



Soft Adventure Tour In Nepal

Kathmandu (Shangri-la Hotel, Pokhara (Tiger Mountain Pokhara Lodge), Seti River, Royal Chitwan National Park (Tiger Tops Tented Camp & Tiger Mountain Tharu Safari Lodge)

This 12 day adventure offers something for everybody and represents incredible value for money. Our adventure begins with several days exploring Kathmandu after which we fly west to the beautiful Pokhara valley and a 2 night stay in the award winning Tiger Mountain Pokhara Lodge from where gentle day-hikes are possible. From here we head to the Seti river for a 2 day rafting trip which offers gentle rapids and stunning scenery. The river trip concludes down near to the Chitwan National Park where one has the opportunity to enjoy elephant safaris, walks and boats trip from the world famous Tiger Tops Tented Camp and Tharu Safari Lodge.

This tour is also suitable for children above the age of 6 years.

Duration : 12 days – 2 nights Kathmandu, 2 nights Pokhara, 2 nights River camp, 3 nights Royal Chitwan National Park, 2 nights Kathmandu
Grade : Easy (also suitable for children of 6 years and over)
Accommodation: Comfortable 3-4 star Hotel in Kathmandu, comfortable lodges & deluxe camping elsewhere

The trip is available on a private basis to suit your own dates and may be modified if required to make it slightly longer or shorter. Modifications may affect the cost.

For those persons preferring to participate in a trek then please refer to our “Family Adventure” itinerary.

The price based on a minimum of 2 persons in the group is US\$ 2325.00 per person. Accompanying children under the age of 12 travel for US\$ 1320.00 per child based on sharing accommodation with parents in Kathmandu (one extra bed only - max two children per room). Children preferring separate accommodation in Kathmandu pay US\$ 1950.00 based on two children sharing.

Optional upgrade to Deluxe Heritage Hotel in Kathmandu (Dwarika’s Hotel): US\$ 250.00 per adult/150 per child.

Price Includes:

- ◆ All transfers, sightseeing and long drives in private non-air conditioned vehicles
- ◆ 4 nights bed and breakfast accommodation at the Shangri-la Hotel.
- ◆ ½ day sightseeing of Kathmandu city
- ◆ Domestic flights Kathmandu/Pokhara and Bharatpur/Kathmandu by scheduled air services
- ◆ x2 nights at Tiger Mountain Pokhara Lodge including all meals
- ◆ X2 day/2 night raft trip including all meals
- ◆ X2 nights at Tiger Tops Tented Camp and x1 night Tharu Safari Lodge including all meals, activities and National Park fees

Price Excludes:

- ◆ personal insurance
- ◆ price rises beyond our control (e.g.; increase in National Park fees)
- ◆ charges for unexpected expenses
- ◆ personal expenses such as beverages, gratuities, laundry etc.
- ◆ personal clothing and equipment
- ◆ domestic & international departure airport tax
- ◆ visa fees
- ◆ International airfare



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Day 01: **Arrival in Kathmandu**



Upon arrival you will be met and assisted by an Escape 2 Nepal representative and transferred to Shangri-la Hotel which is located 15 minutes from the airport and 5-10 minutes from the tourist district of Thamel.

This Hotel provides comfortable accommodation and excellent facilities as well as one of Kathmandu's best gardens.



Day 02: **Kathmandu**

A pre-trek briefing will be conducted today in which maps and other general information will be distributed. This will also offer you the ideal opportunity to ask any last minute questions that you may have. A half day sightseeing tour will also be arranged. **Overnight Shangri-la Hotel.**

Day 03: **Kathmandu - Tiger Mountain Pokhara Lodge.**

After breakfast transferred to the airport for the 30 minute flight to Pokhara. On arrival you will be met for the half hour drive to the award winning Tiger Mountain Pokhara Lodge.

Tiger Mountain Pokhara Lodge is situated on a hilltop ridge, a thousand feet above Pokhara Valley. It has spectacular, panoramic views of Machhapuchhare (Fishtail Mountain), and three of the world's 8,000m peaks, Daulagiri, Manaslu, and Annapurna.



The nineteen elegant and spacious rooms are arranged around the hilltop in thirteen individual hand cut stone bungalows, blending naturally into their surroundings. Sited to maximize the breathtaking vistas and set in private gardens, each room has a private verandah, adjoining bathroom and is furnished with twin or super-king sized beds.

Activities available from the Lodge include a ridge top walk visiting local villages; a full day Gurung Village trek circuit exploring the picturesque communities of Tulaswor, Chiteipani, and Lankachhar; naturalist-guided nature and bird watching walks; or relaxing in Col. Jimmy's Library reading about some of the more famous mountain expeditions. A beautiful swimming pool is located in a strategic site at the end of the ridge and reflects the high mountains which drop away to the Bijaypur river far below.

Day 04: **Tiger Mountain Pokhara Lodge.**

Relax, or take optional day hikes from the Lodge.

Day 05: **Tiger Mountain Pokhara Lodge - Seti River.**

Take the 1 hour drive to the Seti river. Upon reaching the put in point you will be given a full safety briefing, with instructions on rafting techniques for people preferring to raft with a paddle boat.

The Seti river offers a fine combination of superb scenery and gentle rapids.





Overnight Seti River Fixed Camp: The Camp is a fully staffed facility and is situated on a grassy bank overlooking the beach and river. Accommodation is in large safari style equipped tents. Each tent has twin beds with sheets and blankets and the necessary amenities required for your stay. There are well appointed western style toilets and showers with hot and cold running water concealed in separate buildings near your tents. There is a large central dining room built in traditional style where guests gather for their meals. Food is both Continental and Nepalese. In keeping with the surroundings, kerosene lamps, torches and candles are provided after dusk since there is no electricity in the camp.

Day 06: **Seti River**

Day at leisure or exploring the local villages etc.

Day 07: **Seti River - Tiger Tops Tented Camp.**

After a hearty breakfast and packing we leave camp at about 9.30 am. Today we have time to explore, bird-watch, photograph and learn about the local people. A packed lunch is served enroute..



After going through a good series of grade 2+ rapid, we reach the confluence of the Trisuli river. Notice the difference in temperature of this much colder glacial river. After 15 minutes we end our trip at Gai Ghat and take the 2 hour drive towards the Royal Chitwan national park and the Tiger Tops Tented Camp .

Upon arrival in Chitwan you will be met and transferred to Tiger Tops Tented Camp by boat and landrover. Upon arrival at the Camp, you will be briefed by the resident Guest Relations officer regarding the Park and the wildlife programmes available.



The Tiger Tops Tented Camp is located in the Surung Valley in the heart of the Royal Chitwan national Park. Situated on high ground overlooking tall grasslands with the river, middle hills and the snow capped Himalayas beyond. On clear days several 8,000 meter peaks including Annapurna, Dhaulagiri and Manaslu can be seen from the Tented Camp.

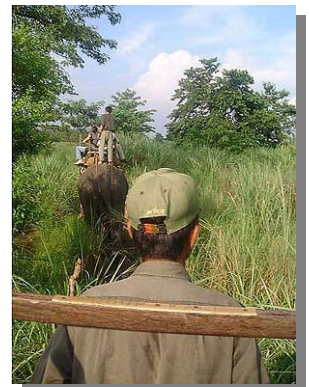
The central dining area will be your special place for relaxation. Built in traditional Nepali style, it has a well stocked bar and an attractive open fireplace. Accommodation is in twelve large safari tents with

comfortable twin beds, separate hot and cold shower amenities and jungle toilets. Western and Nepali cuisine is served.

Activities at the Camp include wildlife viewing from elephant back, jungle walks, bird-watching, landrover drives, river safaris, elephant camp visits, wildlife viewing and photographing from machans (blinds). All wildlife activities are escorted by experienced naturalists.

Wildlife in Chitwan includes the greater one-horned rhinoceros, spotted deer, hog deer, sambar deer and barking deer as well as a wide variety of birdlife. With a bit of luck, there is always the chance of glimpsing the leopard, sloth bear and Royal Bengal tiger.

Overnight at Tiger Tops Tented Camp.





Day 08 : **Tiger Tops Tented Camp**

Wildlife activities and overnight at Tiger Tops Tented Camp

Day 09: **Tiger Mountain Tharu Safari Lodge**



Transferred through the jungle by landrover and boat to the Tiger Mountain Tharu Safari Lodge.

Situated on high ground overlooking the lush forests of the park, the **Tiger Mountain Tharu Safari Lodge** is styled after the traditional 'longhouse' of the Tharu people in a tranquil garden setting with all modern facilities including a swimming pool, a tennis court and saddle club.

Activities at Tharu Safari Lodge include: walks to explore the surrounding villages and countryside or the Lodge's organic farm, wildlife safaris, bullock cart trips, tennis, badminton, table tennis, horse and pony riding, pony cart rides, nature walks, birdwatching, boat rides, river sunset viewing or relaxing by our beautiful swimming pool. In the evening we feature local tribal dancing before dinner. Living mainly along the southern strip of Nepal, Tharus are the indigenous and colourful people inhabiting the Terai lowlands. Overnight at the Tiger Mountain Tharu Safari Lodge.



Day 10: **Tiger Mountain Tharu Safari Lodge – Kathmandu - Shangri-la Hotel.**

Transferred to the Bharatpur airstrip for the 30 minute flight back to Kathmandu. On arrival you will be met and transferred to the Shangri-la Hotel. Rest of day at leisure.



Day 11: **Day in Kathmandu**

Today enjoy a leisurely lunch at the exclusive Shivapuri Heights Cottage in the hills just north of Kathmandu.

Overnight at the Shangri-la Hotel.

Day 12: **International flight**

Transfer to the International airport for your final departure from Kathmandu.