

Nepal India trip Geroge, steve and me

22 Feb 2006 Wednesday Lv LAX on Cathy Pacific arrive 14.7 hrs later. Plane 60% full. Night all the way. 16 hours time change.

24 Feb Friday Arrive HK 5:40. LV 8:15 on Thai Int air, arrive Bangkok 9:40. 2 more hours time change. Bangkok to Kathmandu 3:05 @:45 at Htel Fish and Rice for lunch at Shangri La Hotel. Bus ride lots of honking horns, motor bikes. Room for one at hotel fo rtonite. At dinner at hhotel

25 Feb Sat D1 brkfast hotel , buffet , good . taxi to Dunbar sq after walking thru shopping area. Taxi back to hotel for lunch. Taxi to monkey temple on hill in afternoon. Trevor joined me in room. Dinner at Nepales Rest with dancing.

26 Feb Sun D2 brft hotel. Hindu Temple (noise, dirt, filthy, long time to get in.) Holiday Lots of people, 6 hr line t temple. Worst part Hindu priests in enclosure. Buddha temple, big whit e dome. Lots of holiday traffic. Lunch hotel spaghetti. Dinner Kilroy in Thamin climber place. Road in front of hotel blocked due to the king traveling.

27 Feb Monday D3 wakeup 515, bkfst hotel, bus to domestic terminal, Yeti airlines Dirty approach to terminal, Clean but Spartan inside. Took off 920 25 mn flight to Pokhara, nice city drove to start of hike, hiked ½ hour , temp 86. Lunch at Birethanti, 1 ½ hours further to Syauli Bazaar (1179m) nice rooms. Dinner rice durry spinach and potatoes. Had elct 6 to 8:30. Restless night.

28 Feb Tuesday D4 wakeup 6:30 , bkft porridge, omelet, bread. Left 0800 lots of steps, arrived Ghandruk 1105, 2600 feet gain. Cool on top. Lunch bread , cauliflower. Hike to monastery. Dinner dumplings, cool in afternoon. Porters carry 30 –35 Kg.

1 March wed D5 clear in morning. E peaks ( fishtail , As Hiumchu) visible. Hiked to Tatapani, 2500 4 hours. I hour lunch, arrived 1300. On hillside Hotel Panorama Point. Alone tonite. Warm shower, lt wind 65 f. rain 1545 1630- hail. Dinner spaghetti, mashed potatoes.

2 March thurs D6 clear and hazy. Good view of Annapurna. Down steep hill 800 feet up to Banthnatk Hill 2600m 8780 ft). Up to Deurali, 10100ft. Rooms around central courtyard. Up to watch tower. Cold at night.

3 Mar Friday D7 clear nice view of mtns down to Ghoredni(bypass) lunch at Nayathanti(8160). Down more steps to Ulleri for evening. On side of hill. Temp 70F 6550 feet. Dinner one chicken 10 people, cake.

4 Mar D8 clear 0600, left 724 aririved Birethanti 1115. Ate at café wher we ate at start of trek. One girl fell and injured wrist. 500 meters of stone steips. Tired at bottom. Hike 2.5 more hours to Birethanti. Got to bus at 1400, Arrived Pokhara at 1530. Lots of soldiers. King in town. Ate at Boomerrange with cultural show

5 March D 9 clear, shohpped \$45 jacket, \$20 sandals, ate lunch at Tibetan café dinner, expensive at French restra. Got sore throat.

6 March D10 clear throat better. To airport, fly to Chitwan NP stayed at Royal Park Hotel. Lunch 1400, 1.5 hour elephant ride- 3 rhinos, 1 peacock. Dinner , no light, on 2110

7 March D11 clear cool 1st night, used sleeping bat instead on heavy comforter. Geo, Paul, Steve, Julia off the see the new Buddha. Elephant ride, 1 rhino, lots of monkeys

and peacocks, 1 mongoose, . Dugout canoe ride, 2 crocs, and then the elephant birthing center. Dancers at dinner. Bad slide show, nose ran at night.

8 March D12 clear . bkft 0800 by myself. To airport 1050 lv arrive kath 1115. To hotel, lunch at Shag La, Dinner at Rum Doodle.

9 March D13 clear left ofr airport at 1045 Lots of security. Jet Air. I hour late. Left at 1513 arrived 1645 set clock back 15 minutes. Connaught Hotel , dinner at S. Indian rest

10 March D14 toured large mosque ( unimpressive) walked in old Delhi, swas Gadni memeorial, and had lunch. Bus ride to start 1330, end 2030 at Shahpur hotel. Rain on way and now windshield wipers. 4 lane divided road shared by people, tuk tuk, small and large trucks, buses, and cars on road. Steve was sick. Dinner at Shahpura Hotel.

11 March Saturday D15 Clear cool Amber fort , City Palace, sundials. Lunch at Indiania curry. Lots of traffic and people on street. Dinner at Indiania again with dancing.

12 March Sunday D16 0830 start. Lunch buffet 1245. to Fatehpur Sikki. Then to Agra Mansingh Palace. Email outside hotel 40R/hour used ½ hour

13 March Monday D17 0530 awake, to Taj Mahal at sunrise, agra fort. Rug, textiles left Agra 1315. Arrived Delhi 1815. 3 in room, Connaught Palace.

14 March Tuesday woke at 330 left hotel at 0400 in car hired by travel agent. Arrived Dehli AP 0430. Plane left 0550, stop in Jaipur, on to Udaipur arrived 0745. Car to hotel, Jagat Niwas Palace on lake. Geo stv got big room with view. My room is large, now view hole. Visited city Palace museum. Ate on rooftop restr, good view. Wx perfect. 1900 cultural dance Burning trees on street, fire crackers. Dinner , Thali, on rooftop hotel.

15 March Wednesday bkft porridge , hotel jagat niwas . Festival HOLI, throwing of colors. Loud drims, music, color throwing in courtyard. Got covered with dye. Lunch rooftop Hotel Thali, 69 R. Dinner rooftop hotel.

16 March Thursday Weather clear walk aournd city with Steve. Lunch budget rooftop Thali + water 100R. Left for airport 1400. arrived 1430. Flight delayed from 1530 1610 . Got to hotel Shervani at 1800. Ate cinner win hotel. Bad. Hotel in remoate part of Delhi. 3 in room , steve in single bed, GH& I in double.

17 March Friday weather clear. To red fort, lunch on Connaught place. Dinner at Rodeo. Pepper fried chicken good. Chicken on cabbage, oil, fired in pan.

18 March Sat Awake 0330, left hotel 0400, arrived AP at 430, at gate 45s. Took off late- Arrived HK 1535. 25 minutes to get to gate. Arrived LAX noon.