

Sun Koshi River Expedition - 12 Days

Highlights

- One of the top ten white water rafts in the world according to National Geographic
- Longest rafting trip offered in Nepal - 270 kilometers.
- Safe but challenging rafting experience
- Exciting, big volume (warm) white water
- Best Seasons - Sep - Nov, Mar - Jun

Sun Koshi in Nepali means "River of gold". This name might have stuck with this river because small quantities of gold is panned from its sand. The rapids in this river, except for few cases, gradually become more complex. Hence, it is suitable for the first time rafters and for those who want to brush up their rafting/kayaking skills. The river itself starts from Tibetan border, passes through high mountains and valleys down, to the plains of Nepal and into the mighty Ganges in India.

This is a perfect match for rafters who want to raft to their heart's content, as this river is a whopping 270 kilometers long. To add to the excitement, rapids may appear and disappear according to seasons. Some of the most interesting, challenging and popular rapids that you will be passing are Harkapur I and II (Class V-), Meat Grinder (Class IV-), Punch (Class IV-), Judy (Class III), Pre-anxiety (Class III) and High-anxiety (Class IV-). During the entire length of your trip, you will be surrounded by outstanding sceneries, remote villages and white sandy beaches.

We have operated in this river for more than ten years. During this time, we have helped thousands of people raft/kayak in the waters of Sun Koshi. Thanks, to our experience - our friendly but professional guides, will be there to suggest and advise you on how to make the most out of this trip.

Moreover, for this trip, we will provide you Nepal Government licensed river guides, who have completed Red Cross first aid training. Our guides hold rafting certifications from International Rafting Federation (IRF) and are also trained as Whitewater Rescue Technicians (WRT). Be assured that you will be in our safe hands.

Route Map:



Trip Info:

Duration : 12 Days

Rafting Season : Sep - Nov, Mar - Jun

Grade : I to V -

Distance : 270 kilometers

Itinerary:

Day 1 - 2: Kathmandu (1,400 m): We will pick you up from Tribhuvan International Airport and drop you to your hotel. A NRR representative will be there, holding a card, with your or group name on it. They will take you to your hotel in a private car. If you arrive late at night, we will take you to your hotel, where you can rest that night. If you land before noon, we will drop you at your hotel. You will have the remaining day at your disposal but if you need any information, you can consult our representative. They will advise you, how to make the most out of your limited time.

On the second day, after breakfast, we will take you for a half day sightseeing tour in the Kathmandu valley. We will provide you a private car or a van and a tour guide. Among several other places, you will be visiting three World Heritage Sites - Pashupati, Boudha and Basantapur.

After sightseeing, we will gather at our office and conduct a pre- departure meeting. Our guides will introduce themselves to you and tell you how to use the equipment. We will also check the equipment, we will be using.

Day 3: Pachuwarhat (541 m): After breakfast, early in the morning, we will leave for our put in point Dolalghat (967 m). Before the rafting starts, our guides will give you instructions on how to use equipment and tips on how to remain safe. In Dolalghat, lower Bhotekoshi meets Indrawati and forms the Sun Koshi River. We will start to raft on Sun Koshi (“the river of gold” in Nepali). The start will be smooth with few rapids, which will give us some practice and warm up for the rapids that are yet to come. Towards the end of the day, you will experience the first of many Class III rapids. We will set up our camp at Pachuwarhat for the night’s rest.

When the night falls we will be setting up campfire. While basking on the warmth of the campfire, we will have little chit chats. We will share our own stories and if you are happy with sharing your own stories, you can do so too.

Day 4: Chainpur (1,206 m) : After breakfast, early in the morning, we will start from Pachuwarhat to reach Chainpur. We will be facing couple of exciting Class II and Class III Sun Koshi rapids. However, as we raft, you must take your time and observe the beautiful Nepalese countryside. When we reach the Hindu holy temple Kusheswor, the BP highway starts to run parallel to our rafting route. As we continue rafting down the river, you will see Majhee Gaun (which means fisher’s village in Nepali). True to its name, the inhabitants of this village make a living by catching fish. By the time we reach Chainpur, it will be evening so we will set our camp at Chainpur by the side of Sun Koshi River. As you rest and loosen yourself, our team will be prepare tasty food. After our meal, before sleeping, we will have some time for ourselves. We are open to all feasible ideas - that entertain or inform us.

Day 5: Jhagare (1,190 m): This will be another exciting day for us. After breakfast, we start to paddle down Sun Koshi. Within a short period of time, we will see Tama Koshi joining Sun Koshi, increasing the volume of Sun Koshi. At first, the waters are quite calm and paddling is easy but slowly the water currents of Sun Koshi increase, and we have to pay our attention to paddling. The highlights for this day are the exciting and challenging rapids, that include Meat Grinder (Class IV-), Punch (Class IV-), Judy (Class III), Pre-anxiety (Class III) and High-anxiety (Class IV-). As the evening approaches, we will stop rafting and set a camp at Jhagare.

Day 6: Raighat (268 m): Day eight will test our team spirit as we will come across the famous Harkapur I and II (Class V-) rapids. After some paddling, we will see Dudh Koshi, join Sun Koshi. Depending on the season and water levels, the rapids may or may not be runnable. We'll make a careful group decision, as we always put safety first. Our camp site for the day will be at the beautiful Raighat beach for a much-needed rest and refreshment.

Day 7: Rasuwaghat (501 m): After breakfast, we will start rafting again and we will meet some exciting rapids such as Jaws Rapid (Class IV-) followed by the notorious “Dead Man Eddy”. The main highlight of this day’s rafting is the rapid “Rhino Rock” (Class IV). True to its name, this rapid looks like the horn of a rhinoceros. The way we pass this rapid depends on level of water and decision by the guide. We will set up our camp for the night at Rasuwaghat by the Sun Koshi riverside.

Day 8: Waterfall: As we continue rafting down the river, we will enter tropical vegetation. Sun Koshi becomes narrower, and we will be passing through a region referred as “Jungle Corridor” which is full of continuous rapids. As we move ahead, we come across a series of waterfalls – un-spoilt and serene. This day’s camp will be near to Waterfall by the side of Sun Koshi.

Day 9: Tribeni: The waters of Sun Koshi are calmer now. We can relax as we pass through smaller waves. However, on the way, we will come across two exciting rapids - Big Dipper (Class IV) followed by Black hole (Class III). Soon, Arun and Tamor mix with Sun Koshi at Tribeni (which means confluence of three rivers in Nepali). A total of seven rivers have now joined Sun Koshi and it is now called Sapta (which in Nepali means seven) Koshi. Our camp at that day will be at Tribeni.

Day 10: Chatara (153 m) to Kathmandu: After breakfast, we will raft for some time until we reach the famous Baraha temple. We will spend some time sightseeing, then we will paddle to Chatara - our final put out point. We will have our lunch at a local restaurant. From Chatara, we will take a private bus and drive for about 14 to 15 hours to reach Kathmandu. We will stop our bus on the way for dinner at a Nepali restaurant. You can choose to stop at Chitwan National Park to enjoy the wildlife. There is one more option, you may go to Biratnagar from Chatara and then fly to Kathmandu. If you want to do so, please mention it during the time of your trip booking.

Day 11: Back to Kathmandu: By the morning, we will reach Kathmandu. You will have time to rest and get fresh in your hotel. After taking some rest, you can go for last minute souvenir shopping, again if you require, our guides will recommend the places, where you can buy those souvenirs. In the evening, we will have a farewell dinner with our office representatives (along with guides) in a typical Nepali restaurant. We will drop you back to your hotel.

Day 12: Departure: Finally, after a fun filled 12 days, our trip will end. We hope that you will have enjoyed your trip thoroughly and well. But by then, the time would come for us to bid you good-bye. We will take you to Tribhuvan International Airport and our office representative will be seeing you off. If you have time and would like to extend your stay in Nepal, you may join our other tours, we would be happy to offer you our recommendations.

What is Included

Professionally trained and certified safety kayakers. Quality rafting and kayaking equipment, including boats, kayaks, helmets, paddles, life jackets, dry bags and pelican boxes. Accommodation in a camp and all necessary facilities including personal tents, individual mattress and sleeping bag, toilet tents etc. All meals while on the river – breakfast, lunch and dinner. Two way transportation – buses, 4WDs. River Permits.

What is Excluded

Visas, flights, other taxes etc. Personal items like toiletries, clothing, camera etc. Alcohol and other packed food. Insurance policy: paddlers need to have their own insurance since we only provide insurance to our crew. Tips for guides – we pay our guides and porters fairly but if you want you can tip them personally.

What to Bring

Shorts / ᵢ pant
Sport Sandals
Shirts that will dry quickly
Swim suit
Warm layers (fleece, trousers)

Towel
Toiletries
Sunscreen
Sunglasses
Camera and batteries/chargers
Water Bottles
Flashlight
A little cash
Binoculars