to Kathmandu, upon arrival check in at hotel with evening free at leisure to pursue independent activities. Stay overnight in Kathmandu.

## Day 7 Kathmandu

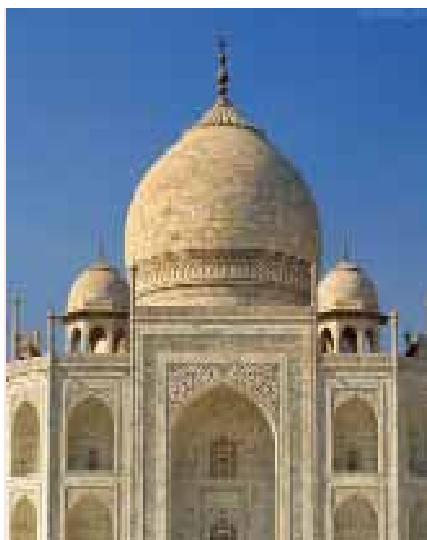
Meal: B/D

After breakfast visit Patan Durbar Square. It has many famous sites and unique architectures. Krishna Mandi, Bhimsen Temple, Hiranya Varna Mahabhihar are just a few among the temples offering you an ecstasy of paintings, wood and metal carvings. The Sundari Chowk contains exquisite samples of woodcarvings, stone and metal sculpture. Patan Durbar Square

and the Himalaya that can be seen at a distance make an enchanting scene. Also visit Krishna Temple, built in 1637 by the king Siddhi Narsingha Malla. Mahabouddha Temple, dedicated to Lord Gautam Buddha, Hiranya Varna Mahavihar, a three-storied golden pagoda located near Patan Durbar Square. Later visit Bouddhanath Stupa, The 36-meter tall, among the largest stupas in South Asia, is a home to Tibetan Buddhism in Nepal. It is situated on the ancient trade route to Tibet (6km to the east of the city). Also visit the 2000 years old Swoyambhunath Stupa, (UNESCO World Heritage site in 1979) also known as "Monkey Temple". This temple charms with its great dazzling stupa, while at the same time, offering a view of Kathmandu city. The two-thousand year-old stupa is the most profound expression of Buddhist symbolism in Nepal. There's evidence to believe the hill was used for animist rites even before Buddhism arrived in the valley two thousand years ago. Stay overnight in Kathmandu.

**Day 8 Kathmandu ✈️ Delhi Meal: B**  
Fly to Delhi, capital of India. Upon arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport, you are met and transferred to your hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure or for your own activity. Stay overnight in Delhi for 2 nights.

**Day 9 Delhi Meal: B/D**  
In the morning, after detailed briefing over your trip provided by THO Tour Manager, proceed to the sightseeing tour of Old and New Delhi visiting Jama Masjid - literally meaning the Friday Mosque, India's principal and biggest mosque. Chandni Chowk - Shahjahanabad's Main Street in 1650, facing the majestic Red Fort. It originally had a central canal running down its full length, and when moonlight reflected off the water it got the name Chandni Chowk or 'Avenue of Moonlight'. The canals have long since gone and it is now a chaotically bustling area, typical of real India, containing a mix of stalls, shops, food outlets and temples. Between the mosque and Chandni Chowk is a narrow shop-lined street along which you will be transported by cycle rickshaws on your most photogenic journey of the tour. The locals go shopping here like nowhere else. Next, two renowned 17th-century landmarks: Lal Qila - the Red Fort palaces which we drive past along with India Gate (The country memorial



to the unknown soldiers), embassy area (Diplomatic Enclave), Govt. Building (1921-30A.D.) Central Secretariat, President's House, Parliament House, India Gate (War Memorial - WWII). Later visit 72 meter high Qutab Minar (12th Century A.D.)- one of the most perfect tower in the world, nearby amidst the ruins of Quwat-ul-Islam Mosque stands the iron pillar which does not rust and has stood the vagaries of weather for 1500 years. Post city tour return to your hotel. Dinner will be at hotel. Stay overnight in Delhi.

**Day 10 Delhi 🚗 Agra (5hrs) Meal: B/D**

After breakfast travel to Agra, the city that flourished under the patronage of Mughals who ruled India for more than 300 years and attracted artisans from many countries to built amazing monuments including the one and only Taj Mahal. Here layers of history are peeled away to reveal an amazing tapestry of life - of wars waged, of great architectural magnificence and above all a testimony of the undying love of a king for his queen. Afternoon visit Agra Fort, built in the Indo-Saracenic style of architecture, which was the hallmark of the Mughal period, this sprawling fort stretches 2.5km along the banks of the Yamuna River. Stay overnight in Agra.

**Day 11 Agra 🚗 Jaipur (5hrs) Meal: B/D**  
Wake early this morning for sunrise visit to incomparable monument of love the Taj Mahal. The ceaseless labour of 20,000 workers led to the construction of this geometrical miracle in India. An exceptional exhibit of Piedra Dura (stone inlay work), the Taj Mahal displays three major elements of the Muslim decorative art and architecture - the Ayatein (sayings) from the Quran which is the use of various geometrical shapes and a variety of plant forms and flowers which are dominant in the borders. The breathtakingly beautiful landscape around the Taj Mahal adds to the magic of Mughal architecture. Post visit return to hotel for breakfast, later drive to Jaipur, built of pink stucco and planned in a grid system with wide avenues. The origins of this gorgeous city can be traced back to the eighteenth century, during the reign of Maharaja Jai Singh II who ascended the Amber throne in 1699. Today, Jaipur epitomizes the spirit of Rajasthan, retaining its character and history. Afternoon is free to course the bazaar trails and witness the timeless appeal in its colourful markets, the ambling camels and cheerful people in multi-hued costumes. One can find weather beaten faces with huge colourful turbans, fierce moustaches and lips that spontaneously crease into a heart warming smile. The city presents a unique synthesis of culture that has to be experienced in order to be appreciated. With its origin buried deep into the pages of history, the city still exudes a magical old world charm. An aroma of chivalry and romance is evident, despite having evolved into a city that is the hub of modern commercial activity in the region. Stay overnight in Jaipur.

**Day 12 Jaipur Meal: B/D**  
Enthral yourself on a journey up the rampant to Amber Fort, through a succession of vast gates, on the back of an elegantly painted elephant - 'The Maharaja style'. Inside are the ruins of what was once a great palace, a wonderful example of Rajput architecture

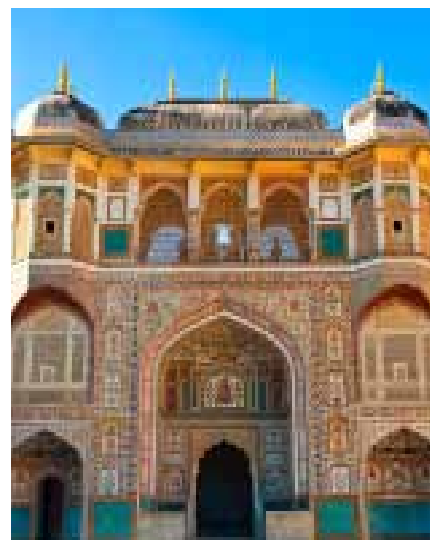
with Mughal influences. Visit the City Palace, Jantar Mantar and Hawa Mahal. Witness a wonderful combination of Mughal and Rajput forms of architecture and museum housing miniature paintings, manuscripts, Mughal carpets, musical instruments, royal costumes and weaponry, giving invaluable insight into Jaipur's royal past. Settled in the rugged hills of the Aravalli, Jaipur is the pristine jewel in the desert sands of Rajasthan and is remarkable for its marvellous architecture and town planning. Packed with history, art and culture, this princely state is a treasure - trove of some exquisite palaces, forts, temples and haveli's standing a testimony to the imperial grandeur. It is one of the most vibrant and colourful cities of India. Stay overnight in Jaipur.

**Day 13 Jaipur 🚗 Pushkar (2.5hrs) Meal: B/D**

Today we travel to a tiny tranquil town of Pushkar, lying along the bank of the picturesque Pushkar Lake, in a narrow dry valley, overshadowed by impressive rocky hills, offering the most spectacular views of the desert during sunset. It is one of the five most sacred places of pilgrimage of Hindus. As per Indian mythology, the city was created when a lotus leaf fell from Lord Brahma's hand and the holy lake sprouted up there. It is surrounded by hills on three sides and sand dunes on one which makes it the most fascinating. In the afternoon you visit Pushkar Lake and Brahma Temple; the only one of its kind in the world. A red spire marks the temple, and over the entrance gateway is the Hans (goose), the symbol of Brahma who is said to have personally chosen Pushkar as his place of abode. This is a city of pilgrimage from time immemorial with over 500 temples and ghats, with each ghat having its own miraculous qualities and healing powers. Pushkar begets a legacy of timeless architectural heritage and radiates an ambience of peace and spirituality. Puskar is also popular worldwide for its famous Puskar Camel Fair, India's highly rated travel experience, a spectacle attracting 3,00,000 people and up to 20,000 camels, cattle and horses. Evening is at leisure with an overnight stay in Pushkar.

**Day 14 Pushkar 🚗 Jojwar (4hrs) Meal: B/D**

Travel to Jojwar. Set amidst the Aravalli





hills, this little garrison fort was once a major principality of the Royal House of Marwar. Bestowed with the title of Rao, the nobles looked after this little fiefdom for about two centuries after its construction in the 18th century. Here generations of the family have lived since 1780, where the patriarch Thakur or Chief in their position as garrison commanders of this border town of Marwar with Mewar – both ancient kingdoms and often bitter enemies, once guarded the volatile border and collected custom dues on the trade. One of the most famous chieftains of the clan was Thakur Shyam Singhji of Sonegra Chouhan Clan who in the year 1808 led the Chouhan Contingent of the Jodhpur forces to successfully repeal an attack on the Mehrangarh fort during the war with the combined forces of Jaipur and Bikaner. You can still meet the descendant of this famous noble, who even today resides in the same complex. Arrive and check in at the hotel. Stay overnight in Jojawar.

**Day 15 Jojawar 🚗 Udaipur (4hrs) Meal: B/D**

Before travelling to Udaipur, you can go for a Jeep Safari around Jojawar. It is said that the real India is its rural areas, the country around Jojawar boasts of very interesting landscapes, with the picturesque Aravalli Hills in the east, and broken rocky hills interspersed with farms and scrub forests all around. The Pre-Cambrian Aravalli Hills are one of the oldest mountain ranges of the world, and a geologist's paradise. The camel herding Rabaris are an ethnic group only to be found around Jojawar. The Jeep Safari are specially designed tours taking you to homesteads of these Rabaris, into farms, through pretty little hamlets where time seems to have stopped, and we take a break under the shade of a drooping acacias next to a very beautiful small shrine dedicated to a folk deity. Later Travel to Udaipur, a kaleidoscope of fairy-tale palaces, lakes, temples, gardens and narrow lanes strewn with stalls that carry the flavour of heroic past, epitomising valour and chivalry. On arrival check into hotel for two nights.

**Day 16 Udaipur Meal: B/D**

Proceed for a guided sightseeing tour and visit City Palace Museum, which houses a remarkable collection of ancient sculptures, curios, antiques and inscriptions of the bygone era and also unusual assortment of coins, sculptures, inscriptions, portraits and wall-paintings with each room beautifully ornamented and decorated. The Jagdish Temple, built in 1651, is a perfect example of Indo-Aryan style of architecture. The three storied temple comprises of beautifully carved pillars, decorated ceilings, painted walls and lush halls, Saheliyon-Ki-Bari (garden of the maids). According to legend this beautiful pleasure park was built by Maharana Singh II mainly for the recreation of 48 maids of his wife who had accompanied her as her wedding dowry. We also visit the Bhartiya Lok Kala Mandir which is an Indian folk arts museum and has interesting exhibits that include folk dresses, ornaments, puppets, masks, dolls, folk musical instruments, folk deities and paintings, followed by a visit to Jag Mandir, a temple dedicated to Lord Jagdish. Spend your afternoon on the banks of Lake Pichola or at the numerous shops that dot the narrow windings streets of Udaipur. This city has a fascinating blend of sights, sound, experiences and inspiration catering for the imagination

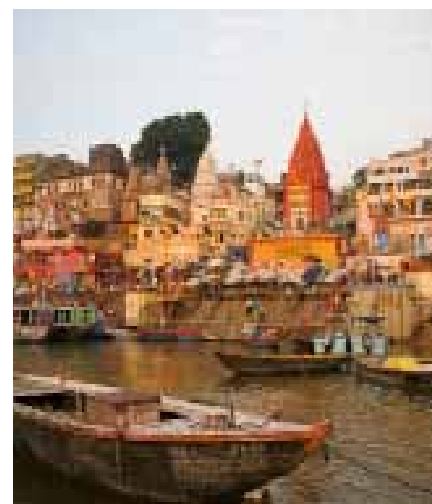
of numerous poets, painters and writers. Optionally you can take a sunset cruise at Lake Pichola. Stay overnight in Udaipur.

**Day 17 Udaipur ✈ Mumbai Meal: B/D**  
Today you fly to Mumbai. Upon arrival transferred to hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. Stay overnight in Mumbai.

**Day 18 Mumbai Meal: B/D**  
Morning enjoy city tour of Mumbai, touch, feel and experience the city. A bubble gum glamour of Bollywood cinema, shopping malls full of designer labels, promenading families eating Bhelpuri on the beach at Chowpatty and red double-decker buses queuing in grinding traffic jams. This pungent drama is played out against a Victorian townscape more reminiscent of a prosperous 19th century English industrial city than anything you'd expect to find on the edge of the Arabian Sea. It's a city with vibrant street life, India's best nightlife, and a wealth of bazaars; visit Prince of Wales Museum, Gateway of India, Hanging Garden, Dhobi Ghat. Afternoon visit Elephanta Caves by boat (Boats are subject to operate on particular day & weather conditions). Stay overnight in Mumbai.

**Day 19 Mumbai ✈ Australia Meal: B**  
Today is at leisure until transferred to the airport for your flight bound for Australia.

**Day 20 Australia**  
Arrive in Australia in the morning.



**The Best of Nepal & India Tour Dates & Prices**

Tour code	Start Kathmandu Tuesday	End Mumbai Saturday	Full package with international air departing from Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane / Adelaide / Perth	
			Singapore Airlines	
IN170228	28-Feb-17	18-Mar-17	\$5,660	
IN170328	28-Mar-17	15-Apr-17	\$5,660	
IN170502	02-May-17	20-May-17	\$5,480	
IN170530	30-May-17	17-Jun-17	\$5,480	
IN170711	11-Jul-17	29-Jul-17	\$5,480	
IN170829	29-Aug-17	16-Sep-17	\$5,480	
IN171003	03-Oct-17	21-Oct-17	\$5,660	
IN171031	31-Oct-17	18-Nov-17	\$5,660	
IN171121	21-Nov-17	09-Dec-17	\$5,660	
IN180109	09-Jan-18	27-Jan-18	\$5,880	
IN180206	06-Feb-18	24-Feb-18	\$5,780	
IN180227	27-Feb-18	17-Mar-18	\$5,780	
IN180320	20-Mar-18	07-Apr-18	\$5,780	
Land Only: \$4680			Single Supplement: \$1220	
* This tour is a guaranteed departure based on a minimum of 2 people. Full package prices above include airport taxes and fuel surcharges.				

* Please refer to Page 7 for <b>Tour Inclusions</b> and <b>Extending Your Holiday</b> details.
* Land only price: Tour starts from <b>Arrival transfer in Kathmandu to Departure transfer in Mumbai</b> ; including domestic air tickets of Kathmandu - Delhi; Udaipur - Mumbai and taxes; but excluding any other international air tickets.
* Camera / video fees may apply in some sightseeing places (at your own expenses).
* India visa extra see page 8 for details.
# Package prices of Singapore Airlines are for departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth. Any cost including hotel or meals incurred due to the connecting flight in Singapore will be at your own expenses.
* Stopover in Singapore permitted if flying with Singapore Airlines; extra airport taxes apply. Land arrangement in Singapore can be arranged at additional cost.
Hotels used for this tour: 4* Kathmandu Hotel Grand; 4* Chitwan Jungle Safari Resort; 4* Pokhara Mt. Kailash Resort; 4* Delhi Holiday Inn Mayur Vihar; 4* Agra Man Singh Palace; 4* Jaipur Hotel Man Singh Tower; 4* Pushkar Bhanwar Singh Palace; 4* Jojawar Hotel Rawla Jojawar; 4* Udaipur Hotel Ram Partap Palace; 4* Mumbai Hotel Comfort Inn Heritage or similar.
Pre / Post Stay: \$148 (Kathmandu) / \$195 (Mumbai) per room per night with breakfast