

**SINGING
WITH
ELEPHANTS**



PATAN KATHMANDU

Singing opportunities built into each event.

DAY 1: Patan - Kathmandu

Arrive The Inn, Patan by 2pm.

After check-in meet in the quadrangle.

Welcome address, short rehearsal gentle stroll to Durbar Square Walk

Full briefing on our journey and introduction to the team.

Talk on 'Massacres, Overthrow & Earthquakes'.

Dinner at The Inn

Overnight: Patan

Meals: Dinner.

DAY 2: Patan - Kathmandu

Breakfast at The Inn

Morning rehearsal in Courtyard - meet the Nepalese musicians.

Depart for Bhaktapur is one of the most charming architectural Newari showpieces of the Valley, highlighting some of the finest medieval arts of Nepal.

Lunch at The Nanee, Bhaktapur

Visit an amazing private Museum and Tunka Art Gallery.

Dinner at Yala Garden Restaurant, Patan.

Overnight:Patan

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 3: Patan - Kathmandu

Breakfast at The Inn

Morning rehearsal in Courtyard .

Visit Dr Rashmi's NGO school for disadvantaged children from hill communities. A joyful day sharing music and laughter with these beautiful children.

Packed lunch at school.

Visit Bungmati, a traditional Newari village which house some of Nepal's finest wood and stone carvers.

Dinner at The Inn.

Overnight:Patan

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 4: Patan - Kathmandu

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning rehearsal in Courtyard.

Visit to the historic squares of Kathmandu and Patan, with our first pop-up gigs.

Fully guided tour of the Kathmandu Durbar Square, a cluster of ancient temples, palaces, courtyards and streets and on of eight UNESCO Cultural World Heritage Sites.

Dinner at the Fire & Ice Pizzeria.

Overnight: Patan

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

DAY 5: Patan - Kathmandu

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning rehearsal in Courtyard.

All meals at hotel and afternoon free to wander the gorgeous markets and back alleys of Patan.

Relaxed evening soiree in the courtyard to invited local musicians and friends.

Overnight: Patan.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

DAY 6: Depart Kathmandu for Sarangkot Mountain Lodge, Pukhara..

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Domestic Airport for flight to Pokhara [30 minute flight].

Check into the beautiful Sarangkot Mountain Lodge and your first views of the Annapurna Range stretching in the horizon.

Evening sing as the sun sets.

Dinner at the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

SARANGKOT PUKHARA

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Day 7: Sarangkot [Pukhara]

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning sing.

Depart for a day of sightseeing in Pokhara that includes two fascinating museums that give an insight into Nepalese culture and history: The intriguing Gurkha Museum and the International Mountaineering Museum.

Lunch at the Chilly Bar & Restaurant.

Return to Sarangkot and a relaxed evening conversation with local people.

Overnight: Sarangkot.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

DAY 8: Sarangkot [Pukhara]

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning rehearsal followed by a day to enjoy just being in this wonderful place. Options for gentle walks, massage etc.

All meals at the lodge.

Evening recital to invited guests and staff.

Overnight: Sarangkot.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

DAY 9: Depart Sarangkot for Sapana Village Lodge {Chitwan} via connecting flights.

Transfer to Domestic Airport for flight to Bharatpur [30 minute flight].

Settle into the Sapana Village Lodge and after lunch begin our familiarisation with the rescue elephants and their minders who live on the estate.

Dinner at the Lodge and then a chat by Durbar Giri, the visionary owner of the Sapana Village Lodge.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

SAPANA CHITWAN

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DAY 10: Sapana Village Lodge - Chitwan

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning sing as the elephants graze in front of us.

Depart for wildlife safari in the Royal Chitwan National Park, eyes peeled for one-horned rhinos, birds, deer, wild boar, monkeys, sloth bears and if we are extremely blessed, a Royal Bengal Tiger.

Lunch in the jungle and an atmospheric recital to the birds.

Dinner back at the Lodge.

Enjoy a relaxed evening conversation with the staff at the Lodge who come from the local village. They will speak about their lives, their aspirations and their culture.

Dinner at the Lodge.

Overnight: Sapana Village Lodge.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

DAY 11: Sapana Village Lodge - Chitwan

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning rehearsal.

Sapana Village Lodge is integrated into the local village. Our day is spent singing with local women who make handicrafts, men who manufacture smokeless stoves, visiting the local school sponsored by the Lodge and perhaps a visit to a tribal group, the Musahar. The Sapana Lodge have built a small village after floods destroyed their previous homes.

Dinner at the Lodge.

Conversation with Durbar Giri on the philosophy behind the outreach program.

Depart for Sufi Temple with priest Umesh Kabir.

Overnight: Sapana Village Lodge.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 12: Sapana Village Lodge - Chitwan

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning rehearsal.

A beautiful day visiting the Chitwan community, a tribal group who live in the mountains. We will be part of an incipient travel programs that seeks to create an income stream for these people who live isolated lives.

Return to the hotel and a feast with the staff of the hotel and members of the Tharu community who live nearby. We will share our music as they share theirs. Bring your dancing shoes!

Overnight: Sapana Village Lodge.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner.

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DAY 13: Depart Sapanara for Kathmandu. Singing with the elephants

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Domestic Airport for flight to Kathmandu [30 minute flight].

Before breakfast, we will move to the elephant grounds. Our time spent acclimatising to the elephants, and them to us, will result in a relaxed atmosphere for a final recital with these wonderful animals. To a large extent this is the moment we have been rehearsing towards. Maestro Anub and the musicians will lead you in a Song for the Elephants, followed by some feeding and patting.

Depart of the airport.

Lunch at The Inn

Free time in Patan.

Overnight: Patan

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 14: Patan [Kathmandu]

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning Rehearsal.

Free time for shopping in the local markets of Patan.

Lunch at The Inn.

Rehearsal and Dress rehearsal for an evening recital for invited guests.

Dinner at The Inn.

Performance to invited audience.

After party and Final Night Celebration.

Overnight: Patan

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 15: Patan

Breakfast.

Check out from the hotel and transfer to the airport to board your flight for onward destination.

Meals: Breakfast

End of Tour and Services