

Ropain at Nagarkot

Experience Overview:

Majority of people in Nepal are farmers. Ropain/ rice plantation is celebrated as a festival to mark the day of planting new seedlings of rice crops. People are seen ploughing the fields, planting and having fun while playing in the mud.

Ropain is a vibrant festival that gathers families, friends and the community together to plant and plow in the field throughout the day. In this unique festival, you can enjoy getting dirty and playing in the mud. Between these tiring activities, you can rest while eating traditional food, beaten rice and yogurt. It is the perfect opportunity to learn how to plant rice and share an unforgettable moment with the locals.

Nagarkot, only 26 kms away from Kathmandu is graced with natural biodiversity and lush alpine forests. It offers a peaceful escape from the city's hustle and bustle. Immerse yourself in the local village life, observe daily activities and explore a hidden jungle waterfall, adding a touch of adventure to your experience. Moreover, Nagarkot provides an unparalleled opportunity to witness majestic, panoramic views of exquisite mountain ranges, right from the comfort of your homestay.

Trip Highlights:

- Walk Through The Forest, Waterfalls And Surrounding Hills In Nagarkot
- Experience Ropain, The Rice-Planting Festival And Learn To Plant Rice The Traditional Way
- Practice Making Local Dishes Together With The Hosts
- Taste Delicious Home-Made Dishes And Immerse Yourself In Local Living

Itinerary:

Day 1:

Upon arrival, the community host will give you a warm welcome and shortly after you will be having a delicious lunch. Embark on a village excursion to experience authentic community life and immerse yourself in the charming moments of Nagarkot village with a half-day hike around the village. This hike will take you through forests, farmland, and open spaces, small cluster of numerous waterfalls and offers fantastic hill and mountain views. In the evening, learn to cook local dishes for your dinner together with your hosts.

Day 2:

After breakfast, you will walk towards the field while listening to the tales of the festival from the locals. Change into your field get-up then observe a prayer to the gods 'puja done by an elder of the community for a good harvest. Learn how to plant the rice seedlings from the locals and follow their techniques. In between, you will be having *Dahi-Chiura* beaten rice with yogurt - a combination of meals that is consumed during this festival.

Note:

You are suggested to bring a spare cloth, as you shall be playing in the mud with locals in the field!

Day 3:

Shortly after breakfast, bid farewell to the locals and then you will be departing back to Kathmandu.

This Includes:

- **2 Nights 3 Days' Festive Package at Nagarkot Community Homestay on Full Board basis**
- Hike around hills and waterfalls of Nagarkot
- Cooking Class
- Ropain experience and celebration with the locals
- Two-way Transfers - from and to Kathmandu

This Excludes:

- Personal expenses
- Any other meals not mentioned
- Any services not mentioned in the Itinerary
- Additional Expenses which may arise due to circumstances beyond control of Community Homestay Network