



IN SEARCH OF THE RED PANDA

A 15 day trek in Nepal and India exploring the heart of the Eastern Himalaya



A wildlife and cultural bonanza. Explore the treasures of the Kathmandu valley, taste one of Nepal's only organic teas, and search for the elusive red panda, all with the Himalayas and four of the world's seven tallest mountains in view.

Kathmandu Valley. We start off exploring the treasures of the Kathmandu valley, the cultural heart of Asia. We'll explore Patan and Swayambunath temples and more.

Tea. Next we fly to Eastern Nepal for trekking to Meghma Tea Estate, one of Nepal's highest and only organic tea estates, to taste its robust, hearty Oolong varietal. While there we will experience Meghma's red panda habitat restoration with 4 of the 7 tallest mountains in the backdrop.

Red Panda and much more. We'll hike through some of the Eastern Himalayas most pristine red panda habitat in search of one of Asia's most elusive mammals; red panda. We'll also look out for bears, rare clouded leopards, wolves, and threatened bird species.



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- Day 1–2** Fly to Kathmandu
- Day 3–4** Tour the ancient Buddhist and Hindu treasures of the Kathmandu Valley
- Day 5** Travel to Darjeeling, India stay in misty Maneybhanjang, gateway to the Singhalila range
- Day 6** Hike to Meghma
- Day 7** Tea tasting and exploration of the Meghma tea estate
- Day 8–9** Hike to Kalpokhari—search for Red Panda
- Day 10** Hike to Sandukphu—spectacular views of Everest, Makalu, Lhtose, Kanchenjunga, Sikkim, Bhutan
- Day 11** Return to Maneybhanjang—relax
- Day 12** Travel back to Nepal and on to Kathmandu
- Day 13** Rest day in Kathmandu
- Day 14** Fly home
- Day 15** Arrive back in US

DETAILS

- Departures** March 24–April 8
December 22–January 8
- Trip begins** Kathmandu, Nepal
- Group size** 4–15
- Distance** Varies by activity
- Lodging** Hotels, rustic tea houses
- Meals** Included
- Cost** \$2,995 tax deductible donation
(includes \$220 internal airfare and \$50 Indian Visa fee)
- Discounts** 10% off if you are an RPCV
15% if you sign up two people
- Miscellaneous** Airfare not included
RPP membership \$25.00
Non-RPP members add \$100
\$400 deposit due by February 10