

ROTARY SERVICE TOUR Program (Nepal + Bhutan 2014)

ITINERARY

(3/8) D1: ARRIVE

Arrival in Kathmandu's Tribhuvan International Airport. Meet & assist service upon arrival. Transfer to hotel. Remainder of the day is at leisure (unescorted)

(3/9) D2: KATHMANDU [B]

Cultural Heritage Tour of Kathmandu Valley. Highlights: Swoyambhunath Stupa, Boudanath Stupa, Patan Durbar Square.

Later, evening cocktail and dinner at Garden of Dreams. Transfer back to hotel.

(3/10) D3: NEPAL Rotary Service Program Day [B]

(3/11) D4: NEPAL Rotary Service program Day [B]

(3/12) D5: KATHMANDU – hiking excursion. [B]

Shivapuri National Park located in the northern edge of Kathmandu is a pristine natural forest cover and offers fantastic opportunity for birdwatching and soft hiking (total excursion time including transfers: 5 hrs). It is here that President Jimmy Carter loves to go for birding. Fully guided.

Later, transfer to hotel.

Remainder of the evening is at leisure (unescorted)

(3/13) D6: KATHMANDU – PARO [B/D]

After breakfast, transfer to airport for flight to Paro, Bhutan. Upon arrival, meet & assist service at the airport. Transfer to hotel.

In the afternoon, visit local cultural/historical sites in Paro. Remainder of the evening is at leisure (unescorted)

All meals served at the hotel.

(3/14) D7: THIMPHU [B/L/D]

After breakfast, drive to Thimphu – capital city of the Land of Thunder Dragon, the Kingdom of Bhutan (62 kms, 2 hrs).

Upon arrival, meet and network program with the Rotary Club of Bhutan – the first club to be chartered in Bhutan in spring 2012 under the District Nepal.

Learn about culture and tradition of the land of thunder dragon and progenitor of “Gross National Happiness”. Remainder of the evening is at leisure (unescorted)

All meals served at the hotel.

(3/15) D8: THIMPHU [B/L/D]

Rotary Service Day in Thimphu

All meals served at the hotel.

(3/16) D9: THIMPHU [B/L/D]

Sightseeing in Thimphu. Highlights include: Institute of Arts & Crafts, Folk Heritage Museum, National traditional textile museum, Tashicho Dzong.

Evening is at leisure (unescorted).

All meals served at the hotel.

(3/17) D10: PARO [B/L/D]

After breakfast drive to Paro for a full day hiking excursion to the Taktsang Monastery – popularly known in the west as the Tiger’s Nest Monastery (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paro_Taktsang).

After the excursion, transfer to hotel. Remainder of the evening is at leisure (unescorted)

All meals served at the hotel.

(3/18) D11: PARO – KATHMANDU [B/FD]

After breakfast, transfer to airport for flight to Kathmandu.

Upon arrival in Kathmandu, transfer to hotel.

Afternoon is at leisure (unescorted). In the evening, farewell dinner with traditional cultural program.

(3/19) D12: DEPART [B]

Free till departure (unescorted). Transfer to airport for international departure.

PACKAGE SERVICE INCLUSION:

6 nights twin share accommodation in Nepal using Standard 3 Star category hotel
5 nights twin share accommodation in Bhutan using Standard 3 Star category hotel
All airport transfers as specified in itinerary on private basis
Meals as specified in itinerary (**B**=Breakfast, **L**=Lunch, **D**=Dinner)
Meet & assist service at Tribhuvan International Airport and Paro Airport arrival
Tours and excursions as specified in itinerary
Ground transfers during tours and excursions on a standard touring vehicle
Professional tour guide during excursion
Porterage service at airport
Admissions fees to tourism sites (excluding side entry to museums)
Bhutan Entry Visa
All surcharges and local taxes in Bhutan & Nepal (including 20% festival surcharge in Bhutan (applicable for March 2014 travel)

PACKAGE EXCLUDES:

MULTIPLE Entry Tourist Visa to Nepal (granted to US passport holders on arrival)
All international airfares (special group quoted separately)
Meals and beverages (estimated \$ 15-30 for meals/day in Nepal)
Expenses of personal nature including laundry, room service, bar bills, phone calls, internet, postage, tips, and gratuity
International travel insurance
Health insurance applicable for travel
Pre-travel medication, inoculations, etc... as advised by CDC
Any other expenses not covered in the list of Package Service Inclusion outlined above

PACKAGE RATES:

Ground Package Service	Twin Share on 3 Star throughout tour	Twin share on 5 Star in Nepal segment ONLY	Single Supplement in Nepal segment ONLY
Exclusive 11Nights/12Days Tour Program Per Person -	USD 2585 + USD 10	Add USD 350 Per Person Per Package	Add USD 650 Per Person Per Package
Exclusive 7Nights/8Days Tour Program (Bhutan Tour + 2 nights transfer accommodation in Nepal only)	USD 2100 + USD 10	Add USD 116 Per Person Per Package	N/A

AIRFARES:

Special group airfares is offered for minimum 10 passengers travelling together.

Carrier	Sector	Full Fare inclusive of applicable fuel surcharge
Royal Druk Air	KTM – PBH – KTM	\$ 475 Per Person

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Everest Mountain Flight is one of world's most spectacular flight that takes you close to Mt. Everest – tallest mountain peak in the world measuring 8850 m. Our special Mt. Everest flight using new, modern, and safe Raytheon Beech turbo jet craft or JetStream cruises at over 27000 ft. The experience is unreal as the flight Captain personally invites you to cockpit for a personalized tour of the mountain.

Total excursion time: 03 hours (includes 50 minutes airborne time)

Departure Time: 0630 hrs

Price: USD 225 including return airport transfers

Carrier: Buddha Air

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need a entry visa for this trip?

Yes, all foreign nationals, except Indian passport holders, will require a multiple entry tourist visa (to enter, exit, and re-enter back from Bhutan) to Nepal and an entry visa to Bhutan in order to participate in this trip. The tourist visa fee for Bhutan is all inclusive in the package service and is issued upon booking the trip.

All US nationals can apply and receive a Tourist Visa (multiple entry) upon arrival in Kathmandu's Tribhuvan International Airport. Please ensure your passport is valid at least 06 months, you have recently taken passport size color photograph (4 copies), duly filled and signed visa application form available at the arrival area, and visa application fee of USD 60 with you.

The entire process takes only 5-10 minutes depending on the arrival traffic at the immigration counter.

Can I use a cell phone?

Nepal and Bhutan all have cell phone coverage. Please check with your cell phone service provider before you depart if you want to use your phone while on this trip. You may have to pay for extra international coverage, buy a sim card (normal, micro, nano sims are available in Kathmandu & Paro) while there, or make some other arrangement. Otherwise, hotels will offer services for international phone calls, for a fee.

Can I use the internet?

Internet access is available in Kathmandu, Thimphu, and Paro via wifi at the hotels and cafes. 3G mobile internet connection coverage is reliable and widely available in Kathmandu.

What will the weather be like?

The weather in March is pleasant with chilly mornings and evenings and nice warm sunny afternoon. Humidity is low and precipitation is generally an inoccurrence.

Any personal safety & security concerns?

As a tour operator in the Himalayas our focus, besides delivering memorable experience, is the safety and security of our clients. Nepal and Bhutan are both safe destination for leisure and special interest travels for US and other western nationals.

We advise our clients to closely follow any State Department advisory including briefs on basic safety and security in Kathmandu and Thimphu prior to travel for any unexpected man made or natural calamity.

We also encourage our US national clients to register themselves at the US embassy in Kathmandu for any kind of emergency services required during the trip. Our representative will be available for any kind of assistance required.

Can I use my credit card?

Yes, you may use your international credit card. VISA, Master, American Express, Diner are widely accepted in major hotels, souvenir shops, restaurants, and also by ATM for withdrawing money in convertible local currencies. There is however, an additional charge levied in the range from 3-4%.

It is advised to keep some cash for smaller purchases and tips.

The local currency of Nepal is Nepalese Rupees (NPR) and Bhutan is Ngultrum (NU).

Will we get to see Mount Everest?

A trip to Nepal is incomplete without a glance of Mt. Everest – world's tallest peak at 8850 meters. The fastest, easiest, and the reliable way to get a close look at the Everest is on Everest Mountain Flight operated by Buddha Air.

How to book the trip?

Please meet Mr. Larry Alexandria to book your participation for the trip.

The above quoted fees for participation in this once in a lifetime Himalayan experience must be remitted to the bank account below by 5 January 2014. Kindly note that the charges for funds transfer to be borne by the remitter.

The remittance/transfer slip to be scanned and emailed to Mr. Sagar Gurung at gurung.sagar@gmail.com for reference purpose ONLY.

Mode of Payment: International bank transfer

Account Name: MYBIDA TRAVEL SERVICE P. LTD.

Account #: 010100062084

Bank of Kathmandu Ltd.

Thamel Branch

Citron Gardens-16, Thamel

Kathmandu, Nepal

SWIFT: BOKLNPKA

CHECKLIST: To make your tour excursion to Himalayas a success we will require you to submit the following via email by 5th January 2014.

- 1) Passport Copy (scan)
- 2) Duly filled Travel Confirmation Form 2013 (to be submitted electronically here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1F9_SQLqFdwMP11le7hjyHUvLQK4CLangDAFhmcpHtc/viewfor)
- 3) The remittance/transfer slip for reference
- 4) Accommodation preference (Single or Twin Share)
- 5) Recently taken passport size color photograph (scan copy)