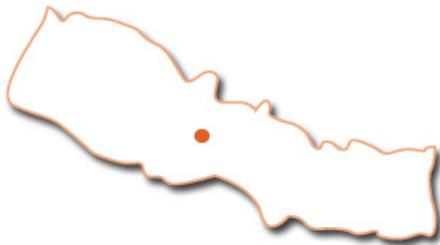


## Destination: Pokhara



**Pokhara**

This month we take a journey to Pokhara, the 2nd largest city in Nepal. Historically, it was an important trading route between China and India and has become a modern and lively destination.

### Pokhara Fast Facts:

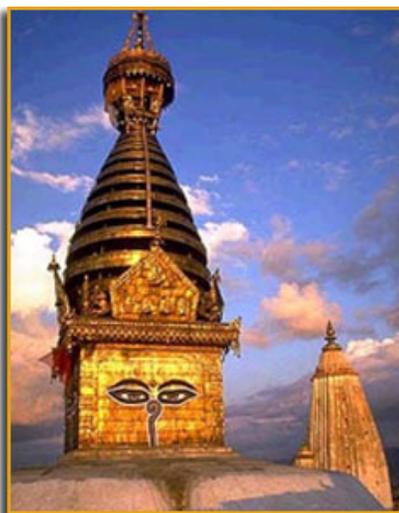
- ⦿ Pokhara Valley has many lakes, rivers and waterfalls and is a popular destination for boating, rafting, and other water activities
- ⦿ Until the 1960's, Pokhara was only accessible by foot
- ⦿ 3 of the 10 of world's highest mountains are located within 50 miles of the city

## THE TRAVEL CORNER

### What do Sodha Travelers recommend in Pokhara?

*"Enjoy a sunset boat ride on Fewa Lake."*

*"Visit the Seeing Hands Clinic for a massage. The treatments are provided by blind therapists who have been professionally trained and part of the massage fee helps to support the training of more blind masseurs in Nepal."*



## - Featured Tour: Legends of Nepal -

*Mother and Motherland are dearer than the heavens.* This is the motto of the enchanting country of Nepal. Nepali culture is similar to the neighboring countries of India and China and the folklore is often illustrated in dance and music. Highlights of this 9-day itinerary include a safari in Chitwan National Park, a visit to picturesque Pokhara Valley and an optional flight to view Mt. Everest. Reserve [Legends of Nepal](#) in the month of April and receive \$75 off registration!



**Sacred Valley Inn**

**- STAY -**

★★★ **The Sacred Valley Inn**

This modest property is low on cost but big on charm. Shared rooms start at just \$5/night, with top-floor rooms averaging only \$25/night. The Scared Valley Inn was also awarded as a *2012 Travelers' Choice Budget Hotel* on Tripadvisor. Enjoy the freshly brewed organic coffee in the hibiscus garden or on the rooftop terrace.

★★★★★ **Fishtail Lodge**

Nestled between the hills and Phewa Tal (Fewa Lake), guests are transported to and from Fishtail Lodge by boat. Nearby activities include hiking, trekking, paragliding, bird watching, and even riding in a light aircraft over Pokhara Valley. All profits generated by Fishtail are donated to the Princess Jayanti Memorial Trust that provides free cardiac care to the underprivileged people of Nepal.

★★★★★ **Begnas Lake Resort**

Located 12km east of Pokhara, Begnas Lake Resort is only accessible by a rugged vehicle or boat. The property, surrounded by chestnut trees, orange trees, and coffee plants, also offers an array of Ayurvedic treatments. Pay a nominal supplement and upgrade to a waterfront cottage or premier room.



**Begnas Lake Resort**



**- DINE -**

**Byanjan**

In Nepali, Byanjan translates to “banquet” or “feast.” Simply said, the Byanjan restaurant has simple and delicious food, superior service, and an enchanting lake view. During warmer weather, be sure to request an outside table. *Lakeside, Bahari Road.*

**Chilly Bar and Restaurant**

For travelers with a more particular or selective palate, the Chilly Bar and Restaurant offers a diverse menu of Indian, Nepalese, Italian, Thai and Continental cuisine. Special dietary requests are also accommodated with ease. *Hallanchowk, Lakeside – 6.*

**- TOUR-**

**Peace Temple**

A Buddhist temple built by a Japanese organization as a reminder of world peace. There are a few options for reaching the site, and the shrine offers magnificent views of the Annapurna range.

**Sarangkot**

A village offering unmatched views of Pokhara Valley and the surrounding mountain ranges. Rise and shine early to reach by sunrise!



**Peace Temple**