



Smiling Albino's Nepal Grand Slam

Kathmandu, exotic trekking,
Chitwan National Park & Pokhara

Trekking, hiking, cycling, motorcycling, rafting,
camping, safari, & unique culture...



Background



Nepal is one of the planet's greatest outdoor adventure hotspots. This legendary trip was handmade by Smiling Albino and a longtime Nepal resident with all the ingredients that have made our trips famous - various modes of transport, multi-activities, amazing venues, wonderful hotels, outstanding food, quirky corners, neat local characters and breathtaking scenery. This truly is the ultimate Nepal dream trip, focusing on the must do's and see's while adding many hidden gems only a local would know about. You'll stay at Kathmandu's coolest hotel, mountain bike, ride on a Royal Enfield motorcycle, white water raft, trek quiet mountain paths and enjoy the country's premier lake as the Himalayas tower above. Saddle-up for the best multi-activity, stylish Nepal experience there is - period.

Day 1:
Welcome to Nepal



Flight: TBA
Meals: D
[Dwarika's Hotel](#)

Upon arrival a Smiling Albino host will meet and guide you through the initial culture shock of Kathmandu's narrow, winding streets and introduce you to your incredible digs at the award-winning Dwarika's Hotel. Every brick and piece of wood in this stunning property was laid by hand, creating the perfect environment to soak in the very soul of the country.

Tonight we'll treat you to a traditional Newari dinner (Newars are the original inhabitants of the Kathmandu valley) at one of the capital's tastiest restaurants and prepare you for the adventure ahead.



About Dwarika's Hotel

A real Nepali-boutique style, nothing beat the nights in the world heritage hotels. The building made from carved wood, that the hotel claims that using over 10 million hours of the best craftsman in Nepal.

Day 2:
Big Sights on Big Bikes



Meals: B, L, D
[Dwarika's Hotel](#)

Get ready for a truly exclusive day that only Smiling Albino can pull off - exploring Kathmandu's perennial sites perched on the back of classic Royal Enfield motorcycles. You'll have one of the city's best drivers chauffer you pillion-style, so you can sit back, take in the sights and smells, while locals envy your ride (a van option exists for those who do not want to ride on a motorcycle).

**Day 3:
Tibetan Soul & Mountain
Bikes**



Meals: B, L
[Dwarika's Hotel](#)

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast then we'll visit Boudhanath, the heart and soul of the Tibetan Buddhist community in Nepal. Circumnavigate the massive stupa, then it's onto mountain bikes and through the beautiful Kathmandu valley. Note: non-cyclists can enjoy other activities/sites this afternoon.

Day 4: The Big Down



Meals: B, L, D
Fully supported camping

Today we leave the Kathmandu valley on mountain bikes, cycling over the valley rim and into a great downhill ride which will leave us all smiles for the remainder of the day. Upon arrival at the Trisuli River we'll camp by the riverbank in comfortable style. You'll be amazed at the size of the team on-hand to set up tents, serve drinks, hot tea, snacks and make sure your outdoor experience is a perfect one.

Note: non-cyclists can enjoy the day via ride-along support vehicle



About Fully Supported Camping

Each traveler will enjoy a private tent, fabulously prepared meals and full-service camp staff who set up and tear down all equipment. Just show up, grab a drink, and enjoy.

Day 5: Rafting and Trekking



Meals: B, L, D
Fully supported camping

We start with rafting which isn't too wild, providing a great introduction to the sport with a few fun 'kicks' here and there and you're sure to get wet as well. After a couple hours on the water we'll enjoy a superbly prepared lunch along the river then trade boats for shoes at Hugdi Khola and start trekking.

This trek is perfect for all fit comers. It's low altitude, not quite reaching 2,000m, and follows little-visited paths by foreigners, giving you an authentic experience without running into other travelers. You'll truly be knocked-out by the scenery while not having to contend with altitude.

Our trek involves mostly climbing up toward our destination, drawing us in to the spectacular views of the mountains from Annapurna in the west to Langtang in the east.

**Day 6:
Meet the Honey Hunters**



Meals: B, L, D
Fully supported camping

Today is a hiker's dream. We'll follow ancient footpaths climbing up, as spectacular views of the magnificent Himalayas, the amazing landscape of the Mahabharata range, forests with unspoilt biodiversity and lovely villages spur you on. Tonight's camp is at Chepang Gaun, home of the fabled Chepangs, or 'Honey Hunters', who in spite of being one of the most disadvantaged communities in Nepal, are exceptionally rich in terms of their culture and traditions.

Day 7:
Chepang Gaun



Meals: B, L, D
Fully supported camping

Today we'll explore the village, walking with locals and learning about their unique lifestyles. The Chepang once relied only on hunting and gathering and were introduced to the world as the 'Honey Hunters of Nepal' in the November 1988 issue of National Geographic Magazine. Or, if you like, relax at camp and enjoy the views – what a day!

Day 8:
Trek to Uppar Dang Gadi



Meals: B, L, D
Fully supported camping

This is our longest day of the trek but definitely the most beautiful. The fort offers the perfect spot for our final camp and panorama views of the Himalayan Range. This is without one of the world's coolest campsites.

Day 9: Trek and Chitwan



Meals: B,L,D
[Sapana Village Lodge](#)

We start by trekking down towards the lowland of Nepal called the Terai. Our trek ends in Shaktikhor, the southern gateway to the Mahabharata Range then we continue by vehicle to Chitwan National Park. Tonight we'll stay at Sapana Village Lodge, one of the best places to hang your hat and get a true appreciation for this stunning national park. We'll start getting to know the jungle and its inhabitants on a late afternoon jungle safari - keep an eye out for the incredible birdlife as dusk falls across the vast lowlands of the Terai.



About Sapana Village Lodge

Sapana Village lodge is a unique hotel in Chitwan National Park, about a 4 hours drive from Kathmandu in Nepal. Sapana Village Lodge is a uniquely designed hotel with authentic Tharu decoration. It has 24 deluxe rooms, decorated to western standards.

Day 10:
Chitwan National Park
Safari



Meals: B,L,D
[Sapana Village Lodge](#)

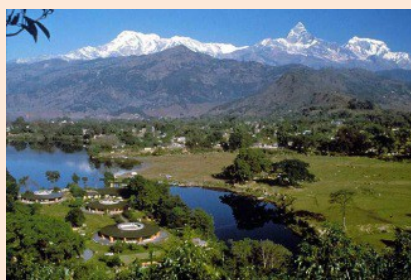
This is a day never to be forgotten - a full day of safari action including wildlife viewing from elephant back, jungle walks, bird-watching, Landrover drives and river safaris. All wildlife activities are escorted by an experienced naturalist that will impress you with knowledge of all things big and small. Wildlife in Chitwan National Park includes the greater one-horned rhinoceros, spotted deer, hog deer, sambar deer, barking deer as well as a wide variety of bird life. After lunch we'll visit and learn about the local culture, very different from the people of the middle hills with whom we've been staying with during our trek. We'll mount old-school bicycles and pedal to small villages, sharing the road with ox-carts, buffalo and other cyclists.

Day 11: Safari and Pokhara



Meals: B,L,D
Fishtail Lodge

After a morning safari we'll take gorgeous roads to one of the country's premier destinations, Pokhara. Our late-afternoon arrival allows us to enjoy sunset with the Annapurna massif in the background. We'll stay at the Fishtail Lodge, situated lakeside next to the Pokhara Valley. It has spectacular, panoramic views of Machhapuchhare (Fishtail Mountain) and three of the world's 8,000m peaks, Daulagiri, Manaslu, and Annapurna. Tonight we'll dine at one of the area's finest restaurants.



About Fishtail Lodge

Fishtail Lodge location is considered to be one of the finest in Pokhara. You can imagine waking up every morning with stunning scenery that will absolutely take your breath away. And the best parts of all, the profit of this hotel all go to charity.

Day 12:
Enjoy Pokhara



Meals: B, D
[Fishtail Lodge](#)

Today is yours to enjoy as you wish: explore Pokhara town, try paragliding, go fishing, boating, trekking, bird watching, golfing or curl up in a comfy chair next to the swimming pool. Tonight we'll meet and treat you to a dinner on the town.

**Day 13:
Back to Kathmandu**



Meals: B,L,D
[Dwarika's Hotel](#)

A 30-minute morning flight along the Himalayan range takes us back to Kathmandu for one final night. We have the day free for shopping in ancient bazaars or relaxing in great street side cafes (we can give some good recommendations!) before we meet up in the mid afternoon for the grand finale. We'll top things off with an amazing foot trip of alleyways and courtyards in old Kathmandu, taking you into the heart of locals' lives and then indulge in our final feast together when we're bound to be recounting tales of the adventure.

Day 14:
Depart Kathmandu



Flight: TBA
Meals: B

We'll enjoy a huge breakfast of champions, tell one final round of tales about the trip, then transfer you to the airport, bid farewell and look forward to our paths crossing again.

PRICE:

**Approx. \$4,475US/pp
(Minimum 4 persons)
(single room add \$975US)**

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Everest mountain flight, about \$185 USD
- Paragliding in Pokhara: about \$100 USD for ½ hour; \$145 USD for an hour

INCLUDING:

- 13-nights of quality accommodations
- most meals
- top-notch Nepali hosts
- Smiling Albino Adventure Kit
- all transport,
- all admissions
- safari
- full-service trekking, 2 internal flights
- snacks and drinks while touring
- trekking permits
- outdoor memories to last a lifetime

EXCLUDING:

- flights to/from Nepal
- meals not mentioned
- alcohol & specialty drinks at meals
- excess baggage charges
- travel insurance
- laundry expenses
- travel insurance
- rescue/evacuation costs (to be covered by your insurance)
- costs incurred due to changes in programs and reservations due to unforeseen events (landslides, strikes, fuel shortages, etc)



The Smiling Albino Service Difference

We understand implicitly that a perfect adventure is much more than nice hotels, great meals and hassle-free logistics. For a travel experience to be perfect, all pieces must work together like a symphony. It is the fine details which our guests appreciate most, like cold face towels after a hike, electrolyte beverages for your day cycling, and wine uncorked when the moment is right. From local maps to bottled water and colorful anecdotes on the areas we visit, a Smiling Albino adventure is a thorough, intimately hosted experience. We will also provide you with a complimentary mobile phone for your use throughout your stay. You'll be treated with executive care during your Smiling Albino adventure.

We look forward to hosting you!

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