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Nagarkot Sunrise Tour - 1 Day

NAGARKOT SUNRISE TOUR FROM KATHMANDU

The **Nagarkot Sunrise Day Tour** is the most sought-after excursion from Kathmandu, situated on the eastern ridge approximately 40 km from the city center. Nagarkot, meaning '**diamond hill**,' is aptly named for its location and the experiences it offers. On clear days, visitors can enjoy breathtaking views of the soaring mountains, including the Annapurna, Everest, Manaslu, Ganesh Himal, Langtang, Jugal, Gauri Shanker, Rolwaling, and Mahalangur ranges. The sunrise and sunset create magical moments as the first and last rays of sunlight illuminate the mountains, providing perfect opportunities for photography and filling hearts with joy.

The natural and cultural richness surrounding Nagarkot leaves a lasting impression, with tranquility, soothing sounds, forests, birds, and an atmosphere that exudes warmth and coolness. Nagarkot's hilltop, standing at 2,175 meters above sea level, serves as an exceptional vantage point for views of the extensive Himalayan ranges, lush green valleys, and panoramic vistas of Kathmandu. It caters to all types of visitors, from infants to seniors, making it an ideal destination for those with limited time who wish to witness eight of the thirteen Himalayan ranges in Nepal without Trekking. Accessing Nagarkot from Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, or Patan takes about 1-2 hours by car. The Nagarkot Sunrise Tour can be enjoyed on clear mornings throughout the year. Book this stunning tour to experience the magnificent mountain views and the gifts of Mother Nature in Kathmandu.

Nepal boasts an abundance of natural beauty and cultural diversity, ensuring that each destination will impress you with its uniqueness. If you have three days in Kathmandu and are interested in a short trek, consider the **Chisapani Nagarkot trek**, which is ideal for stunning mountain views, jungle walks, and experiences in local villages. For those looking for a day hike, the **Shivapuri Hike** offers a wonderful nature walk, calming sounds, mountain vistas, and a tranquil day trip. These are the top excursions around Kathmandu for short-term visitors. If you are planning a longer holiday,

please reach out to us; we guarantee that your trip will be an exceptional experience with us.

NAGARKOT SUNRISE TOUR COST FOR 2026-2027

The Nagarkot Sunrise tour begins at USD 70 and can go up to USD 80 per person with Sherpa Nomad Trek Pvt. Ltd. for the premium package, depending on the size of the group. The price of the Nagarkot Tour may vary based on group size, duration, service level, package standard, and other key factors that influence the overall cost. Our Nagarkot Tour Package includes top-notch service, provided by a professional guide, private transportation, and a warm breakfast, with a strong emphasis on safety and security. Our team is dedicated to delivering the best service for your Nagarkot tour, ensuring a memorable and hassle-free experience. If you wish to hike for a couple of hours, we can offer this service at no additional charge. The hiking experience allows for a deep immersion into local life and culture, as well as the natural surroundings. Below is the cost breakdown based on group size:

- If you are traveling solo, the cost of the Nagarkot tour is USD 80.
- For groups of 2-6, the cost is USD 75 per person.
- For groups of 7-10, the cost is USD 70 per person.
- For larger groups of more than 10 people, the cost will be USD 60 per person.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF NAGARKOT TOUR

- Experience the breathtaking sunrise views over the Himalayan ranges in Nepal.
- Discover the 8th of the 13 Himalayan ranges located in Nepal.
- Immerse yourself in the natural beauty and cultural richness of the region.
- Marvel at the stunning mountain vistas during sunrise.
- Observe the majestic peaks, including Annapurna, Manaslu, Ganesh Himal, Langtang, Jugal, Gauri Shankar, Rolwaling, and Everest.

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- Enjoy the best views of the Kathmandu Valley and its lush green landscapes.
- Witness various bird species and relish the tranquility of the cool mountain air.
- Explore the area without the need for extensive walking.
- Nagarkot offers a tranquil and peaceful stay for visitors.
- Hiking and trekking opportunities are available, showcasing the rich culture and scenery of the region.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Rise early and prepare yourself 1.5 hours prior to sunrise.
- Pack a small bag containing a camera, water, snacks, and warm clothing; if hiking, ensure you have suitable footwear.
- Always seek permission before photographing local individuals.
- Dispose of your waste responsibly and bring it back to Kathmandu.
- Show respect for local customs, lifestyles, and the environment; nudity and societal influence are strictly forbidden.
- Once the trip begins, no refunds will be issued.
- You can still book the Nagarkot sunrise tour up to one day before departure.

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DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Nagarkot Day Tour: Mountain & Sunrise Views

Today, you will be traveling to Nagarkot from your hotel or accommodation. Our team will notify you of the trip's starting time one day in advance. The departure will be scheduled for one and a half hours before sunrise. You will meet your guide and board a car to begin your journey to Nagarkot, passing through Bhaktapur, the medieval city. The drive will take approximately one and a half hours. Upon reaching the summit of Nagarkot, you will be able to witness breathtaking views of the landscape, forests, and the cool breeze, along with the stunning sight of the Himalayan range illuminated by the first light of dawn. The views are truly mesmerizing, offering incredible sights of the mountains, valleys, forests, and rural villages of Nepal. After enjoying the magnificent sunrise, we will head to a hotel for a warm breakfast. Enjoy your meal while taking in the expansive views of nature and savor the moment. After breakfast, if you wish to hike for two hours, prepare to immerse yourself in the local villages, meet the people, observe their lifestyles, and explore agricultural farms, mountain vistas, and lush green valleys. After the hike, you will take a scenic ride back to Kathmandu. If hiking is not an option for you, you can ride back to Kathmandu to conclude your unique experience with this short Nagarkot Sunrise tour. The trip will end in Kathmandu, where it all began.

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PRICE INCLUDES

- Pick up from your Hotel by private vehicle
- Early morning 1:30-hour drive to Nagarkot
- Warm Breakfast with the wonderful mountain views
- A professional Guide
- Driver, fuel, and salary of the Guide and Driver
- Staff insurance
- Back to the hotel by Car/ Jeep
- Gov. tax and other fees

PRICE EXCLUDES

- Nepal Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Accommodation
- Meals and Drinks
- Everest flight tour: 240$ p/p
- Chitwan safari Tour: 180$ p/p for 2 nights/3 Days
- UNESCO World Heritage Tour: 90$ p/p

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EQUIPMENT & GEAR

Clothing

- Warm jacket or fleece
- Thermal base layer (winter)
- Comfortable T-shirt or long-sleeve shirt
- Comfortable hiking pants or trousers
- Windproof jacket (recommended)
- Rain jacket or poncho (monsoon season)
- Warm hat or beanie (winter)
- Sun hat or cap (summer)
- Light gloves (winter)
- Warm socks

Footwear

- Comfortable hiking shoes or walking shoes
- An extra pair of socks

Daypack & Essentials

- Small daypack (15–20L)
- Reusable water bottle (1–1.5 liters)
- Energy bars or light snacks
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen (SPF 30+)

- Lip balm
- Camera or smartphone
- Hand sanitizer
- Wet wipes or tissues
- Trekking Poles (if you like to hike)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Why You Should Visit Nagarkot

The Nagarkot Tour from Kathmandu is among the most popular attractions in the Kathmandu Valley, located at an elevation of 2175 meters on the eastern hill. It is renowned for its breathtaking mountain vistas, natural beauty, and charming local villages. The serene environment makes it an ideal destination to escape the hustle and bustle of Kathmandu. Nagarkot offers easy yet exhilarating activities, famous for its spectacular sunrises and sunsets, trekking, hiking, and paragliding, as per your desire. It is particularly well-known for views of Mt. Everest, as well as the Annapurna, Manaslu, Ganesh Himal, Langtang, Gauri Shankar, and more. During your time here, you will never feel bored, and a visit to Nagarkot is a must while in Kathmandu. This tour is suitable for all ages and fitness levels, including children and senior visitors. Nagarkot Tour Packages include hiking to Telkot and Changunarayan, but if you prefer, you can also opt for a car ride to and from the location. It is the most accessible tour, perfect for everyone. Please note that in case of bad weather, the views may not be optimal, but if you are patient, you might still catch stunning glimpses of the rolling green hills, snow-capped peaks, and panoramic views of Kathmandu.

Nagarkot Tour Package from Kathmandu

- **Nagarkot Sunrise Tour**: The Nagarkot sunrise tour is a brief yet meaningful excursion. Reach the summit of Nagarkot Hill (2175m) before sunrise to behold the stunning sunrise and mountain

scenery. Usually, the tour departs from Kathmandu 1.5 hours before dawn, allowing you to enjoy the calmness of the city. You will have the chance to see the stairs as daylight breaks over the mountains, illuminating the peaks and gradually cascading down. This moment provides one of the most unforgettable experiences. Delight in the magnificent sunrise views over the Himalayas, capture the memories, and return to Kathmandu by car. This short and easy Nagarkot tour package is perfect for everyone, from children to senior visitors. The tour lasts about 4-5 hours, beginning and ending in Kathmandu.

- **Nagarkot Day Tour from Kathmandu**: The Nagarkot tour from Kathmandu provides an opportunity to experience the stunning landscapes of Nagarkot, including its lush valleys, picturesque villages, and breathtaking mountain views, along with diverse flora and fauna. This tour typically lasts around 6-7 hours, beginning and ending in Kathmandu, and you can choose to go either for sunrise or afterward, depending on your preference. If you are interested in exploring the peaceful trails, villages, and forests, you can opt for a short hike amidst the beautiful greenery. Nagarkot is ideal for those seeking natural and cultural experiences, featuring ancient villages, pristine forests, monasteries, cultivated farms, and magnificent mountain views. It is perfect for anyone looking to enjoy an excursion in Kathmandu.
- **Nagarkot and Changunarayan Hike:** The Nagarkot and Changunarayan hike offers an exceptional blend of a sunrise experience and a hiking adventure. Initially, we will transport you to the summit of Nagarkot Hill, where you can witness a breathtaking sunrise over the world's highest mountain range, allowing you to fully immerse yourself in the moment and capture lasting memories. Following this, we will proceed to Nagarkot village for breakfast, preparing you for an 8 km hike to Changunarayan through local Tamang villages, monasteries, stunning mountain vistas, views of Kathmandu, lush greenery, cattle, and a jungle trek. Changunarayan, situated atop a hill in Kathmandu, is renowned for its Newari culture and ancient art and architecture. It is home to the oldest temple, which is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site. This trip lasts 7-8 hours, beginning and concluding in Kathmandu, and is guided by a local expert. After exploring Changunarayan, we will drive you back to Kathmandu.

- **Nagarkot and Dhulikhel Hike:** Hiking in Nagarkot and Dhulikhel offers an exhilarating day trek in Kathmandu. Experience the breathtaking sunrise over the stunning Himalayan range. Following the sunrise tour in Nagarkot, prepare for the essential Dhulikhel hike. The trek begins at the Mystic Mountain Hotel and continues along the road, allowing you to immerse yourself in nature, local villages, landscapes, and picturesque views. Stroll along the tranquil path and savor refreshing moments amidst the villages and terraced fields. After the road, the trail descends through a forest of pine, oak, and rhododendron. After a brief hike, you will arrive at the village of Muster Field. The entire hike lasts 6-7 hours, covering 18 km, and starts and ends in Kathmandu, making it ideal for those seeking a short trek while exploring the village and enjoying mountain views. If you are interested in this hike and wish to connect with local experts, join Sherpa Nomad Trek to make your day hike truly memorable.
- **Nagarkot Paragliding Tour:** Nagarkot Paragliding offers one of the most exhilarating adventures you can experience in Nagarkot. It provides a unique, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to soar above the ground and take in breathtaking views of the Himalayan mountains, including Everest, as well as the Kathmandu Valley from an aerial perspective. The paragliding experience in Nagarkot starts with a briefing on the basics of paragliding, which includes safety measures and regulations for the glider. Once you feel ready for takeoff, you will be securely attached to the glider with an experienced pilot, allowing you to relax and enjoy the journey. The adrenaline rush is inevitable as you ascend into the sky, with the wind rushing against your face, filling you with the excitement that comes from flying at high altitudes. The sensations you experience during the 15- to 30-minute flight are difficult to put into words. You can also partake in a sunrise tour, and after breakfast, head out for paragliding, which operates between 8 AM and 12 PM. The cost for paragliding ranges from $100 to $110, with an additional transportation fee of $60.
- **Chisapani Nagarkot Tour:** The Chisapani Nagarkot trek offers a comprehensive experience that encompasses nature walks, village excursions, jungle hikes, breathtaking mountain views, and exploration of the outskirts of Kathmandu and its natural surroundings. The journey begins with a short drive from Kathmandu to Sundarijal, where you can admire the beautiful waterfall

before entering Shivapuri National Park. From there, you will trek onward to Chisapani via Mul Kharka, immersing yourself in village life, enjoying views of Kathmandu, and walking through tranquil jungles filled with birds. The trail features stone-paved steps that ascend through the village jungle, providing an easy path to the summit. The descent to Chisapani is also along stone steps, offering stunning views of the Annapurna, Manaslu, Langtang, Ganesh Himal, and other majestic peaks. After reaching Chisapani, the trek continues along an easy path, allowing you to experience more jungle, villages, mountains, and the serene Dhap Damp Lake and springs. As you pass through the villages of Jarsing Pauwa, Chauki Bhanjyang, and Kartike, you will eventually arrive at Nagarkot. Each step of this journey presents a unique experience. Be sure to enjoy the spectacular sunrise and sunset views from Nagarkot before returning to Kathmandu by trek and drive.

Nagarkot Hilltop and Mountain Views

Nagarkot serves as the epicenter for tourists and is a leading destination for day tours in Kathmandu. It offers an exceptional opportunity to experience the natural beauty, lush green hills, local villages, and refreshing mountain air, along with breathtaking views of the Himalayan range stretching from Annapurna to Mt. Everest. This location is renowned for providing stunning sunrise views and showcases the magnificent 8th Himalayan range out of the 13 located in Nepal. Discover Nagarkot from Kathmandu and immerse yourself in the expansive vistas of the Himalayas from the hilltop of Nagarkot. On a clear day, you can observe Annapurna, Manaslu, Ganesh Himal, Langtang, Jugal, Gaurishankar, Rolwaling, and the Mahalangur/Everest range.

Nagarkot tour with local experts

Experience the Nagarkot sunrise tour from Kathmandu with a local expert, reaching the summit of Nagarkot Hill (2175m) to witness the stunning sunrise and panoramic mountain views amidst breathtaking surroundings. Sherpa Nomad Trek Pvt. Ltd. is a seasoned team specializing in various tours around Nagarkot and Kathmandu, ensuring you receive the best service at reasonable prices along with expert support. We have successfully conducted numerous tours, and our clients have

provided excellent feedback, which you can find on TripAdvisor and Google Maps. If you are interested in the Nagarkot Sunrise tour, paragliding in Nagarkot, the Nagarkot Dhulikhel hike, the Nagarkot Chagunarayan hike, or the Chisapani Nagarkot Trek, consider Sherpa Nomad Trek Pvt. Ltd. We offer competitive pricing, expert assistance, flexibility, impeccable hospitality, and authenticity. Now is the perfect time to travel with a local expert to Nagarkot.

Nagarkot Sunrise Tour: Pick-Up and Transfer

The Nagarkot Sunrise Tour schedule changes with the seasons. In spring, the sunrise happens quite early, requiring a departure from Kathmandu around 4:00 AM. Conversely, during winter, the longer nights and shorter days permit a start time of about 5:00 to 6:00 AM. Typically, it takes around one and a half hours to drive to Nagarkot, so we adjust the departure time accordingly. Once your booking is confirmed, our team will inform you of the precise time to be prepared for your Nagarkot trip. Our package features luxury transportation to ensure your journey is as comfortable as possible. Reserve your Nagarkot tour with Sherpa Nomad Trek Pvt. Ltd. and enjoy our special offers while maintaining high service standards.

Nagarkot Sunrise Tour and Guide

The Nagarkot sunrise tour package offers private transport, an experienced guide, and the possibility of hiking if you wish. Your guide will lead you to the main attractions for spectacular sunrise vistas and impressive scenery. This package encompasses the guide's and driver's wages, along with fuel expenses.

Nagarkot Sunrise Tour Difficulty

The Nagarkot Sunrise Tour begins early in the morning from Kathmandu and ascends to the summit of Nagarkot Hill, which stands at an elevation of 2175 meters, a rise of 700 to 800 meters. This 32-kilometer journey can be completed by car or jeep, eliminating the need for walking. As a result, it is an ideal option for those who wish to experience the sunrise over the Himalayas without the demands of strenuous trekking. Thanks to the convenient road access, reaching this destination is

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quite simple. There is no risk of Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS), making the Nagarkot Sunrise Tour an easy excursion. The hiking involved is moderate and scenic, with very low risk factors.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is Nagarkot?

Nagarkot is a hilltop located in the eastern part of the Kathmandu Valley, historically serving as a fort to safeguard Kathmandu. It offers stunning views of the mountains and breathtaking sunrises, making it a popular destination for day tours, hiking, paragliding, and trekking. Situated 32 kilometers from the center of Kathmandu, this accessible hill can be reached within a 1.5-hour drive from the city.

2. How to reach Nagarkot from Kathmandu?

Nagarkot is situated just 32 kilometers from Kathmandu and is accessible by road. The journey takes approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes, passing through Bhaktapur city and along the mountain road. A one-way car ride costs USD 40, while a round trip costs USD 50. If you're looking for a budget-friendly option, public buses are also available, costing around $2 to $5.

3. Can I see Mt. Everest from Nagarkot?

Indeed, Nagarkot provides the most economical option to observe Mt. Everest from a considerable distance. This hill station is well-known for its breathtaking mountain vistas, lush green forests, and spectacular sunrises.

4. Is there Hotel Available in Nagarkot?

Indeed, Nagarkot offers a range of accommodations from budget-friendly to luxury hotels. It is an ideal destination for an overnight stay, featuring tranquil areas, stunning mountain views, and a

fantastic location.

5. What is the best time to go Nagarkot?

The ideal times to visit Nagarkot are from October to November and March to April. During these periods, the weather is enjoyable, the skies are mostly clear, and the mountain vistas are breathtaking. The October to November timeframe is particularly favored due to the fresh air following the monsoon, which provides stunning views of the Himalayas, including Mount Everest on clear days. March to April offers warmer weather and the sight of beautiful blooming flowers. For the best sunrise and sunset experiences, it is highly advisable to stay overnight. It is best to avoid the monsoon season from June to September, as clouds and rain can hinder mountain visibility. Although winter from December to February is colder, it can still present clear skies.

6. Can I hike in Nagarkot?

Indeed, hiking in Nagarkot is a fantastic option. It ranks among the top locations near Kathmandu for short, picturesque hikes. Notable trails include the Nagarkot to Changunarayan hike, which typically lasts about 4–5 hours, as well as shorter treks through Nagarkot’s forests, villages, and scenic viewpoints. Throughout your journey, you will be treated to stunning views of the Himalayas, lush green hills, terraced fields, and charming local villages. The paths are generally beginner-friendly, though some areas may be steep or uneven. If you're interested in hiking in Dhulikhel, that is also a viable option. The best times to hike are during October–November and March–April, as the weather tends to be pleasant and visibility is improved. It is advisable to start your hike early in the morning to enjoy cooler temperatures and clearer views of the mountains.

7. Can I hire a Guide for Nagarkot Hike?

Indeed, hiring a guide for a hike in Nagarkot is an option. A local guide can enhance your experience by making it safer, simpler, and more enjoyable, particularly if you are not familiar with the trails. They can assist you in navigating the routes, provide insights into local culture, point out landmarks, and lead you to beautiful viewpoints that you might otherwise overlook. For well-traveled paths like the Nagarkot–Changunarayan hike, enlisting a guide is especially beneficial if you wish to learn about the villages and temples along the route. Sherpa Nomad Trek offers guiding services and other arrangements for Nagarkot. It is advisable to verify the guide's experience, pricing, and itinerary prior to commencing your hike. Please feel free to contact us.

8. Can I do cycling tour in Nagarkot?

Absolutely, a cycling tour in Nagarkot is a fantastic experience. The region boasts picturesque roads, tranquil villages, terraced fields, lush forests, and stunning views of the Himalayas, making it an excellent choice for cycling enthusiasts. You can ride from Kathmandu to Nagarkot or venture along nearby routes like Changunarayan and Telkot. The terrain features both smooth paved paths and challenging uphill climbs, so having a moderate level of fitness is beneficial. The best times to visit are October to November and March to April, as the weather is typically pleasant and visibility is excellent. Bicycles can be rented in Kathmandu, or you can reach out to us at Sherpa Nomad Trek Pvt. Ltd. for a guided cycling tour led by a local expert to ensure a memorable experience. Remember to bring water, snacks, basic repair tools, and safety equipment.

9. How difficult is the Nagarkot Hike?

The Nagarkot hike is typically regarded as easy to moderate, making it accessible for beginners and those with a reasonable level of fitness. The level of difficulty varies based on the route selected. Shorter hikes in the Nagarkot area are quite manageable, whereas the well-known Nagarkot–Changunarayan hike presents more challenges due to its steep inclines, uneven paths,

and staircases. Most trails require approximately 3–5 hours to complete, depending on your walking speed and breaks. Be prepared for some uphill and downhill sections. It is advisable to wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring water, snacks, and sun protection. The ideal times to hike are in October–November and March–April, when the weather is pleasant and the trails are generally easier to navigate.

10. Where Can I book the Nagarkot Tour?

To arrange Nagarkot tour, trekking, hiking, or paragliding bookings, please reach out to Shepra Nomad Trek Pvt. Ltd, a premier trekking and adventure company. Connect with us, and if you are interested in our packages and pricing, we would be delighted to assist you with your trip.

11. Can I do hike from Nagarkot to Dhulikhel?

Indeed, it is possible to hike from Nagarkot to Dhulikhel following the sunrise tour. This trek spans 18 kilometers and typically requires 6 to 7 hours of enjoyable walking. Along the way, hikers can experience breathtaking mountain views, local villages, terraced fields, and a beautiful nature walk.

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