

### Haleshi Mahadev Tour

**Trip Facts** 

**Duration:** 7 days

Entry / Exit City:: Kathmandu Group Size:: 04 Person Or Above

**Mode Of Transportation::** Private Vehicle

Best Season:: January - June & September - December

Haleshi Mahadev is one of ancient sacred temple lies in Khotang district of eastern Nepal. It is believed that the Haleshi Cave has been dwelling since 6000 years where Lord Shiva hid in this cave being the demon Bhasmasur was chasing him to use his power blessed by Shiva himself. It is located at the top of hilly region lying in between two sacred rivers of Dudhkoshi to the right and Sunkoshi to the left with offering full of natural beauty. It becomes one of prominent holy region as significant as Pashupatinath Temple in Kathmandu because of its historical, spiritual and cultural importance. We can see three mysterious caves within vicinity of Haleshi Temple, which are believed to be the eyes of lord Shiva (trinetra). In the first cave, we can see an image of Lord Shiva, known as Haleshwar Mahadev. Another we will find the image of Nandi in second cave. On the other hand, the beautiful and mysterious natural caves along with full of different natural images which looks like as the stone sculpture has carved carefully. Here, all the images inside the caves are themselves mysterious.

As per myths, it is believed that Lord Vishnu was the first ever devotee to pay homage to the Haleshi Mahadeva in the Satya Yuga, the golden age, whereas Balaram did in the third age called Dwapar Yuga. Afterwards, many kings, sages, devotees, philosophers, thinkers, hermits, abbots, ascetics and Shankaracharya have been paying homage to this holy land. There is a custom of observing distinguished ritual ceremonies of Haleshor Mahadeva during some festivals such as Bala Chaturdashi, Shiva Ratri, Ram Nawami and Teez etc. Also some devotees perform other religious performances like deistic sacrifice and recital of the Rudri, the Chandi and the Vedas. Haleshwor Mahadeva is considered as the god of fulfilling wishes and giving boons to the real devotees.

Besides hindu religion, Haleshi is equally significant holy place for Buddhists religion considering as Maratikas cave. It is generally associated with Guru Padmasambhava (Guru Rinpoche), where he and his consort Mandarava were blessed with immortal life by Buddha Amitayus. The caves of Maratika are mentioned in Tibetan literature from 12th century. The 'Sanglingma', a Kathang (biography) of Padmasambhava discovered by Nyang Ral Nyima Öser, describes the original event, which made the Maratika caves a sacred place for Buddhists. At the request of the Bodhisattva Avaloketesvara, the Buddha Amitayus once taught eighteen tantras of long life. The Dakini Sangwa Yeshe recorded them and hid the teachings afterwards in the Maratika-Cave. In 'Guide to the sacred places of Nepal' also Khamtrul Choki Nyima (1730-1780) had written about Maratika-Cave. Brief introductions by H.H. Dalai Lama, Trulshik Rinpoche, Dudjom Rinpoche, Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche, Chatral Rinpoche, Lama Ngawang Chophel Gyatso and Lopon Karma



Wangchuk, can also be found in 'The Guide to Maratika'.

We believe this is one of most auspicious place in Nepal where the people from all over the world having faith on religious must visit once in a lifetime and also enjoy the beautiful, mysterious amazing and purely religious place where the people are traditionally rich in their culture. Hence, the temple is really a matter of pride to the people of Nepal.

Haleshi Mahadev is accessible by road, by air & by short trekking as well. Now the road being reachable upto Haleshi, we are promoting this overland package among the interested pilgrims or travelers to fulfill their visit of Haleshi Mahadev with safe and comfortable way. Kindly go through below program itinerary and contact us for more information.



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# Day to Day Itinerary

### Day 1:Arrival in Kathmandu.

Arrival in Kathmandu at International Airport, meet by our representative and transfer to hotel. Overnight at Hotel.

#### Day 2:Kathmandu Sightseeing

Breakfast in the hotel at regular time. Here we will arrange sightseeing tour in Kathmandu city visiting Pashupatinath Temple, Budhanilkantha Temple & Doleshwor Mahadev Temple. Overnight at Hotel.

#### Day 3:Drive, Kathmandu to Ghurmi (175 km, 6 hrs)

Breakfast in the morning at hotel. Today we begin our holy trip towards Haleshi Mahadev with scenic drive from Kathmandu to Jayram Ghat, Ghurmi for about 6 to 7 hours. Overnight stay at Lodge.

### Day 4: Haleshi Mahadev Darshan

Breakfast in the lodge at early morning. Then drive further short distance of 48 km about 2 hours journey to reach Haleshi Mahadev. Reaching temple, perform puja and have darshan with visiting temples, caves and different self built entry-pass (dwar) inside Haleshi Mahadev Temple. Overnight at Haleshi in local hotel.

#### Day 5:Haleshi to Janakpur (180 km, 5 hrs)

Today morning wake up slight earlier and have breakfast then continue our journey to another most popular holy destination at Janakpur (5 hrs). Reach Janakpur, check into hotel, have lunch in the hotel and refresh. Afternoon visit, Janaki Temple and other religious sites surrounding temple. Overnight at Hotel.

#### Day 6: Janakpur to Kathmandu (225 km, 5 hrs)

Breakfast in the hotel at normal time. Then retrace back our journey to Kathmandu (5 hrs). Rest in hotel and relax. You are free in the evening for shopping or relaxation on your own way. Overnight at Hotel.

#### Day 7:Departure

Today after breakfast, our representative will transfer you to airport as per your flight schedule for your onward Journey.

# **Trip Cost Includes**

- Arrival & Departure transfer in Kathmandu
- Kathmandu Haleshi Mahadev Janakpur Kathmandu transfer by Private Jeep
- Hotel in Kathmandu (4 star) on twin sharing
- Local lodge/hotel in Ghurmi & in Halesi Mahadev with twin sharing
- Hotel in Janakpur (standard) on twin sharing
- Pure Vegetarian Meals breakfast, lunch & dinner
- Sightseeing in Kathmandu as per itinerary.
- Janakpur sightseeing



Service tax

# **Trip Cost Excludes**

- Personal nature expenses
- Manakamana temple visit by cable car (optional program if time permits on direct pay basis)
- Insurance coverage against accident, injury, death, theft, baggage loss, etc.
- Rescue & evacuation expenditures
- Bottled drinks, Beverages, alcoholic drinks, snacks, etc
- Tips and gratuities
- Laundry and telephone bills
- All other expenses that are not mentioned above and are cause due to unforeseen circumstances.



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