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Nepal Buddhist pilgrimage tour covers most of the sacred places of Buddhist holy places like Swayambhunath Stupa, Boudhanath Stupa, Lumbini: The birthplace of Gautam Buddha. Nepal is famous for mountain trekking and expedition because it has more peaks like Everest, Annapurna, Island Peak and other peaks. Besides trekking in Nepal, Nepal has various places on the UNESCO list, the historic city of Kathmandu, the wonderful city of Pokhara, Chitwan jungle safari and Bardiya, the holy place and birthplace of Gautam Buddha.

Highlights of the trip

- ❖ Explore Buddhist sites in Kathmandu
- ❖ Exploration of Namobuddha Monastery.
- ❖ Spiritual Exploration at Buddha's Birthplace, Lumbini
- ❖ You will immerse yourself in the beauty of Pokhara.
- ❖ Sunrise trip to Sarangkot
- ❖ Spectacular view of the Annapurna mountain range
- ❖ Excursion to the Peace Stupa and boat trip on Fewa Lake
- ❖ Exploring the Buddhist attractions in Pokhara

Highlights of the itinerary

The itineraries offered by Nepal Tour Trekking Service P. Ltd. are guided and standardized; however, itineraries are subject to change or rearrangement due to vagaries beyond our control. Please note that itineraries are only a guide to give you an overview of the tentative itineraries. Changes to the tentative itineraries may vary or be altered in good faith due to unforeseen events caused by physical, technical and natural conditions.

Day 01: Welcome at Kathmandu international airport and transfer to the hotel.

Day 02: Visit Buddhist pilgrimage sites.

Day 03: Sightseeing around Patan and drive to Dhulikhel.

Day 04: Hike to Namobuddha Stupa and return to Kathmandu.

Day 05: Transfer to Lumbini/ Afternoon at leisure

Day 06: Full day visit to Lumbini Complex

Day 07: Scenic drive to Pokhara via Palpa Tansen.

Day 08: Visit Pokhara city with a Buddhist pilgrimage site.

Day 09: Flight or drive to the capital city, Kathmandu.

Day 10: Visit Kopan Monastery

Day 11: Return flight to your home.

Overview

Nepal Buddhist pilgrimage tour includes the major Buddhist pilgrimage sites such as Swyombhunath Stupa, Bouddhanath Stupa, Buddhist pilgrimage sites of Patan, Namobuddha, Lumbini, World Peace Stupa and Kopan Monastery. These Buddhist pilgrimage sites in Nepal are top-rated worldwide, with thousands of Buddhist devotees spending weeks exploring the essence of Buddhism, which is fundamentally rooted in peace and wisdom.

We begin the Buddhist pilgrimage tour by visiting the Buddhist pilgrimage sites in the Kathmandu Valley. These sites include Swyombhunath Stupa, Bouddhanath Stupa and Durbar Square in Patan. Swyombhunath Stupa, also known as Monkey Temple, is very special for Hindu and Buddhist pilgrims. The huge hilltop stupa offers a spiritual journey inside with the Buddha's impressive eyes imprinted on it. The prayer flags and wheels make this visit even more spiritual.

Similarly, Bouddhanath Stupa is equally essential to Buddhist and Hindu believers. The serene environment and the classical settlements around the stupa fascinate many tourists who come to Bouddhanath Stupa. Similarly, at Patan Durbar Square, you will explore Hiranya Varna Mahavihar, Mahabouddha Temple and other Buddhist sites.

Then we drive or walk from Dhulikhel to Namobuddha. Namobuddha is where Buddha fed his flesh to a hungry tigress and her cubs in his past life as a prince. With this popular myth, Namobuddha is considered one of the holiest Buddhist pilgrimage sites in the world. This Buddhist pilgrimage now takes us to the sacred

birthplace of Gautam Buddha, where we visit the Lumbini Museum, Mayadevi Temple, Ashoka Garden and Ashoka Pillar. In Lumbini, we can learn a lot about Buddhism. If we want, we can also participate in meditation and yoga.

The same trip will take you to Pokhara, a city holy city by nature. We will drive or hike to Sarangkot viewpoint and celebrate with the first sunset of the breathtaking Annapurna massif, Dhaulagiri, Machhapuchhare, Ganesh Himal and Manaslu. You then explore the serene city of Pokhara and take a cruise on Lake Phewa. In the afternoon, we drive or hike to the World Peace Stupa and again take in the fascinating panorama of Annapurna, Pokhara city and Lake Phewa.

Finally, we will drive or fly from Pokhara to Kathmandu and visit Kopan Monastery, a famous centre for learning Buddhism and practising yoga and meditation. People from all over the world come to Kopan Monastery to learn Buddhism and practice yoga and meditation.

Detail Itinerary

Day 01: Welcome at Kathmandu international airport and transfer to the hotel.

Arrive at Tribhuvan International Airport with international flights. Optionally, you can use the road from India or Tibet to reach Kathmandu. You will meet our representative at the arrival point and arrange your transfer to the hotel. Upon arrival at the hotel, we will sit and briefly discuss the itinerary we have planned. Overnight stay at the hotel in Kathmandu.

Meals: None

Day 02: Visit Buddhist pilgrimage sites around Kathmandu Valley.

After Breakfast, you will start your sightseeing tour. You will go sightseeing with a professional tour guide in a private vehicle. First, you will visit Swyombhunath Stupa. Swyombhunath Stupa is also known as Monkey Temple because you can see numerous monkeys around the stupa. It has a deep forest, and the stupa is located at the top of the hill. The colourful waving prayer flags, monkeys of different sizes, the colossal stupa with the imprinted eyes of Lord Buddha, other Hindu temples and the serene surroundings are the highlights of Swyombhunath Stupa. Besides, the holy men, paintings and thankas and spectacular views of the

mountain and valley of Kathmandu are equally significant of Swyombhunath Stupa.

After visiting Swoyambunath, drive to Bouddhanath Stupa. Bouddhanath Stupa is a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Kathmandu, known as a popular Buddhist pilgrimage site. This huge stupa with prayer flags impresses everyone who goes to visit it. Moreover, Bodddhnanath Stupa has a very peaceful environment with typical Nepalese houses and restaurants. You can buy various souvenirs here and then return to the hotel for an overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 03: Sightseeing around Patan and drive to Dhulikhel.

After Breakfast, we will drive to Patan Durbar Square and visit the impressive Krishna Temple, Patan Hiranya Varna Mahabihar Museum, Mahabouddha Temple and other Buddhist sites in Patan. We explore all these Buddhist sites in Patan to see the core of Buddhist history, civilization and principles. After visiting the Patan area, we will drive to Dhulikhel. Dhulikhel is also a popular tourist destination to experience attractive mountain views.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 04: Drive or hike to Namobuddha Stupa and return to Kathmandu.

After a delicious breakfast, you will leave Dhulikhel and begin a hike through a picturesque traditional settlement and lush forest. You will enjoy the core nature and experience some attractive mountain views as you walk along this trail. You will hike for 4-5 hours until you reach Namobouddha Stupa, a famous Buddhist pilgrimage site. Explore this sacred Buddhist site. Namobouddha also offers incredible panoramic views and mountain landscapes. The prayer flags, impressive monasteries and museums are the main highlights. After completing this trip, you will drive to Kathmandu. Overnight stay at the hotel in Kathmandu.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 05: Transfer to Lumbini/ Afternoon at leisure

Today we drive to Lumbini (six to seven hours from Kathmandu) and transfer to your hotel in Lumbini. Lumbini is the most important Buddhist pilgrimage site in the world, the birthplace of Lord Buddha.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 06: Full day visit to Lumbini area

Today, you will visit the Lumbini area where Buddha lived until he was 29 and has several temples, including Mayadevi. Here is also the Puskarini or Sacred Pond, where Buddha's mother took the ritual bath before his birth and took his first bath and the remains of the palace of Kapilavastu. We spend today visiting the most important places and sites of Lumbini. The place covers a vast area with many monuments, temples and ancient sites of importance. You will start with a visit to the Mayadevi Temple and its beautiful gardens, built on the exact spot where Buddha was born. You will also visit the museum and the Peace Pagoda. Some of the important landmarks and monuments in Lumbini are the Ashoka Pillar, built by Emperor Ashoka (249 BC) on Buddha's birthplace. Devotees from different countries founded many Buddhist temples: Tibetan, German and Japanese temples are among them.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 07: Scenic drive to Pokhara via Palpa Tansen.

After Breakfast, you will leave Lumbini with our private vehicle via Palpa or Mugling to Pokhara, enjoying the beautiful scenery. The distance is almost the same. Overnight at a hotel in Pokhara.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 08: Visit Pokhara city with a Buddhist pilgrimage site.

Get up very early morning and drive to Sarangkot. Enjoy sunrise and the magnificent view of the mountains, including Annapurna massif from Sarangkot. Drive back to Pokhara and have Breakfast. In the afternoon, explore the town of Pokhara. Enjoy boat rides on Lake Phewa and take a short hike to the top of the World Peace Stupa. The World Peace Stupa is an impressive stupa that proclaims the message of world peace. Pokhara is also a popular vantage point to see the

Annapurna massif and the attractive Machhapuchhre descent to Pokhara.
Overnight at a hotel in Pokhara.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 09: Scenic Flight or Drive to Kathmandu.

It takes 25 minutes if you choose to fly, while the drive takes about 6-7 hours to drive along the Prithvi highway, Passing the Mugling and Trishuli rivers. Arrive in Kathmandu and overnight at the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 10: Visit Kopan Monastery

After Breakfast, around 9 am, Drive to Kopan Monastery, a famous Buddhist pilgrimage site. Enjoy the beautiful surroundings and the huge monastery. The waving prayer flags, mani and Buddhist school are the highlights of this visit. Return to Kathmandu and overnight at a hotel.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

Day 11: Return flight to your next destination.

Today, According to your flight schedule, we will take you to the international airport to catch your international flight. We say goodbye to you and wish you all the best for your next journey. We hope to see you in next trip to Nepal.

Meals: Breakfast

The service includes

- ❖ All transfers to/from Kathmandu airport in a private vehicle
- ❖ All nights hotel accommodation with breakfast on twin sharing basis
- ❖ English speaking professional tour guide
- ❖ All entrance fees to enter monument sights
- ❖ Ground transportation in personal vehicles
- ❖ All the necessary local and central government taxes
- ❖ Farewell dinner in Kathmandu in a typical Nepalese restaurant

The service does not include

- ❖ Nepal entry visa fee

- ❖ International air tickets and travel insurance
- ❖ All expenses of a personal nature, e.g. toilet paper, medicines, sweets, etc.
- ❖ Bar and drinks
- ❖ Tips for the guide and driver

Accommodation

All accommodations for the Buddhist pilgrimage tour are included in the tour price on a twin-share basis and are selected based on the standard of hygiene, level of service, food, and location, etc. In this package, we offer three-star deluxe hotels. You can upgrade to a better hotel, such as a 4- or 5-star hotel. You can request it by email. Breakfast is usually buffet style. If you are travelling alone, share a room with another person of the same gender in your group. If you prefer a single room, you can indicate your preference and receive single rooms on request by paying an individual supplement.

Essentials

Passport and Visa:

The first thing you need is a valid passport with at least six months left to travel anywhere. You can get the visa for Nepal at the Nepalese consulates or upon arrival in Kathmandu or at other borders. Currently, the most reliable source of information is the Nepal Immigration Department.

Use of transportation on the Buddhist pilgrimage

We offer our travellers the best and most comfortable vehicle like a two-person car, four-person jeep, Hiace, coaster, and Sutlej.

Tour Guide

We provide a government-license holder guide. Generally, we provide English speaking tour guides. In addition to English, we also offer Korean, Russian, French, Spanish Chinese and other languages upon request. Our guide always takes care to provide correct and detailed information about Nepal to make your vacation enjoyable.

We will provide a guide with good knowledge about spirituality and know more about yoga practice for yoga.

The best time for a Buddhist pilgrimage in Nepal:

Nepal has different seasons and can have different characters. In general, the best times to visit are September to November and February to March. December and January is the winter season, but not bad for visiting Nepal. However, June, July and August are rainy/summer seasons.

FAQS

What are the most important Buddhist pilgrimage sites in Nepal?

- ❖ Lumbini (over 60 excavations, including Maya Devi Temple, Devdaha and Kudan and World Peace Pagoda.
- ❖ Ramagrama Stupa, Nawalparasi District in Nepal
- ❖ Koliya, Nawalparasi district in Nepal
- ❖ Swayambhunath, Kathmandu, Nepal
- ❖ Boudhanath, Kathmandu, Nepal
- ❖ Namo Buddha - Kavrepalanchok district (the place where the Bodhisattva sacrificed his body to a tigress).
- ❖ Patan Durbar Square, Lalitpur, Nepal
- ❖ Halesi Maratika Caves (a revered Buddhist and Hindu pilgrimage site), Khotang, district.

What are famous pilgrimage sites in Nepal for Buddhist and Hindu pilgrims?

Pashupatinath

Pashupatinath holey temple attracts pilgrims all year round and even more during festivals like Shivaratri, when thousands of Hindus, both Nepalese and Indian, come. Not far from Pashupati is the gigantic stupa of Boudha, revered by Buddhists as a sacred pilgrimage site.

What is the main symbol of Buddhism?

The Wheel of Dharma

The Wheel of Dharma, also called Dharmachakra, is one of the oldest and most emblematic symbols of the Buddhist faith. Emperor Ashoka, who ruled over large parts of India from about 304 BC and was symbolized by a lion, was a follower of

Buddhism and erected pillars on which the dharma wheel was prominently displayed.

Reviews

One of the best pilgrimage tours in Nepal

It was a great tour and one of the most memorable in Nepal. The guide was very knowledgeable and friendly. The driver is also excellent. The hotels are very well maintained and clean, and the staff is amiable. Thank you, Kishor and all the team, for arranging our memorable trip. We are hoping to visit Nepal and make some trekking trips.

Best service provider

We have chosen the Nepal Buddhist pilgrimage tour with the help of Mr Kishor, Manager and trip planner. He is speedy and efficient in answering all my questions. They are an excellent local travel company, and I recommended them to all my interesting Nepal tour friends.

Countless memories of the Nepal tour

Nepal has several sacred places for Buddhists and Hindus. During our Buddhist pilgrimage trip in Nepal, we found that the people are amazing, and the culture is unique and diverse. We had beautiful vacation packages, and everything was well planned and executed. We are very grateful to our trip planner, tour guide and driver. During this Buddhist pilgrimage in Nepal, our primary goal is to see in detail the birthplace of Buddha and other sacred places of Buddhism. We are fully satisfied and utilize our time on this trip.

The journey of life

We felt the warm hospitality and felt at home while we were away. The experience was very well thought out, considered and with a personal touch. Well organized, spaced out, and perfectly coordinated. I highly recommend Kishor and his team for booking your trip to Nepal. Thank you very much for an unforgettable trip

Wonderful trip to Nepal

We had pleasant staff and perfect organization of our trip by Kishor Nepal at Nepal Tour & Trekking Service P. Ltd. Our guide Devid was amiable, helpful and honest. Thanks to him for making our vacation wonderful. He takes care of us from the first moment till the end. I recommend this organization without any hesitation.

Highly recommended travel agency

We just returned from Nepal, completing a private tour organized by Nepal Tour & Trekking Service P. Ltd. We chose this agency because of the many excellent reviews on Tripadvisor, and we were not disappointed. They were very efficient from the beginning - responding to emails as soon as possible (almost the same day) and sending quotes promptly. Most of the accommodations arranged were fantastic. The drivers and guides were punctual and knowledgeable. I would not hesitate to recommend Nepal Tour & Trekking Service P. Ltd to anyone travelling to Nepal.