

I T I N E R A R Y

for

Mr. Stuart Gentling

visiting

THAILAND and NEPAL

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- Oct. 31 Mr. E. Bass will arrive Kathmandu by RA/402,
Tue. where he will be transferred by a representative of
Hotel Vajra.
- Nov. 01 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Stupfel, Ms Donna Rogers, Mr. and
Wed. Mrs. Doug More, Mr. Stuart Gentling and Ms. Nancy
Ferguson will arrive Kathmandu by TG/311. They
will be met, assisted, and transferred to

HOTEL VAJRA

Dr. B. Bunting will arrive Kathmandu by RA/402.
He will be met, and transferred to Hotel Vajra.

- Nov. 02 Morning sightseeing tour of Kirtipur and Chovar:
Thu.

Kirtipur, situated five kms southwest of Kathmandu, was first established in the 12th century, it later became an independent kingdom and the last stronghold of the Mallas. Remains of the original fortification are still to be seen.

Chovar - legend tells us that the waters of the lake of Kathmandu escaped through the beautiful Gorge of Chovar after being released by Manjushri. This natural wonder, is located southwest of the city, where Chovar Hill, the highest point in a range of gentle hills, is sliced in two by the waters of the Bagmati River.

On return visit Panauti, one of the finest all-Newar settlements in the region. It is built at the confluence of two rivers in a small valley surrounded by mountains. Inside a walled open space are good examples of early temple architecture. The Indreshwar Mahadev Temple is architecturally and historically one of the most important temples associated with the Newari culture of the Kathmandu Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bass, Ms. C. Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. Moncrief will arrive Kathmandu by TG/311. They will be met, assisted, and transferred to Hotel Vajra.

This evening, enjoy a dinner party in the honor of the Fort Worth Zoological Society on behalf of the King Mahendra Trust for Nature Conservation by Mr. and Mrs. Probhakar Rana.

Nov. 03 You will be transferred to the airport for your
Fri. half-hour flight to Meghauli. On arrival you
 will be met and transferred to

TIGER TOPS JUNGLE LODGE

Upon arrival at the Lodge, you will be met and briefed by the resident Guest Relations officer regarding the Park and the programmes available.

Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge, situated 75 air miles southwest of Kathmandu, at an elevation of about 1500 metres above sea level, is in the heart of Royal Chitwan National Park, a 360 square mile area of tall grassland and magnificent forests, one of Asia's richest and most spectacular wildlife sanctuaries.

All the double rooms at the lodge are attractively furnished and each room has solar heated showers and modern toilet amenities. Nepalese and Western cuisine is served in the Nepalese style dining hall with a huge domed roof and central open hearth. A fully stocked bar is open till the last guest retires.

Depending upon your length of stay and interests we will endeavour to give you full programs from the activities available at the lodge and Tented Camps. Activities at the lodge include wildlife viewing from elephant back, nature walks, jungle treks, birdwatching, landrover drives, boat trips, wildlife viewing and photographing from machans (blinds) and an evening slide show. All excursions are escorted by experienced naturalists. Please consult with our Resident Naturalists or Guest Relations officer.

Nov. 04 After breakfast transfer to
Sat.

TIGER TOPS TENTED CAMP

The Tented Camp is located five kms (3 miles) east of Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge. Situated on high ground overlooking the Surung grasslands, with the river, middle hills and snow capped Himalaya beyond. Some of the 8,000 metre peaks including Manaslu, Peak 29, and Himal Chuli can be seen from here on clear days.

The Tented Camp's central dining area will be your special place for relaxation. Built in traditional Nepali style, it has a well stocked bar and an attractive open hearth.

Nov. 04 Accommodation is in twelve large and comfortable
Sat. safari tents with separate toilet and hot and
Cont. cold shower amenities. Western and Nepali
cuisine is served.

Upon arrival at the Camp, you will be met and
briefed by the Camp Incharge regarding the area
and the activities available for the day.

Activities at the Camp include day hikes, nature
walks, birdwatching, jungle safaris on elephants
boat trips and landrover drives. All excursions
are accompanied by an expert naturalist. Please
consult our Camp Incharge or Resident
Naturalist. Wildlife in Chitwan includes greater
one horned Indian rhinoceros, spotted deer, hog
deer, sambar deer, and barking deer as well as a
wide variety of birdlife. With a little bit of
luck, there are always chances of viewing the
leopard, sloth bear and Royal Bengal tiger.

Nov. 05 Transfer to Meghauly for your helicopter flight
Sun. to Nepalgunj to Royal Bardia Wildlife Reserve,
where the Tiger Tops Karnali Tented Camp is
located.

The Tented Camp is situated on the banks of the
great Karnali River and has spacious safari
tents with comfortable twin beds, separate hot
showers and modern jungle toilet amenities.
There is a spectacular view of the Karnali River
with its wide sandy beaches and low riverine
grasslands.

Overnight at KARNALI TENTED CAMP.

Nov. 06 Much of the Royal Bardia Wildlife Reserve is
Mon. covered by riverine jungle along the stream
banks. There are a few areas of open
grasslands, locally called phantas, which
provide an excellent opportunity for viewing
wildlife. Bardia's fauna includes swamp deer,
chital, sambar, barking deer, wild boar, nilgai
or blue bull, black buck, monkey, elephant,
tiger, leopard, crocodile and over 300 species
of birds.

Breakfast at the Karnali Tented Camp, is
followed by a half day's river trip down to the
southern boundary of the Wildlife Reserve - a
tranquil way of viewing birdlife and water
oriented animals, such as river otters, Gangetic

Nov. 06 dolphins, marsh muggers and gharial crocodiles.
Mon. We stop on one of the many picturesque islands
Cont. for a delicious picnic lunch.

Nov. 07 After breakfast, transfer to Tiger Tops Karnali
Tue. Lodge.

The Lodge is built in the style of the local Tharu tribal homes and is situated on the edge of the Royal Bardia Wildlife Reserve. On your arrival you will be briefed on the area and the activities available by the Lodge Manager.

From the Lodge you may go on a jungle tour on elephant back - a superb way of viewing and photographing wildlife. Later in the morning you may go on a nature walk with an experienced naturalist or take a landrover driver in search of more wildlife or just relax.

One of the most worthwhile activities you will enjoy is a visit to nearby Tharu villages. This provides a colourful introduction to the culture, farming and crafts of the Tharu people.

Overnight at KARNALI LODGE.

Nov. 08 After breakfast, you start a scenic but somewhat
Wed. rough four hour drive back to Nepalgunj for your flight to Kathmanu. Meet, assist and transfer to

HOTEL VAJRA

Nov. 09 Morning sightseeing tour of Kathmandu city:
Thu. Visit the Durbar Square, Hanuman Dhoka, House of the living Goddess, Kasthamandap - believed to be built from a single tree - and other fascinating temples in the area. Move on to Swavambhumath, the oldest Buddhist stupa, established more than 2500 years ago and also known as the "Monkey Temple". Perched high on a hilltop, it commands a superb view of the entire Kathmandu Valley.

Afternoon sightseeing tour of Patan city:
The City of arts and architecture, founded in

250 A.D. and also known as Lalitpur. It is renowned for its fine works in bronze, silver and copper. Visit the Dubar Square, Royal Baths, Mahabouddha, Krishna Temple and the Hiranya Varna Mahavihar (Golden Temple).

Nov. 09 Tonight's dinner will be hosted by Edward P.
Thu. Bass and Sabina Lehman, Managing Director of
Cont. Hotel Vajra.

Nov. 10 Morning sightseeing of Bhaktapur, home of
Fri. medieval art and architecture, also known as the
"City of Devotees". Tread the 17th century
along cobbled pavements and marvel at the
ancient architectures. Visit the Lion Gate, the
Picture Gallery, the Golden Gate, and the Palace
of fifty five Windows.

Afternoon sightseeing tour of Pashupatinath and
Boudhnath:
Pashupatinath, the most sacred of all Hindu
temples in Nepal, situated on the banks of the
holy Bagmati River . Non-Hindus are not allowed
to enter the temple precincts, but may look into
the premises from the opposite bank. It draws
tens of thousands of pilgrims and devotees from
Nepal and India during the festival of
Mahashivaratri (the night of Lord Shiva).
Boudhnath, possible the world's largest Buddhist
stupa and a site of great veneration for
Buddhists. Around the stupa have sprung up
numbers of monasteries of the different sects of
Tibetan Buddhism including one (on the west side
of the stupa) that houses an enormous seated
statue of Maitreya Buddha splendidly adorned.

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Nov. 11 You will be transferred to the airport.
Sat.

F.I.T. CONDITIONS

- Air Transportation:** Provided under separate arrangements. Except coach fare Kathmandu/Megghauli and Nepalgunj to Kathmandu.
- Surface Transportation:** The following transportation is included in the cost:
- Via Puma helicopter from Megghauli to the Royal Bardia Wildlife Reserve.
(Baggage via Allouette helicopter)
- Hotels:** Hotel accommodation in standard rooms unless otherwise specified will be provided throughout at deluxe and best available class hotels as listed, or similar, and is based on:
two passengers sharing a double bedroom throughout the tour
- Meals:** Table d'hote meals, according to the custom of each country, will be provided as follows:
In Kathmandu, meals are not included except two dinners.
In Chitwan and Bardia all meals are included.
- Service Charges & Taxes:** Service charges imposed by hotels for accommodations (restaurant service where meals are included) and normal related attendance, plus taxes levied by governments, cities or local municipalities on accommodations, surface transportation and services, are included. Gratuities to hotel porters for handling baggage between reception desk and room cannot be included.
- Transfers & Baggage** Transfers of the passengers and two average-sized suitcases per person from railroad stations, bus stations, steamer piers, airports to hotels and vice versa will be provided by private car
- Sightseeing:** Sightseeing programs as specified in the itinerary will be provided and, unless otherwise stated, services of guide and entrance fees are included. Sightseeing will be by private car or safari vehicle
- Miscellaneous:** all game drives and excursions are included in Chitwan and Bardia.
- Planning Charges:** Cost of arrangements includes all planning and operational charges.
- Not Included:** Passports, visas, airport or seaport taxes, excess baggage charges, items not on table d'hote menus, laundry, liquors, mineral waters, tips to porters within hotels, meals not specified above, expenses of a personal nature, and all items not listed as being included. Bangkok Hotel and transfers
- Deposit:** A deposit of 25% of the per person cost is required to effect reservations and balance of payment is due six weeks before departure.
- Responsibility:** The Tour Operator acts only as agent for the passenger in regard to travel, whether by railroad, bus, motorcar, boat or airplane and assumes no liability for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason of defect in any vehicle or through the acts of default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. They can accept no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other service, sickness, weather, strikes, war, quarantine or other causes. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. All rates are based upon current tariffs and current exchange, and are subject to adjustment in the event of changes therein, at time of final payment. Baggage is at owner's risk unless insured; insurance may be arranged at time of booking. No refund for unused services will be made unless the unused voucher(s) or rail/air ticket(s) is appropriately endorsed by the carrier, hotel or other service supplier involved, certifying its non-use and confirming penalty/cancellation charges are waived. All claims for refunds must be made within sixty days after termination of services. The issuance and acceptance of tickets and vouchers shall be deemed to be consent to the above conditions. The right is reserved to substitute other hotels of a similar