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Nepal Buddhism Pilgrimage Tour - 7 Days

Nepal Buddhism pilgrimage tour surrounds you by the eternal feeling of peace, enigma and fruitfulness while visiting around various monasteries, stupas and of course at birth place of Lord Buddha, Lumbini, the origination of Buddhism. People from all the religion who would like to study, research or learn more about Buddha, Buddhism culture, tradition, rituals and lifestyle can join Nepal Buddhism pilgrimage tour regardless their age and interest. In short you will be sightseeing around Swayambhunath stupa, Kopan monastery, Boudhanath stupa, Namobudhha monastery/stupa, Pharping monastery in and around Kathmandu valley followed by short domestic flight towards Bhairahawa airport in Lumbini to explore the heritage site exhibiting the origination of Lord Buddha and Buddhism.

Nepal Buddhism pilgrimage tour is initiated next day upon your arrival in Kathmandu airport. During the first day of tour, you will be exploring around the so called monkey temple. Yes, its Swayambhunath stupa, the mighty stupa at top of the hill with Lord Buddha welcoming you at the entry gate with pool fountain. Try to drop some coins on the pot infront of Buddha. It is believed at if you can score, your wish is fulfilled. Now slowly climb the stone paved steps towards east and behold the beautiful city view from top of the hill with large stupa on back drop. Explore the small chortens, temples, prayer wheels around the place and enjoy the natural beauty. On the western side of entrance gate, there is holy temple of goddess saraswati, the goddess of knowledge and monastery nearby. You can either walk down the jungle way down and visit Buddha Park on base of the hill or return to entrance gate and drive. Visit Buddha Park, the large three statues of Buddha, another attraction of the region. Further drive few kilometers via ring road and arrive at Kopan monastery, the huge monastery being the home of 360 monks and lama gurus. Kopan monstery is also known as spiritual center for practicing Shakyamuni Buddha. Nearby Kopan monastery, witness the world heritage site and world’s largest Buddhist stupa, Boudhanath stupa. Boudhanath stupa is also known as little Tibet as there are Tibetan refugee’s camps built centuries ago and numerous monasteries, around the stupa. Don’t miss the sunset views around the stupa from monastery on western side. It’s just spectacular with lighting rituals performed during dusk. Finally after end of the day, return back to Hotel for overnight stay.

Nepal Buddhism pilgrimage tour continues next day as we will be visiting Namo Buddha stupa and monasteries along Pharping monasteries which take couple of hours drive but believe me it’s so beautiful and holds the great importance for locals. Upcoming day after having our early meal we board a flight to Lumbini at bhairahawa airport and explore around the world heritage site where Lord Buddha was born. Lumbini is considered as symbol of world peace and the origination of Buddhsim. Visit various landmarks, Ashok stupa built by legendary warrior Ashoka, shrines, monasteries and museums around the spectacular site of Lumbini. Withholding the peaceful and beautiful site of Lumbini, we return towards Kathmandu on return flight and stroll around Thamel area for rest of the day. Next day you will be flying back home with whole lots of memorable moments that you earned by joining Nepal Buddhism Pilgrimage Tour.

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PRICE INCLUDES

- Airport / hotel / airport transfer by private car / van as per above itinerary.
- Four nights' accommodation with breakfast at 3* category hotel in Kathmandu
- An English speaking guide during the trip.
- All tour activities as per above program.
- All tour permits and entry fees.
- Two night 3* category hotel in Lumbini including breakfast.
- All surface transportation for your whole trip.
- Government taxes & Office Service charge.
- Round Trip flight to Kathmandu to Bhairahawa to Kathmandu

PRICE EXCLUDES

- Your travel insurance
- International airfare and airport departure tax.
- Nepal entry visa , you can obtain a visa easily upon your arrival at Tribhuwan International Airport in Kathmandu. (Tourist Visa with Multiple Entry for 30 days can be obtained by paying US $ 40 or equivalent foreign currency. Similarly, Tourist Visa with Multiple Entry for 90 days can be obtained by paying US $ 100. Please bring 2 copies of passport size photos.) (US$ 40 per person) you obtain a visa easily upon your arrival at Tribhuwan International
- Airport Kathmandu for 60 days from date of issue. You required 2 passport size photos & password copy.
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry.
- Personal clothing and equipments.
- Tips for guide and driver. (Tipping is expected).

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Day 1: Arrival in Kathmandu and transfer to hotel

Welcome to the country where Lord Buddha was born! As soon as your arrival at Tribhuwan International airport in Kathmandu you will be greeted by one of our representative at arrivals and transferred to your respective hotel on a private vehicle.

Day 2: Sightseeing tour of Swoyambhunath stupa, Kopan Monastery and Boudhanath Stupa

After having our breakfast, our day begins with visit to Swayambhunath stupa; one of the most popular tourist attraction and world heritage site at top of small hill around Kathmandu west. Vehicle goes upto half way of the hill, upon reaching there you will get to see large group of monkeys, the Buddha statue at small pool, short ascend to stupa for spectacular city views from top of the swayambhunath.

After exploring the important heritage site, we head towards Kopan monastery after 30 minutes drive from Swayambhunath stupa. Kopan monastery is at the top of the Kopan hill surrounded by small forest holding major significance for Buddhist and lamas. It is the home of 360 monks and lamas. It is the learning spiritual center for practicing Shakyamuni Buddha.

On the same day we visit Boudhanath stupa nearby Kopan monastery, one of the largest Buddhist stupa in the world. The famous world heritage site is also known as little Tibet. As the sun sets there will be lighting ritual around the stupas exhibiting spectacular views mainly from the monastery on western side or from the roof top restaurants nearby. After full day exploration and sightseeing we get back to hotel and stay overnight.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour around Namobuddha stupa, and Pharping monastery

Early morning after having our breakfast we head 45 kms towards eastern Kathmandu to arrive at Namobuddha. There you get the chance to visit stupa along newly built spectacular monastery offering an insight to Buddhism, their prayers, rituals and lifestyle of monks. With lots of importance to locals, Namobudhha has been the trending tourist attraction nearby Kathmandu valley.

We head towards Pharping monastery for rest of the day exploration. Around 19 kms south of Kathmandu valley, there resides the beautiful ancient monastery around traditional Newari village of Pharping. Driving through scenic valley along bagmati river, it would be nice journey towards Pharping monastery. Like every other monastery, it holds huge importance to Buddhist monks around the region and locals giving an insight to their local traditions and culture. We get back to our hotel. Overnight stay.

Day 4: Fly from Kathmandu to Lumbini at Bhairahawa airport

After having our instant meal, we board a short 45 minutes of flight to Bhairahawa airport and transfer to hotel. Lumbini is the holy pilgrimage site where light of Asia Lord Buddha was born. Lumbini has been included as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Lumbini is the international symbol for world peace. Thousands of Buddhist pilgrims from all around the world visits Lumbini every year to embrace the ultimate feeling of peace and tranquility. Overnight at hotel.

Day 5: Sightseeing around pilgrimage site Lumbini

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After having our meal in the hotel, visit the important archaeological site, Tilaurkot, the ancient palace of King Suddodhana (Siddhartha Gautam's father), where the Buddha spent his formative years as a Shakya Prince. Allow yourself for a moment to wander around and soak the atmosphere. The Kapilvastu Museum; the pottery, jewelry and ornaments are gathered in-house. End up the remarkable tour in Tilaurkot by visiting the shrines, monasteries and stupa near the sacred garden. Overnight at hotel.

Day 6: Return flight to Kathmandu

Today we will be returning back to Kathmandu via Bhairahawa airport with whole lot of peaceful feeling and happiness. Upon arrival at Kathmandu,we will explore nearby streets till end of the day.

Day 7: Fly back home

Finally get your packing ready and you will be transferred to Tribhuwan airport for international departure. Farewell.