



## **Kathmandu Sightseeing Tour With Nagarkot - 5 Days**

In this trip, you will experience the Capital city Kathmandu and a beautiful highland which lies close to Kathmandu known as Nagarkot.

Kathmandu is the capital city and largest city of Nepal and also the largest metropolitan in the Himalayan hill region. Kathmandu is and has been for many years the centre of Nepal's history, art, culture and economy. It has a multiethnic population within a Hindu and Buddhist majority. Kathmandu valley has many UNESCO World Heritage Sites which are rich in traditional arts & architectures, interesting history & cultures and unique lifestyle of the people.

Nagarkot is a village in central Nepal, at the rim of the Kathmandu Valley. It is known for its views of the Himalayas, including Mount Everest to the northeast, which are especially striking at sunrise and sunset. Nagarkot offers a green escape from bustling capital of Kathmandu and is blissfully calm and laid-back. This is a place to relax after the chaos of Kathmandu and recharge your batteries with beautiful scenery and leisurely wandering.

**Duration:** 5 Days

**Cost:** USD 575

**Destination:** Nepal

### **Day 01: Arrival in Kathmandu.**

Upon arrival In Kathmandu, you will be met with our representative and transfer to your hotel. Our representative will brief you about the trip and the time table of the trip. Check in to hotel and free for rest of the day at your own.

### **Day 02: Half day Tour of Bhaktapur & drive 1.5 hrs to Nagarkot (2300m).**

After breakfast drive to **Bhaktapur, (UNESCO World Heritage Site)**. Bhaktapur is filled with monuments, most terra-cotta with carved wood columns, palaces and temples with elaborate carvings, gilded roofs, and open courtyards. The city is dotted with pagodas and religious shrines. The Art Gallery has a fascinating collection of ancient manuscripts, Thangkas, centuries-old stone sculpture, antique paintings that belong to the Hindu and Buddhist traditions of various periods.

After Bhaktapur, drive to **Nagarkot** which is at a height of 2300 m above sea level. Nagarkot commands a classic panorama of the Himalayan ranges. You can see many major peaks of the Himalayas, like Langtang, Langtang- Lirung, Chobha Bhamre, Amadablam, Dorje Lhakpa, Gaurishankar and many peaks of the Himalayas, including Mount Everest on a clear day. Also views of Sunrise and Sunset are stunning from Nagarkot.

## **Breakfast Included**

### **Day 03: Drive 1.5 hrs to Kathmandu & tour of World Heritage Sites and old town of Kathmandu.**

Today we will wake up early morning to catch the **sunrise and beautiful view of Himalayan panorama**. You can wish to take a short walk to see the beautiful sights of the village of Nagarkot.

After breakfast, drive back to Kathmandu and continue sightseeing to **Kirtipur**, which is one of the oldest towns in Kathmandu valley. Kirtipur contains few Buddhist sites both old & new. Cilancho Stupa is of historic importance. A Bihar has been made in Kirtipur, which contain the miniature sites representing Lumbini, the birthplace of Buddha, Boudhgaya where Buddha got enlightenment, Saranath where Buddha gave his first teaching and Kushinagar where Buddha died.

Lastly we will be visiting **Swoyambhunath Stupa (UNESCO World Heritage Site)**, also known as "Monkey temple" The temple charms with its great dazzling Stupa, while at the same time, offering a view of Kathmandu city. The two-thousand years-old Stupa is the most profound expression of Buddhist symbolism in Nepal. There's evidence to believe the hill was used for animist rites even before Buddhism arrived in the valley two thousand years ago.

## **Breakfast Included**

### **Day 04: Full day tour of World Heritage Sites in Kathmandu.**

Today we will proceed for a full day sightseeing of Kathmandu Valley.

After breakfast drive to famous **Kathmandu Durbar Square (UNESCO World Heritage Site)** which is one of the major attractions in Kathmandu Valley. The word Durbar Square translated in English as Palace Complex. The Durbar Square, with its old temples and palaces, epitomizes the religious and cultural life of the people. Interesting things to see here are **Kumari (The Living Goddess) Ghar (House)**. At the West end of the square, is a beautiful house full of woodcarving of different God and Goddesses. This Palace is three storied and in this palace, lives the very famous living Goddess Kumari. Both Hindus and Buddhists equally venerate her. For Hindus she is the reincarnation of Hindu Goddess Kali. She is equally worshiped by Buddhists because she is chosen from Buddhist family. This shows the harmony between Buddhist and Hindus in Nepal.

Lastly we will visit the **Great Stupa of Boudhanath (UNESCO World Heritage Site)** a vast dome-shaped monument representing the Mind of the Buddha. It is the primary pilgrimage destination for Tantric Buddhists of the Himalayas and a major draw for Tibetan Buddhists from all over the planet.

Lastly visit to **Pashupatinath Temple (UNESCO World Heritage Site)**. Pashupatinath is one of the holiest pilgrimage destinations for all the Hindus of the world. The temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva, one of the trinity and the guardian (patron) deity of Nepal. This is one of the oldest temples, situated on the banks of the Holy Bagmati River. It is double – roofed golden temple with four triple silver doorways. Pashupatinath covers an area of 281 hectares, which is one of the biggest temple complexes in Nepal. Although Pashupatinath Temple was only built in the fifth century and later renovated by Malla kings, the holy site is said to have existed from the beginning of the millennium.

Drive back to hotel. In the evening we will proceed for a farewell dinner with cultural show hosted by our company.

## **Breakfast & Dinner Included**

### **Day 05: Departure.**

Today you have free time until your flight time to Airport. Our representative will come to pick you up from your hotel and drop you to the Airport for departure

### **Breakfast Included.**

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