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Beautiful, diverse, untouched – there aren’t many destinations like this left in the world. We searched the globe to bring you a unique, authentic travel experience full of cultural immersion. We found it with our exclusive partner, Genghis Khan Retreat, on the Mongolian Steppe.

Completely wild and one of the most important centres of history in Central Asia – welcome to Orkhon Valley – a cultural landscape that illustrates many important stages in human history and to this day fosters a nomadic culture of prehistoric origins.

The Genghis Khan Retreat is nestled above the Orkhon River in UNESCO protected national park, surrounded by menhirs and tombs. The retreat is a rare gem where you get the chance to reconnect to yourself, nature and one of the world’s last surviving nomadic cultures on the trip of a lifetime.
If you have a taste for adventure and the urge to take the path less travelled, this unique Into the Wild itinerary on the Mongolian Steppe will be right up your street. The Genghis Khan Retreat, nestled above the Orkhon River in the UNESCO protected national park, brings extra wow factor to the wilderness, fully tailoring your holiday to deliver one of the most individual, immersive and memorable experiences imaginable.
**DAY 1**

Upon arrival, our friendly team is waiting to greet you and collect your luggage. After arriving at the GKR camp, get a tour of the facilities from our Camp Manager then make yourself at home in your luxury ger.

The wild awaits. Begin your journey in the same way that the Khans did – on horseback. Ride across the breathtaking Mongolian landscape, appreciating the scenery, culture and true nature of Mongolia – we’re sure you’ve never seen anything like it.

Jump off your horse and get ready, steady, aim. Our archery professionals will teach you the way of the bow in a Mongolian archery class.

As night falls, wind down the day in the dining ger over a delicious meal freshly prepared by our chef and culinary team. When it’s time to rest your head, experience the child-like wonder of camping in the great outdoors in your luxury ger.

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**DAY 2**

Following a leisurely breakfast, it’s time to get on your bike. Get the adrenaline going with some mountain biking along the ridges and valleys of the Orkhon National Park. Over a unique terrain, as challenging and technical as you like, you’ll be guided by one of our experienced recreational team members.

Feel like a change of pace after mountain biking? Slow down and unwind on the picturesque Mongolian steppe. Remote and wild, experience the rolling hills and valleys, rugged mountains and swirling rivers of this unexplored landscape.
DAY 3

After you’ve fueled up on breakfast, venture out on horseback on a four-hour ride across the plains. Horse whisperer or new rider, you’ll feel freedom on a different level as you take a wild ride across the grasslands.

Now that you’ve worked up an appetite, enjoy a hand-prepared picnic on the mountainside. A meal with a vista, lunch comes with a side of unrivalled views of the Orkhon Valley.

For the journey home, head out on an adrenaline-pumping downhill mountain bike ride or hop into one of the 4x4s to descend in comfort. At the base of the mountain is a winding river where you can glide downstream on a kayaking excursion before heading back to camp for drinks and dinner.

DAY 4

This morning, it’s time to choose your own adventure. Conquer high peaks with our rock climbing instructors or follow in the footsteps of Genghis Khan with local experts on a historical excursion.

To continue the thrills in the afternoon, why not try some kayaking down the Orkhon River? Take in the scenery from a different point of view as you float through the valley surrounded by nature, from birds to herds of livestock.
A lushly forested valley, the majestic Himalayan mountain range, wild and untouched culture – if that sounds like paradise, that’s because it is. Home of Pavilions Himalayas, we invite you to enrich your mind, body and spirit at our luxury eco-resort.

Whether you’re looking to break from routine, spend some quality time with loved ones, or simply discover somewhere new, Pavilions Himalayas has just what you need to rest and recharge your soul. Breathe, hike, relax and explore the beauty of Pokhara, the gateway to the Annapurna Himalayas.

As travellers, we understand it’s important to make a difference in the world. With every stay, you’re having a positive impact on the local community and natural environment. We power our entire resort and its 14 luxurious villas with renewable energy, and our organic farm is the source of our fresh produce – making for a feel-good getaway in every sense.
However you get your kicks, Nepal is set up for adventures galore. Whether you want to explore the beautiful landscape of Pavilions Himalayas resort or seek escape further afield in Pokhara or the mountains of Annapurna Himalayas, we’ll help you craft the perfect getaway.

From extreme mountain biking trails to rafting through the Seti Gandaki River, this Into the Wild itinerary makes for an unbeatable introduction to Nepal.
DAY 1

Set the tone for your holiday by setting out on a challenging mountain biking trail in Pokhara. Put pedal to the metal as you whizz past views of Fewa Lake with 360-degree vistas of the Annapurna Mountain range.

If you’re more of a leisurely rider than an adrenaline junkie, there’s the option to take a chilled out bike ride along the lakeshore. Cross through paddy fields and grazing land on this relaxing cycling trail. Best suited for novice to intermediate riders, cycle as near or as far as you like on a route ranging from 25 to 45 km.

Back at the resort, you deserve some pampering. Why not reward yourself after an intense day exploring in our state-of-the-art spa? Our therapists are on hand to give you some R&R, soothing away aches and pains so you’ll be ready to adventure all over again tomorrow.

DAY 2

Swap the monotony of the treadmill for a scenic full-day hike to the Peace Pagoda. The shrine is a vantage point with spectacular views of the Annapurna range and Pokhara city - trust us when we say that aching legs and burning thighs are sufficiently rewarded!

What goes up must come down, and as you venture downhill to Phewa Lake, the beautiful views stay insight. Take in the reflection of Mount Machhapuchhre and other Annapurna and Dhaulagiri peaks on the lake surface as you cross it by boat returning to the resort.

For the perfect end to the perfect day, a selection of delicious dishes from our local farm awaits at the resort dining area. A true farm-to-table experience, the menu changes weekly based on the freshest ingredients available from the farm.
DAY 3

Untamed
rivers and never-ending
thrills await you this morning.
Choose from rafting or kayaking through
Seti Gandaki and have the adventure of a
lifetime. As you go with the flow, the route takes
you right through the heart of the city, with plenty to
discover around every twist and turn (seasonal).

As night falls, freshen up before heading out to dinner.
Just 30 minutes from Pavilions Himalayas, Fresh
Elements is rated the number one restaurant in the
Lakeside area and worth the short drive. There’s
plenty on the menu to satisfy whatever you’re
craving, and with vegan and gluten-free
options, there’s something for
everyone.

DAY 4

Rendez-vous with your expert
hiking guide who is ready to
accompany you on your full-
day hike to Ramadi via the
typical Nepalese villages of
Mattikhan, Ramkot, Kupinde and
Khalse. One of the best routes
in the valley, set out to explore
unpaved tracks and subtropical
forests before enjoying a picnic
lunch in the company of nature.

You can’t have too much of
a good thing. Why not go for
round two in our tranquil spa
or relax by the pool on some
much-deserved downtime?