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Buddhist Culture Tour

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Destination
Nepal

Activity
Cultural Tour

Start / End Point
Kathmandu / Kathmandu

Duration
8

Max. Altitude
1400m

Best Season
Round the Year

Activity Per Day
2 – 3 hours

Group Size
2 – 14

Easy

Trip Overview

The **Buddhist Culture tour** combines the natural and cultural aspects of Nepal touring, starting from Kathmandu: Nepal's cultural, historical and political center.

Kathmandu has its own style of cultural life based on a special mix of different cultures and religions. We visit Boudhanath, Swayambhunath and many other main Buddhist monasteries in Kathmandu.

The highlights of the Buddhist Culture tour is to understand Buddhism. After visiting world heritage sites in Kathmandu. The tour takes you to a place where immortal souls, such as Siddhartha- the Buddha, have taken birth to uplift the consciousness and bring the existing level of consciousness to be channeled in a new positive direction.

Prominent, among the structures to be seen, is the "Maya Devi Temple" Lumbini in Nepal. There are many monasteries and schools in Nepal where Shakyamuni Buddha's teachings can be another remarkable one; two and a half thousand years ago it had happened the people of Nepal live close to their gods and in perfect harmony from the high mountain climbing worlds to the meditative cultures also to yogis. Vipassana (to see things as they really are), the most ancient methods are one of those spiritual practices under meditation.

Our 8-days Buddhist Culture Tour exposes you to a combination of natural and cultural sites designed especially for those interested in Buddhist monuments at Buddha's birthplace. You may also find it interesting to check out our other tour packages depending on the time you spend on your trip to Nepal.

Itinerary

Day 01: Arrive in Kathmandu.

Upon your arrival in the Kathmandu airport after completing your custom formalities Visa, etc. pick up your luggage and look for our airport representative from Himalaya Discovery Adventures, who will display your name on the board at the arrival gate.

You will be greeted by our representative and transferred to the hotel by private tourist vehicle. Overnight in Kathmandu.

Day 02: Free in Kathmandu for sightseeing and pre trip briefing.

Today is free for sightseeing in Kathmandu. You may wish to visit Durbar Square in the heart of the old city where the old Royal Palace, with its intricate woodcarving is located. The whole area is a maze of temples and images. Leading away from the square in all directions are narrow alleys, full of the most amazing variety of shops and stalls.

Some of these landmarks are considered World Heritage Sites including the historic Bhaktapur Durbar Square, the famous 'Monkey Temple' Swayambhunath and Buddhists shrine Buddhanath which is one of the largest Stupas in the world. Overnight in Kathmandu.

Day 03: Fly / Drive to Lumbini.

Flight from Kathmandu to Bhairahawa takes 35 minutes and from there it is 30 mints drive to Lumbini. One can also drive to Lumbini (300 km) from Kathmandu. Overnight at hotel.

Day 04: Breakfast, Lumbini tour.

Lumbini Tour includes visit to the Mayadevi temple and tour of surrounding areas of Lumbini Development Trust (LDT). The three square mile area of LDT includes Sacred Garden, Monastic Zone and New Lumbini Village, overnight at hotel.

Day 05: Breakfast,Lumbini cultural experiences.

On the day we will visit surrounding villages of Lumbini and observe rural culture. Interaction with warm and hospital local people, buying their authentic handicraft products and observing their traditional rituals will bring one closer to understand the diversity of Terai cultures in Nepal, overnight at hotel.

Day 06: Religious and archeological sites of Kpailvastu.

Drive and visit religious and archeological sites of Tilaurakot, Gotihawa, Kudan, Siddharthanagar, Niglihara, Sagarhawam Aurorakot. Tilaurakot is the ancient Kapilabastu – the capital of Shakya.

Kudan was where Buddha was received by his father after his access to enlightenment. Gotihawa is the birthplace of Krakuchanda Buddha. Niglihawa is where Kanakmuni Buddha was born.

Sagarhawa is the archeological findings as “place of the Massacre of the Shakyas”, Overnight in Siddharthanagar at hotel.

Day 07: Devdaha – Ramgrama – Bhairahawa – Kathmandu.

Drive and visit religious and archeological sites at Devdaha and Ramagram. Devdaha is the ancient capital of the Koliya kingdom.

It is the maternal hometown of Queen Mayadevi (mother), Prajapati Gautami (step-mother), Princess Yasodhara (consort) and where Prince Siddhartha had spent his childhood. Ramgrama is the brick mound on the bank of the Jharahi River.

It is seven meter high brick stupa consisting of relic (one of the eight astha dhatu) of Lord Buddha. The Stupa was built by the king of Ramgrama, who was the eighth king to obtain the Buddha’s relics, Overnight at hotel.

Day 08: Fly / Drive to Kathmandu.

After breakfast departure to kathmandu, transfer to the hotel, rest of the time is free. Overnight in Kathmandu. If you are interested in continuing on to Chitwan jungle safari, Himalaya trekking, rafting, bungee jumping, Paragliding, Scenic Everest flight, Tibet tour, Bhutan tour.

Day 09: Free day / Fly to home.

Today is rest and relax throughout the day. If you get interested to take some gifts from Nepal for friends and relatives, visit to some nearby shops or go out in Thamel for typical Nepalese goods.

In the evening we will have a farewell dinner in a traditional Nepalese restaurant with cultural performances. Overnight in Kathmandu.

Day 10: Fly to home.

The trip ends, We will drop you to the airport for your flight departure from Nepal.

Price Includes

- Airport transfers pick-up and drop-off.

- 5-nights hotel accommodation in Lumbini with breakfast.
- guided sightseeings tour.
- Food, accommodation, salary, insurance, equipment and medicine for all tour staff.
- Entry permits and fees for all temple, park, monasteries, cultural and historical spots.
- Ground transportation from and to Kathmandu by tourist vehicle.
- Farewell dinner in typical Nepalese restaurant with cultural dance (on day 8th).
- All our government taxes.
- Please Note: USD 450 per person if you want to upgrade the accommodation in to five star hotel in Kathmandu.

Price Excludes

- International airfare and Nepal visa.
- Lunch and dinner in Kathmandu and Lumbini.
- Tips for guide / driver (tipping is expected).
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned on the ‘Price Include’ section.

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