

## **KATHMANDU – POKHARA – DHAMPUS – NAUDANDA (Soft Trek)** **(07 NIGHTS/ 08 DAYS)**

### **ITINERARY: 02**

#### **DAY 01: KATHMANDU**

Morning arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport at Kathmandu. Meet assistance and will greet you with Khada at the airport then escort you to the hotel (Check-in Time at 14:00 hrs).

**Afternoon** visit **Kathmandu Durbar Square (UNESCO World Heritage Site)**, Located in the heart of the capital city, is also known as Hanuman Dhoka square. The name Hanuman Dhoka came from the statue of Hanuman at the entrance of the royal palace, established by the Malla King from 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> century. The Major attraction in **Kathmandu Durbar Square** are Taleju temple, gigantic figure of Kalbhairav (the god of destruction), Basantapur Durbar Palace, Shiva-Parvati and temple of Kumari on the residence of living goddess. Overnight in the hotel.



#### **DAY 02: KATHMANDU**

After **breakfast** visit **Swayambhunath (UNESCO World Heritage Site)**, Swayambhu means "Self-Created." It is also called Monkey Temple. The world's most glorious Buddhist Chaityas built 2000 years ago situated on top of the hillock. Visitors will also have a panoramic view of the valley from this spot. Swayambhunath Stupa, which is considered one of the most imposing stupa in the world, rises high. One can reach the stupa by going up about 365 steps stone steps. The four sides of the stupa depict Buddha's eyes of wisdom, which see through all existences.



**Afternoon** visit **Patan Durbar Square (UNESCO World Heritage Site)**, also known as Lalitpur. There are three main courtyards in the palace: Mul Chowk, Sundari Chowk and Keshav Narayan Chowk. The Major attraction in Patan Durbar Square are: Taleju Temple, Krishna Temple (which is devoted to Lord Krishna, is one of the best examples of stone architecture in Nepal), Bhimsen Temple and **Golden Temple** of Hiranya Varna.



Later **Boudhnath (UNESCO World Heritage Site)**, It was renovated in 8th century. The 36-meter-high stupa of Boudhanath is one of the largest stupa in South Asia. Here you can see many monasteries surrounding it. On each side is a pair of the all-seeing-eyes of the Buddha symbolizing awareness. Boudhanath is a very important and holy stupa to Buddhists, particularly to the Tibetan Buddhists. Overnight in the hotel



### DAY 03: KATHMANDU - POKHARA (200 KM- 8 hrs approx)

After breakfast drive to Pokhara. **Pokhara** is located in the northwestern, at an altitude of 900 meters and 200 Km from the Kathmandu. This is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Nepal. Pokhara is also famous for beautiful lakes and magnificent views of the Annapurna, Dhaulagiri, Makalu, Manaslu, Machhapurche.



*(Note: Drive to Pokhara will take about 8 hrs due to road construction).*

Afternoon free for walk around Lakeside. Evening prepare for trekking.. Overnight in the hotel.

### DAY 04: POKHARA - KANDE - AUSTRALIAN CAMP (20165m) - DHAMPUS (1650m)

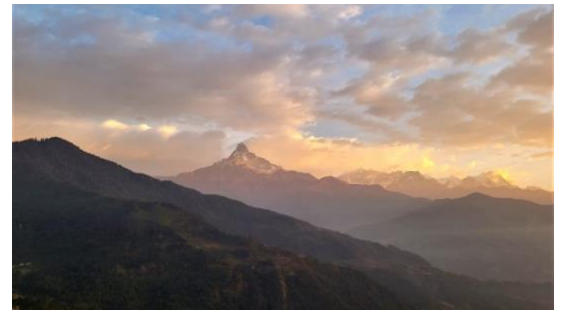
After **breakfast** drive (45 min) to **Kande** then soft trek (1.5 hrs) to **Australian Camp**. We walk through magnificent rural villages and dense forests. Lunch and enjoy the wonderful view of landscape and Annapurna (mountain) range including Machhapuchhre (Fishtail), Annapurna South Hiuchuli, Annapurna II and IV and Lamjung Himal etc. After **Lunch** trek (2 hrs) to **Dhampus**. Interact with local people and observe the village lifestyle. View sun- set. **Dinner and Overnight** at Lodge.



### DAY 05: DHAMPUS - NAUDANDA (1443m)

Early morning wake up for sun rise and enjoy the wonderful view of Annapurna and Manaslu ranges.

After **breakfast** soft trek (2.5 hrs) to **Naudanda** walking local farm village. After **Lunch**, explore around Naudanda. View sun- set. **Dinner and Overnight** at Lodge.



### DAY 06: NAUDANDA - POKHARA

Morning view sun rise and Mountain view. After breakfast drive to **Sarangkot** then proceed for visits of **Bindhyabasini Temple** - This is **Hindu temple** dedicated to the goddess Durga, and **Old Bazaar** - This is a traditional market and most of the houses are built by using red brick.

Afternoon visits **Devi's Fall**, **Tibetan Refugee Camp** and **Gupteshwor Cave**, boat ride on the **Phewa Lake** - visit **Barahi Temple**, located at the center of Lake and explore around Lakeside. Overnight in the hotel.

### DAY 07: POKHARA - KATHMANDU (200 KM - 8 hrs approx)

After breakfast drive back to Kathmandu. Free time for rest. Overnight in the hotel.

### DAY 08: KATHMANDU - DEPARTURE

On time departure transfer to the airport for your onward destination.

(Check-out time at 12:00).

*End of our services....*

\* Return Home with the beautiful memories of your tour \*

**Highlights:**

- Heritage walk and explore the typical market of Kathmandu including Rickshaw ride.
- Visits all UNESCO World Heritage sites of Kathmandu Valley.
- Visits of Hindu Temples and Buddhist monuments during the trip.
- Tour to Pokhara including visits and Boat ride in Phewa Lake.
  - \* View sunrise and Annapurna Mountain ranges from Dhampus & Naudanda.
- Interact with the local people including visits of Hindu Temples and Buddhist monuments during the trip.
- Trek to Australian Camp - Dhampus and wonder view of Mountain ranges of Annapurna.
- Interact with the local people and see the village life style during the trek.