

Loykul
Tripping

**MUKTHINATH
TOUR**

**5 nights -
6 days**





ITINERARY:

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit sacred Hindu temple Pashupatinath Temple
- Visit the Manakamna Temple “ Goddess of Fulfilling Wishes
- Darshan of Muktinath temple.
- Sightseeing of Gupteshwor Mahadev cave | Davis Falls | Bindabasini Temple
- Excursion trip to Sarangkot

Day 01- Kathmandu

Meeting at airport upon arrival by Office Personnel. Transfer to hotel. Kathmandu is the capital of Nepal and the Kathmandu Valley is the political and cultural heart of the Kingdom.

The urban sprawl that makes up modern Kathmandu is in fact two cities, Patan and Kathmandu.

After short relaxation at the hotel, visit one of the Hindu culture in Nepal, Pashupatinath. This is the place where holy siddhus pray. The Pashupatinath Temple is a famous, sacred Hindu temple dedicated to Pashupatinath and is located on the banks of the Bagmati River 5 kilometres north-east of Kathmandu Valley in the eastern city of Kathmandu the capital of Nepal. This temple is considered one of the sacred temples of Hindu faith. The temple serves as the seat of the national deity, Lord Pashupatinath. This temple complex is on UNESCO World Heritage Sites's list Since 1979. This "extensive Hindu temple precinct" is a "sprawling collection of temples, ashrams, images and inscriptions raised over the centuries along the banks of the sacred Bagmati river". We then continue to the holiest shrine for the Buddhist culture in Nepal, Bouddhanath, with its large stupa, this is the place where Buddhists devout come for a pilgrimage.

Later you will then go to Swayambhunath the golden spire of the 5th-century Swayambhu stupa is adorned with a colorful fluttering of prayer flags; it crowns a hill overlooking the Kathmandu Valley and offers fantastic views over the city of Kathmandu. Swayambhunath is one of the most recognizable symbols in Nepal and the painted eyes of Buddha watch all who ascend the worn stone steps.

Then visit the Kathmandu Durbar Square. Kathmandu Durbar Square, which is one of three durbar (royal palace) squares in the Kathmandu Valley. It is the site of the Hanuman Dhoka Palace Complex, which was the Royal Nepalese residence until the 19th century and where important ceremonies, such as the coronation of the Nepalese monarch, still take place today. You will then visit one of the most curious attractions in Nepal, the Kumari Chowk. This gilded cage contains the Raj Kumari, a young girl chosen through an ancient and mystical selection process to become the human incarnation of the Hindu mother goddess, Durga. She is worshipped during religious festivals and makes public appearances at other times for a fee paid to her guards. (The above sightseeing is for a maximum of 06 hours after the vehicle reports at the hotel)

Day 02 - Kathmandu / Pokhara

Drive to Pokhara. Pokhara is 210 kms from Kathmandu and is a 7 hours drive approx. From Pokhara town (2,352 feet) in good weather there are splendid views right from the hotel.

On the way you visit the Manakamna Temple " Goddess of Fulfilling Wishes" where you are taken by a cable ride of 10 mins.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 03 - Pokhara / Jomsom

After Breakfast, early morning flight to Jomsom. Upon arrival at Jomsom, walk over to the hotel which is 2 minutes from the airport.

Do note that Jomsom is a small village in the Mountains. Only basic accommodation is available here. The clients will have to walk from the airport to the hotel which takes about 5 minutes. Porters from the hotel are sent to the airport to carry the luggage. 15 Kg luggage per adult and 7 kg per child is allowed by the airlines on this sector. The aircraft is a Twin Otter or Doniar - average 15 seats.

Darshan of Muktinath temple.

Walk up to the Jeep Stand taking a Jeep on sharing basis for Muktinath. Originally the route from Jomsom to Muktinath was a trekkers route. Recently the route has been widened and 4x4 vehicles can drive all the way. 16 kms of the road has been pitched (Black topped) & 10 kms of the road is still a Dirt road. One drives parallel to the “Kali Gandaki” River which is well known for the “Saligrams”. The ride could be felt to be Bumpy, though for a short while. On a clear day after driving around 10 kms the vehicle stops at a View point. On a clear day one gets a breath taking view of the snow peaked Himalayas. The drive takes about 1.5 hours one way. Upon arrival at Muktinath it is another 10-15 minutes walk from the base to the Temple passing the Muktinath Village. Ponies too are available – if required payment to be make directly.

Darshan on your own of “Lord Narayan (Bishnu) known as “Muktinath”. There are 108 Spouts of water. Sprinkling the water from each spout, prior to doing the Darshan is said to be a must. Later following the same route return to Jomsom.

Day 04 - Jomsom / Pokhara

Fly back to Pokhara early morning and transfer to hotel.

This afternoon you will visit Bindebasini Temple. This is one of the oldest temples in Pokhara was a part of Kaski Kingdom, the main deity of the temple, Goddess Durga, was brought from India . Apart from the peace and tranquility that can be felt in this region, the premises of the temple offers a good view of the Himalaya on a clear day. The temple is in the area of the bazaar, hence, a journey of the old bazaar can be combined with a visit to the temple. Sightseeing to Devi’s fall, also known as Patale Chango is an awesome waterfall lying 2 km southwest of Pokhara. During summer and rainy season, the waterfall takes its real form, with gushing water splashing and making its way through the rocks. Just opposite of Devi’s fall, on the other side of the road, there is Gupteshwor Cave. This cave is popular for the different natural forms made from limestone deposits. Photography is strictly prohibited inside the cave. Then visit Seti River. An hour boating on Phewa Lake. Overnight at hotel. (The above sightseeing is for a maximum of 03 hours after the vehicle reports at the hotel)

Day 05 - Pokhara / Kathmandu

This morning you will go for excursion trip to Sarangkot. Sarangkot is the most popular tourist destination from where the tourist can enjoy the great view of the Pokhara Valley and the magnificent view of the mountains. Sarangkot is only 13 kms from Lake Side, Pokhara. Sarangkot is the highest view point for a sunrise and it is just 1592m high. Sarangkot is cooler than Pokhara. Sarangkot can be reached easily by 45 to 60 minutes by a car ride to the top from Pokhara. Many tourists come to Sarangkot for sunrise view and go back. (The above sightseeing is for a maximum of 03 hours after the vehicle reports at the hotel)

Retracing the same path, drive back to Kathmandu and transfer to Hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 06 - Kathmandu / Airport

Morning will be comparatively free and closer to the time of your flight, you will be transferred to the airport in time to board your flight for onward journey.