



Trekking, Wildlife and Fishing.

Example Itinerary Autumn



The Annapurna Range from Pokhara.

Day 1

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

Day 2

Arrive Kathmandu, met by me and transferred to Hotel Himalaya. Evening briefing on programme.

Day 3

Half day guided city tour. Probably visiting the World Heritage City of Bhaktapur and also Boudanath, the largest Buddhist Stupa in South Asia.

Afternoon free to wander about in Kathmandu, Shopping maybe?! Overnight Hotel Himalaya.

Day 4

Take the morning flight to Pokhara. Met by my team and taken by comfortable jeeps to our trek start point about 2 hours north of Pokhara at Bhurjung Khola, where we meet our porters and trek guides and begin our steady climb up to the village of Ghale Kharka. We will stop for a picnic lunch enroute.

We walk for about 3 hours through lovely villages until we reach our camp, above the village of Ghale Kharka, where tea will be served and showers will be ready.



Ghale Kharka Village

Day 5

After breakfast we continue onwards and upwards towards Tara Hill at 9,300ft, where will camp for the night. Tara Hill is close to Fishtail Mountain, Annapurna II and also Lamjung. It has wonderful 360 degree views. Quite spectacular. We have often been visited by Red Pandas at this camp site and we will wake you (those who want to see it), if they appear!



Tara Hill, 9,300ft.

Day 6



Spacious walk in tents with camp cots to sleep on.

We begin our gradual descent towards the small village of Parje on grass meadows, close to the hill town of Siklis. We will camp above Parje with a good view of Lamjung Himal. It is highly likely that the locals will come and visit us in camp with their mobile shop, beer, soft drinks, brooches and bangles! More shopping! They may well return after supper to give us a dance show! Audience participation is expected!

Day 7

Today we will visit the hill town of Siklis. Siklis is one of the main recruiting towns of British and Indian Gurkhas. It is a very pretty village and we will have the chance to see how people live and what they get up to. It will be possible to visit people's houses and visit the school. There is also a small museum about the Gurung people, the main tribe of the area and the local office of the Annapurna Conservation Area Project, which is well worth visiting.



Siklis

After we leave Siklis, we begin our descent to Sonda at the valley bottom by the river, where our last night's camp is located.



Terraces below Siklis.

Day 8

After breakfast we pack up and head off to Pokhara and check in to Fishtail Lodge by Lakeside. Fishtail has great views of the Annapurna Range.

Day 9

We fly to West Nepal (30 minutes) and begin our adventure in the Bardia National Park.

After landing at Nepalganj, we meet our transport and head due north for 2.5 hours until we reach the village of Chepang on the Babai River. Here our river transport (large inflatable boats) await. A quick change into our swimming kit/bikini/T shirts etc. For those who want to fish, now is the time to set up a rod. Sun hats and sun cream are needed. It will be hot and on the boats, we are exposed to the sun.

We will be carrying a picnic lunch and whilst we are enjoying this, the boys will pack up our kit, load the boats and off we go into the land of the tiger!



Our Jungle Camping Companions



Catch a Golden Mahseer on a Fly

Day 10 – Day 12

We float, stop, walk, game view, bird watch, walk some more, track animals, fish and relax in the most wild and exciting wilderness, gradually making our way down stream to our take out point at the Babai river dam. We can camp where we want and do what we want. We will be entirely self-contained. There will be plenty of time to explore and we will have a bird guide with us, as well as my game scouts, Tanka and Biroo, both of whom used to work for the wildlife department.

Our evening camps will be on lovely sandy beaches, a fire will be lit and we can listen to the noises of the forest.

Day 13

We arrive at the Babai dam where we meet our transport and having checked the large Mugger and Gharial crocodiles below the dam, make our way back to Nepalganj Airport for our flight back to Kathmandu. Overnight Hotel Himalaya.

Day 14

Free time 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.