

ENCHANTING NEPAL (05 NIGHTS-06 DAYS)



HIGHLIGHTS: KATHMANDU • POKHARA • JOMSOM • MUKTINATH

WELCOME TO NEPAL!

Nepal is a small landlocked country with a diversity of natural and cultural wealth you will find in few places on earth. The land rises abruptly from the sweltering Terai plains in the south at 60 meters above sea level to the freezing heights of the Himalayan in the north well above 8000 meters culminating in the highest point on earth, Mt. Everest at 8848 meters - with lush sub-tropical forests, green hills and valleys in between - within a distance of a mere 200 km.

Culture is embedded in the high peaks of Nepal, tradition flows with its rivers, art traverses through its valleys and religion lies in the heart of its people. Nepal, in short, is a country where art, culture and religion are a part of life of the inhabitants.

DAY 01: ARRIVAL - KATHMANDU (-/-/-)

Arrive in Kathmandu. Meeting and assistance at the airport and transfer to the hotel.

Afternoon, sightseeing tour of **Pashupatinath Temple and Boudhanath stupa.**

Pashupatinath is one of the sacred Shiva temples on the Indian sub-continent. It draws devotees from all over India, including many colorful Sadhus (wandering Holy men). It is the largest temple complex in Nepal. Visiting Pashupatinath begins and ends a traditional pilgrimage circuit. Lord Pashupatinath's supreme holiness stems from hollowed linga enshrined in the main temple and its location on the bank of sacred Bagmati River. Bagmati sanctity makes Pashupatinath Nepal's most sacred cremation site.



Continue to **Boudhanath.**

On the eastern side of Kathmandu is a huge stupa of Boudhanath. This is the largest stupa in Nepal and one of the largest in the world. It is the sacred place for Buddhist pilgrims. Once you enter the stupa complex it resembles Bharkor street of Tibet with a considerable population of Tibetans, number of thriving monasteries and many small shops selling Tibetan artifacts. Boudhanath is one of the few places in the world where Tibetan culture is accessible, vibrant and unbound. Always remember to walk clockwise around the stupa.



Overnight at the Hotel in Kathmandu.

DAY 02: KATHMANDU - POKHARA (BREAKFAST/-/-)

After breakfast, drive to to **Pokhara town (205 kms/7 hrs drive)**

It is also referred as city of lakes and mountains. It is also the gateway to one of the best trekking location in the world. Approx. 200 kms from Kathmandu Pokhara enjoys a mild climate, clean air, reflection of snow capped mountains on the sheltered lake. Its relaxed atmosphere is pleasantly removed from the hectic hustle and



bustle of Kathmandu. Lakeside Pokhara is a traveler's oasis. The tourist area of lakeside, stretched out along the southeast shore of the valley's largest lake.

Upon arrival transfer to the hotel in Pokhara. Evening, stroll around the lakeside area.

Overnight at the Hotel in Pokhara.

DAY 03: POKHARA – JOMSOM – MUKTINATH - JOMSOM (BREAKFAST/-/-)

After breakfast, transfer to **Pokhara airport** and fly to **Jomsom**.

After arriving in Jomsom transfer to hotel.

Jomsom is a town located at an altitude of about 2700 m in Mustang District, Nepal. Jomsom reveals Nepal's spectacular diversity at its finest. The deep valleys and high mountains encircling the giant Annapurna Himal embrace a wide range of peoples and terrain, from subtropical jungle to a high, dry landscape resembling the Tibetan Plateau.

Afternoon, Jeep drive to **Mukinath** for Muktinath Darshan. Muktinath is a sacred place for both Hindus and Buddhists located in Muktinath Valley at an altitude of 3,710 meters in Mustang, Nepal. Within Hinduism, it is called Mukti Kshetra, which means the "place of liberation or moksha". This temple is considered to be 106th among the available 108 Divya Desam (premium temples) considered sacred by the Sri Vaishnava sect. Although the temple has a Vaishnava origin, it is also revered in Buddhism. For Tibetan Buddhists, Muktinath is a very important place of Dakinis, goddesses known as Sky Dancers, and one of the 24 Tantric places. They understand the murti to be a manifestation of Avalokitesvara, who embodies the compassion of all Buddhas.



After Muktinath Darshan drive back to Jomsom. **Dinner and overnight at the Hotel in Jomsom.**

DAY 04: JOMSOM-POKHARA (BREAKFAST/-/-)

After breakfast, transfer walk to the airport and fly back to Pokhara.

Upon arrival in Pokhara, transfer to the hotel.

After breakfast, sightseeing tour of Pokhara town with one hour boating on Phewa lake.

Boat trip in the lovely Phewa Lake is the foremost attraction of Pokhara. Paddling out into the middle of the lake is a nice way to spend a quite afternoon. Phewa lake is the largest lake in



Pokhara valley and the second largest lake in Nepal.

Overnight at the Hotel in Pokhara.

DAY 05: POKHARA – KATHMANDU (BREAKFAST/-/-)

After breakfast, drive back to Kathmandu retracing the same highway. En route possibility of visiting **Manakamana temple “Wish Fulfilling Goddesses”**

Upon arrival in Kathmandu, transfer to the hotel. Rest of the day is free.

Evening, transfer to an authentic Nepali restaurant for **farewell dinner with cultural shows**

This is one of the wonderful experiences to taste typical Nepali food which we call “Dal Baht” with lentils. You will be surprised with the variety of Nepalese dishes that will keep on coming. The server with a gentle smile in their face will name you every item in Nepali as well as in English language before serving you. Along with the food you will be kept entertained with typical Nepali folk shows. You will get a chance to see the dance performance of different ethnic groups of Nepal in their unique cultural uniform.



Overnight at the hotel in Kathmandu

DAY 06: DEPARTURE – KATHMANDU (BREAKFAST/-/-)

Free till departure. Transfer to the airport in time to connect your onward flight.

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