DESTINATION: CULTURAL & HERITAGE TOURS

Off-Route Kathmandu Valley Tour: Pharping to Nagarkot

3 Days

3 days Duration	**Kathmandu** Starts at	**Kathmandu** Ends at
about 2,100 to 2,200 m at Nagarkot Max altitude	**Easy, sightseeing with short walks** Difficulty	**1 to 15 people** Group size

OVERVIEW

The trip

This off-route Kathmandu Valley tour starts where most itineraries never go: the southern edge of the valley, at the Kali temple of Dakshinkali and the Newar town of Pharping with its Buddhist caves and monasteries. The same afternoon you come back to Patan and its royal square. Day two runs east through Bhaktapur to the hilltop temple of Changu Narayan and on up to Nagarkot at about 2,100 to 2,200 m for the night. The last morning is a Himalayan sunrise, then Boudhanath on the way back to your hotel. It suits repeat visitors, travellers with a real interest in Hindu and Buddhist practice, and anyone who wants the valley with fewer crowds.

HIGHLIGHTS

Trip highlights

The moments this trip is built around.

- Highlight: Pharping caves, Changu Narayan, sunrise
- Max altitude: about 2,100 to 2,200 m at Nagarkot
- Difficulty: Easy, sightseeing with short walks
- Good for: Second visits and culture lovers

ITINERARY

Day-by-day itinerary

Your day-by-day plan. Everything is customizable — add nights, swap activities, or change hotels.

1 Dakshinkali, Pharping and Patan

- Drive south to Dakshinkali, the temple of the goddess Kali just beyond Pharping
- Walk up through Pharping to the Asura Cave linked to Guru Padmasambhava and the Vajrayogini shrine
- See the monasteries and prayer flags that make Pharping a centre of Tibetan Buddhist retreat
- Return north to Patan Durbar Square for the Krishna Mandir and the Golden Temple

2 Bhaktapur, Changu Narayan and Drive to Nagarkot

- Start at Bhaktapur Durbar Square: the 55-Window Palace, the Golden Gate and Nyatapola
- Short drive to the hilltop temple of Changu Narayan, with its inscribed pillar from 464 AD
- Look closely at the stone and wood carvings of Vishnu around the temple courtyard
- Continue up to Nagarkot on the valley rim for sunset and an overnight stay

3 Nagarkot Sunrise, Boudhanath and Back to Your Hotel

- Early rise for sunrise over the Himalaya, weather allowing
- Breakfast with the view, then drive back down into the valley
- Stop at Boudhanath to walk the kora with pilgrims and visit a monastery
- Drop-off at your Kathmandu hotel

INCLUSIONS

What's included

Included

- Private vehicle with driver on all three days
- Licensed guide on all three days
- Two nights in 3-star hotels, with breakfast

Not included

- Entry fees at four heritage sites (optional extra)
- Lunches, dinners and drinks
- Travel insurance
- Tips and personal expenses

PACKAGE PRICING

Package pricing

Price per person for every group size we price. Bigger group? Ask us and we will price it.

GROUP SIZE	PRICE PER PERSON
1 person	$445 / person
2 people	$244 / person
3 people	$208 / person
4 people	$172 / person
5 people	$164 / person
6 people	$144 / person
7 people	$148 / person
8 people	$134 / person
9 people	$147 / person
10 people	$136 / person
11 people	$136 / person
12 people	$129 / person
13 people	$143 / person
14 people	$136 / person
15 people	$136 / person

Prices are per person, in US dollars. No card fee · no hidden costs. What each price includes and excludes is in the What's included section above.

LEGAL & POLICIES

Booking & cancellation

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PAYMENT SCHEDULE

1. **30% — at booking confirmation**
   This first payment confirms your dates and lets us secure permits, domestic flights, guides, porters and your teahouse or hotel nights. Bookings made 15 days or fewer before the start date are payable in full on confirmation.
2. **40% — 15 days before your trip starts**
   The second instalment is due 15 days before the trip starts. For a group of seven or more travellers it is due 30 days before instead.
3. **Balance — 2–3 days before departure**
   Anything still outstanding is settled 2–3 days before departure, or at your pre-trip meeting in Kathmandu.

REFUND TIMELINE (CANCELLATION)

30 days or more	FULL REFUND
15–29 days	25% FEE
8–14 days	50% FEE
7 days or less	NO REFUND

Introduction

At **Uncover Nepal** we believe a trip should be stress-free from the very first step. This policy outlines how bookings work, what happens if plans change, and what you can expect from us at every stage of your journey in Nepal.

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Non-refundable services

Some costs are committed to third parties the moment they are issued and cannot be recovered, regardless of cancellation timing:

- **Trekking permits** — ACAP/national-park entry and restricted-area permits are issued in your name.
- **Domestic flight tickets** — Kathmandu–Lukla, Pokhara and similar sectors, once ticketed.
- **Entrance tickets** to parks, monuments and heritage sites, once issued.
- **Chartered helicopters**, peak-climbing royalties and pre-paid activities.
- **Special hotel rates** booked on non-refundable terms at your request.
- Unused services, early descents, early departures and voluntary trip curtailments.

Permits & domestic flights

Permits

- Permits are issued by the relevant government authority and in your name; issuing them is not at our discretion.
- Permit and park fees are non-refundable once issued, including if you turn back on the trail.

Domestic flights

- Mountain sectors such as Lukla are weather-dependent. Delays and cancellations are common in cloud and are outside anyone's control.
- All cancellations and changes are subject to the airline's fare rules.
- Where a mountain flight is cancelled we will help you rebook or arrange an alternative, but Uncover Nepal is not liable for the delay itself or for onward connections you have booked separately.

How refunds are paid

- Cancellations must reach us in writing at contact@uncovernepal.com. The timeline above runs from the date we receive that email.
- We process your refund within 4 to 7 working days of our acknowledgement.
- Money is returned by the original payment method and in the original currency. Your bank may take a few more days to show it.
- When you cancel, bank and transaction fees on both the original payment and the refund are borne by the traveller. If we cannot run the dates we confirmed with you, we refund every cent you paid, fees included.

No-show & early departure

- Travellers who do not arrive for the trip are charged the full trip cost.
- Leaving a trip early, and any service you choose not to use, is charged in full and is not refunded.

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