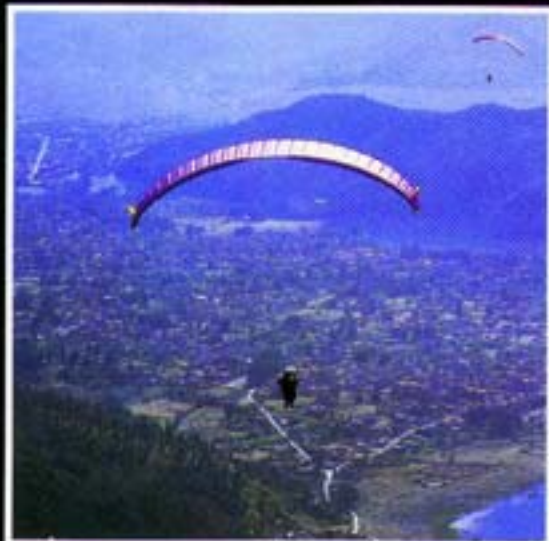




Although a base for all treks to Annapurna region, several short treks to Sarangkot, Naudanda, Khaste, Ghachowk etc. can be arranged from here. Of the longer treks the most popular ones being Pokhara – Jomsom that was part of the ancient caravan route that led from Tibet to India, and also to destinations in the central Himalayas like Mustang, Muktinath and Manang



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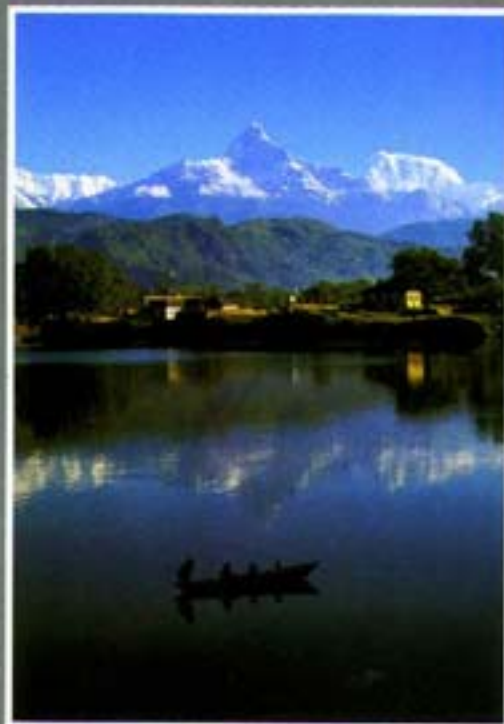
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# POKHARA







The Valley of Pokhara is one of the most enchanting locations in the Himalayas. The majestic Fish Tail peak of the Annapurna range dominating the skyline, the roaring Seti gorge, the tranquil beauty of the Phewa lake and the dazzling spectrum of the natural enchantment so abundantly endowed creates an ambience of magical peace and serenity.

Pokhara is within forty minutes flying time or a scenic seven-hour driving from Kathmandu. The valley is also connected to Chitwan, Lumbini and Jomsom by air.



Pokhara is so full of the most exotic wonders of nature. The splendor of the panoramic view of the Annapurna range with the majestic Machapuchhare peak towering over the valley is beyond description. The valley abounds in lakes of different shapes and sizes. The Phewa, Begnas and Rupa being the most popular ones. Being the second largest in Nepal and one of the most beautiful, Lake Phewa is the main attraction in Pokhara. Begnas Lake and Rupa Lake are more secluded and closer to nature.

Seti Gandki, the ferocious mountain river flows right through the city cutting a deep gorge of 20 meters and more spreading out into a lush canyon below. The awesome waterfall, known as the Devin's fall, where the frothing water vanishes underground.



The Mahendra Gufa and Gupteswor Gufa are amazing caves with a lot of stalactite and stalagmite formations.

Besides the natural wonders other places of interest are various temples, shrines, monasteries, museums and the traditional market place, which still exhibits the ancient Newari architecture with the colourful and diverse ethnic traders. Largely inhabited by Gurungs and Magar's who have earned the worldwide fame as Gorkha soldiers, the valley is also inhabited by other tribes.

