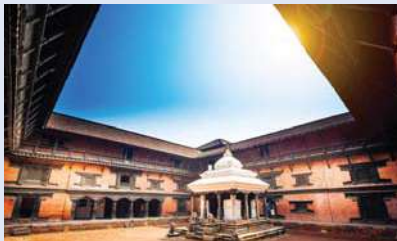


Sunday 22 September, 2024

Patan Museum “Cultural Theme”

PATAN DURBAR SQUARE (UNESCO World Heritage Site): Patan Durbar Square is located in the heart of the city and was once the palace of the kings of Patan. The square is an enchanting mélange of palace buildings, artistic courtyards and graceful pagoda temples – a display of Newari architecture that had reached its pinnacle during the reign of the Malla kings. Among its numerous courtyards, the renovated Keshav Narayan Chowk has been converted into a bronze artifact museum. The Sundari Chowk with the sunken bath of Tusha Hiti is a showcase of exquisite woodcarvings, and stone and metal sculptures. The magnificent Krishna Temple with its 21 gilded spires, built in 1637, and the Manga Hiti, the sunken stone water spout, found in the palace complex are but a few examples of its opulence. The Krishna Temple, built entirely of stone, is said to be the first specimen of Shikhara-style architecture in Nepal.



Monday 23 September, 2024

Nagarkot “Festive and Mountain Theme”

Located at a mere 28- kilometre drive away from Kathmandu, Nagarkot offers one of the best views of the Himalayas in the entire region as it has an altitude of 7000 feet (2000 metres)! Perched at the edge of Kathmandu Valley, Nagarkot gives you one of the widest panoramas of the Himalayan ranges - you can spot 8 out of the 13 Himalayan ranges from the comfort of your hotel. You can enjoy the beautiful scenes of nagarkot and enjoy the kite festival by flying kites.



“Shaping Innovative Future”

Tuesday 24 September, 2024

CULTURAL AND CITY TOUR

Bhaktapur Durbar Square

BHAKTAPUR DURBAR SQUARE (UNESCO World Heritage Site): Bhaktapur Durbar Square is an elegant and open space facing south surrounded by buildings dating from the 13th century to the 18th century. The 15th century Palace of 55 Carved Windows called Pachpanna Jhyale Durbar and the palace entrance, the Golden Gate - a masterpiece in repoussé art, have added splendor to this palace square. The extraordinary Durbar Square with its extraordinary monuments reflects the glory days of the Malla dynasty when art and architecture thrived in the three cities of the valley.



Tuesday 24 September, 2024

CULTURAL AND CITY TOUR

Swaymbhunath

Swayambhu literally means “self-existent one”. Believed to date back to 460 A.D., it was built by King Manadeva and by the 13th century, it had become an important center of Buddhism. Legend has it, that Swayambhu was born out of a lotus flower that bloomed in the middle of a lake that once spread across the Kathmandu Valley once was. The largest image of the Sakyamuni Buddha in Nepal sits on a high pedestal on the western boundary of Swayambhu beside the Ring Road. Find peace and prayers on the little hillock of Swaymbhunath in the northwest of Kathmandu Valley. Visitors for whom the name was a tongue twister have called it “Monkey Temple” from the 1970s.



CELEBRATION/ FAREWELL

- **DATE** Tuesday 24 September, 2024
- **VENUE** The Soaltee Kathmandu
- **TIME** 17:30-21:00



Saturday 21 September, 2024

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS' PROGRAM

Chandragiri and Kathmandu Durbar Square

Chandragiri Hills, the best hill station in Nepal, provides a perfect combination of convenience and natural beauty. Just a short drive from Kathmandu, it offers breath-taking Himalayan views, adventurous activities, cultural significance, and a relaxing atmosphere. Affordable yet lavish, it's the ideal destination for a quick and unforgettable escape. The cable car ride is as thrilling as it is mesmerizing and as luxurious as is affordable.



Kathmandu's Durbar Square was where the city's kings were once crowned and legitimised, and from where they ruled. As such, the square remains the traditional heart of the old town and Kathmandu's most spectacular legacy of traditional architecture.



Sunday 22 September, 2024

ACCOMPANYING DELEGATES PROGRAM

Narayanhiti Museum

The current Narayanhiti Durbar was built by King Mahendra in 1963 A.D. It is historically important because of the ‘Royal Family Assassination’ of 2001 A.D. The stunning museum showcases the old furniture, art pieces, ornaments of the royal family and lavish lifestyle once adorning the durbar (halls) of the exquisite palace.



Sunday 22 September, 2024

Thamel visit /Shopping

As the tourist district of Kathmandu, Thamel bustles with activity late into the night. It is a mere 10-minute walk from the center of Kathmandu, yet completely different from the rest of the city. Thamel caters entirely to tourists with its scores of hotels, rows of restaurants and bars, book shops, inviting souvenir shops, and many more. All that a tourist needs can be found here, even friends and traveling companions. Thamel is also great for shopping, for trekking and mountaineering gear, travel accessories as well as souvenirs.,



Monday September 23, 2024

Nagarkot (Join in the delegates tour)

Tuesday September 24, 2024

Bhaktapur and Swayambhunath (Join in the delegates tour)

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Excursion Program Schedule- Patan Durbar Square

Location:Patan Durbar Square and Patan Museum

Date: Sept 22, 2024 (Day 3)

Time: 16:30- 21:30

Theme: Cultural Theme

16:30 | Gather at Lobby & Departure for Patan Durbar Square

17:00 | Arrival at Patan Durbar Square

Participants arrive at Patan Durbar Square.

Registration and briefing on the historical significance of Patan Durbar Square by Guides and volunteers

17:30 – 18:00 | Patan Museum Visit

Participants will explore galleries featuring traditional Nepalese art, Bronze statues, and other Historical artifacts.

An expert/Guide/Volunteer will provide insights into the cultural and religious significance of the exhibits.

18:00 – 18:15 |Transition to Dinner Venue

Guests will be escorted to the dinner setup at the Patan Museum premises, an outdoor area within the museum's historic setting.

18:15 – 18:30 | Welcome Address by Mr. Chiri Babu Maharjan

Welcome remarks by the event host, acknowledging distinguished guests and participants.

Mr. Chiri Babu Maharjan, Mayor of Lalitpur Metropolitan City, will offer a special address and propose a toast to commemorate the occasion.

18:30 – 21:15 | Dinner with Cultural Performances

Welcome drinks and appetizers.

A traditional Nepalese cultural performance will take place, showcasing local dances, music, and heritage.

The dinner will feature a blend of local and international cuisine, offering guests an immersive cultural and culinary experience.

21:15 | Departure to the Hotel



Excursion Program Schedule- Nagarkot

Theme: Festive and Mountain Theme

Location: Soaltee Westend Resort, Nagarkot

Date: Sept 23, 2024 (Day 4)

Time: 13:30 - 21:30

Theme: Cultural Theme

13:30 | Departure from Hotel

Delegates gather in the hotel lobby and depart for Nagarkot.

Travel Time: 2 hours (Approximately 30-35 km).

16:00 | Arrival at Soaltee Westend Resort, Nagarkot

Welcome and briefing about the location, highlighting the scenic mountain views and Himalayan landscapes.

Short Walk Around Nagarkot (Optional based on time)

Delegates are invited for a brief walk around Nagarkot to enjoy the panoramic Himalayan views and capture photographs.

16:00 – 17:30 | Kite Flying Event

Venue: Open area within the resort

Introduction to Kite Flying: Delegates are briefed on the tradition of kite flying during Dashain, a festival symbolizing freedom and joy.

Winners Announcement: The top three teams are awarded based on performance.

Prize Distribution: Mr. Bam Bahadur Mishra, Deputy Governor of Nepal Rastra Bank, will present the awards to the winning teams.

17:30 – 20:30 | Musical Performances and Dinner

Venue: Outdoor dining area at the resort

20:30 | Departure to Hotel



Excursion Program Schedule- Bhaktapur Durbar Square and Swayambhunath

Location: Bhaktapur and Kathmandu

Date: Sept 24, 2024 (Day 5)

Morning Excursion: Bhaktapur Durbar Square

8:00 | Gather at Hotel Lobby

All participants assemble at the hotel lobby.
Briefing on the day's excursion itinerary.

8:15 | Departure to Bhaktapur

The group departs from the hotel for Bhaktapur Durbar Square.
Approximate travel time: 45-55 minutes (Approximate 19 km).

9:00 | Arrival at Bhaktapur Durbar Square

Warm welcome with traditional Jujudhau (King of Yogurt) and
Kulfi (Frozen Dairy Dessert).
Introduction to Bhaktapur Durbar Square's rich history and
significance by guides/volunteers.

9:00 – 12:30 | Bhaktapur Durbar Square Sightseeing

A guided walking tour through Bhaktapur Durbar Square.
Participants explore the rich art and architecture, including the
55-Window Palace, Vatsala Temple, and Nyatapola Temple.
Guides and volunteers will provide historical and cultural insights
during the walk.

12:30 – 13:15 | Lunch at Khwopa Engineering College Premises

13:15 – 14:00 | Departure to Swayambhunath Temple

Departure from Bhaktapur to Swayambhunath Temple, Kathmandu.
Approximate travel time: 45 minutes (19 km).
Afternoon Excursion: Swayambhunath Temple

14:00 – 15:15 | Swayambhunath Temple Sightseeing

Explore the iconic Swayambhunath Temple, also known as the Monkey Temple, with panoramic views of Kathmandu Valley
Guided tour highlighting the spiritual and historical significance of the stupa and surrounding shrines.

15:15 – 15:45 | Return to Hotel

Participants return to the hotel to freshen up before the farewell dinner.

Evening Program: Celebration Theme for Farewell Dinner at Megha Malhar Hall, Soaltee Hotel

17:30 | Gather at MeghaMalhar Hall for Farewell Dinner

Participants assemble at MeghaMalhar Hall for the evening program.

17:45 – 21:00 | Farewell Dinner and Speeches

Closing Remarks: Chief Delegates, Delegates, Chairperson/ CEO of DCGF will deliver a speech, highlighting key moments of the conference and recognizing the contributions of participants.

Dinner Toast: Former Chairperson/CEO of DCGF will raise a toast to the successful conclusion of the conference and the future of the organization.

Musical Performances: Enjoy traditional and modern music as participants relax with snacks, and dinner.

Excursion Program Schedule: Chandragiri Hill & Basantapur Durbar Square (Accompanying Persons)

Date: Sat Sept 21 2024 (Day 2)

8:45 | Gather at Hotel Lobby

All participants gather at the hotel lobby for registration and a short briefing.

9:00 – 10:00 | Travel to Chandragiri Hill

Departure from the hotel at 9:00 AM by bus.

Travel time: approximately 55-60 minutes (8-9 km).

10:00 – 12:00 | Sightseeing at Chandragiri Hill

Arrival at Chandragiri Hill. Participants take a cable car ride to the top.

Enjoy panoramic views of the Kathmandu Valley and the Himalayan range (from Annapurna to Everest).

Visit the BhaleshworMahadev Temple and other notable sights, accompanied by a guide/volunteer who will share historical and cultural insights.

12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch at Chandragiri Resort

A lunch will be served at the Chandragiri Resort, offering a variety of local and international dishes.

13:00 – 14:00 | Travel to Basantapur Durbar Square

Depart from Chandragiri Hill and head toward Basantapur

Durbar Square.

Travel time: Approximately 1 hour.

14:00 – 15:15 | Sightseeing at Basantapur Durbar Square

Guided tour of Basantapur Durbar Square, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Explore key landmarks, including the Hanuman Dhoka Palace, Taleju Temple, and Kumari Ghar (Home of the Living Goddess). The guide will provide information on the architecture, history, and cultural significance of the area.

15:15 | Return to Hotel

Departure from Basantapur Durbar Square and return to the hotel.

Excursion Program Schedule: Narayanhiti Museum and Thamel

Date: Sun Sept 2024 (Day 3)

Morning:

08:45 – Meet at the hotel lobby

09:00 – Depart for Narayanhiti Museum (via vehicle)

09:15 - 12:00 – Narayanhiti Museum visit

The current Narayanhiti Durbar was built by King Mahendra in 1963 A.D. It is historically important because of the ‘Royal Family Assassination’ of 2001 A.D. The stunning museum showcases the old furniture, art pieces, ornaments of the royal family and lavish lifestyle once adorning the durbar (halls) of the exquisite palace.

Lunch:

12:30 - 13:30 – Lunch break

Afternoon:

13:30 - 15:30 – Move to Thamel for walking, shopping for

Nepali arts, crafts, spices, etc.

Return:

15:30 - 16:15 – Return to hotel