

THE EXPERIENCE

Day 1 ARRIVE DELHI

Today you will arrive at Delhi's International Airport. Following customs, immigration formalities and baggage collection, a LUMLE representative will meet you as you exit the arrivals terminal building and transfer you to your hotel.

Perhaps there is no other capital city in the world so steeped in history and legend as the Indian capital Delhi. It was the magnet, which drew the Mongols, Turks, Persians, Afghans, Mughals and the British, all of whom contributed to its glorious but turbulent past. The fascination with Delhi was such that even though it was abandoned many times, its rulers returned to it again and again rebuilding it at least seven times. Today, the twin cities of Old and New Delhi still intrigue Indians and tourists alike as the cultural and political capital of the largest democracy in the world.

Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 2 IN DELHI

Early morning you will embark on the combined city tour Delhi. Delhi is divided into two parts New and Old Delhi. First you will visit the old part of Delhi. You will visit:

Jamia Masjid – One of the oldest Mosques in Asia followed by a rickshaw ride in the old narrow streets of Chandini Chowk, silver streets and spices Markets, and then later visit the Red Fort (photo stop only) and the Rajghat – Cremation place of Mahatma Gandhi. Following this you will take a break at local ethnic restaurants (at own cost).

After lunch, you will kick off the second part of your Delhi tour for sightseeing of New Delhi by drive past The Rashtrapati Bhawan and Parliament of India and visit the India Gate, a war memorial. Then you'll visit the famous Humayun Tomb – replica of Taj Mahal made of sandstone and marble. Other highlights of the day include visits to Lotus Temple - belonging to the Bahai Faith. Later visiting the Tallest Minaret called Qutub Minar and return to hotel.

Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 3 DELHI – AGRA

After breakfast you begin your journey to Agra (214 Km /5 Hrs).

Upon arrival in Agra you will check-in at your hotel and a representative will assist you to complete your check-in formalities.

Agra came into the limelight during the rule of the Afghan King Sikandar Lodhi - who had made it the capital of his empire. Later in 1526 A.D., the Mughal Emperor Babar took upon himself the task for rendering Agra, a unique character and beauty of its own. The next few hundred years of Agra witnessed the rise of the pomp and pageantry of three great Mughal monarchs - Emperor Akbar, Jehangir and Shahjahan. In modern times, the city of Agra is a thriving carpet industry where you can also find leather workers, sandstone and marble sculptors, some of whom claim to be direct descendants of the craftsmen who had helped build the Taj Mahal.

Visit the Taj Mahal, monument remain closed on all Fridays. Taj Mahal was built by an emperor in memory of his beloved queen. Construction of the Taj Mahal began in 1631, and is believed to have taken 18 years to complete, with over 20,000 craftsmen working around the clock. The design and construction is said to be that of the legendary architect, Ustad Ahamad Lahori. What makes the Taj Mahal unique is its perfect proportions, distinct femininity, medium of construction and ornamentation. Its marble exterior reflects rose and golden tints at sunrise and sunset, while it is dazzling white during the day. It is impossible to visualize the Taj Mahal in any surrounding others

than its paradoxical garden. Paradise, in Islam, is visualized as a lush garden where running streams flow.

Later visit the impressive Agra Fort, the seat and stronghold of the Mughal Empire for successive generations. The buildings within this sprawling fort complex represent the assimilation of different cultures, which was the mark of the Mughal period. Most of the structures within the Agra fort are a mixture of different architectural styles.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 4 **AGRA – JAIPUR**

Today you will be proceeding to Taj Mahal for sunrise (without guide) and drive to Jaipur.

Enroute you'll visit Fatehpur Sikri and see famous Buland Darwaja, Panch Mahal and Mughal architecture. Arrive in Jaipur and transfer to hotel.

Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 5 **IN JAIPUR**

After breakfast, visit Amber Fort. High above the city, the towers and domes of the Amber Fort are reminiscent of scenes from some fairy tale. The palace itself is within the enormous fort complex and is replete with halls, gardens, pavilions, and temples. The Hall of Mirrors is not to be missed where one lit matchstick can illuminate the entire room.

You will ascend the fort on elegantly draped elephants (subject to availability) or by Jeeps. Later proceed to visit the City Palace Museum where you can see an imposing blend of traditional Rajasthani and Mughal Art. The museum is resplendent with its collection of robes of royal princes, carpets, an armoury of old weapons, miniature paintings portraying court scenes, battle scenes and processions, Also visit the awe inspiring Jantar Mantar (an accurate observatory built in 1726 AD).

Your tour also included is a photo visit at the Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds) - a five storied wonder with a spectacular pyramidal facade and overhanging windows with latticed screens, domes and spires.

Later walk through the colourful markets of Jaipur.

Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 6 **JAIPUR – DELHI**

Morning after breakfast you will set your return journey to Delhi where upon arrival you will check in at your hotel.

Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 7 **DELHI - KATHMANDU** **BY FLIGHT**

Today after breakfast you will be driven to Delhi International airport to board your further flight.

Upon arrival at the Kathmandu airport transfer to the hotel.

Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 8 **KATHMANDU SIGHTSEEING**

We start of exploration of Nepal from Kathmandu, a mystical mix of religion, culture and everything in between.

We explore **Kathmandu Durbar Square** where most of the temples and palaces dating back to 17th and 18th century. Our time in Kathmandu also includes a visit to **Boudhanath**, the largest Buddhist Stupa in Nepal. You can walk around the stupa spinning the prayer wheels engraved with chants and offer a traditional butter lamp to Lord Buddha. We than explore nearby is the **Swayambhunath** is an ancient religious architecture in the Kathmandu valley.

Throughout the trip, you will be accompanied by a driver and an English-speaking guide who will explain the historical and cultural importance of each spot.

Earlier in the morning, you may enjoy an adventure of a lifetime—a scenic flight with close-up views of Mt. Everest and other peaks from as near as five nautical miles. This will incur an extra cost of £199 per person and includes to/from airport transfer with accompanying Lumle representative.

Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 9 **KATHMANDU TO POKHARA**

We now begin our drive to Pokhara via air condition tourist coach. This drive along the banks of Trishuli River will let you enjoy amazing landscapes, glimpses of authentic countryside of Nepal and pristine towns. The journey to Pokhara [altitude: approx 915 meters, distance: 207 kilometres] will take around 7 to 8 hours depending on the traffic. After you reach Pokhara, you will have an entire evening to explore the laid-back city that is the gateway to travellers who love trekking and Himalayas.

You may upgrade to 30 minutes' domestic flight for £140 per person including to/from airport transfers.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 10 **POKHARA SIGHTSEEING**

Today, we will explore the city by visiting some of its famous lakes, temples like Gupteshwor Mahadev and David's Fall. You're accompanied by a driver and an English-speaking guide who can explain the history and cultural importance of each spot.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 11**SUNRISE TRIP TO SARANGKOT [OPTIONAL HIKING DOWN TO POKHARA]**

In the morning, we take a vehicle ride to Sarangkot to witness the sunrise. After viewing the beautiful scenery, we come down by vehicle and proceed to breakfast. Pokhara has something spectacular for everyone that is lucky enough to visit her– Stunning landscapes, adventure activities, cycling along the quiet streets and temple in the middle of the lake. You are free to explore the city on your own.

[Optional hiking down to Pokhara]

For those who wish to opt in for optional hiking down to Pokhara will hike down back from Sarangkot hills passing the unique scenery. The hike will take approximately 3 hours.

****Hiking excursion is optional. Those who do not wish to hike will have the option of free road transfer from Sarangkot to Pokhara.**

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 12**POKHARA TO CHITWAN**

We will travel from Pokhara to Chitwan [altitude: about 415 meters, distance 155 kilometres] by air condition tourist coach. On arrival, you'll check into a wildlife lodge and will have the short brief for your Chitwan stay.

Upon your arrival, you will be provided with the welcome drinks and escorted to your respective rooms. After a period of rest, you will be briefed about the activities in Chitwan. After the briefing, you will have time to have your lunch.

The lunch will be followed by a cultural tour the Tharu Village. Tharus are indigenous people of Terai living there for more than 500 years while still preserving most of their age-old fascinating culture. The same night, you will witness the famous Tharu Stick dance followed by the dinner. You will stay at the hotel for the night.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 13**CHITWAN ACTIVITIES**

After the breakfast, you will have a host of activities to indulge in throughout the day. A canoe ride in the Rapti River will allow you to watch some fascinating creatures like crocodiles and kingfishers in their natural habitats.

Chitwan is one of the most sought-after places for bird watching, which will be one of the highlights of your stay. A walk along the nature trails and the jeep safari will round up your day pleasantly.

On your return, you will have your dinner and then stay overnight at the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 14 **CHITWAN TO KATHMANDU**

You start off your day with the breakfast and after a brief rest, you will be picked up by our vehicle and you drive back to Kathmandu.

We will start a drive back to Kathmandu on air condition tourist coach. The journey from Chitwan to Kathmandu will take about 7-9 hours [approx distance 155 kilometres] depending on the traffic. On arrival, you will be picked up from the tourist coach station and transferred to the hotel.

You may upgrade to 45 minutes' domestic flight for £125 per person including to/from airport transfers.

Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 15 **KATHMANDU TO NAGARKOT [ENROUTE VISIT BHAKTAPUR DURBAR SQUARE]**

After breakfast, we will make our journey to Nagarkot, a hill station most often described as one of the best places in Nepal for viewing the panoramic range of Himalayas. The journey from Kathmandu to Nagarkot will take about 2 hours [altitude: approx 2175 meters, distance: 32 kilometres] depending on the traffic.

Before we reach Nagarkot, we stop for an en-route visit to Bhaktapur Durbar Square, one of the oldest cities in Kathmandu where traditional craft and lifestyle is on full display. It is known locally as a living museum with its brick-paved enclave of the old Royal Palace, Nyathapola Temple and Datatriya temple's exquisite artwork which all combines to give a picture of the grandeur of medieval Nepal. It's renowned for its woodcarving and pottery and artists today still carve woods and craft pottery by the roadside.

Nagarkot, located 30 km east of Kathmandu, is an ideal spot to view the Himalayas in the tranquil environment. At sunrise, the Himalayan range, stretching from Dhaulagiri in the west all the way past Everest to Kanchenjunga in the east, emerges from the darkness to greet the day with its awe-inspiring majesty and beauty.

You will have a free evening to explore Nagarkot on your own. You might like to take a short walk in the local area.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 16 **NAGARKOT TO KATHMANDU**

We will enjoy a spectacular sunrise over the Himalayas. After breakfast, there will be some free time before we travel back to Kathmandu.

The evening is free for you to enjoy on your own at Kathmandu; you might like to take a short walk in the local area and have a glimpse of Kathmandu City.

Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 17 FINAL DEPARTURE

After breakfast, you will be dropped to the airport for your final journey back home. You will have plenty of time on your flight to reflect on your journey and plan your next one.

Tour Ends

Cost Proposal



[Validity until 31 Dec 2020]

Pax Slab [Minimum]	Cost in GBP £ (per person on twin sharing basis)
2 Pax [03 star]	GBP £999 Per Person
2 Pax [04 star]	GBP £1399 Per Person
2 Pax [05 star]	GBP £1799 Per Person

** The above are per person costs in GBP*

City	03 Star	04 Star	05 Star	Meal Plan
Delhi	Rockland CR Park	Mantra Amaltas	The Suryaa	BB
Agra	Seven Hills	Park Regis	Taj Gateway	BB
Jaipur	Surya Villa	Fortune Select	Hilton	BB
Kathmandu	Rama Inn	Yatri Suites	Radisson	BB
Pokhara	Mount View	Bodhi Suites	Grande	BB
Chitwan	Jungle Crown	Jungle Crown	Park Safari	AP
Nagarkot	Himalayan Villa	Himalayan Villa	Club Himalaya	BB

**BB – Bed and Breakfast; AP – Breakfast; Lunch & Dinner*

Our Quote Includes: -

- Trivandrum - Delhi economy class flights
- Delhi – Kathmandu flights
- 15 Nights' accommodation on twin sharing at the hotels mentioned above or similar
- Daily buffet breakfast at the hotels mentioned
- All meals in Chitwan
- Chitwan activities as per the itinerary
- All transfers, excursions and sightseeing tours will be by air-conditioned Vehicle as below:
- LUMLE representative for assistance on all arrival and departure transfers.
- English speaking local guides for the sightseeing mentioned in the itinerary.
- Rickshaw Ride in Delhi
- Govt. service tax

The Above Cost Does Not Include: -

- Entrance charges at the monuments
- Expenses of personal nature like tipping, laundry, telephone/fax calls, alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages, camera/video camera fee at monuments, medical expenses, airport departure tax, any insurance etc.
- Any meals other than the mentioned.
- Any other services not mentioned in the inclusions.
- Our Cost is not valid for any period other than mentioned above.

Special Notes:-

- Hotel Check-in time is 1400 hrs and Check-out time is 1200 Hrs.
- Prices are subject to change with any increase in the cost.
- Rates include only those items specified in your itinerary.
- Please note, the names of hotels mentioned above only indicate that our rates have been based on usage of these hotels. It is not to be construed that accommodation is confirmed at these hotels until and unless we convey the confirmations to you on receipt of your acceptance. However, in the event of any of the above mentioned hotels not becoming available at the time of initiating the reservations, we shall book alternate accommodation at a similar or next best available hotel and shall pass on the difference of rates (supplement/reduction whatever applicable) to you.
- In case on any currency fluctuations or amendment in local Government taxes, or any fuel hike, we reserve the right to adjust the tour price accordingly.



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