

## Kathmandu Pokhara Lumbini Driving Tour

### Package Highlights

Kathmandu Pokhara and Lumbini driving tour suitable for any number of groups. Visit the major attractions. Customize this plan as per your wish. The cost of the tour is based on the category of accommodation you want to use and the number of group sizes. Tour also have option to make by all flights.

### Trip Facts

- Starting Price: US\$0.00 (Per Person)
- Duration: 7 Days
- Grade: NA
- Destination: Nepal
- Meals: Breakfast
- Transportation: Private Vehicle
- Trekking Style: Tour
- Accommodation: Hotel
- Max. Altitude: 1350 kathmandu
- Min. Pax: Any
- Best Season : March to May and September to December

### Itinerary Details

**Day 01 : Arrival in Nepal. Your arrival at Tribhuban International airport and transfer to the Hotel. If you are joining with our small group tour, stay in introduction program and trip briefing**

Hotel in this tour is providing 3 star category Hotel and 2 peoples in one room. Less than 3 star accommodation to make your tour cost less or stay in deluxe hotels. Choose 4 star and 5 star hotels. Nepal Highland Treks can follow your interest. Hotel we are providing is mostly in Thamel. Thamel is 7 kilometer from Tribhuban International airport and takes about 30 minutes' drive.

**Day 02 : Tour in Kathmandu valley. Buddhist and Hindu temple and Durbar squire. Overnight at Hotel**

After your breakfast in the Hotel, our tour guide will lead you UNESCO heritage sites. We visit four heritage and cultural sites inside Kathmandu valley. Bouddhanath, Swoyambhunath, Pashupatinath and Bhaktapur durbar squire Bouddhanath Stupa - The 36-meter-high stupa of Boudha is mandala designed massive and dominates the skyline in the area. With countless monasteries around it, Boudha is the center of Tibetan Buddhism in Nepal. Observe the devout people circumambulating, light a butter lamp and

say a little prayer, look around for souvenirs, or enjoy the view from a rooftop restaurant with a hot cup of coffee. Boudha is always full of life. Stupa is also one of the UNESCO heritage site. Pashupatinath Temple: Pashupatinath is one of the four most important religious sites in Asia for devotees of Shiva. Built in the 5th century and later renovated by Malla kings, the site itself is said to have existed from the beginning of the millennium when a Shiva lingam was discovered here. Cremation of Hindus take place on raised platforms along the Bagmati River site of main temple. Where the last rites of Hindus are performed. Visit Pashupatinath for an unmatched mix of religious, cultural and spiritual experiences. Pashupatinath it one of the seven UNESCO cultural heritage site of inside Kathmandu valley. Swoyambhunath - Swayambhu is one of the holiest Buddhist stupas in Nepal. It is said to have evolved spontaneously when the valley was created out of a primordial lake more than 2,000 years ago. This stupa is the oldest of its kind in Nepal and has numerous shrines and monasteries on its premises. Swayambhu, overlooks most parts of the valley giving visitors a panoramic view of the city. The stupa has stood as a hallmark of faith and harmony for centuries with Hindu temples and deities incorporated in this Buddhist site. The glory of Kathmandu Valley is said to have started from this point. Site is also listed in UNESCO cultural heritage site. Bhaktapur Durbar Squire – Bhaktapur is piece of the ancient Newari city inhabited of indigenous Newari community. Squire is regarded as the abode of traditional Nepali culture, custom and unique arts of wooden and potteries. The historical monument on around signifies medieval age culture and tradition of Nepal. The complex consists of at least four distinct squares (Durbar Square, Taumadhi Square, Dattatreya Square and Pottery Square), the whole area is informally known as the Bhaktapur Durbar Square and is a highly visited site in the Kathmandu Valley.

### **Day 03 : Drive to Pokhara. Boating tour at Fewa Lake and walking tour at Lake Side**

It is 6 hours driving Pokhara from Kathmandu. Driving through scenic River valley, beautiful landscape, and Mountain View. Option to add more activities on the way is White Water Rafting in Trishuli River (Fit for beginners till adventure) Or Cable car riding tour to Manakamana temple. There are several good place to stop for tea/ coffee and Lunch. Fewa Lake is semi-natural freshwater lake and second biggest Lake after Rara in Nepal. Lake is one of the main attractions and most important landmarks of Pokhara. Numerous brightly colored wooden boats and sail boats can be seen lined up on the shore awaiting people to take them on a leisurely and mesmerizing ride around the lake. It is the only lake in Nepal to have a temple (Tal Barahi Temple) at the central part of lake. Phewa Lake is located at an altitude of 742 m (2,434 ft) and covers an area of about 4.43 km<sup>2</sup> (1.7 sq mi). It has an average depth of about 8.6 m (28 ft) and a maximum depth of 24 m (79 ft). The lake is also famous for the reflection of mount Fishtail (Machhapuchhre) and other mountain peaks of the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri ranges on its surface

### **Day 04 : Morning drive to Sarankot, visit World peace stupa, International mountain museum, David fall and Gupteswor cave. Drive to Lumbini and overnight**

Very early in the morning (depend on month and sunrise time) start normally at 5am and reach Sarankot before sunrise. Sarankot is about 40 minutes' drive from Lake Side

Pokhara. Return from Sarankot and have breakfast in your Hotel. After breakfast, we check out hotel with your belongings. Half day tour in Pokhara to cover major attractions. Then continues drive to Lumbini which is about 5 hours. Check-in hotel and overnight. Sarankot Sarankot is the place to explore closer views of Mountains and best sunrise. Good view of 8,167 meters mount Dhaulagiri, 8,091 meters Mount Annapurna, and Fishtail 6,993 meters, with other Himalayan ranges and beautiful green valley. You also have option to take a Paragliding flights near from Sarankot after sunrise tour. The international mountain museum in Pokhara is collection of above 8000 meters mountain and its information. It also have collection of climbers from the world. List of indigenous peoples who specially live in mountain regions of Nepal and other countries with their activities in best way. Water from Fewa lake exit in David fall. Water fall from about 500 feet and runs 100 feet below the ground level. One can find a model of traditional typical Nepali house and a series of Nepali peoples wearing traditional dresses where visitor can take picture with it. Another visit Gepteswor cave is apposite of David falls. It is traditionally decorated natural cave dedicated to Lord Shiva. 2950 meters long cave is supposed to be the longest cave in Nepal. The cave was discovered in the 16th century which was dark cave and with many shrine and statues dedicated to Shiva and other Hindu deities. Water from David falls run through this cave. Cave is now more decorating with different Hindu god and goddess.

#### **Day 05 : Visit Lumbini the birth place of Buddha, Kapilabhastu palace and Overnight**

After breakfast, start touring in Lumbini the birthplace of Buddha. Visit Maya Devi temple where Gautama Buddha was born. Ashoka pillar, Bodhi tree, Holy ponds are nearby Maya Devi temple. The area of Maya devi temple is a vehicle-free zone. We make a walking tour inside this. Another visiting section is world peace flame and monastery zone. Different decorative monasteries built by different countries are inside Lumbini garden. We can visit as much as monasteries as per interest. Another visit is to world peace stupa Drive to Kapilabhastu. It is 27 kilometers west of Lumbini. The historical town Kapilavastu is the place where Siddhartha Gautama spent 29 years of his life. According to Buddhist sources, Kapilavastu was named after Vedic sage Kapila. Our hotel is near the Lumbini garden and you can visit the evening again to explore a different moments.

#### **Day 06 : Drive back to Kathmandu**

It is 9 hours drive from Lumbini to Kathmandu. It starts after breakfast at the Hotel. You will get plenty of time to stop on the way for lunch and drinks.

#### **Day 07 : Departure**

Free till your departure time, you can use to have a shopping tour around. You also can use your free morning in Everest experience flight. It is a 1-hour flight start early in the morning. You are back at the hotel by 9 am. A representative from Nepal highland treks drops you to an international airport for your final departure.

## **Cost Includes**

- Arrival and departure arrangement
- Accommodation with breakfast
- Professional tour guide in the entire tour
- Private comfortable transportation
- Entrance fees of monuments

## **Cost Excludes**

- Lunch, Dinner and bottled drinks
- Personal expenses
- Any flights
- Any Tipping or donation
- Nepal visa (On arrival visa cost you USD 30 for 15 days)

## **Useful Note**

## **Trip Note**

## **Departure Note**