

ITINERARY SPECIALLY PREPARED
FOR
MR. ALADDIN

2018 – March/April

25th March: Arrival in Kathmandu by TG 319, **ETA 12.25 hrs.** On arrival, meet and assist by Tiger Tops representative and transfer to Yak and Yeti hotel.

26th March: Transfer to domestic airport, fly Kathmandu-Nepalgunj by **YT 421,ETD 07:30 hrs.**(approx. 50min flight).On arrival at Nepalgunj airport meet by Tiger Tops staff and transfer to lodge (approx. 2hours drive)

Tiger Tops Karnali Lodge is situated on the edge of Bardia National Park. A personal itinerary will be arranged to suit your interests.

The rich wildlife of Bardia includes swamp deer, chital, sambar, barking deer, wild boar, nilgai or blue bull, monkey, elephant, tiger, leopard, crocodile and over 300 species of birds.

Jungle tours are a superb way of viewing and photographing wildlife. You may also like to go on a nature walk, bird watching with expert naturalists/guides, take a land-rover drive or River trip in search of more wildlife.

Activity and overnight at Tiger Tops Karnali Lodge

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31st March: **After breakfast, drive to Chitwan for Tiger Tops Tharu Lodge (approx. 10 hours drive)**

Tiger Tops Tharu Lodge is situated on high ground overlooking the lush forests surrounding the park. The lodge is styled after the traditional longhouses of the local Tharu people. Set in a tranquil garden and with all modern facilities, the lodge is the perfect base for both wildlife and cultural exploration, or just to relax. Keen birders will have a field day escorted by the lodge's skilled naturalists.

In addition to wildlife programmes at the lodge, guests can take guided walks to explore the surrounding villages and countryside or the Lodge's organic farm; bullock cart tours of the local villages: There is also tennis, badminton or relaxing by our beautiful swimming pool.

Living mainly along the southern strip of Nepal, Tharu are indigenous people inhabit the Terai

lowlands along the border with India. Tharu Lodge as a strong community programme focusing on health and education in line with Tiger Tops concept of responsible conservation tourism. Guests are welcome to visit the Tiger Tops SwissAir School and other community based programmes

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5th April: Transfer to airport, fly Bharatpur-Kathmandu by Yeti Airlines **YT 174 at 1110hrs.** On arrival, meet and assist by Tiger Tops representative and transfer to Hotel Yak and Yeti.

6th April: **Early morning pick up from hotel and transfer to domestic airport for Mountain Flight by YT 301 at 06:45 hrs.**

Mountain Flight Transfer to airport for early morning **Mountain Flight**. This is an enchanting 50 minute flight over the world's highest mountain range where you can enjoy close-up views of Mt. Everest and other Himalayan giants like Ama Dablam, Lhotse etc.

Half day Kathmandu Sightseeing

Kathmandu City - Although the fertile Kathmandu Valley has been inhabited for thousands of years, its rich and varied cultural legacy essentially began during the 14th century under the Malla Dynasty. Patronized by nobility, Newar artisans constructed temples, monasteries and elaborate courtyards that constitute a fascinating architectural history. Visit Durbar Square and the tall Teleju Temple with its gilded roofs; the present temple was restored by King Mahendra Malla in 1562. The gate to the Hanuman Dhoka Durbar, the old Royal Palace, is guarded by a statue of Hanuman, the Monkey God. Wrapped in a red cloak, the deity's face is covered by a thick layer of sindur, a red power mixed in mustard oil. Stop at the House of the Living Goddess where the virgin goddess known as Kumari, may look down from one of the exquisitely carved windows of the upper floor. Kathmandu derives its name from the 12th century wooden temple of Kasthamandap, believed to have been built of wood from a single tree. Walk through the colourful bazaar and labyrinthine back streets of the old city.

Move on to **Swayambhunath** - the "Monkey Temple" which is one of the oldest shrines in the world, established more than 2500 years ago. Perched on a hilltop where the legendary Manjushri discovered the lotus growing in the ancient Kathmandu Valley lake, Swayambhunath commands a superb view of the city below and beyond. The four sides of this ancient structure are painted with the compassionate eyes of the Buddha. Between the eyes is a mystical third eye symbolizing true wisdom. The nose, appearing as an incomplete question mark, is the Nepalese figure of one, a symbol of unity.

Overnight at hotel Yak and Yeti.

7th April: **Full day cultural tour of ancient town Bhaktapur and Chagunarayan.**

Sightseeing tour of **Bhaktapur**, home of medieval art and architecture, is also known as the 'City of Devotees'. Walk along the cobbled streets and marvel at the magnificent ancient architecture. Visit the Lion Gate, the Art Gallery, the famous Golden Gate and the Palace of Fifty-five Windows.

Changu Narayan - The temple of Changu Narayan, built on a hilltop some 12 km east of Kathmandu dates back to the 4th century and is clearly visible from a distance. As you walk through the main entrance you are greeted by a couple of stone elephants, then encounter a twin roofed pagoda and the main two tiered temple. The temple is dedicated to Vishnu whose idol occupies the central spot in the main temple. In the form of Narayan, one of his many incarnations, he has 10 arms going through the different layers of the universe. This beautiful priceless piece of art from the 5th or 6th century is surrounded by half a dozen other images dating back to the 9th century. There is also an image of Garuda, the mythical bird that serves as Vishnu's heavenly vehicle. This shrine is of immense value not only as an ancient piece of architecture but also for one of the oldest and most important Licchavi inscriptions of the Valley.

Overnight in Hotel Yak and Yeti.

8th April

: Full day Hike to Shivapuri for Bird Watching.

Shivapuri- Lying within the Shivapuri National Park, north of the valley is Shivapuri at 2,760m. From here, fine views can be had of Ganesh Himal, Himalchuli, Manaslu and Langtang range. The entire hill is thickly forested and enjoys a rich flora and fauna. The four-hour hike begins at Budanilkanta. Camp overnight (remember to carry water) and rise early to catch the sunrise. On the way back, climb down to Baghdwar, source of the holy Bagmati, and stop for lunch at Nagi Gompa, after which Budanilkanta is only a short walk back. Shivapuri is known for its butterflies.

Overnight at Hotel Yak and Yeti

9th April

Full Day to Pulchowki and Godavari for Bird watching.

Phulchowki - 20 km south-east of Kathmandu, Phulchowki is the tallest hill in the Valley. It is triple-peaked and measures 2,762m/9062 ft in altitude. Phulchowki means 'flower covered hill' in Nepali and it lives up to its name during spring, when pilgrims climb high in search of orchids, clematis vines and rhododendrons – to offer them to the Mother of the Forest, Phulchowki Mai, in whose honour there are two shrines on the mountain.

To the north, the whole of Kathmandu Valley can be seen. Beyond, the snow-clad Himalayan range provides an incomparable backdrop. To the south you gaze across valleys of the lower hill ranges that lead to the terai lowlands and India. Phulchowki is popular for bird watching.

Godavari - Situated at the foot of Phulchowki, in the Godavari area are located the Royal Botanical Gardens; the Royal Department of Medicinal Plants and a fish farm. The garden houses thatched-roof picnic shelters, lily ponds, rushing streams and beds of seasonal flowers which have a notable collection of orchids, ferns and cacti. A clear water spring that emerges from a cave, known as Godavari Kunda, is revered by Hindus. Every 12 years, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims come to bathe in the Kunda which is believed to have magical powers.

10th April

: Transfer to Kathmandu International airport for your onward flight TG 320 at 1330hrs.

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