



Example Itinerary

Spring trip

Day 1

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

Day 2

Arrive Nepal. Met by me and transferred to Hotel Himalaya. I will brief you over dinner.

Kathmandu.



Boudanath Stupa Kathmandu

Day 3

Half day guided tour of certain sites in Kathmandu, (to be discussed). Afternoon free for shopping and last minute packing.

Day 4

Wildlife Safari

This will be a very early start! Transfer to the domestic terminal for the early flight to Nepalganj in West Nepal (1 hour flight and 2.5 hour drive) and transfer to our private tented camp in Bardia National Park having checked in at Park HQ. We will carry a picnic breakfast/lunch.

I am hoping that flights permitting, we will arrive in camp in time for lunch. At tea time we will be able to go out on safari until dark to explore the area around camp.

Private Camp in Bardia National Park.



Tiger Spotted on our Way to Camp March 2023



Your Comfortable Walk in Tent!



The Mess Tent



The Bar!



Bala and Sano Maya

Day 5

Safaris, on foot, in vehicles or watching game from hides in the Park. There are a huge number of birds and animals in the Park and we will do our best to try to find them for you. There are Asian Elephant, Asian Rhinoceros, Royal Bengal Tiger, leopards, 2 species of crocodile, (the flesh eating Mugger and the fish eating Gharial), 5 species of deer, Sloth Bears, 2 species of monkey and many more. There are over 426 species of birds



Sunset from Camp



Gharial Crocodile



Gangetic Dolphin



Asian Rhinoceros Enjoying a Swim.

Day 6

Continue our exploration of the National Park.



Our Resident Elephant Herd



Chital (Spotted Deer).



Great Hornbill



Racquet Tailed Drongo



Fishing Eagle



Black Headed Oriole

Day 7

After our morning safari, we return to camp for breakfast and then finishing packing our kit ready for our departure to Nepalganj, via Park HQ. We are on the mid afternoon flight and should arrive in Kathmandu at tea time. We will then drive to Hotel Himalaya. You will then have time to prepare for the next phase of our trip.

Day 8

The Trek.



Dorje Lakpa 23,475ft

We leave Hotel Himalaya after a good breakfast and drive to the trek start point at the Langtang National Park entry post. Depending on the condition of the road, it should take about 3.5 hours. We will have our picnic lunch at the drop off point, as the porters prepare their loads and then begin a 2.5 hours trek to our campsite at Gobre, on the edge of the oak and rhododendron forest.

Overall the walking on this route is not testing. We are in Nepal (!) and there are lots of ups and downs! However there is no scrambling or hard climbing, you are on two legs all the way, possibly assisted by a stick or walking poles. We may encounter snow at the high points but my guides are

equipped and trained for all eventualities and we will easily manage the different situations we encounter.



Our Trek Tents

Our trek tents are reasonably spacious, you can stand up in them! You sleep on comfortable “camp cots” and we give you a very warm sleeping bag, an inner liner, an air mattress, pillows and last but not least, a hot water bottle. We also provide you with a really thick down jacket for when we reach camp. They are incredibly warm and very welcome! At our highest camps, we can make a fire with dead wood litter.

Day 9

After breakfast trek up through the rhododendron and magnolia forest to our campsite below Choche at 9,000ft. The flowers will be at their best and you will be amazed at the variety of colours that you will see. There are rhododendrons, Magnolias, Mahonia, orchids and Primulae, the latter forming a carpet on the forest floor.



Rhododendrons on our upward route.



Looking down onto the rhododendron and magnolia from Choche.

Day 10

After breakfast climb up above Choche to the ridge top and enjoy a panoramic view of the Langtang Range and Dorje Lakpa peak at 23,475ft. We then trek on above the forest up to a maximum of 12,000ft on to the moorland, before eventually descending to our campsite at Pakhabas in rhododendron and Juniper forest at 10,500ft. With a bit of luck we might see pheasants, and Ghoral (goat antelope) and Musk deer.



Me on the Ridge above Choche

Today's trek has some magnificent long distance mountain views. It is spectacular and the picture below is an example. The mountain in the distance is Phurbi Chachu at 6,637m. I took that picture last month (April 2024) at our tea/coffee break and we watched our porters making their way ahead along the ridge.

Although we are quite high today, it is quite an easy walk and having crossed the open ground, we come back down into the rhododendron forest where our picnic lunch will be waiting for us. After lunch we have an hour to trek before reaching our highest camp at Pakhabas at 10,500ft.



**Phurbi Chachu 6,637m. A pause at the top of Choche Ridge
with our porters in the distance.**

Remember while on trek, we always stop for tea/coffee and also enjoy a picnic lunch in the forest. All your kit is carried for you, even your day pack/rucksack! All you need to hand are your binoculars, sunglasses, camera, sun cream and a jersey/fleece to wrap around your waist. The Day Pack Porter carries your other bits and pieces like water bottle, raincoat etc. and of course your heavy bags have gone ahead to camp and will be waiting for you along with a cup of tea and biscuits on arrival!

The bird life in the hills is very rewarding. We will almost certainly see and hear pheasants, eagles, vultures and other birds of prey. Sunbirds should be on the rhododendron flowers and if we are patient you will have a great chance of seeing them. Fingers crossed for good weather.



Impeyan Pheasant (National Bird of Nepal).



Blood Pheasants



Tragopan Pheasant

Day 11

Today we need to take advantage of the high point views. So if the weather is good, we will start early, before breakfast, taking the minimum of kit and walk 45 minutes above camp to a fantastic view point. Having taken in all there is to see, we return to camp for breakfast before beginning the steep descent to our camp at Bhareng, where we meet the first farmers since leaving camp one. We will also begin to see the terraces. This is perhaps the most tiring day on your legs, the downhill is relentless. However we have plenty of time and we can take it nice and slowly, stopping as usual for tea and coffee.

We camp at a place called Bhareng near the junction of two streams on some disused terracing. We start to come across some locals going about their business.



Terraces below Bhareng.

Day 12

Trek on down the beautiful and busy valley to the village of Raithane. We pass a fish farm and will buy rainbow trout for our picnic lunch! In Raithane, we will explore the village, meet some of the people and perhaps visit one of their houses. After this we walk on down to our camp near the Melamchi River for the last night.



Four Sisters Watching their Animals



Drilling Maize

Day 13

Meet our vehicles after breakfast and drive 3.5 hours back to Hotel Himalaya. Afternoon free in Kathmandu.

Day 14

A free day in Kathmandu.

Day 15

Depart Nepal for onward destinations. For those on the early flights to UK, you will arrive into London in the evening of the same day.

Footnote:

All the photographs in this itinerary were taken by our guides, other guests or me.