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Tour 4: Kathmandu - Dakshinkali – Nagarkot/ Dhulikhel

Trip features

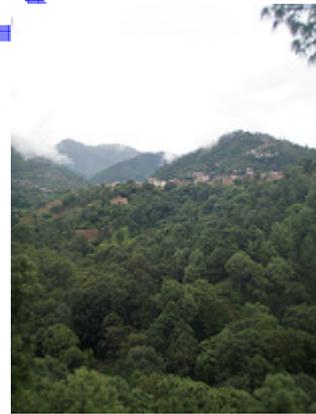
Trip duration: 4Days 3 Nights

The Dakshinkali temple lies around 15 Kilometres south-west of Kathmandu. It is a temple dedicated to Kali, one of the most ferocious manifestations of Goddess Parvati. Every Saturday the temple is crowded with pilgrims and their animals brought to sacrifice.

Itinerary	
Day1:	Sightseeing in Kathmandu: Pashupati, Bouddha, Kathmandu Durbar Square and Swayambhunath Stupa.
Day2:	Drive to Dakshinkali Temple. Sightseeing in Patan Durbar Square. Overnight Kathmandu.
Day3:	Sightseeing in Bhaktapur and Drive to Nagarkot or Dhulikhel Hill Resort.
Day4:	Hiking Dhulikel or Nagarkot. Drive Back to Kathmandu.

Highlights:

- Historical City Bhaktapur
- Dhulikel or Nagarkot
- Bouddha Stupa
- Patan Durbar Square
- Swayambhu Stupa
- Kathmandu Durbar Square
- Pashupati Temple
- Dakshinkali Temple



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Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 - Kathmandu

You will be taken to Swayambhunath first. This monastery/temple has an incomparable atmosphere. It is situated amid a beautiful natural scenario on the top of the hill surrounded by several other hills. The whole Kathmandu can be viewed quite clearly from the top of the hill. After that you will be taken to Kathmandu Durbar Square, Pashupatinath Temple, and Boudhanath Stupa. The reason behind choosing these places is that the visitors will have a good impression about the Nepalese arts, culture and their daily life. In Pashupatinath temple the visitors will observe different ceremonies and the ways of worshipping. The most interesting scene here is the cremation place on the edge of the river and next to the temple. The visitors can see how the funeral takes place according to Hindu Culture. Kathmandu Durbar square provides the visitor with great Newari architecture. The durbar square is a place of living history in the heart of modernising Kathmandu. The last place we will visit is Boudhanath Stupa, here the visitor gets to see the Tibetan Community and a traditional Buddhist temple Complex. In the evening we will head back to Thamel, where you will overnight at a 3 star hotel.

Day 2 – Dakshinkali

Dakshinkali, a temple located some 15 kilometres southwest of Kathmandu, offers a unique experience. Twice per week, on Tuesdays and Saturdays, the devotees of the Goddess Kali will come to this temple complex to offer goats and roosters for good fortune. The experience is unique and may seem cruel and barbaric to some tourists, but in the butchers the fate of the animals would be the same, only now they die for the good cause. After offering, the animal remains are taken home to be prepared for further consumption.

Day 3 - Bhaktapur

Bhaktapur still has the appearance of a medieval city and it may give you an impression of what Europe may have looked like centuries ago. Bhaktapur is home to the traditional Newari culture. In Bhaktapur we will visit beautiful buildings such as the royal palace with its golden door, Nepal's highest temple, the five story high nyatapola, potters' square, where the people still make pottery in the traditional way and many, many more attractions. Bhaktapur will stimulate all your senses and will leave you with an incomparable impression. During our city tour we will enjoy a lunch in a restaurant where they serve more conservative food as well as traditional local dishes such as buffalo brain and tongue for the more daring gastronomes amongst us.

Day 4 – Dhulikel or Nagarkot

Depending on the wishes of the client today the programme will go to either:

- **Dhulikel**
 - Dhulikel is located 45 minutes to the east from Kathmandu. Dhulikel is famous for its great view on the north-eastern part of the Himalayas. The town lies at an height of 1500 metres and offers some fine Newari architecture. One of the main attractions of Dhulikel is the Namo Buddha. According to the legend Lord Buddha gave part of his flesh to a starving tiger and her cubs in order to save her. The temple has for long time been a sacred place for Buddhist pilgrims. We will pay a visit to this temple and will reach this temple by foot. This will take us approximately three hours. On the way we walk through the lush green farmlands where we can witness the local agricultural life.
- **Nagarkot**
 - In the evening of day two we will move to Mount Nagarkot. Mount Nagarkot has a little village at its top of 2195 metres. From this hill the scenery unfolds; ranging from lush green rice fields till snow capped mountains. This night you will sleep in a hotel in Nagarkot situated amidst the beautiful natural scenario. You will be woken up early in the morning before breakfast to view the breathtaking sunrise. After that we will proceed to the hotel for breakfast and prepare for a short hike. During hiking you will view a panoramic natural scenario along with the Mount Everest and some other snow capped mountains. Our hike will be of an easy level and should be suitable for all. We will stay in the vicinity of the peak and will walk surrounded by the natural beauties and of course the frequent encounters with the local people will surely boost your energy for further hiking. After approximately 4 hours hiking, we will be back at the hotel and our group will proceed back to Kathmandu. Depending on your wishes we can arrange your accommodation for this night.



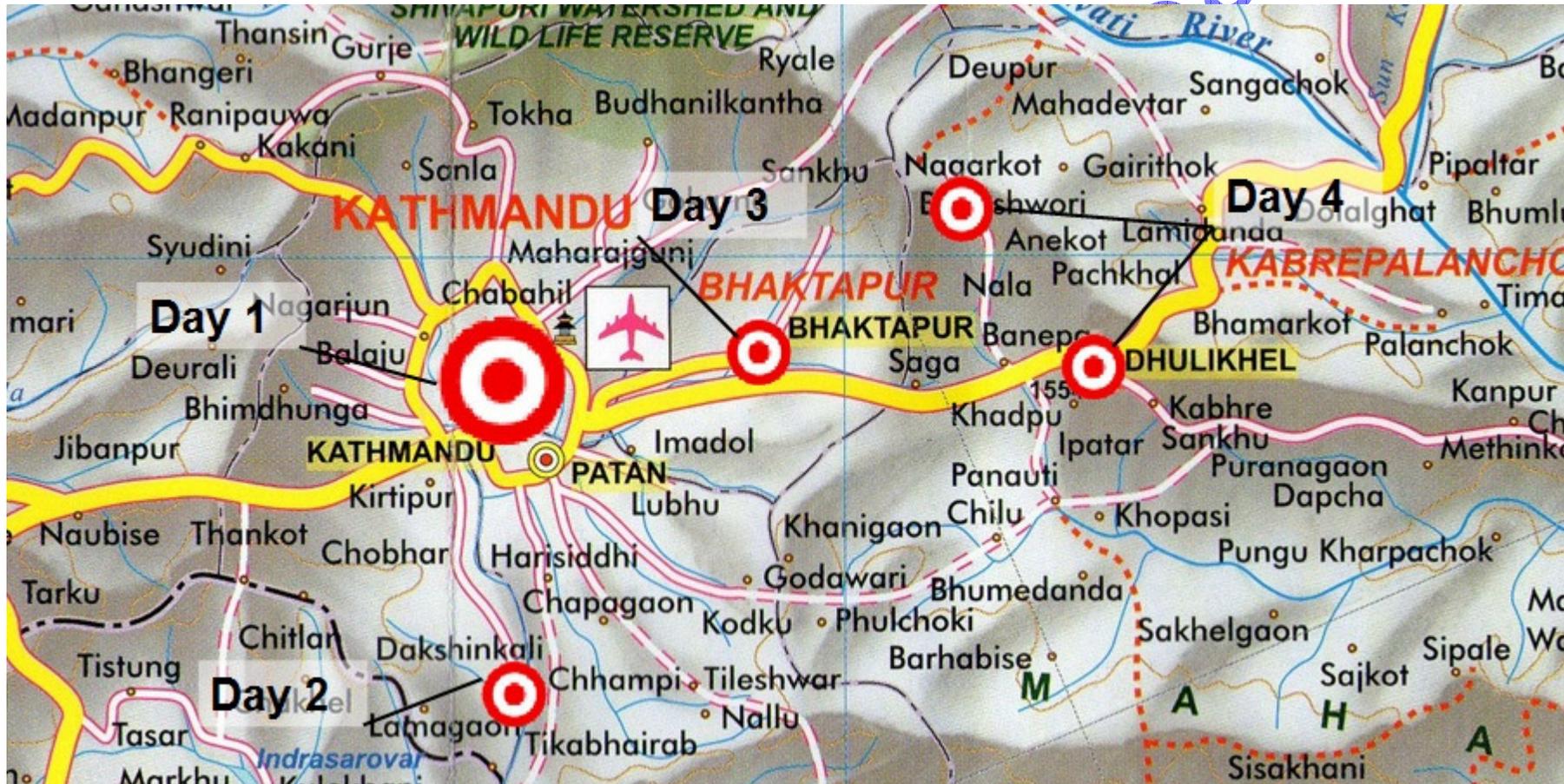


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