



Example Itinerary

Spring trip

**Private Jungle Tented Camp and a Rhododendron Trek in the Annapurna
Siklis Area, North of Pokhara.**



The Annapurna Range from Pokhara Lakeside.

Day 1

Depart UK, probably Qatar Airlines via Doha to Kathmandu. (Evening departure).

Day 2

Arrive Kathmandu, met by my team and transferred to hotel. Evening briefing by me, dinner in hotel.

Day 3

Half day tour of Kathmandu, to include Bhaktapur City, Boudanath Stupa and Pashupathinath Temple. Lunch in town and afternoon free for shopping, relaxing.

Day 4

After breakfast, we go to the domestic terminal to catch the morning flight to Pokhara. Meet our vehicles and drive 1.5 hours to our trek start point at Bhurjung Khola, to the north east of Pokhara. Here we meet our porters who load up all our bags and then begin our 4 hour trek to the pretty hill village of Ghale Kharka, where we camp for the night. Enroute we will stop for a picnic lunch.

Our tents are comfortable “walk in” style and good quality camp beds are provided so you are not sleeping on the ground. We also provide thick sleeping bags, inner liners, pillows and hot water bottles! It’s the “Style of the Raj”!



We will arrive in camp in time for tea, showers will be made ready and we can get organised for the evening.

Day 5

Today we enter the rhododendron forest as we climb steadily upwards. Our porters will have gone ahead to set up our next camp. This is quite a long day uphill but the reward when we reach Tara Hill (9,300ft), is well worthwhile. We will have (weather permitting) great views of Fishtail, Annapurna II and Lamjung.



Fishtail Mountain from Tara Hill.



A Tara Hill Breakfast!



Rhododendrons near Tara Hill.

Day 6

After breakfast we begin the gentle winding descent from Tara Hill down towards the small village of Parje, where we camp for the night. Parje is close to the Gurkha hill town of Siklis, which we will explore the next day. At Parje, the locals will come and visit us, probably bringing their “mobile shop” with beer, coke, biscuits and an array of bangles and brooches! They may even turn up after dinner and give us a dance show! Watch out! Audience participation may be required.

Day 7

After breakfast we visit the town of Siklis, meet the local people, hopefully go inside some of the houses and see how they live. A visit to the local school is also something we can do. It's a great place to explore and try to understand life in the hills.

After our tour we descend to the valley bottom at Sonda, where we camp by the river for our last night.



Terraces below Siklis.

Day 8

Drive to Pokhara and check in to Fishtail Lodge by lunchtime. Afternoon free in Pokhara.

Day 9

After breakfast, take the morning flight to Nepalganj in West Nepal, (30 minutes). Meet the transport and drive in comfortable jeeps the 2.5 hour journey to your private tented camp in Bardia National Park to begin a 3 night stay.



I will put up a totally private and very comfortable camp in the heart of the National Park where we have the chance of seeing all of the big game of the Ganges Flood Plain, on foot, by vehicle or simply watching from camp where we have great long distance views.



Day 10

Game viewing bird watching and generally exploring the Bardia National Park. We will be able to walk in the National Park, go on jeep safaris or go into specially built Machans, high towers with great views over the grassland. Our campsite is on a fantastic viewing point overlooking the Karnali floodplain.

Day 11

As above, safaris and exploring the national park. The park is home to a very healthy and growing tiger population. You will also see 5 species of deer, Sambar, Spotted, Swamp, Hog and Muntjac. There are 2 species of monkey, Rhesus and Langur, 2 species of crocodile, the Gharial and the Marsh Mugger, Greater Indian One Horned Rhinoceros, Indian Elephant, leopards, many smaller cats, Gangetic Dolphin and many more smaller mammals. There is also an abundance of birdlife. My team of specialist guides will ensure you have the best opportunity to see as much game as possible.



Indian Rhinoceros



Spotted Deer



Day 12

Leave camp mid morning after breakfast for the 2.5 hour drive back to the airport and fly to Kathmandu. (1 hour). On arrival, we will head to the Hotel Himalaya.

Day 13

Free final day in Kathmandu for any last minute shopping etc. Overnight we will be staying in the Hotel Himalaya again.

Day 14

Fly UK, arriving into London same day late evening.