



Kathmandu, Pokhara Surface & Jomsom with Muktinath

Day 01 – Kathmandu

Meeting at airport upon arrival by Office Personnel. Transfer to hotel. Kathmandu is the capital of Nepal and the Kathmandu Valley is the political and cultural heart of the Kingdom. The urban sprawl that makes up modern Kathmandu is in fact two cities,

Patan and Kathmandu.

Later you will be taken for a visit of the Hindu culture in Nepal, **Pashupatinath**. This is the place where holy siddhus pray. The **Pashupatinath Temple** is a famous, sacred Hindu temple dedicated to Pashupatinath and is located on the banks of the Bagmati River 5 kilometres north-east of Kathmandu Valley in the eastern city of Kathmandu the capital of Nepal.

This temple is considered one of the sacred temples of Hindu faith .The temple serves as the seat of the national deity, Lord **Pashupatinath**. This temple complex is on UNESCO World Heritage Sites's list Since 1979. This "extensive Hindu temple precinct" is a "sprawling collection of temples, ashrams, images and inscriptions raised over the centuries along the banks of the sacred Bagmati river".

Day 02 – Kathmandu / Pokhara

Drive to Pokhara. Pokhara is 210 kms from Kathmandu and is a 7 hours drive approx. From Pokhara town (2,352 feet) in good weather there are splendid views right from the hotel.

On the way you have an option at an extra cost of doing the river rafting (Inr. 2000 per person if required) or visit the Manakamna Temple " Goddess of Fulfilling Wishes" where you are taken by a cable ride of 10 mins (Inr. 500 per person for the cable car tickets if required).

This afternoon you will visit Bindebasini Temple. This is one of the oldest temples in Pokhara was a part of Kaski Kingdom, the main deity of the temple, Goddess Durga, was brought from India . Apart from the peace and tranquility that can be felt in this region, the premises of the temple offers a good view of the Himalaya on a clear day. The temple is in the area of the bazaar, hence, a journey of the old bazaar can be combined with a visit to the temple. Sightseeing to Devi's fall, also known as Patale Chango is an awesome waterfall lying 2 km southwest of Pokhara. During summer and rainy season, the waterfall takes its real form, with gushing water splashing and making its way through the rocks. Just opposite of Devi's fall, on the other side of the road, there is Gupteshwor Cave. This cave is popular for the different natural forms made from limestone deposits. Photography is strictly prohibited inside the cave. Overnight at hotel. (The above sightseeing is for a maximum of 03 hours after the vehicle reports at the hotel). Overnight at hotel.

Day 03 – Pokhara / Jomsom

After Breakfast, early morning flight to Jomsom. Upon arrival at Jomsom, walk over to the hotel which is 2 minutes from the airport.

Do note that Jomsom is a small village in the Mountains. Only basic accommodation is available here. The clients will have to walk from the airport to the hotel which takes about 5 minutes. Porters from the hotel are sent to the airport to carry the luggage. 15 Kg luggage per adult and 7 kg per child is allowed by the airlines on this sector. The aircraft is a Twin Otter or Doniar – average 15 seats.

Darshan of Muktinath temple.

Walk up to the Jeep Stand taking a Jeep on sharing basis for Muktinath. Originally the route from Jomsom to Muktinath was a trekkers route. Recently the route has been widened and 4x4 vehicles can drive all the way. 16 kms of the road has been pitched (Black topped) & 10 kms of the road is still a Dirt road. One drives parallel to the “Kali Gandaki” River which is well known for the “Saligrams”. The ride could be felt to be Bumpy, though for a short while. On a clear day after driving around 10 kms the vehicle stops at a View point. On a clear day one gets a breath taking view of the snow peaked Himalayas. The drive takes about 1.5 hours one way. Upon arrival at Muktinath it is another 10-15 minutes walk from the base to the Temple passing the Muktinath Village. Ponies too are available – if required payment to be make directly.

Darshan on your own of “Lord Narayan (Bishnu) known as “Muktinath”. There are 108 Spouts of water. Sprinkling the water from each spout, prior to doing the Darshan is said to be a must.

Later following the same route return to Jomsom.

Day 04 – Jomsom / Pokhara / Kathmandu

Fly back to Pokhara early morning. The vehicle will pick you up from the domestic airport in Pokhara and drive you back to Kathmandu.

Rest day at leisure. One can indulge in shopping or visit the casinos trying their lady luck. Overnight at hotel.

Day 05 – Kathmandu / Airport

Today morning you will be taken take you for a visit to **Patan**. Also known as **Lalitpur** , the city of beauty is separated from Kathmandu only by the Bagmati River and is the second largest town in the valley. Lalitpur is fragmented from other cities due to its substantive architectural ancient masterpieces. Patan's central Durbar Square is absolutely packed with temples: Its an architectural center point with a far greater concentration of temples per sq. meter than in Kathmandu or Bhaktapur. Within the city also lies the Tibetan refugee center, home to most of the valley's Tibetan population. While technically refugees, the Tibetans are some of the wealthiest people in the valley because of the carpet industry they operate. For those looking to bring home a fine Tibetan carpet, this is the place to shop. You will then go to **Swayambhunath** the golden spire of the 5th-century Swayambhu stupa is adorned with a colorful fluttering of prayer flags; it crowns a hill overlooking the Kathmandu Valley and offers fantastic views over the city of Kathmandu. Swayambhunath is one of the most recognizable symbols in Nepal and the painted eyes of Buddha watch all who ascend the worn stone steps. (The above sightseeing is for a maximum of 03 hours after the vehicle reports at the hotel)

Later free and closer to the time of your flight , you will be transferred to the airport in time to board your flight for onward journey.

Package Inclusions:

02 nights accommodation in Kathmandu with Breakfast.

01 night accommodation in Pokhara with Breakfast.

01 night accommodation in Jomsom with Breakfast – extremely basic accommodation only available with non A/c rooms

02 international airport transfers by **an A/c vehicle exclusively**

02 domestic airport transfers in Pokhara by Hotel Vehicle

Sightseeing as per the itinerary in Kathmandu and Pokhara **by an a/c vehicle exclusively**

(Guide and entrance fee not included payable directly)

Transportation Jomsom/ Muktinath/ Jomsom **by a non a/c vehicle on Sharing basis.**