

**DNHG Field Trip to Nepal Hill Country**  
**April 1-9, 2016**

Natural History Group members have once again been invited to experience the verdant scenery and village life of Nepal's hill country – traditional houses, mountain trails, terraced cultivation of rice, corn and millet, footbridges across rivers, water buffalo milk, temple ceremonies, traditional dancing, and more – including 4 days homestay and optional day hikes. Also birds, butterflies, etc. Sightseeing in unforgettable Kathmandu to start. Return via highlands of the upper Sunkosi River, with temple visit and a detour to the Chinese border. Total 9 days 8 nights.

Our visit will include a mix of touring by vehicle, day hikes, cultural interaction and natural history observation. In the hill country, in and around the village of Makadum in Ramechhap District, our host will be Narayan Karki, a former DNHG member known for his energy and enthusiasm, who has a wealth of knowledge about village life and customs.

[NB: This will be a customized visit. The village area is part of the Indigenous Peoples Trail network, but that initiative has not yet been developed into standardized commercial offerings. Accommodation in the hill country will be at a private school and a rural hotel. Previous visits by the NHGs in 2012 to 2014 have gotten very good reviews. Also, improved road access will allow us to use private 4WD vehicles to reach Makadum directly, rather than requiring the 'memorable' truck journeys of previous years.]

Limit 10 participants. Approx. basic cost: AED 3500 plus airfare (est'd AED 1650) and Nepal visa (AED 150). For more details and itinerary, contact Gary Feulner: [grfeulner@gmail.com](mailto:grfeulner@gmail.com) or 04-306-5570.

