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Nagarkot Sunrise Tour with Hiking to Changunarayan

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Duration

7-8 hours

Per Person Cost

USD 100

Difficulty

Easy

Transportation

Car

Max Altitude

2175 m

Trip Type

Tour

Meal

Lunch

Trip Overview

The **Nagarkot Sunrise Tour with Hiking to Changunarayan** is one of the best short trips from Kathmandu for nature, culture, and mountain lovers. Just 32 km from the capital, Nagarkot is famous for its golden sunrise views over the Himalayas. Imagine sipping a warm cup of tea while watching the first rays of the sun touch snow-covered peaks like **Langtang, Ganesh Himal, Gauri Shankar**, and even **Mount Everest** on clear mornings.

Nagarkot is also a paradise for **birdwatchers**. During the sunrise and hike, you may spot beautiful Himalayan species such as the **Himalayan Bulbul, Steppe Eagle, Oriental Turtle Dove, White-throated Kingfisher, Black Drongo, and Green-backed Tit**. The combination of majestic mountains, Tamang village life, fresh air, and melodious bird calls makes this tour a truly refreshing escape from the busy city.

This trip also includes a short **nature walk from Telkot to Changunarayan Temple**, one of Nepal's UNESCO World Heritage Sites, offering a perfect mix of mountain scenery, birdwatching, and cultural exploration and culture.

Why Choose Nagarkot Sunrise Tour with Hiking to Changunarayan?

- Witness one of the **best sunrise views in Nepal** over the Himalayan range, including Mount Everest on clear days.
- Easy **1-day escape from Kathmandu** with comfortable road conditions.
- Explore the **Jhule Suspension Bridge** and enjoy a short but refreshing nature walk.
- Visit **Changunarayan Temple**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, rich in history and culture.
- Spot Himalayan birds, experience village life, and sip a warm cup of tea while enjoying mountain scenery.

Distance and Duration

- **Kathmandu to Nagarkot:** 32 km (about 1.5 hours drive).
- **Nagarkot to Changunarayan via Telkot:** 3-4 hours gentle hike.
- **Total Duration:** Full-day tour (approx. 6-8 hours).

Cultural & Natural Experience

Nagarkot is not just about sunrise—it's a peaceful hill station surrounded by villages and pine forests. During the hike, you will see:

- **Himalayan Ranges:** Langtang, Ganesh Himal, Dorje Lakpa, Gauri Shankar, and even Mount Everest on a clear morning.
- **Local Villages:** A chance to observe traditional lifestyle and farming.
- **Birdwatching:** Nagarkot and Telkot forest areas are home to Himalayan birds.
- **Changunarayan Temple:** The oldest Hindu temple in the Kathmandu Valley, dedicated to Lord Vishnu, with rich stone carvings and cultural significance.

Tour Itinerary (Naike Nepal's Service)

1. **Hotel Pickup in Kathmandu** - Our licensed guide will meet you at your hotel early morning.
2. **Drive to Nagarkot (32 km)** - Comfortable scenic drive through countryside roads.
3. **Sunrise at Nagarkot Viewpoint** - Enjoy the spectacular sunrise over the Himalayas.
4. **Tea Break** - Relax with a cup of tea at Nagarkot.
5. **Visit Jhule Suspension Bridge** - Short stop to admire local nature and photography.
6. **Hike from Telkot to Changunarayan** - Easy downhill hike with mountain views, forests, and villages.
7. **Explore Changunarayan Temple** - Visit the UNESCO site, learn history & culture.
8. **Drive Back to Kathmandu** - Return by late afternoon.

Highlights of Nagarkot Sunrise tour with hiking to Changunarayan

- Spectacular **sunrise over the Himalayas**.
- Chance to see **Mount Everest, Langtang, Ganesh Himal & Gauri Shankar**.
- **Jhule Bridge** and nature walk experience.
- Exploration of **Changunarayan Temple (UNESCO)**.
- **Short day trip** suitable for all age groups.

Trip Itinerary

Your **Nagarkot Sunrise Tour with Changunarayan Hike** begins early morning as Naike Nepal's licensed guide picks you up from your hotel in Kathmandu for a scenic 32 km drive (about 1.5 hours) through villages and terraced fields. Upon reaching **Nagarkot Viewpoint**, you'll witness a breathtaking sunrise over the Himalayas, with panoramic views of **Langtang, Ganesh Himal, Dorje Lakpa, Gauri Shankar**, and even **Mount Everest** on clear days. After enjoying a warm cup of tea, we make a short stop at the **Jhule Suspension Bridge** before starting a refreshing 3-4 hour **nature walk from Telkot to Changunarayan**. The trail is filled with pine forests, farmlands, and traditional villages, where you may spot Himalayan birds like the **Himalayan Bulbul, Steppe Eagle, Oriental Turtle Dove, White-throated Kingfisher, and Black Drongo**. The journey ends with a cultural exploration of the **UNESCO World Heritage Site Changunarayan Temple**, the oldest Hindu temple in the valley, before driving back to Kathmandu by late afternoon.

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