

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from Altitude Himalaya!!

Thanks for reaching us. Please find below details of the **Nepal Honey Hunting Tour Package.** Let us know your further questions, changes, and decisions. We can customize the trip plan upon your preference, choice, and suggestion.

Trip Facts:

Travelers Info	Your Group Name (Minimum 2 Adults)
Trip Name	Nepal Honey Hunting Tour Package (7 Nights 8 Days)
Accommodations	Kathmandu: 3 Star Deluxe Hotel (4 Nights) Hunting Location: Homestay/Local lodges/Tent (3 Nights)
Rooms	Twin Sharing Normal Rooms
Trip Cost	USD 1500/ PER PERSON
Meal Plan	Kathmandu: Breakfast Included
	Hunting Location: AP (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Included)
Drive	Kathmandu to Hunting location
Permits	National Park Permit
Guide	An English-speaking experienced licensed guide.
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Your Trip Overview:



In today's world, where modern tools and techniques often take centre stage, Nepal's honey hunting tradition showcases the lasting significance of ancient practices. Our **Nepal Honey Hunting Tour Package** stands out for its exceptional way of letting the visitors experience the thrill of this traditional honey hunting practice in the remote region of Nepal combined with the exploration of the capital city, Kathmandu. In Kathmandu, as you visit the historical and cultural heritage sites, you can witness the beauty of ancient Nepalese architecture. And traversing towards the hunting site, you will engage with the indigenous communities, majorly Gurung, Rai, and Magar, for honey hunting.

This tour is designed to let the visitors have an in-depth cultural involvement and observe first hand the whole honey hunting process from preparation to harvesting, an experience that combines culture, bravery, and respect for nature. It is a perfect blend of urban exploration and rural adventure, where the 8 days of your tour are filled with cultural interactions, heritage sightseeing, historical exploration, and natural experiences.

Your Trip Highlights:

- A private and site sharing trip.
- Cultural and Heritage sightseeing of Kathmandu.
- Historical exploration of Bhaktapur and Patan Durbar Square.
- Cultural performance by the locals in the honey hunting village.
- Witness the thrilling honey hunting in person.
- Taste the freshly harvested cliff honey.
- Experience the local culture of the indigenous communities.

Your Trip Itinerary:

DAY 01: Kathmandu Arrival.

Your Arrival Time (?) Our office representative will meet and greet you at Kathmandu Airport and transfer you to your hotel.



At. 06:00 PM: In the evening, we will meet for a short briefing about your tour programme. If you are arriving late (after 4 p.m.), then we will have a briefing the next morning during breakfast. If any payment is due, then it will be collected during the briefing time.

Note: If you have an early flight to Kathmandu and have some free time this day, you can add some sightseeing as per your interest. *Meal: Not Included.*

DAY 02: Kathmandu Sightseeing.

At. 10:00 AM: Have your breakfast at the hotel and get ready for your sightseeing tour. Your vehicle for the whole day of sightseeing will arrive at the hotel. During your tour today, you will explore some of the <u>UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Kathmandu Valley</u>.

Firstly, you will start with <u>Pashupatinath Temple</u>, a sacred Hindu pilgrimage site. You will wander through the maze of the temple, surrounded by small shrines, each with its own religious significance. Then, stop by <u>Boudhanath</u>, one of the largest stupas in the world and the centre of Tibetan Buddhism, located just 2 km away from the Pashupatinath temple. As you witness the people circumambulating the stupa, you can feel its significance and serenity. There are various cosy cafes and restaurants around the area of Boudhanath that serve different continental cuisines. You can have your lunch there according to your timing. Later in the afternoon, you will visit the <u>Swayambhunath Stupa</u>, famously known as the **Monkey Temple**, a religious site with Hindu and Buddhist harmony. You must climb certain steps to reach the top of the hill, where the stupa is located. After that, your next exploration will be at <u>Kathmandu Durbar Square</u>, one of the three Durbar squares, where you will travel through the historical lane.

At 05:00 PM: Once you finish your sightseeing, you will be transferred to your hotel. Or you can also go to the nearest dining areas, such as **Thamel** or **Durbar Marg**, to enjoy a delicious dinner.

Optional Activity: You can also take part in the thrilling Everest Mountain Flight. It is a sightseeing adventure flight that departs at 06:30 AM from Kathmandu airport to Kathmandu airport, a 1 hour flight that takes you to the stunning aerial view of Mt. Everest (8848 m) and several other mountains such as Lhotse (8516 m), Kanchenjunga (8586 m), Shishapangma (8027 m), Nuptse (7881 m), Ganesh (7422 m), and Chamlang (7319 m).



Pashupatinath Temple is the largest and holiest shrine for Hindus, dedicated to Lord Shiva. This temple, situated on the bank of the Bagmati River, was built in the 5th century. It is represented by a four faced shiva-lingam housed in the main temple. There are around 492 temples, 15 Shivalayas (shrines of Lord Shiva), and 12 Jyotirlingas (phallic shrines) to explore. Although only Hindus are allowed to enter the temple, visitors can clearly see the temple and the activities performed on the temple premises from the eastern bank of the Bagmati river. A centre for Hindu pilgrimage, this temple hosts different major festivals, such as <u>Maha Shivaratri</u>, and pujas such as Rudra Abhishek and evening Aarti. Additionally, no entrance fee is charged for Indian nationals to enter the temple.

Boudhanath is one of the largest stupas in the world, attracting visitors for its religious and spiritual significance. Around the base of the stupa, you'll find 108 small niches housing statues of the Dhyani Buddha Amitabha, representing the different stages of enlightenment. It is a sacred place for both Tibetan Buddhists and locals.

Believed to be the oldest Buddhist shrine in Nepal, the history of the **Swayambhunath Stupa** dates back 2500 years. Also known as a **Monkey Temple**, it is a hilltop pilgrimage site surrounded by smaller temples, stupas, and monasteries. This site shows the perfect harmony of Hindu and Buddhist religions with the combination of Buddhist stupas and Hindu shrines.

Kathmandu Durbar Square, the ancient site that was once the royal palace of the Malla kings, showcases the city's rich cultural and architectural heritage. It is surrounded by palaces, temples, courtyards, and statues, with the centerpiece, Hanuman Dhoka, displaying Newari architecture and craftsmanship. Besides that, other heritage sites, such as Kumari Ghar (Living Goddess), Kasthamandap, Jagannath Temple, and Taleju Temple, make the square attractive. It is also the centre for different festivals celebrated throughout the year, such as Indra Jatra, Ghode Jatra, and Dashain.

Meal: Breakfast Included.

DAY 03: Drive to Honey Hunting Site.

At. 08:00 AM: Our team member will pick you up from the hotel for your drive to the honey hunting site. It will be a scenic drive through the countryside, and along the way, you'll get glimpses of rural life and local villages. Once you reach there, you will settle yourself in a local homestay. Enjoy your meal later in the evening and get some rest for the day.



Note: The location for honey hunting will depend on a number of things, including the hunting site's availability, which will be determined later. *Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Included.*

DAY 04: Site Observation and Village Exploration.

At. 08:00 AM: After having a delicious breakfast, today you will go for site observation and explore the village. Once you reach the village, you will be welcomed with tika and flower garlands. Then you will move from the village to the preparation area, where you will observe the preparations done by the hunters themselves, from gathering tools to assessing the location of the honeycombs. This is a great chance to learn about the age-old techniques used in this tradition, which has been passed down through generations. This day is all about familiarising yourself with the local environment and customs. This will let you gain a deeper understanding before the main event. You will also get to witness the cultural performance done by the locals in the village. After that, come back and have a relaxing evening while you make yourself ready for the big day ahead. *Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Included.*

DAY 05: Honey Hunting Day.

At. 07:30 AM: Today is the most exciting day, as you will witness the most anticipated event of the trip in person. Have your breakfast in the morning and make the necessary preparations. Don't forget to carry your protective gear with you.

At. 09:00 AM: Make your way towards the site along with the hunters. It involves a hike through forested areas to reach the cliffside location where the honeycombs are found. Once you reach the site, you'll witness the fascinating and daring honey hunting process unfold in front of you. Watch the whole process as the hunters dangle themselves in the rope ladder and the whole team successfully harvest the honey from the cliff. In between all these, you will also have your lunch right at the site. You'll have a lot of time to capture the photos and observe the traditional methods used to harvest the honey. But make sure to protect yourself from possible bee stings.

Note: The honey hunting site is often shared and you might find other groups on the same site as well. *At. O4:30 PM:* As the harvesting is completed, you will also get a chance to taste the fresh honey. After that, go back to your homestay, have dinner, and rest for the day.



Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Included.

DAY 06: Back to Kathmandu.

At. 08:00 AM: After having your last breakfast, you'll drive back from the hunting destination to Kathmandu. You will follow the same route back and yet again, you'll enjoy the scenic landscapes on your way. Once you reach Kathmandu, you'll be dropped off at your hotel. You can either rest at the hotel or explore the nearby markets if you're interested.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch Included.

DAY 07: Patan and Bhaktapur Sightseeing.

At. 09:00 AM: Today you will explore two of the three remaining Durbar Squares; <u>Bhaktapur Durbar</u> <u>Square</u> and <u>Patan Durbar Square</u>. Our vehicle will pick you up from the hotel for your sightseeing.

First, you will visit Bhaktapur Durbar Square, where you will witness the most impressive examples of Newari architecture in the artistic palace and monuments. Next, you will move towards Patan Durbar Square, where you will wander through the former residence of the Malla Kings.

Optional Activity: You can also participate in pottery activities in the pottery square of Bhaktapur. Here, local shops let you create your own pottery items and take them home at a cheap price. Involving yourself in this activity will be a unique experience for you.

At. 05:00 PM: After your sightseeing, our vehicle will escort you back to your hotel. You will have a free evening in Kathmandu. You can use your time for shopping and self exploring around **Thamel**, a major tourist hub where you can find diverse local shops, restaurants, and cafes. You can have your dinner in the area as per your interest.

Bhaktapur, also known as **Khwopa**, is approximately 13 km east of Kathmandu. The major highlights of **Bhaktapur Durbar Square** include **Nyatapola Temple**, **55-Window Palace**, **Golden Temple**, and **Dattatreya Temple**, demonstrating the artistic and architectural talent of the Malla era. The Pokharis, such as **Siddha Pokhari**, **Napukhu**, and **Kamalpokhari**, add charm to this site. Moreover, it is famous for its pottery and handicrafts, and the surrounding area of the durbar soiree is dotted with local shops selling traditional pottery, wood carvings, and handicrafts.

Patan Durbar Square, one of the three durbar squares in Kathmandu Valley, is 6 km southeast of Kathmandu. The square is an important example of Newari architecture, surrounded by prominent



temples, palaces, courtyards, and statues. The **Keshav Narayan Temple**, which was built in the 17th century and dedicated to the Hindu god Vishnu, is a masterpiece of pagoda architecture. The temple is known for its nine roofed pagodas and its richly decorated interior. Other notable key attractions on the square are the **Krishna Mandir, Bhimsen Temple**, and **Patan Museum**. Wandering through the narrow alleys lined with traditional Newari houses, bustling markets selling handicrafts and souvenirs, and local shops showcasing local artisans' work is an interesting sight to see. *Meal: Breakfast Included*.

DAY 08: Departure, Farewell!

As you enjoy your last breakfast at the hotel, the time to go back is already here. You can have some time of your own or add some additional activities until your flight time. Our company representative will escort you to the Kathmandu airport 3 hours before your flight. Have a safe journey back! It will be our pleasure to be part of your journey if you want to extend your stay in Nepal. *Meal: Breakfast Included.*

Our Service Includes:

- *1. Two way private transfer from Kathmandu to the hunting destination in a 4-wheeler Jeep.*
- 2. All meals as mentioned in the itinerary.
- 3. All (4 nights) hotel accommodations in Kathmandu based on double sharing deluxe rooms.
- *4.* (3 nights) Accommodation in the hunting location at local homestay/tent/local lodge.
- 5. The protective gear, such as beekeeping hats and gloves, are provided.
- 6. National Park Permit as per the requirement.
- 7. Honey Hunting Site royalty fee along with the required number of honey hunters.
- 8. Arrangement of cultural performance by locals at the village.
- 9. All involving staff or guide's salary, food, and accommodation.

Our Services Excludes:

- 1. International flight ticket.
- 2. Lunch and Dinner are not included in Kathmandu.



- 3. Nature of personal expenses.
- 4. Sightseeing entrance fees. (Approx. USD 60 per person)
- 5. Any kind of shooting and drone permits. (Asked by the government; can be arranged upon request.)
- 6. Any kind of insurance.
- 7. Tips (Optional but recommended).
- 8. Services that aren't mentioned above.

TRIP GUIDE

The information about the **Nepal Honey Hunting Tour Package** is in-depth; feel free to contact us 24/7. We will be available on WhatsApp to assist you instantly. You can write an email if this trip doesn't fit your vacation schedule and requirements. Altitude Himalaya aims to offer the best possible travel experience to customers. Depending on the needs of the visitors and the group size, we customize each vacation package. We will put together a bespoke itinerary just for your private group.

Travel insurance: <u>Travel insurance</u> is important before traveling to a new place, especially if you're going on an adventurous trip. Travel insurance covers risks such as loss of personal belongings and any unexpected expenses. Travel insurance also covers sudden medical emergencies, such as accidents. It also covers high-altitude emergency evacuation in case of trekking. Travel insurance is not compulsory but highly recommended.

Medical emergency: If you face any serious medical emergency during your tour, you will immediately be evacuated by helicopter, which the traveler's insurance company will cover. While traveling to the remote regions of Nepal, you may face minor health issues such as scratches, headaches, etc. For such a situation, your guide carries a well-equipped first aid kit, ensuring nothing happens to you.

Do's and Don't:

• Select the ideal time to travel.



- Select a reputed travel organization.
- Training and getting ready for any kind of situation are necessary.
- Efficient packing is the key.
- Carry all the necessary paperwork.
- Maintaining body hydration is important while traveling.
- Having the proper personal gear makes your journey more enjoyable.
- Respect the culture and people of the area.
- Ask for permission before taking photos and videos of the locals.
- Travel for experience and not for the sake of traveling.
- Don't litter, put trash in its place.

Why with Altitude Himalaya

<u>Altitude Himalaya</u> is one of Nepal's growing travel companies, providing excellent service to its clients. We believe in providing quality experiences and memories. We are concerned about maintaining and following our own standard service that includes a private transfer, at least a 3-star hotel accommodation in urban areas, the best available lodges/tea houses at the trekking trails and dedicated personalized assistance. Additionally, we also operate our trips in <u>Bhutan</u> and <u>Tibet</u>.

<u>You Must Read!</u>

When is this trip possible?

Honey hunting in Nepal is a seasonal activity usually done in Spring (End of April- End of May) and Autumn (End of October- End of November). These months align with the local honey-harvesting period and provide ideal weather conditions for the experience. Actual trip dates are finalized closer to each season.

Trip Booking Process

You can book this tour by reaching out to us via our website, email, or WhatsApp. We require an advance payment of **USD 500 Per Person** to proceed with your booking. After receiving your



advance payment, we will start all required arrangements for your trip. Booking advance can be paid in various ways. Once you transfer the amount, we will send you the hotel booking vouchers, required flight tickets, and invoice. The clients will be responsible for the unavailability of hotels and flights due to late confirmation and advance booking payment.

Please keep in mind that the honey hunting trip is seasonal and done only twice a year. To secure your spot, please check our trip schedule and plan accordingly.

Payment Information

Please <u>click here</u> to know more about our various payment gateways. Besides that, we have our partner account in India, where you can also transfer the amount personally.

Booking Terms and Conditions

Please read our <u>booking terms and conditions</u> before confirming the tour package. We are committed to our offers and given rates. The availability of hotels is subject to the time of confirmation.

Weather Conditions in Nepal

The second week of February to June (Post Winter to Late Spring) and October to December (Autumn to Early Winter) are the best times to visit Nepal. The weather condition will be good (occasionally raining in the evening) until the 2nd week of June; the monsoon starts after that.

Use of Vehicle

The vehicle will strictly follow the above itinerary; you can't ask/force the driver to take or visit any places that aren't mentioned and additional surcharges apply on such uses or you can consult with us; in such conditions, if possible, we may consider.