



# Pokhara, homestay in Raipur and Bandipur

**Raipur is a place where you are going to be with your own in the middle of nature, a great place for disconnection with any kind of luxury and no tourist surrounding. Bandipur, in a different manner, is also a quiet place to relax. Then this program is really a relaxing trip, with no tourist spots to visit. Take your time!**

## 6 days program in Nepal

**Local guide English-speaking in Raipur and Ramkot**

**Meals and overnight in homestay in Raipur**

**Accommodation in hotel in Pokhara and Bandipur**

**Transfers in private vehicle and flight**

The Raipur house is in the middle of nowhere. No Coca-Colas, no bars, no restaurants, no stores, almost no connection, almost no one. The perfect place to feel the isolation among nature.

Raipur is a small group of few houses on the side of a mountain, we have the house of Champa, where her father lives, a Gurka retired from the Indian army. It is a traditional house in the area and it is a "real" private home. With this, we mean that it is not intended to accommodate "tourists", although we control that its conditions get a minimum of comfortability and clean. It has few luxuries and the rooms are very simple Nepali style, but we have done works in the bathroom. It is clean, the surroundings are beautiful, the food is excellent and the treatment is very friendly, cosy and natural.

The hiking route we propose runs through different sections with footpaths and rough roads, through forests, crops in terrace and farms, to Chisapani, literally "cold water", from where we will return to Raipur in a 7 or 8 hours day walking slowly, with breaks and stops. You do not have to reach Chisapani if you are tired and you can also add someday and do another route or change the one from Chisapani for a shorter itinerary.

On the other hand, Bandipur is a pretty little village of old trading houses, some of which have been tastefully renovated and converted into small hotels, restaurants and cafes. It has very quiet tourism and there is no traffic in a large part of the village. In a rural setting, it breathes a lot of local life at a leisurely pace and without too many worries.

From Bandipur, this hiking proposal is a good circular route that will take us through a beautiful rural environment towards the Magar village of Ramkot. It is not a difficult route, but it should be done in a leisurely and unhurried manner.

## NOTES ABOUT THIS ITINERARY

During this short program it's better you carry a light bag or backpack with the few things you are going to needed. You can keep the other part of your luggage in your Kathmandu accommodation.

Except for the itinerary in Raipur, from Pokhara to Dulegauda, this itinerary has no guide. You can ask a tour guide as optional.

In the case you do this program after the retirement in Vishuddhi Alaya, you can also drive to Kathmandu during the morning and get an afternoon flight to Pokhara.

In the case you do this program before the retirement, you can also go to Vishuddhi Alaya from Bandipur, keeping in mind that is a long road journey.

You can shorten this itinerary deleting Bandipur days or Raipur days.

## PROGRAM

1 Flight to Pokhara. Free afternoon					
2 Drive to Shyanja - Collective Jeep to Raipur (homestay)					
3 Raipur, hiking to Chisapani or Raipur surroundings					
4 Collective Jeep to Dulegauda - Drive to Bandipur					
5 Bandipur, hiking to Ramkot					
6 Drive to Kathmandu					



## ITINERARY

**1 Flight to Pokhara. Free afternoon**

We get a morning flight to Pokhara. In Pokhara airport a private vehicle will be waiting for you to drive to your accommodation. You can enjoy a full free time in Lakeside, but also, we can arrange some visit for you if you want or even you can add an extra day here in Pokhara.

Pokhara is the second city of Nepal, but whenever we talk about Pokhara we talk about the Lakeside neighbourhood, next to Fewa-Tal (lake), where tourism is concentrated and where you will find many hotels, guest-houses, restaurants of all kinds and conditions, cafes, bars and live music, shops, bookstores and "german bakery" distributed by its main avenue and adjacent streets, so it is very difficult to get lost.

It is a quiet town, just the opposite of Kathmandu. You can relax on any of its terraces, walk around the lake, take a gentle bike ride, take a boat in the lake or, if you want a more intense experience, go tandem-paragliding from Sarangkot in what is one of the star activities of Pokhara.

Around the promenade of the lake, there are some chill-out terraces to eat, have a tea, a drink, etc. Sometimes there is someone who plays music on the spot, or there may be a performance. Some parts of Lakeside still maintain their "hippie" or alternative atmosphere or whatever you want to call it. We could say that the northern part is more "grass-smoky" and the southern part is more "upper level", but without being strict.

- Transfer to Kathmandu Airport
- Flight Kathmandu Pokhara
- Transfer to Lakeside (Pokhara)
- Breakfast
- Hotel in Pokhara

**2 Drive to Shyanja - Collective Jeep to Raipur (homestay)**

Soon in the morning after breakfast, your jeep with the guide will pick you up in your accommodation to go by road to Shyanja where you will arrive in a couple of hours or so. Once in Shyanja, we will wait for the collective jeep to Raipur and we will begin our all-terrain route for a rough road that can have a variable condition. A couple of three or more hours can take us to Raipur where your accommodation awaits you. This house doesn't usually host tourists as a business, therefore the conditions are typically Nepali, although we have kept a bit of improvement in the conditions of accommodation. It is a simple house, a typical two-story building that is built with few variations throughout Nepal. In reality, people usually don't stay inside the home during diary life, so the porch in front of the house is used much more, as temperatures are never too cold. The toilet and shower are separated from the house as usual here. His owner who now lives retired while taking care of the field and the fruit trees was a Ghorka soldier into the India army.

The house is sited on terraced fields, with fruit trees, rice, corn, open to the views of the valley, among a group of other small farms.

- English speaking guide
- Private vehicle from Pokhara Shyanja
- Collective jeep from Shyanja to Raipur
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Homestay in Raipur

**3 Raipur, hiking to Chisapani or Raipur surroundings**

It is a day of calm hiking through farmland and small villages and scattered farms. The itinerary has no technical difficulty, but it is a long day although we can do it absolutely at our own pace, no rush. Since most of the route is round trip, if we feel we are tired, there will be no problem in shortening the route and returning from any point.

Apart from the beautiful landscape, it is interesting to be able to stop in some village to rest and have a look around. It is the best way to interact with them, even with a simple smile, and of course, if there are children, these will be the best way to feel contact with the local people once the initial shy has been overcome.

Part of the route you will walk along footpaths and other sections are rough roads, where it is convenient to walk there and less susceptible to leeches if we are in monsoon season. It starts downhill (keep in mind that when returning it will be uphill) and during the day we walk uphill and downhill but never too much long or hard, so anyone who is used to walking a little by in the mountain can do it. On clear days there are points where the summits of the Himalayas are revealed. We will bring a picnic bag or maybe we will have lunch in a house in a small village.

A comfortable footwear for walking (running shoes or light boots) and sun protection and/or rain protection will be all that you need to enjoy a very beautiful and peaceful day, where we can capture a good part of the essence of Nepal.

If you realise that you are tired and do not want to walk a lot, we can also choose to make a slightly shorter exit towards the Millennium Cave or towards Kolma.

- English speaking guide
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Homestay in Raipur

**4 Collective Jeep to Dulegauda - Drive to Bandipur**

After breakfast, when the collective jeep arrives and you already said goodbye to the house, you will go along the bumpy rough road to Dulegauda, already on the road that joins Pokhara with Kathmandu. Here you will get a private vehicle that will take you to Bandipur in a not yet a couple of hours, along the Prithvi Highway to Dumre, and then driving the road that goes up 8 kilometres until the pretty



and beautiful village of Bandipur. Since the cars cannot drive along the main street, your vehicle will leave you at the entrance of the village, you just have to cross the cement barrier that prevents the passage of vehicles and continue to your hotel that you will see on the left after walking an about hundred meters.

Bandipur was an old, important commercial village where merchants who made the route between Tibet and India traded their products, but as the road was opened it lost its importance and it fell in the decadence. Years later it was rehabilitated with great success and good criteria for tourism in today's Bandipur.

It is located in a mountain pass that separates two valleys and on clear days it has very good views of the Himalayas to the north, especially at the first hour in the morning. The center of the town is a wide street, kind of long square, where cars are not allowed, making it a perfect place to relax. The old refurbished commercial houses are now cafes, restaurants and small hotels, with very pleasant terraces on the street or at the back of the houses. It has a quiet tourism, never huge tour groups, and breathes a lot of local life, with its inhabitants dedicated to its businesses or to work in the farmlands.

It is a village to hang around on your own. There are several more or less established itineraries, such as going to the Silkfarm about 20 minutes south of Bandipur, which also has a collection of insects. Or getting the Nature Trail of Rani Ban which for about 30 minutes runs through a pine forest. The fort of Purano Kot, now known as Thani Mai, is located at the top of an elevation near 20 minutes on a steep path where there are two temples, one older and other newer. From here the views are very wide, dominating Bandipur and the summits of the Himalayas, and it is a beautiful place for sunset. But as we have said, you do not have to take any fixed itinerary, just let yourself get lost on the streets that go from the main street and explore.

- Guide until Dulegauda
- Collective jeep from Raipur to Dulegauda / Private vehicle from Dulegauda to Bandipur
- Breakfast
- "Heritage" hotel at Bandipur

#### 5 Bandipur, hiking to Ramkot

If your window looks to the Himalayas, then you know that it's up to you to set the alarm in the early hours before the sun rises to see if you can enjoy the views. As you know, later the sky will not be as clear as at dawn.

After breakfast we will go to Ramkot by a circular route. Depending on the time you are leaving, get some food to have lunch somewhere or just wait until you will be back Bandipur. You can discuss that with the guide. First, we walk down to the valley where you will hike next to farms and fields, with traditional houses and the life of the rural areas of Nepal. Then you will head up to Ramkot, a beautiful small Magar village where many agencies say that the houses are round-shaped, which shows that they have not been there. In fact, there is one round-shape house (and perhaps some other) but no more. The way back leads on the side of the mountain over the valley, with some small ups and downs. The whole route can take about five hours or six if you go more slowly. You will have the free afternoon to relax in Bandipur.

- English speaking local guide to Ramkot
- Breakfast and picnic lunch bag
- "Heritage" hotel at Bandipur

#### 6 Drive to Kathmandu

Your vehicle will wait for you at the entrance of the village where you left it two days ago (maybe it won't be the same vehicle) to take you back to Kathmandu. It will take about 5 hours, although you know that in Nepal you know when you leave but not when you get there. Surely do some stop to have a tea or lunch.

Once in Kathmandu you can enjoy free time.

- Private vehicle to Kathmandu
- Breakfast
- Hotel in Kathmandu (in your accommodation in general program)



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### FULL TRIP according program

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- All transfers and trips by private vehicle
- Flight Kathmandu Pokhara
- 1 night of accommodation with breakfast in Pokhara
- 2 nights of accommodation with breakfast in Bandipur
- 3 days / 2 nights program in Raipur area
- Local English-speaking Mountain Guide in Raipur
- Local English-speaking guide in Bandipur-Ramkot
- 1 picnic lunch bag in Ramkot
- All government taxes and VAT
- Wages, food and accommodation, expenses, and insurance for all staff

#### PRICE EXCLUDES

- Lunch & Dinner (except indicated)
- Tips to staff
- Hot and cold drinks, phone calls, internet connection or any other personal expense
- Medical and/or travel insurance
- In general, any concept not specified in this programme, as well as any need for personal assistance in other matters out of the programme
- No additional costs due to flight cancellations, weather conditions, road closures, etc.

### ACCOMMODATION IN THIS PROGRAM

Price is based in double room accommodation with breakfast in our standard accommodation choice:  
Pokhara                      Batika Hotel

You can choose upper or budget accommodation. Please, ask us.

Be aware that the last night in Kathmandu in this program is not included because we consider it's in your general program trip.





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## PRICE per person in US\$

	Travellers in the group:			
	1*	2	4	6
<b>For this program</b>		<b>\$ 605,00</b>	<b>\$ 515,00</b>	<b>\$ 450,00</b>

\* One-person travellers have specific conditions. Ask us.

## SUPPLEMENTS IN OPTION

Tour guide during full program				\$ 265,00
Single room (not applicable during the trek)				\$ 110,00
Rent sleeping bag			thick	\$ 4,00/day
			medium	\$ 3,00/day

**NOTE:** Be aware about the tips for the staff.

## INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Programs may have to be adapted according to the schedules of your flights to Nepal. The itineraries are designed taking into account that the international flight arrives at Kathmandu in the morning or noon. If you arrive to Nepal afternoon or later it would be better to have a margin day before starting your trek, although it is not essential.

## DO YOU WANT TO CUSTOMIZE YOUR TRIP?

Related to the trek itinerary and Kathmandu and/or Pokhara staying we plan the "minimum days recommended" to have a comfortable and safe trip and trek. But always is a good idea to add some extra day during the trek (for rest or as safety extra day) or in your days in Kathmandu or Pokhara. Like all our tours, the itinerary can be customized and adapted to the taste, needs and preferences of the traveller, especially when it comes to staying in Nepal outside the trek route.

You can opt for the full trip or just hiring the trek and travel on your own in Nepal.

## EXPERIENCES TO NEPAL OUTSIDE THE PROGRAM

Whether for free days in Kathmandu or Pokhara, as if you want to add more days to your trip, we offer a number of options and extensions. With them you can add and complete activities and experiences on your trip. Some are already included in some program, but in general we prefer that you choose them on your own, if you are interested in any, depending on your tastes and way of traveling. Ask us for more information if you are interested.

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE DOCUMENT "FOUR THINGS ABOUT NEPAL" WITH INFORMATION, TIPS AND NOTES, BOTH FOR THE JOURNEY IN GENERAL AND SPECIFICALLY ON THE TREKS.**

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