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Thursday · February 13th, 2025 - Monday · February 24th, 2025

# 10 Day Custom Nepal & Bhutan Family Adventure

## Scenic & Cultural Adventure of Kathmandu, Thimpu, Paro & Pokhara

Thursday · February 13th	Flight from Miami to Doha 11:30 PM (13 hr, 35 min) +1
Friday · February 14th	In-Flight
Saturday · February 15th	Flight from Doha to Kathmandu 3:25 AM (4 hr, 20 min) Kathmandu Arrival Transfers & City Tour (Ason Market, Indrachowk, Machendra Bahal) Kathmandu Marriott Hotel - Kathmandu, Nepal (2 Nights)
Sunday · February 16th	Kathmandu (Everest Scenic Flight, Durbar Square, Swayambhunath, Patan)
Monday · February 17th	Kathmandu / Paro / Thimpu Tour Flight from Kathmandu to Paro 9:00 AM (1 hr, 5 min) Druk Hotel - Thimphu, Bhutan (2 Nights)
Tuesday · February 18th	Thimpu (Buddha Dordenma, Takin Sanctuary, Tashichho Dzong)
Wednesday · February 19th	Thimpu / Paro (Paro Dzong & National Museum) Naksel Boutique Hotel, Paro (2 Nights)
Thursday · February 20th	Paro (Tiger's Nest Trek)
Friday · February 21st	Paro / Pokhara Tour Flight from Paro to Kathmandu 7:00 AM (1 hr, 15 min) Flight from Kathmandu to Pokhara 11:05 AM (25 min) Temple Tree Resort - Spa - Pokhara, Nepal (2 Nights)

Saturday · February 22nd	Pokhara (Sarangkot Hike, Paragliding & Phewa Lake)
Sunday · February 23rd	Pokhara / Kathmandu (Pasupatinath & Bouddhanath) Flight from Pokhara to Kathmandu 11:00 AM (25 min) Kathmandu Marriott Hotel - Kathmandu, Nepal (1 Night)
Monday · February 24th	Kathmandu Departure Transfers Flight from Kathmandu to Doha 11:45 AM (5 hr, 35 min)

Itinerary Notes      Legal Notice

## Pre Travel

## Tour Summary (Nepal & Bhutan)

- Roundtrip Economy Class Kathmandu / Paro Airfares
- Roundtrip Economy Class Kathmandu / Pokhara Airfares
- 3 nights at The Marriott Kathmandu (Deluxe Room)
- 2 nights at Druk Hotel in Thimpu (Valley View Room)
- 2 nights at Naksel Boutique Hotel in Paro (Super Deluxe Room)
- 2 nights at Temple Tree Resort in Pokhara (Jr. Suite)
- Hotel Breakfasts Daily
- Lunches at local restaurants & hotel dinners in Bhutan (food only)

### Additional Information

- Price is based on triple occupancy, 3 passengers traveling together
- Price includes Bhutanese Visa, entrance fees, hotel taxes & service charges
- Price excludes MIA/KTM Airfares, applicable air taxes, gratuities to guides and drivers
- **A visa is required for Nepal (obtained on arrival at \$30 per person which allows for multiple entry within 15 days). Please bring a passport photo for the visa.**

## Thursday · February 13th

### Miami, Miami International Airport to Doha, Doha Hamad International Airport

*Qatar Airways (QR)*

QR782 Carrier/Flight	11:30 PM MIA •	9:05 PM +1 DOH •	13 hr, 35 min Duration
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## Friday · February 14th

### In-Flight

On flight en-route to Asia

## Saturday · February 15th

### Doha, Doha Hamad International Airport to Kathmandu, Kathmandu Tribhuvan International Airport

*Qatar Airways (QR)*

<p><b>QR652</b> Carrier/Flight</p>	<p><b>3:25 AM</b> DOH •</p>	<p><b>10:30 AM</b> KTM •</p>	<p><b>4 hr, 20 min</b> Duration</p>
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Welcome to Kathmandu! Situated at an altitude of 4500ft and founded in the 8th Century A.D. the valley of Kathmandu is composed of three royal Cities, Kathmandu, Patan & Bhadgaon. The valley surrounded by green hills topped off by snowcapped peaks covers an area of 218 square miles. Kathmandu has always been a renowned center for Hinduism and Buddhism where you will find the stupa of Swyambhunath, Bouddhanath and hundreds of temples depicting both the religion, where legend and reality live side by side.

Upon arrival, be met commence sightseeing of the city for a glimpse of modern day Napalese life. Visits this afternoon include:

**Ason Market:** A vibrant hub of urban indigenous life, bustling with small shops and a lively street scene adorned with golden pagodas and parasols. Strolling through Kathmandu's old streets reveals a unique blend of Hinduism and Buddhism in the local market.

**Indrachowk:** located in the heart of Kathmandu, Nepal, is a vibrant market square renowned for its traditional Newari architecture, bustling stalls, and rich cultural significance. A hub for spices, textiles, and religious artifacts, it offers a glimpse into Kathmandu's historic charm and daily life.

**Machendra Bahal:** Also known as Janabahal, is a serene courtyard in Kathmandu which houses the revered temple of Seto Machindranath, a deity of compassion. Surrounded by traditional Newari architecture, it is a sacred site for rituals and festivals.

Check-in to your hotel in the city center for your next 2 nights' accommodations. (B)



## Kathmandu Marriott Hotel - Kathmandu, Nepal

977 1-597-0300

Manakamana Marga, Naxal, Kathmandu, Nepal 44600

Feb 15

Check In

Feb 17

Check Out

2 Nights

Duration

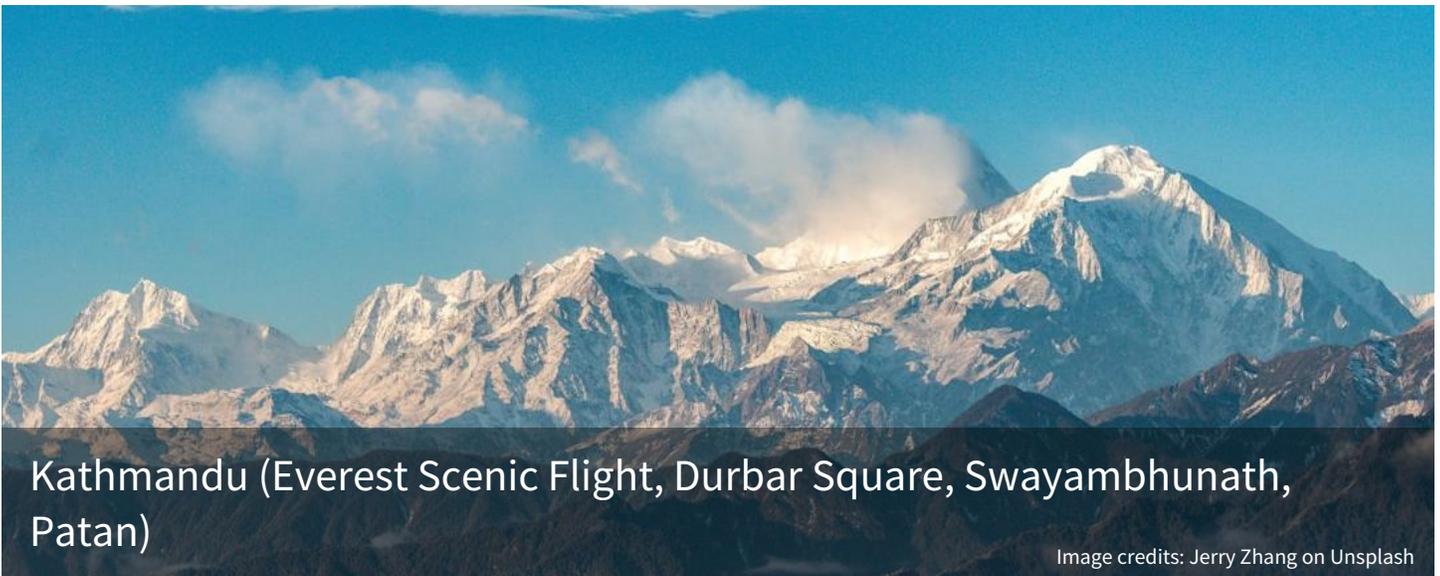
Contemporary hotel with views of the Himalayan Mountain range - Durbar Marg, Thamel, and Narayanhiti Palace Museum are close by.

## Meals & Accommodations

Meals: N/A

Accommodations: Kathmandu Marriott (Deluxe Room)

Sunday · February 16th



Kathmandu (Everest Scenic Flight, Durbar Square, Swayambhunath, Patan)

Image credits: Jerry Zhang on Unsplash

Your morning begins with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see Mount Everest up close and personal! Your 45-60 minute scenic flight offers a breathtaking aerial view of the Himalayas, including Mount Everest, and over stunning landscapes, glaciers, and mountain ranges, providing a unique opportunity to witness the grandeur of Everest and Himalayas.

Back on the ground, visit **Kathmandu Durbar Square**. Famed for its old temples and places, epitomizes the religious and cultural life of the people, it is here where the Kings of Nepal were crowned and their coronations solemnized. Enjoy a stroll through the various landmarks and monuments within the square including Taleju Temple, Kal Bhairav (statue of King Pratap Malla), the Big Bell, Big Drum, and Kumari (Temple of Living goddess).

Next, visit **Swayambhunath**, one of the world's most glorious Buddhist Stupa dating back around 2000 years. The Stupa, which forms the main structure, is made of brick and clay supporting the lofty conical spire capped by a pinnacle of copper gilt. Painted on the four-sides of the spire base are the eyes of Lord Buddha. It is perhaps the best place to observe the religious harmony of Buddhist and Hindu, and boasts an excellent view of the Kathmandu Valley.

Overnight in Kathmandu. (B)

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## Meals & Accommodations

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodations:** Kathmandu Marriott (Deluxe Room)

Monday · February 17th



Morning transfer for your flight to Paro. Upon arrival, proceed on a scenic one-hour drive to Thimphu. En-route, stop to see the Iron Mesh Suspension Bridge build in the 13th Century and Chuzom at the confluence of the Paro and Thimphu rivers. Surrounded by lush mountains, this beautiful capital of Bhutan offers cultural landmarks, monasteries, vibrant markets, and a peaceful, serene atmosphere.

Check into your hotel for lunch followed by an afternoon tour of the city. Visit the Handicrafts Emporium and local crafts shops that boasts an array of traditional Bhutanese arts and crafts. Here, you can buy hand-woven textiles, thangka paintings, masks, ceramics, slate and wood carvings, jewelry, and other interesting items made from local materials.

In the evening, visit The Riverside Market which is a popular spot in Thimphu for families where locals do their weekly grocery shopping. Here, vendors from villages all around gather in Thimphu to sell their wares. The market is divided into various sections depending on the type of commodity, selling everything from local produce to imported goods. Dinner will be served at your hotel this evening. (B,L,D)

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## Kathmandu, Kathmandu Tribhuvan International Airport to Paro, Paro Airport

*Drukair (KB)*

KB401

Carrier/Flight

9:00 AM

KTM •

10:20 AM

PBH •

1 hr, 5 min

Duration



### Druk Hotel - Thimphu, Bhutan

975 2-322966

Clock Tower Square, Thimphu, Bhutan

Feb 17

Check In

Feb 19

Check Out

2 Nights

Duration

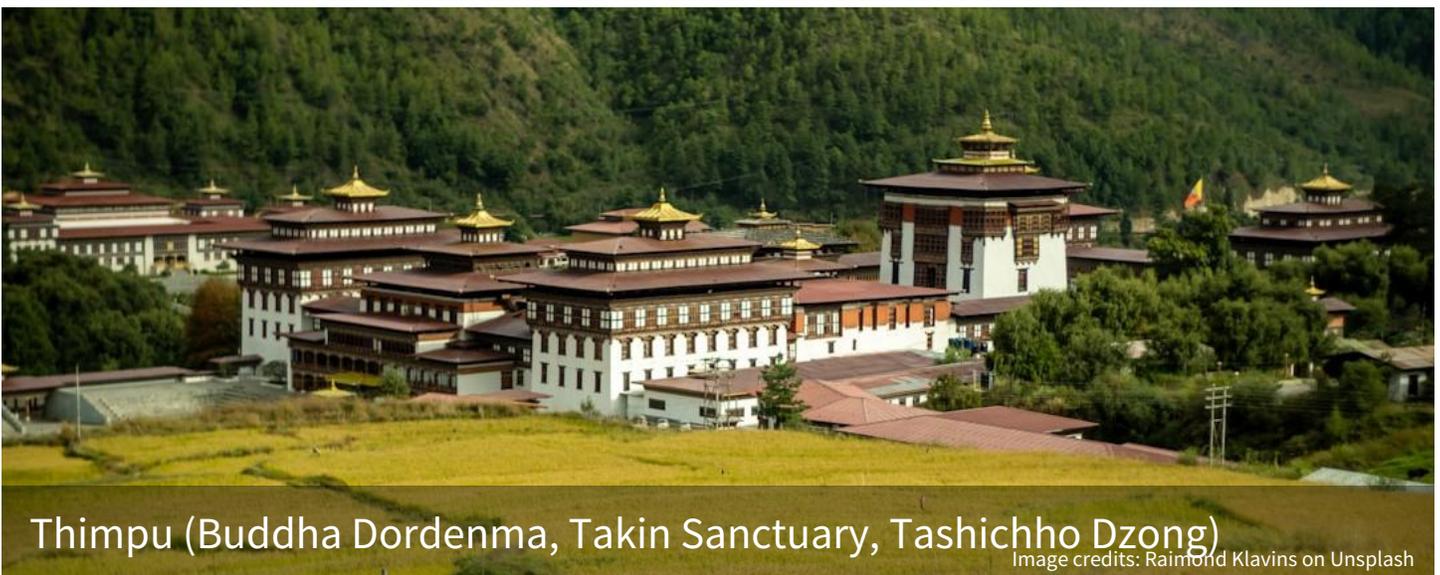
Downtown Hotel in the heart of business district & close to the administrative block of the Royal Government.

## Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: Druk Hotel (Valley View Room)

Tuesday · February 18th



### Thimphu (Buddha Dordenma, Takin Sanctuary, Tashichho Dzong)

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After breakfast, Drive to Kuensel Phodrang and visit Buddha Dordenma statue, the largest statue in the country, that rests on a hilltop overlooking Thimphu. Afterwards, embark on a 2-hour hike through blue pine forests to Changangkha Monastery. Perched on a hill above Thimphu, Changangkha is a revered 12th-century Buddhist temple known for its spiritual significance with stunning valley views.

After lunch, visit the Takin Sanctuary. Takin is the national animal of Bhutan based on both of its uniqueness and its association with country's history and mythology. Legend has it that Drukpa Kunley or Devine Madman, a popular 15th century saint, is said to have created it with his magical power at a large congregation of devotees. It resembles a cow from the back, a goat from the front, and it continues to befuddle taxonomists, who cannot quite relate to another animal. Here, enjoy a chance to observe these unique creatures in a natural habitat.

Later, visit Tashichho Dzong, located on the northern edge of the city of Thimphu on the western bank of the Wang chu, it is considered the most stately and impressive building in all of Bhutan. It has traditionally been the seat of the Druk desi or 'Dharma Raja', the head of Bhutan's civil government, an office which has been combined with the kingship since the creation of the monarchy in 1907, and summer capital of the country.

Return to your hotel in Thimpu for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

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## Meals & Accommodations

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodations:** Druk Hotel (Valley View Room)

Wednesday · February 19th



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After breakfast, drive to Paro. Set in Bhutan's idyllic Paro Valley, this charming town has remained largely unchanged for centuries. Here, tour the fortified monastery and ancient watchtower that offers the visitor an authentic, timeless glimpse of small-town Bhutan.

Visit Paro Dzong, one of the most impressive and well-known dzongs in Bhutan. Also known as the Rinpung Dzong, which means 'fortress on a heap of jewels', it represents one of the finest examples of Bhutanese architecture. The Dzong was built in the 16th century on the foundation of a monastery by Guru Rinpoche and was used on numerous occasions to defend the Paro Valley from invasions by Tibet.

Continue to the National Museum of Bhutan. Housed inside the revamped circular Ta-Dzong building and an ancient watchtower above the Paro Dzong, this unusual building is said to be in the shape of a conch shell. It was constructed in 1656 which was subsequently converted into a museum in 1968, which now houses some of the finest specimens of Bhutanese art, including masterpieces of bronze statues and paintings gathered from different parts of the country.

Check in to your resort and enjoy the balance of the day at leisure surrounded by pristine nature. Dinner is served at the hotel this evening. (B,L,D)



## Naksel Boutique Hotel, Paro

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Ngoba Village, Lango Gewog, Paro

Feb 19

Check In

Feb 21

Check Out

2 Nights

Duration

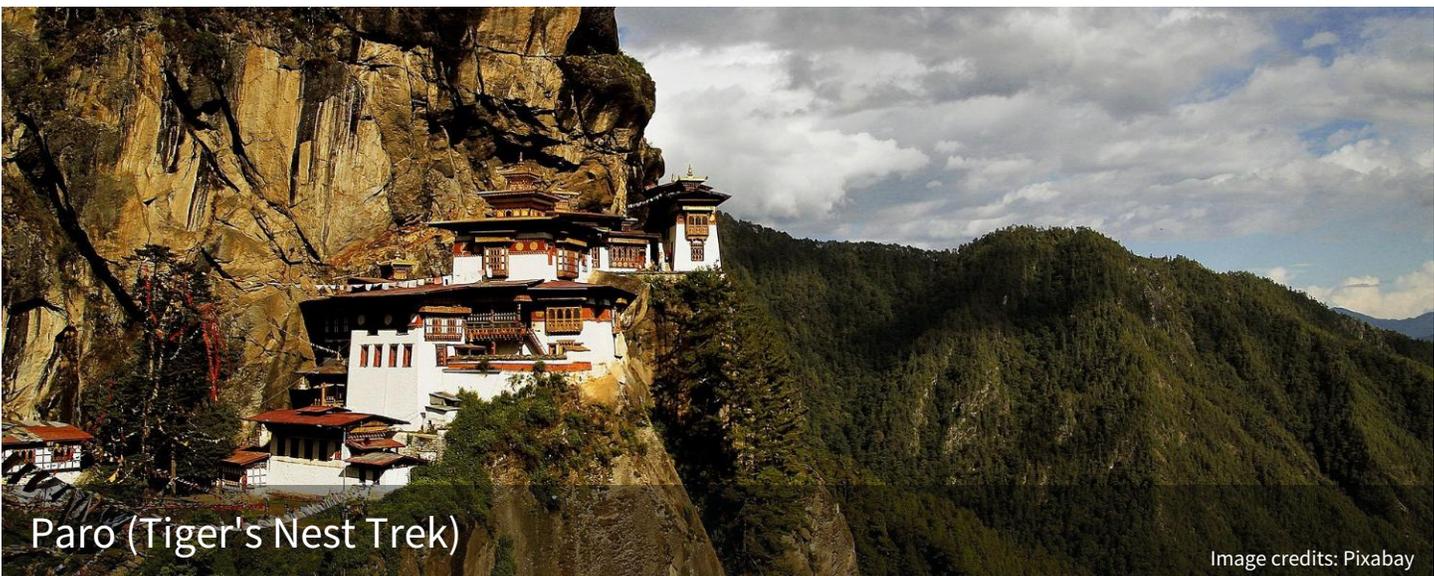
Luxury retreat where the comforts of man and the presence of nature combine for a peaceful escape in the hills of Bhutan.

## Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: Naksel Boutique Hotel (Super Deluxe Room)

Thursday · February 20th



## Paro (Tiger's Nest Trek)

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After early breakfast, embark on a hike to the stunning Taktsang (“Tiger’s Nest”) Monastery that clings to a cliff 3,000 ft above the valley floor. The hike can be rather strenuous spanning a little over 4 miles (roundtrip), and reaching a height of 9,200 ft. above sea level. Visitors are rewarded with breathtaking views of this incredible architectural marvel amid spectacular

mountain scape. Here, spend time with the monks at this sacred pilgrimage site, where the great tantric mystic Guru Rinpoche (also known as Padmasambhava) is believed to have flown on the back of the tiger to bring the teachings of the Buddhist Dharma to Bhutan.

After the hike, enjoy lunch at a traditional farm house. These Bhutanese farmhouses are very colorful, decorative, and traditionally built without the use of single nail - all following the same architectural pattern. Here, catch a good glimpse into the lifestyle of a farmer in a rustic atmosphere. Return to Paro town for some leisurely time before returning to your resort. (B,L, D)

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## Meals & Accommodations

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodations:** Naksel Boutique Hotel (Super Deluxe Room)

Friday · February 21st



Transfer for your early morning flight for Pokhara, connecting in Kathmandu. The Pokhara Valley is one of the most picturesque spots of Nepal. The beauty of the Valley is enhanced by its lovely lakes Phewa, Begnas, and Rupa, and the Annapurna Range of the Himalayas. Pokhara is sits at an altitude of 900 meters above sea-level and boasts the magnificent views of the five peaks of Annapurna Range.

After hotel check-in, enjoy an afternoon tour of Pokhara starting with World Peace Pagoda. Balanced on a narrow ridge high above Phewa Tal, the brilliant-white World Peace Pagoda in Pokhara is a massive Buddhist stupa constructed by Buddhist monks. Besides being an impressive sight, the shrine is a vantage point that boasts spectacular views of the Annapurna range and Pokhara city.

Next up is Gupteshwor Cave. Located near Devi's Fall, Gupteshwor is a sacred limestone cave renowned for its spiritual significance and natural beauty. Inside, a revered Shiva lingam draws pilgrims, while stunning rock formations captivate visitors.

Last stop of the day is a Tibetan Refugee Camp which offers insights into Tibetan culture, history, and resilience. Established for Tibetan refugees, the camp features traditional handicraft workshops, schools, and monasteries. Visitors can explore vibrant markets, observe cultural practices, and support the local community. Overnight in Pokhara. (B)

## Paro, Paro Airport to Kathmandu, Kathmandu Tribhuvan International Airport

*Drukair (KB)*

<b>KB400</b> Carrier/Flight	<b>7:00 AM</b> PBH •	<b>8:00 AM</b> KTM •	<b>1 hr, 15 min</b> Duration
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## Kathmandu, Kathmandu Tribhuvan International Airport to Pokhara, Pokhara Airport

*Buddha Air (U4)*

<b>U4609</b> Carrier/Flight	<b>11:05 AM</b> KTM •	<b>11:30 AM</b> PKR •	<b>25 min</b> Duration
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### Temple Tree Resort - Spa - Pokhara, Nepal

977 61-465819

Gaurighat, Lakeside 6, Pokhara, Nepal 33411

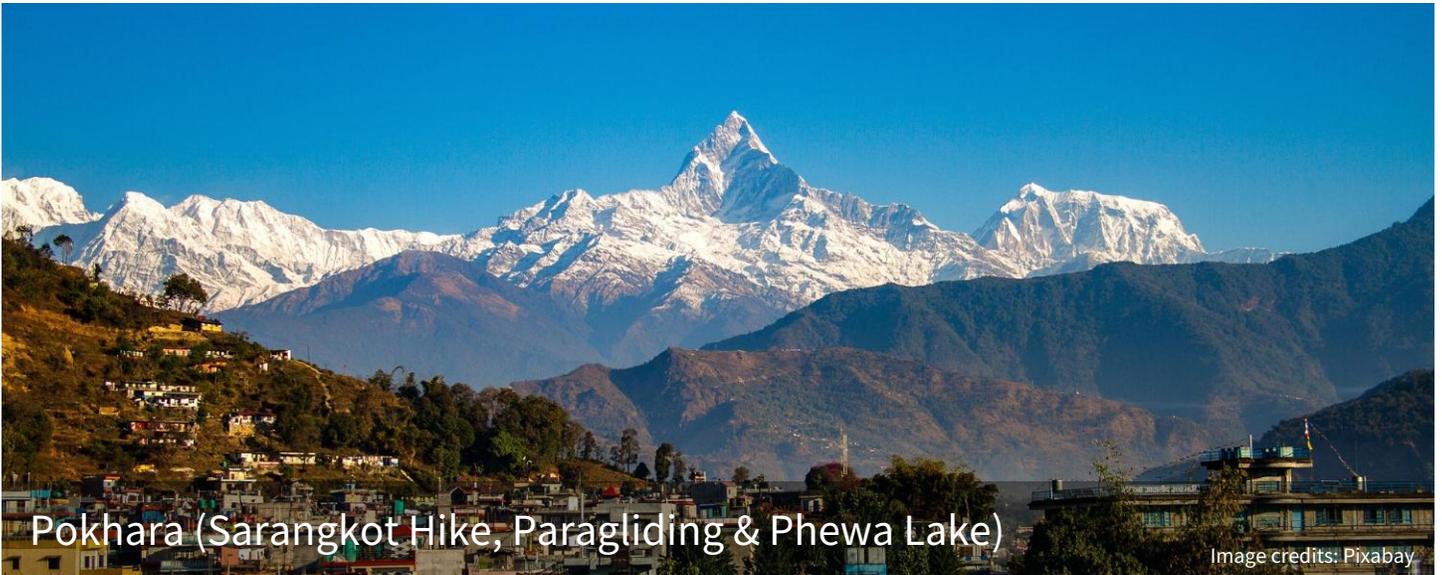
<b>Feb 21</b> Check In	<b>Feb 23</b> Check Out	<b>2 Nights</b> Duration
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Boutique hotel combining western standards with the distinctive architecture and culture of Nepal's Western Himalayas.

## Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Temple Tree Resort (Jr. Suite)



This morning, proceed to Sarangkot for sunrise. Sarangkot is a former Kaski fort atop a hill to the west of Pokhara. The panoramic view of the Himalaya seen from this point is superb, Kahundanda, Naudanda, Ghandrung, Ghorepani, and Ghalchok are other favorite destinations around Pokhara.

Next up, get your adrenaline pumping on a paragliding adventure. Your 20-25 minute flight begins at Sarangkot that takes you high up in the air over Pokhara town and the Phewa Lake, and touches down near the lake.

Phewa Lake, the largest and most enchanting of the seven lakes, and the center of all attractions in Pokhara. Here, we'll sail across the water to Barahi Temple. Considered the most important monument in Pokhara, it is built almost in the center of Phewa Lake. This two-storied pagoda is dedicated to the boar manifestation of Ajima, the protectress deity representing the female force, Shakti. Devotees can be seen, especially on Saturdays, carrying male animals and fowl across the lake to be sacrificed to the deity.

Enjoy time for some shopping and strolling on the eastern shore before returning to your resort this afternoon. Overnight in Pokhara. (B)

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## Meals & Accommodations

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodations:** Temple Tree Resort (Jr. Suite)



Transfer for your late morning flight back to Kathmandu. Upon arrival, visit Pasupatinath Temple, renowned for its superb architecture, its two storied golden roof and silver doors. It is one of the holiest Hindu temples dedicated to Lord Shiva. Its sacred grounds, adorned with intricate architecture and rituals, draw pilgrims and tourists alike. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, it stands as a testament to Nepal's rich religious and cultural heritage. While entry into the temple grounds is only permitted for Hindus, others can observe temple and rituals from the eastern bank of the Bagmati, where people cremate the dead.

Afterwards, visit Bouddhanath, also known as Boudha, it is a revered Buddhist stupa that contains the relics of Kashyap Buddha. This UNESCO World Heritage Site stands as a symbol of Tibetan Buddhism's presence in the region. Its massive dome, adorned with colorful prayer flags and intricate designs, attracts pilgrims and visitors seeking spiritual solace. Encircling the stupa are monasteries, shops, and cafes, creating a vibrant atmosphere where tradition and modernity harmoniously coexist, making it one of the must-visits in Kathmandu. Return to your hotel and enjoy the balance of the day at leisure to relax and explore Kathmandu on your own. (B)

## Pokhara, Pokhara Airport to Kathmandu, Kathmandu Tribhuvan International Airport

*Buddha Air (U4)*

<b>U4604</b> Carrier/Flight	<b>11:00 AM</b> PKR •	<b>11:25 AM</b> KTM •	<b>25 min</b> Duration
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## Kathmandu Marriott Hotel - Kathmandu, Nepal

977 1-597-0300

Manakamana Marga, Naxal, Kathmandu, Nepal 44600

**Feb 23**

Check In

**Feb 24**

Check Out

**1 Night**

Duration

Contemporary hotel with views of the Himalayan Mountain range - Durbar Marg, Thamel, and Narayanhiti Palace Museum are close by.

## Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Kathmandu Marriott (Deluxe Room)

**Monday · February 24th**

## Kathmandu Departure Transfers

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight home. (B)

## Meals & Accommodations

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: N/A

## Kathmandu, Kathmandu Tribhuvan International Airport to Doha, Doha

### Hamad International Airport

*Qatar Airways (QR)*

**QR653**

Carrier/Flight

**11:45 AM**

KTM •

**2:35 PM**

DOH •

**5 hr, 35 min**

Duration

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