

Nepal Cultural Tour: Kathmandu, Bhaktapur & Patan Highlights

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Destination
Nepal

Duration
4 Nights 5 Days

Starting from
Rs. 22,000 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

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Overview

A compact 4 nights / 5 days Nepal tour package designed for travelers who want to experience the rich cultural and spiritual heart of the Kathmandu Valley. This Nepal Pilgrimage tour package combines UNESCO World Heritage sites, majestic temples, traditional squares, and artisan quarters in Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, and Patan. Ideal as a short Nepal Pilgrimage package or for visitors selecting a 4 and 5 Nepal Pilgrimage tour package option.

Highlights:

- Kathmandu Durbar Square (royal palaces & ancient temples)
- Pashupatinath Temple (major Hindu pilgrimage site)
- Boudhanath Stupa (one of the largest stupas in South Asia)
- Swayambhunath (Monkey Temple) (panoramic views of the valley)
- Bhaktapur Durbar Square (medieval art & pottery square)
- Patan (Lalitpur) Durbar Square & Patan Museum (Newar architecture & crafts)
- Guided cultural walks and local artisan visits

This itinerary is suitable for first-time visitors, pilgrims, cultural travelers, and those looking for a short immersive Nepal experience.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ 4 nights accommodation in Kathmandu (3- or 4-star options available)
- ✓ Daily breakfast (buffet or à la carte)
- ✓ Arrival and departure airport transfers
- ✓ All transfers and transportation in a private vehicle
- ✓ Local English-speaking cultural guide for all sightseeing
- ✓ Entrance fees to monuments listed in the itinerary
- ✓ Government taxes and service charges
- ✓ Bottled water during sightseeing

✗ Not Included

- ✗ International airfare to/from Nepal
- ✗ Nepal entry visa fees (obtainable on arrival or online)
- ✗ Travel insurance (recommended)
- ✗ Meals not specified above (lunches & dinners)
- ✗ Tips/gratuities for guide and driver
- ✗ Personal expenses (shopping, phone calls, laundry)
- ✗ Optional activities not mentioned in the itinerary

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival and Evening in Thamel

Arrive at Tribhuvan International Airport (KTM). Meet and greet by our airport representative and transfer to your hotel in Thamel, Kathmandu. Depending on your arrival time, enjoy a relaxed orientation walk through Thamel's lively streets, dotted with shops, cafes, and traditional handicraft stores.

Important: If arriving late, rest and prepare for the start of the sightseeing program tomorrow. Evening free to explore local restaurants.

Day

2

Pashupatinath, Boudhanath & Kopan Monastery

Full-day cultural and spiritual tour beginning at the sacred Pashupatinath Temple, one of the most important Hindu pilgrimage sites in Asia. Continue to Boudhanath Stupa, a major center for Tibetan Buddhism with prayer wheels and monasteries surrounding the stupa. After lunch, visit Kopan Monastery for a serene overview of Buddhist teachings and meditation (optional short meditation session).

Tip: Dress modestly at all religious sites. Keep shoulders and knees covered. Photography is restricted in some areas at Pashupatinath — follow guidance from your guide.

Day

3

Bhaktapur: Medieval City of Art and Culture

Drive to Bhaktapur to explore Bhaktapur Durbar Square, famous for its intricate wood carvings, pagoda-style temples, and the 55-Window Palace. Wander through narrow lanes to witness traditional pottery-making at the Pottery Square and try local Newari snacks like juju dhau (king curd).

Note: Bhaktapur's streets are largely pedestrian-friendly — wear comfortable walking shoes and be prepared for cobbled surfaces.

Day

4

Patan (Lalitpur) & Handicraft Quarter

Explore Patan Durbar Square (Lalitpur), renowned for its classical Newari architecture, the Patan Museum, and the golden Shrine of Hiranya Varna Mahavihar. Visit local artisan workshops showcasing metalwork, paubha painting, and stone carving. Afternoon at leisure for shopping or an optional visit to the Golden Temple (Kumbheshwar).

Tip: Patan's museums and temples provide deep insight into Newar culture — allocate extra time if you're interested in arts and crafts.

Day

5

Swayambhunath & Departure

Visit Swayambhunath Stupa (Monkey Temple) early morning for panoramic views across the Kathmandu Valley and to experience the sunrise if time permits. Enjoy a final stroll through local markets for last-minute souvenirs. Transfer to Tribhuvan International Airport for your onward flight.

Important: Check your flight time and ensure timely checkout. If you have a late flight, we can arrange additional sightseeing or luggage storage upon request.

? Frequently Asked Questions

? What is the best time to visit Nepal?

Nepal's prime seasons are October–November (post-monsoon) and March–April (spring). October–November offers crystal-clear skies, superb mountain views, and major festivals like Dashain and Tihar, making it ideal for trekking and sightseeing. March–April brings blooming rhododendrons, pleasant weather, and fewer crowds. Winter (December–February) is cooler with snow at higher elevations, perfect for budget travelers seeking discounts. Monsoon season (June–September) brings lush landscapes but frequent rains, landslides, and leeches on trails. For snow experiences, visit December–February at hill stations like Kalinchowk or Upper Mustang. Spring and autumn are best for trekking, while winter offers clear mountain views with crisp air.

? How can Indian citizens reach Nepal?

Indians can reach Nepal by air, road, or rail. By air, fly to Tribhuvan International Airport (Kathmandu), Gautam Buddha Airport (Bhairahawa), or Pokhara International Airport from Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Varanasi, and Bengaluru. By road, major border crossings include Sunauli–Bhairahawa (for Lumbini/Pokhara), Raxaul–Birgunj (fastest to Kathmandu), Panitanki–Kakarbhitta (eastern Nepal), and Banbasa–Mahendranagar (far-west). Good highways connect borders to major cities. By rail, take Indian Railways to Jayanagar–Janakpur–Kurtha line or reach border towns like Gorakhpur, Raxaul, then cross by road. Road travel offers scenic views but expect monsoon delays due to landslides.

❓ **Do Indian citizens need a visa for Nepal?**

No, Indian citizens do not need a visa to visit Nepal. However, you must carry valid identification – either an Indian passport or Voter ID with photograph. Aadhaar cards are generally not accepted for air travel, so check current requirements before departure. Children should carry valid photo ID as required by airlines and immigration authorities. This visa-free access makes Nepal one of the most convenient international destinations for Indians. You can stay for extended periods, but if planning to work or study, additional permits may be required. Always verify the latest entry requirements before travel, as policies can change.

❓ **What are the local transportation options within Nepal?**

Nepal offers various transportation options. In cities, use metered taxis or ride-hailing apps like Pathao and Tootle (available in Kathmandu/Pokhara). City buses and minibuses are the cheapest option, with Sajha Yatayat operating key routes in Kathmandu Valley. For intercity travel, choose tourist buses or private cars for comfort to destinations like Pokhara, Chitwan, and Lumbini. Domestic flights save time to Pokhara, Bharatpur (Chitwan), Lukla, and other destinations. Motorbikes and bicycles are popular in Pokhara and Thamel for short distances. For mountain areas, jeeps and local buses connect remote regions, though roads can be challenging during monsoon season.

❓ **Where should I stay in Nepal and what accommodation options are available?**

Kathmandu's Thamel district is perfect for budget travelers and trekkers, offering guesthouses, hostels, and mid-range hotels. Durbar Marg and Lazimpat provide upscale options. In Pokhara, stay in Lakeside for lake views, restaurants, and easy access to activities. Luxury options include Dwarika's Hotel and Hyatt Regency (Kathmandu), Temple Tree Resort and Fish Tail Lodge (Pokhara). For wildlife, choose jungle lodges in Chitwan like Meghauri Serai or Barahi Jungle Lodge. Hill stations like Nagarkot and Bandipur offer mountain view resorts. Budget travelers can find Zostel hostels, homestays, and guesthouses starting from \$5-15/night. Mid-range hotels cost \$25-60, while luxury resorts range \$100-300+ per night.

❓ **What are the must-visit attractions in Nepal?**

Nepal's top attractions include Kathmandu Valley's UNESCO sites: Pashupatinath Temple, Boudhanath Stupa, Swayambhunath (Monkey Temple), and the Durbar Squares of Kathmandu, Patan, and Bhaktapur. Pokhara offers Phewa Lake, World Peace Pagoda, and Sarangkot for sunrise views. Chitwan National Park provides jungle safaris for rhinos and tigers. Lumbini, Buddha's birthplace, features sacred gardens and international monasteries. For trekking, visit Everest region (fly to Lukla) or Annapurna region for Poon Hill and Annapurna Base Camp treks. Nagarkot and Dhulikhel offer Himalayan sunrise views near Kathmandu. Adventure seekers should try Everest mountain flights, paragliding in Pokhara, and white-water rafting on various rivers.

❓ What local food and cuisine should I try in Nepal?

Nepal's staple dish is Dal Bhat – lentils, rice, vegetable curries, and pickles, offering unlimited refills. Try momos (dumplings) with spicy chutney, available in vegetarian, chicken, or buffalo varieties. Thukpa and thenthuk are hearty Tibetan-style noodle soups. Sample Newari cuisine including bara (lentil pancakes), choila (spiced meat), chatamari (Nepali pizza), and yomari (sweet dumplings). Other specialties include sel roti (festival rice doughnut), gundruk (fermented greens curry), aloo tama (bamboo shoot curry), and sekuwa (grilled meat). Drink masala chai, tongba (warm millet brew), or local raksi spirit. Popular restaurants include Bhojan Griha and Thamel House (Kathmandu), and Moondance and Rosemary Kitchen (Pokhara).

★ Traveller Reviews



Chetan Khatri

★★★★☆ 4/5

Well-Scheduled Tours

The tours were well-scheduled without feeling rushed. It allowed for plenty of exploration and relaxation time.



Priya Joshi

★★★★★ 5/5

A Spiritual Journey

The spiritual sites visited during the tour were enlightening and peaceful. I highly recommend this tour for anyone seeking spirituality.



Anshul Sinha

★★★★☆ 4/5

Vast Array of Experiences

This tour packed a vast array of experiences into a short period! I was surprised at how much we accomplished!



Garima Sharma

★★★★★ 5/5

Stunning Sunrise Views

Watching the sunrise over the Himalayas was a life-changing experience! Highly recommend it.



Kiran Gupta

★★★★★ 5/5

Endless Adventure Opportunities

There's no shortage of adventures in Nepal! From trekking to paragliding, it's an adventure lover's dream.

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