



POKHARA LODGE

INTRODUCTION

Tiger Mountain Pokhara Lodge sets the standard for comfortable and relaxed hotel accommodation in Pokhara. This boutique lodge is just half an hour's drive from Pokhara in western Nepal. Situated on a spectacular hilltop ridge a thousand feet (305m) above the Pokhara Valley, it has panoramic mountain views of Machhapuchhare, and three of the world's 8,000m (over 26,000ft) Himalayan peaks, Dhaulagiri, Annapurna and Manaslu. The Lodge sets a new style of elegance for Nepal's second tourism destination with its relaxed atmosphere, tranquil setting, and responsible conservation tourism ethos. It has won several prestigious awards including the PATA Heritage and Culture Gold Award and the Conde Nast Traveler magazine Ecotourism Award. With just nineteen rooms, the lodge provides simple comfort and attention to personal service. The Lodge is an excellent base for diverse activities including walks and day hikes, paragliding, golf, tennis, spa therapy, bird watching, fishing, sightseeing in Pokhara, and good home-style food in the hotel's award-winning dining room.

The comfortable rooms are arranged around the hilltop in hand-cut stone cottages, blending into their surroundings for total privacy. Sited to maximise the breathtaking views and set in natural gardens, all the rooms have a spacious verandas, adjoining bathroom and are furnished with a twin or king sized beds. The lodge is the ideal retreat for honeymoon couples and those wanting friendly discreet service in comfortable surroundings. Features include the highest quality Tibetan hand-knotted wool carpets in traditional designs, and original watercolours of the region by British artist, Luke Piper. For pure relaxation, the lodge has a range of massage treatments in the privacy of your own room, personal yoga sessions, and meditation training. What could be better than an Ayurvedic massage to ease tired limbs after a rewarding trek in the Himalaya?

The Main Lodge is the focal point for relaxing, with its cosy central fireplace, comfortable seating areas and bar, arranged around a typical Nepali-style courtyard. Decorated with local designs, there is an airy dining room and plenty of outdoor terraces for meals al fresco. A special feature is Colonel Jimmy's Library, containing a unique collection of Himalayan mountaineering literature and photographs belonging to the late Col. J.O.M. Roberts, the father of trekking and founder of Mountain Travel Nepal. As well as providing stylish accommodation, conservation and eco-tourism are actively promoted and the Lodge pioneers responsible conservation tourism practices in the Nepal Himalaya. Our responsible tourism policies and actions are independently audited by RT Reporting (www.rtreporting.org).

Terraced and planted with indigenous shrubs, bamboo and fruit trees, the

natural gardens emulate the local landscape and are a haven for wildlife. There are plenty of strategic viewpoints to enjoy a drink, or simply to meditate on the majestic white peaks. There is a secluded swimming pool that reflects the famous Machhapuchhare in its limpid waters. Activities at Tiger Mountain Pokhara Lodge include walks and village visits led by expert local guides that can explain the flora, fauna and rich culture of the area. All the guides are keen bird watchers and welcome guests on birding walks. With over 260 species of butterflies in the lodge grounds alone, butterfly watching (with a guide to help identify them) is also available. The lodge's tranquil setting is a haven for artists and writers as well as for those who wish to experience the village lifestyle of rural Nepal. Guests can do as much or as little as they please. One can easily spend an entire morning contemplating the Himalayan peaks.

Award-winning meals feature locally supplied organically grown products of the highest standards. Fresh herbs and salads come from the Lodge's own organic gardens. Fruits and vegetables are grown in the village. All food is prepared daily on site with home baked breads and cakes. Breakfast is in the English tradition and lunch is a Nepali buffet of a range of authentic dishes using local spices. An alternate light lunch of fresh salads and soups is available on request. Dinner is a daily changing table d'hôte menu featuring a range of European dishes or a traditional Nepali Thali. Special healthy-eating menu options are available on request. The kitchen welcomes special requests and personal favourites as well as offering a range of menus for children, vegetarians and those with special dietary needs.

As part of our responsible conservation tourism ethos, we have a range of conservation activities including data collection for bio-diversity monitoring and an active Community Support Partnership programme that works with the local community to support locally based and led projects for community development. We currently have a capital programme supporting school infrastructure and a volunteer programme to mentor primary school teachers as they make the transition from Nepali to English medium teaching. We support, through the generosity of our guests, several children under a sponsorship scheme and fund a primary school teacher to ensure the best possible start for children's education. Guests are welcome to visit our programmes.

Tiger Mountain Pokhara Lodge is the Essence of Tranquillity.