

Trip Name : Nepal Pilgrimage Tour

Starting Point	Kathmandu
Ending Point	Kathmandu
Type	GuestHouse/Hotel
Grade	Easy
Duration	7 Days
People in Group	Minimum 1 and Maximum 12
Best Time	February to June and September to December
Max. Elevation	1592 mt.

Trip Highlights:

- Tour of major World Heritage Sites
- Visit of main temples and religious shrines
- Visit of Manakamana Temple, the wish fulfilling Goddess
- Adventurous drive on the hilly road
- Small hike and activities
- Awesome Mountain views along the tour

Trip Details:

Nepal is a popular pilgrimage destination because of its divine shrines. Pashupatinath temple is one of them and its existence dates back to 400 A.D. The pagoda style temple is dedicated to the Lord Shiva and stands as a symbol of faith, religion, culture and tradition. The temple is also known as 'the temple of living beings'. The temple is famous for its awe-inspiring and astounding pagoda architecture. Swoyambhunath is equally worshipped by Hindus and Vajrayana Buddhists of northern Nepal and Tibet including the Newars of Kathmandu. Each morning before dawn, hundreds of pilgrims ascend to the hill and begin a series of clockwise circumambulations of the Stupa. The area around the Stupa is filled with the chaityas, temples, painted images of deities and numerous other religious objects. Swoyambhunath Stupa is also called the 'Monkey Temple'. The other holiest Buddhist pilgrimage site is Boudhanath, located about 6km east from the downtown. The Stupa's massive mandala makes it one of the largest spherical stupas in Nepal. It is one of the largest stupas in the world holding with a diameter of about 100 meters and 40 meters tall. Budanilkantha (the sleeping Vishnu) and stone made Krishna Temple are other attractions in Kathmandu. While travelling to Pokhara, a visit to Manakamana Temple (the wish fulfilling goddess) by cable car is significantly important. The views of the panoramic Himalayas including Mt. Manaslu are awesome from Manakamana Temple. Pokhara consists of many religious shrines. Bindhyabasini temple is one of the oldest and major shrines in Pokhara. World Peace Pagoda on the hillock across the Fewa Lake is truly amazing. The shadow of the Annapurnas and the Fishtail on the Fewa Lake is superb. The views from Sarangkot are simply great. Our pilgrimage tour gives an overall visit of important shrines including the World Heritage Sites as well as a bit of adventure and natural delights. The travel through the countryside gives a real picture of Nepalese culture and traditions.

Note:

The pilgrimage tour of Lumbini, birth place of Lord Buddha can be customized on demand.

How We Make This Trip Responsible?

Trekking Encounters promotes Responsible Tourism and strictly follows the responsible travel guide

lines.

Cost Includes:

- Welcome drinks in Kathmandu
- Tour pre-departure information
- An English speaking City Tour Guide as per in the itinerary
- Hotel accommodations on a twin share basis with breakfast
- All internal ground transport by private vehicle
- Cable Car tickets
- Emergency co-operation service

Complimentary:

- A Trekking Encounters T-shirt
- A farewell Nepali dinner with live culture program

Cost Excludes:

- Lunch and dinner
- Entrance fees to the monuments
- Bar and beverages bills, bottled water
- Nature of personal expenses
- Personal cloths and equipment such as sleeping bag, jacket, boots etc.
- Insurance for accidental, medical and evacuation
- Tips to the staff
- International Airfare and Taxes

Add-Ons:

Mt. Everest Flight

Activity: Mount Everest sightseeing flight.

Duration: One hour.

Frequency: Everyday in the morning between 6am to 9am.

Cost: US\$ 224 per person. Group discounts available.

Ground transfer: Included by a private vehicle. Two persons minimum needed.

Airport tax: Included.

Airline: Buddha Air, Simrik Airlines and Yeti Airlines.

Short Hiking Trips

Sundarijal Nagarkot Trek - 3 days.

Sarangkot Dhampus Trek - 3 days.

Poonhill Ghorepani Trek - 4/5 days.

Jomsom Muktinath Trek - 3 days.

Everest View Trek - 4/5 days.

Jungle Safari in Chitwan National Park

Activities: Jungle safari on elephant-back, jungle walk, canoe ride, jeep drive, experience of Tharu culture.
Accommodation: Resorts, Hotels and Lodges.
Transportation: Private Car included (Kathmandu/Pokhara-Kathmandu).
Meals: Included.
Duration: 3 days and 2 nights.
Cost: Starts from US\$ 225 per person.

Jungle Safari in Bardia National Park

Activities: Jungle safari on elephant-back, jungle walk, boat ride, jeep drive.
Accommodation: Jungle lodges.
Transportation: Not included.
Meals: Included.
Duration: 4 days and 3 nights.
Cost: Starts from US\$ 475 per person.

Bird Watching in Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve

Activities: Bird watching, boat ride and wildlife viewing on jeep drive.
Accommodation: Resorts, Tented camps.
Transportation: Not included.
Meals: Included.
Duration: 3 days and 2 nights.
Cost: Starts from US\$ 480 per person.

Rafting in Nepal

Trishuli River: 2/3 Class – 1 Day – 17 Kilometers – Cost starts from US\$ 30 per person.

Seti River: 3 Class – 2 Days – 32 Kilometers – Cost starts from US\$ 80 per person.

KaliGandaki River: 4 Class – 3 Days – 56 Kilometers – Cost starts from US\$ 140 per person.

BhoteKoshi River: 4/5 Class – 2 Days – 18 Kilometers – Cost starts from US\$ 85 per person.

- **Cost includes:** Top quality Rafting equipment, Highly trained Crew, Well organized camping, Hygienic food.

- **Transportation:** Bus transportation included and depends.

Bungy Jumping / Canyoning / Paragliding / Ultralight Flight

We can check and deliver information and cost as per your interest received for Bungy Jumping, Canyoning, Paragliding and Ultralight Flight. Bungy and Canyoning can also be customized together.

Shopping Tours

Package available on demand.

Shopping items: Pashmina items, Paubha/Thangka, Woolen Carpets, Root Art, Ceramics, Shaligram (Holy Rocks), Masks of deities, Khukuri, Tea, Spices, Garments and Knitwear, Musical Instruments and Music, Glass Ornaments, Jewelry and Gems, Metal Wares, Sculptures, Wood Carvings, Rudraksha (Rosary), Incense, Natural Buttons, Fiber Products, Wood Game Boards, Fancy Hats, Bamboo Crafts, Bags and Accessories, Leather Articles, Lokta Paper and items made by Lokta, Nepali Dolls, Home Decors, Books and Maps and innumerable other unique items which are found nowhere else.

Trip Itinerary:

Day 01 : Arrival in Kathmandu.

Reception by the Office Representative at the airport and we shall transfer you by our comfortable vehicle to a hotel located in the downtown followed by a short pre-trip meeting.

Day 02 : Kathmandu City Tour.

After breakfast, sightseeing tour of World Heritage Sites will be started by an experienced City Tour Guide. Tour includes to Budanilkantha (the sleeping Vishnu), Pashupatinath, Boudhanath and Patan Durbar Square. The entirely stone made Krishna Temple, three-storied golden temples and the three main courtyards of the Durbar Square are the main attractions of Patan. Then we drive back to our hotel.

Day 03 : Tour of Swoyambhunath, Bhaktapur and Kathmandu Durbar Squares.

After breakfast, we take a short drive to visit the Swoyambhunath on the hillock. Then we drive towards Bhaktapur City. Bhaktapur is considered as one of the oldest cities in town and famous for the 15th Century Palace of 55 Windows and the artistic courtyards along with the Golden Gate and Pagoda style temples. After Bhaktapur, we take a drive back for a tour of Kathmandu Durbar Square where we can visit the famous Kumari Ghar (Temple of Living Goddess) and the guide will give a short account of Nepal's history and art related to the shrines and palaces located here. We will return back to the same hotel after the tour.

Day 04 : Drive to Pokhara after the visit of Manakamana Temple.

After breakfast, we take a drive for approximately 3-4 hours along the bank of the Trishuli River and arrive at Kurintar. Then we take a Cable Car ride for 15 minutes to reach the beautiful Manakamana Temple, the wish fulfilling Goddess on the southeast ridge of Gorkha. It is a famous pilgrimage site for Hindus and a beautiful Himalayan panorama including Mt. Manaslu can be viewed from here. After this short visit of Manakamana Temple, we continue our drive to Pokhara along the scenic road passing through many village settlements and small towns.

Day 05 : Tour of Pokhara.

We drive to Sarangkot to witness the Himalayan panorama that dominates Pokhara City early morning. The towering Annapurna and the famous 'Fishtail' peaks are the highlights of this trip. We drive back to hotel for breakfast via the visit of sacred Bindhyabasini Temple. After breakfast, we will visit David Falls, Gupteshwor Cave and the World Peace Pagoda. Our Pokhara tour completes with a boat ride on the beautiful Fewa Lake where we can see the shadow of Mt. Fishtail over the Lake water. You are free to explore the colorful town in the evening.

Day 06 : Drive back to Kathmandu, Nepali cultural dinner.

After breakfast, we are now retracing our drive through the scenic Highway on the bank of the Trishuli River and end our tour in Kathmandu. After refreshing and taking some rest, we will join the typical Nepali dinner with live cultural program. The show ends at 9PM and we are back to the hotel for rest.

Day 07 : Final departure.

This is the time to say good-bye and transfer to airport. Fly out Kathmandu with some beautiful memories. The drive from Thamel to airport takes about half an hour and needs to report 2 and half hours before the flight time.