



Smiling Albino's Nepal Mid-Hills and Jungle

Dhulikhel, Bhaktapur, Pashupatinath, Pokhara,
Chitwan and Kathmandu

Local Nepalese Tea, temples, hiking, and exploring
the rooftop of the world

Traveling dates are opened now!



Background



Despite the sad tragedy of the April 2015 Earthquake, Nepal is still a viable vacation option, worth a visit and one of the planet's greatest outdoor adventure hotspots. We've built together the coolest places that are beautiful and safe for everyone to visit.

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, ride on a Royal Enfield motorcycle, and enjoy the country's premier lake as the Himalayas tower above. Saddle-up for the stylish Nepal experience there is - period.

Day 1:
Welcome to Dhulikhel!



Flight: TBA
Meals: D
[Dwarika's Resort, Dhulikhel](#)

We will meet you on your arrival at the airport and transfer you to your luxury retreat in the Himalayas!

We drive out of the Kathmandu Valley following the road north to Tibet. Our destination is the old trading town of Dhulikhel, renowned as a getaway from Kathmandu and its stunning views to the Himalayas. Depending on your arrival time, we reach our destination in time to catch a stunning sunset over the Himalayan Range before dinner in our hotel.

Dinner tonight at your luxury retreat;
Dwarika's Resort.



About Dwarika's Resort Dhulikhel

Dwarika's Resort is a holistic lifestyle retreat; drawing on ancient Himalayan knowledge and philosophy of care for nature and oneself. The resort is set in the magnificent natural surroundings and is the perfect landing place in Nepal.

Day 2:
Dhulikhel



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

Start your day with a cup of Nepali tea at sunrise and see the beautiful display of “hills” and scatters farmhouses dominated by the deep valley of the Indrawaty River and the incredible peaks of the Nepal Himalayans.

Today the choice is yours! You can choose to unwind and relax at the spa or explore the town. For those in need of some time to catch up with yourself, nurturing the body and soul, there is the sumptuous Dwarika's spa and private grounds with incredible views.

We can arrange private yoga and/or meditation sessions for you (and could customise your meals if you would like in order to really focus on rejuvenation through food as well as the incredible surroundings) or you can simply take advantage of the spa facilities as you like during the day.

Day 3:
Bhaktapur and
Pashupatinath



Meals: B, L, D
Dwarika's Hotel

A daily cup of Nepali tea couldn't be more recommended!

Today you'll visit Bhaktapur – also known as Bhadgaun (meaning the city of devotees and is the home of the true medieval art and architecture. Found in the 9th century and shaped like a conch shell, it's the centre of traditional Nepalese wood carving, not only because of its famous carved peacock windows but also due to its museum.

Next, we'll check Pashupatinath Temple dedicated to Lord Shiva; situated on the banks of the sacred Bagmati River, famous for its main cremation and pilgrimage site.

Tonight you'll settle in one of the finest heritage hotel in Nepal.



About Dwarika's Hotel

A real Nepali-boutique style, nothing beats the nights in the world heritage hotels. The hotel houses an extensive collection of artefacts from the 13th century onwards, and the buildings and courtyards house some of Nepal's best craftsmanship – capturing the beauty and spirit of an ancient city.

**Day 4:
To Pokhara and Tiger
Mountain lodge!**



Meals: B, L, D
[Tiger Mountain Resort](#)

This morning take a stunning half hour flight along the Himalayan Range, seeing four of the world's fourteen giant mountains over 8000m; Daulagiri, Annapurna I, Manaslu and Shishapangma, before landing in Pokhara. An experience not to be missed!

You'll arrive just in time for lunch with the magnificent view and the afternoon can be filled with massage, guided yoga and meditation, or lounging by the pool.

Optional activity: if you wish, you can ride out from the airport to Tiger Mountain on classic Enfields motorbikes aka the Harley of the Indian Subcontinent – a super cool way to reach your resort.



About Tiger Mountain Resort

Tiger Temple was part of the Tiger Tops enterprise established in the early years and which has pioneered sustainable tourism in Nepal, it's set on a hillside overlooking rural valleys and villages giving fantastic views up to the high Himalayas.

Day 5:
Bike, hike or relax



Meals: B, L, D
[Tiger Mountain Resort](#)

Today we have a full day to soak in the atmosphere, the views and do some exploring. This stunning area has so much for offer and we can customise full or half day hikes to focus on nature and bird watching, or the local culture, architecture and food. We can also laze in and around the pool, get a massage, take a yoga or meditation session or check out the founder Colonel Jimmy Robert's library which has a unique collection of Himalayan mountaineering literature. All with the simply stunning view of the Annapurna Range which is the majestic backdrop to the scene

We can have a picnic lunch, a truly local lunch in a village house (we could even try our hand at cooking with our hosts!) or savour the delicious food prepared in the resort kitchen with fresh, organic produce and herbs from their garden.

Day 6: To Pokhara



Meals: B, L, D
[Temple Tree Resort & Spa](#)

This morning we'll transfer you into the charming lakeside town called "Pokhara", it's the jump off point for many of the treks, the district of cool restaurants, funky cafes and shops of all kinds. The city has it all; whether you are and adventure or someone looking for a relaxed frame of mind; offered activities ranks from a boat ride on the lake, a walk up to the World Peace Pagoda offering the incredible view, a visit Tibetan refugee village, hiring a bike or cycle along the lakeside, a tandem paraglide, or a zipline.

For art enthusiasts, there are two major museums that you can check out; the Gurkha Museum and the Mountaineering Museum, the former showcases the history of Gurkha soldiers and the latter is where you can learn about incredible feats and derring-do in the highest mountains in the world.



About Temple Tree Resort & Spa

Temple Tree Resort & Spas a new, boutique hotel combining western standards with the distinctive architecture and culture of Nepal's Western Himalayas.

Day 7: To Chitwan



Meals: B, L, D
[Kasara Resort](#)

Today we'll travel to the famous Terai region. Here the landscape and culture is totally different from that which you have experienced so far in Kathmandu and in the mountains. The name the 'Terai' refers to the extensive plains in the southern part of Nepal – this area is the most northern extension of the great Gangetic plains of India, land that was won and lost in decades of struggle and shares both Indian and Nepali characteristics and culture.

Drive through the narrow winding gorges and deep river valleys past terraced fields, you'll reach the vast plain and vibrant jungle of the Chitwan National Park – breath in and take this stunning view of the diverse country. It will be hot and humid, so make sure to have some loose, lightweight cotton/ breathable fabrics along and get ready to head out in the jungle to explore in the afternoon.



About Kasara Resort

Kasara Resort takes safari in Chitwan to a whole new level. This newly completed resort has all the creature comforts (a far cry from even the best places up until now) and is located right on the riverbank bordering the National Park, so you can see animals come down for a drink while enjoying one yourself on the deck.

Day 8: In Chitwan



Meals: B, L, D
Kasara Resort

Prepare yourself for a full day of Safari action!

Starting with an elephant ride through the jungle in a style reminiscent of the maharajas including jungle hikes, floating down the river in a local dugout canoe to spot the crocs and waterbird life, onward to jeep safaris to a visit to the local village to connect with Tharu culture family migrated from the Rajasthan deserts.

Day 9:
**Morning safari, return to
Kathmandu**



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

This morning we are treated to an early start and the supreme Terai experience of jungle safari on elephant back! As we slowly and majestically make our way through the forests and the grasslands we have the chance to see the abundant wildlife of the Terai as well as exploring the stunning national park with its forests of towering sal and silkwood trees, grasslands and riverine areas.

In the morning your host will escort you to the Bharatpur airport for your early afternoon flight to Kathmandu. It is only a 20 minute flight and you will soon be back in vibrant, bustling Kathmandu. Upon arrival, we'll drive to the stunning half dome of Boudhanath Stupa – one of the biggest in the world and stands with four pairs of eyes in the four cardinal directions watching for righteous behavior and human prosperity. Lunch overlooking the stupa then we check in to the ins and outs of modern Buddhist life in Kathmandu before settling at the hotel.



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Day 10:
In depth in Kathmandu



Meals: B, L, D
Dwarika's Hotel

Today embark on a full day activities to UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the Kathmandu Valley.

First stop is made at the Swoyambhunath - a sacred temple to both Hindus and Buddhist, aka the Monkey Temple where you witness many resident monkeys that scamper around the myriad of small shrines and temples. Next, we'll off to Patan – a city of fine arts, aka Lalitpur, showcased stunningly preserved temples and palace complexes.

After lunch, we are back to the Dwarika's to settle in and refresh and relax. Next we'll go to an old restored palace for a delicious lunch worthy of this fascinating capital city and then you will head out for a bazaar walk exploring the secret alleys and courtyards of old Kathmandu that most visitors don't get to experience. Depending on how restorations have been coming along we'll try to visit to the ancient Kathmandu Durbar (palace) Square and the home of a living goddess (yes you read that right!) and this is a great 'insider' experience in Kathmandu!

This fascinating walking tour ends at a charming restaurant in an old palace garden for a great farewell dinner.

**Day 11:
Farewell Kathmandu and
until we'll meet again!**



Meals: B

It's your last day in town so make the most of it!

Depending on your flight time, you can enjoy Dwarika's ambiance or explore some of the left out venues or shopping.

And we look forward to seeing you in the Himalayas again soon!

PRICING PER PERSON: \$5,275USD based on a group of 2-3 person
\$4,955USD based on a group of 4-5 person
\$4,830USD based on a group of 6-7 person
\$4,635USD based on a group of 8-9 person

INCLUDING:

- Smiling Albino adventure kit on arrival day
- Smiling Albino's Nepali host to accompany you on each day of the adventure
- All internal transportation in Nepal as per the itinerary, including your flights accompanied by your host
- Entrance fees for all sightseeing mentioned in the detailed itinerary above
- Mineral / drinking water during the day; water and soft drinks with meals in restaurants
- Meals as per the itinerary
- Accommodation as per the itinerary in standard rooms, twin share
- Full tips kitty that we manage for your drivers, hotels, restaurants as well as for your host
- Chitwan safari activities.

EXCLUDING:

- Services and activities not mentioned in the detailed itinerary
- Use of spa facilities where available in your hotels
- International flights to and from Kathmandu
- Single room supplements
- Nepal visa fees and international airport taxes
- Any excess baggage charges
- Comprehensive travel insurance that includes trip cancellation and rescue evacuation should this be required for any reason (we require this as the minimum insurance cover)
- Personal expenses (e.g. bar bills, laundry, telephone calls, postage, donations, etc.)
- Costs incurred due to changes in programs and reservations due to unforeseen events (e.g. landslides, strikes, fuel shortages, extreme exchange rate changes, 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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