

KATHMANDU

Venture to the Nepalese capital, Kathmandu, a city of ornate temples and historic landmarks. Visit the Old Palace of Malla kings and the Taleju Temple. See the Himalayas during a scenic flight and discover one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities.



Swayambhunath Stupa, Kathmandu



Temple and square, Kathmandu

Day 1 - Kathmandu

After your excursion in Delhi, transfer to the airport for your flight to Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal and the gateway to the Himalayas. Upon arrival, meet your Viking representative, who will escort you to your hotel. Here, you will be greeted by your Viking Tour Director, who is available to help you plan your time in Kathmandu. Once you have checked in, enjoy the evening at your leisure.



Buddhist prayer wheel, Nepal

Day 2 - Kathmandu

After breakfast, set out to explore Kathmandu. Venture through its streets to the Buddhist monument of Swayambhunath, or "Monkey Temple." Choose to ascend the steps, viewing the prayer wheels and the gilded spire adorned with prayer flags, and encounter the resident monkeys. After lunch, explore the city itself, visiting the Bazaar of Thamel and Durbar Square, a UNESCO site featuring structures built by Malla and Gorkha kings. This evening, enjoy dinner and a cultural performance. (B, L, D)



Mount Everest and the Himalayas

Day 3 - Kathmandu

Have an early breakfast before boarding a small plane and taking a window seat. Your guide, an experienced Sherpa, will point out climbing routes and explain the Himalayas's sacred significance in Hinduism as you fly along the mountains to Mount Everest and back. Next, travel to Bhaktapur, a medieval city of ancient Newar temples and palaces. Here, explore on foot, viewing the intricate stone carvings and latticework before visiting a teahouse, where you can mingle with locals. (B)



Durbar Square, Lalitpur

Day 4 - Kathmandu

After breakfast, set off to Lalitpur, the "City of Beauty." Lalitpur's Hindu temples, Buddhist stupas and carved stone buildings are a hallmark of Newar architecture. Pass open-air workshops, where craftsmen produce metal statues and pottery. Discover Lalitpur's Durbar Square, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that is often referred to as a living museum, and explore an ancient palace complex to see tiered temples and ornate carvings. After, return to Kathmandu to enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 5 - Kathmandu

This morning, check out of your hotel and transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

Your Accommodations



Exterior, Hotel Yak & Yeti

HOTEL YAK & YETI

The Hotel Yak & Yeti is ideally situated in the heart of Kathmandu, just steps from the vibrant Thamel district and the former Royal Palace. The hotel offers spacious, well-appointed rooms, two dining establishments which feature both local cuisine and international fare and a spa, where guests can relax after a day of exploration.

ALL THIS IS INCLUDED:

- 4 hotel nights in Kathmandu (as shown or similar)
- 6 meals: 4 Breakfasts (B); 2 Lunch (L); 2 Dinner (D)
- 4 guided tours: The Sights of Kathmandu; Flightseeing Over the Himalayas; The Temples of Bhaktapur; The City of Beauty
- Economy class flight from Delhi to Kathmandu
- Fully escorted by your Viking Tour Director
- All Transfers

NOTE:

Optional Shore Excursions: a selection of additional excursions may be available to enhance your extension experience. Optional excursions will be bookable in MVJ when your cruise shore excursions open for sale.

Extension is not available on all departure dates; confirm availability & seasonal pricing when booking. Pricing may vary by departure or activity date. Activity order may vary. Accommodations are subject to change depending on availability; if advertised hotel is not available, a similar hotel will be confirmed. Any included flights are economy class. Luggage restrictions may apply on intra-country flights. Specific details will be provided once program is confirmed. Shore excursions are subject to change and may vary by departure.

The following meals are included for all days as listed: B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner