Kailash Manasarovar Helicopter Tour

Trip Facts

Duration: 12 days
Trip Destination: Nepal & Kailash (Tibet)
Entry / Exit Point: Kathmandu via Hilsa / Sher
Maximum Altitude: 5600 M
Group Size: 25 People Or Above
Mode Of Trekking / Tour: Tea House/Lodge
Driving Hour: Approx 2-4 Hours
Trekking Hour: 7 to 10 Hours
Trip Type: Pilgrimage & Adventure
Best Season: May to October
USD Price: 4200
INR Price: 340,000

This pilgrimage yatra itinerary has been designed with a view to facilitate the best possible comfort with less traveling days. Being you have to drive very much less hours with compare to overland journey, we can say it focus your comfort of journey in luxury way as you will also have flight of domestic aircraft & helicopter in addition. Hence, it is specially planned for those pilgrims or travelers who wish to travel in short span of time with best available facility for their comfort journey.

This is 10 days program itinerary starting from Kathmandu. You will also able to cover major sightseeing of Kathmandu like Pashupatinath Temple & Budhanilkantha Temple. Pashupatinath Temple is the biggest Hindu temple of Lord Shiva which we consider must to visit before your Kailash Yatra for smooth operation by the blessings of Lord Shiva.

In this tour, you will find everything goes in order and in comfortable; however we may sometimes face little upset in the smooth program if our program affect by bad weather. You can see in below itinerary that you will have flight to one of Nepal's remote region like Simikot & Hilsa. Here our program sometimes affected by bad weather condition due to which our flights will not take off for another destination and we have to stay back in same destination for next day attempt. Due to this, our program will not go ahead and will impact in our normal program schedule. Hence, we would like to request our travelers to aware with such unexpected situation and be mentally prepare to avoid any misunderstanding during our program operation. Also, if possible please manage your return flight ticket with endorsement facility so that just in case of any changes require to postpone the ticket you can easily endorse with paying small amount of postpone charge. Sometimes, passenger bought non-refundable ticket being cheaper price which is not appropriate in this trip, especially for return ticket.

Kindly go through below day by day itinerary to review all highlighted places or monuments that you will visit in this tour program.

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Day to Day Itinerary

Day 1:Arrival in Kathmandu

Walking hr: 30 min drive | **Accommodation:** 5 Star Hotel | **Meal:** D

Upon arrival in Kathmandu at Tribhuvan International Airport, meet by our tour officer who will greet you with warm welcome and transfer to the Hotel. Today you will have leisure day. We will keep short briefing program on your tour, lead by our tour manager in the evening at 7.30 pm and will have dinner later by 8.30 pm. • Overnight Hotel (twin sharing room with attached bathroom)

Day 2:Sightseeing Tour & Fly to Nepalgunj

Walking hr: 50 min. flight | **Accommodation:** 4 or 5 Star Hotel | **Meal:** B, L, D

Morning, you will have very good breakfast in the hotel. And we will commence sightseeing tour of Pashupatinath temple & Budhanilkantha (Jal Narayan) temple (sleeping Vishnu). Return back to hotel and have lunch in hotel. Then we will transfer you to domestic airport for your onward journey to Nepalgunj by domestic flight. Our representative will receive you at the airport in Nepalgunj and transfer to Hotel. Rest day at leisure and meeting with other group members in team who travel through Lucknow directly to Nepalgunj. • Overnight at Hotel (twin sharing room with attached bathroom) • Kathmandu to Nepalgunj by Aircraft: 50 min. flight

Day 3:Flight, Nepalgun to Simikot by domestic aircraft and stay in Simikot OR maybe chance of continue helicopter flight to Hilsa (20 min) and stay in Hilsa

Walking hr: 50 min flight | **Accommodation:** Basic Tourist Lodge | **Meal:** B, L, D

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You have to wake up very early morning, breakfast will be serve as a packed from the hotel if you have 1st flight in the morning or you will have breakfast in the hotel if your flight start from 2nd flight and then our tour manager will transfer you to the airport for your flight to Simikot. The first flight timing will be normally start by 6.00 am so the first flight passengers need to be report the airport by 5 am. And the flight take off will depend on weather condition of Nepalgunj & Simikot region. Sometimes the flight will delay by few minutes or by few hours OR even cancelled also in case of unexpected bad weather in between. In such situation, we request the travelers to be patience and co-operate our team for smooth operation. If flight cancelled, we will stay in Nepalgunj and will try for next day. Upon landing in Simikot, our tour manager will assist to transfer you into our guesthouse in Simikot. It is being local village, the guesthouses are near to the airport so you should walk for 5 to 10 minutes depending upon the booked guesthouse. In the meantime, our local representative will also assist for completing immigration formalities in Simikot. You will provided lunch in the guesthouse. And later you can wonder around Simikot village that helps for you to be acclimatize in your onward journey. Evening Hi-Tea and Dinner will be provided and overnight stay at the guesthouse. Note: Moreover, there might be a chance of arranging your today's program with continue the charter helicopter to fly Hilsa (Nepal border). This program may apply depending upon the situation of climate and the availability of the helicopters to clear the crowd of the yatris on next day. • Overnight at Guesthouse in Simikot (twin / triple / dormitory sharing room with common toilet and shower) • Nepalgunj to Simikot: 1 hour (by Twin otter aircraft OR Dornier aircraft with 18 seats) • Simikot to Hilsa: 20 minutes by B2/B3 (Euro copter) Helicopter with 4 or 5 seats

Day 4:Fly to Hilsa (3700m / 20 min helicopter flight) & Drive to Taklakot (Purang) - 1 hour drive

Walking hr: 20 min Flight / 1 hr drive | **Accommodation:** 3 or 4 Star Type Hotel | **Meal:** B, L, D

Today early morning wake up and have breakfast at the Simikot guesthouse. Walk down to the airport with your luggage (your main luggage will carry by our porter). Check in the airport counter with boarding Pass and then fly to Hilsa (Nepal border) by chartered helicopter. In Hilsa, our local representative will take care in teahouse until all group landed in Hilsa so the earlier flight group will have to wait for a while. And then he/she will escort you to go for Tibet border with the arrangement of necessary porters for carrying your luggage. Sometimes, we may have to wait in Hilsa for some extent even after all groups arrive because we have to check Tibet side whether the guide & vehicle reach in border or not. Sometimes, it takes little longer time for Tibetan guide in order to receive us along with all permit and military formalities. Once everything is in order, we cross border to Tibet and we drive to Taklakot (Purang - 3800 m.) from Sher (China border) which takes about an hour. You will have rest today in Taklakot (Purang) for acclimatization. You have to go for light walking around Taklakot town to adjust your body with Tibet climate. • Overnight at Hotel (twin or triple sharing room with attached bathroom) • Simikot to Hilsa: 20 minutes by B2/B3 (Euro copter) Helicopter with 4 or 5 seats • Hilsa to Sher trek: 15 minutes • Sher to Taklakot drive: 25 km / 1 hour by bus • Overnight at Hotel (twin/ triple sharing room with attached bathroom)

Day 5:Drive, Purang to Lake Manasarovar (Chiu Gompa) – 4600 m.

Walking hr: 5 hrs drive | **Accommodation:** Basic Guesthouse | **Meal:** B, L, D

After early morning breakfast, we will be ready to leave for our ultimate destination at Lake Mansarovar (4560 m- Chui Gompa). Enroute our journey, you will see the breathtaking views of Rakshas Taal (Lake Ravana) with background view of Holy Mount Kailash, where our vehicle will take short break for photography. And

you will stopover in Lake Manasarovar for holy dip and perform homage to Mt. Kailash & Mansarovar as per your own religious way. After lunch, you will go for Lake Parikrama, the bus will stop in midpoint where the clear lake water available to fill the holy water into your bottle or gallon to take into your home for the families and relatives. Tonight you can wake up in & around 2 am to have the blessing darshan of the divine lights coming to lake Manasarovar. • Overnight at Guesthouse (all dormitory room) – Dharamshala type with common Tibetan toilet • Taklakot to Lake Manasarovar: 85 km / 2 hours • The distance of Manasarovar circumambulation: 72 km / 3 hrs

Day 6:Drive, Lake Mansarovar to Darchen - 4750 m

Walking hr: 1 hr drive | **Accommodation:** 3 or 4 Star Type Hotel | **Meal:** B, L, D

Today morning again, you will have another chance to pray and get blessing of Lake Manasarovar. After breakfast, you will drive to Darchen and check into the hotel. Darchen is the base camp to start the Mt. Kailash Parikrama (Kora). You can also have close darshan of Mt. Kailash from here. Darchen is also being small town where you can walk around the market to buy any souvenir products or essentials things for Kailash kora and the walking is also helpful for the acclimatization. • Lake Manasarovar to Darchen distance: 40 km / 1 hour

Day 7:Drive, Darchen to Yama Dwara Darshan then start first day Kailash Kora (Parikrama) by trekking to Diraphuk (4950 m)

Walking hr: 7 hrs Trekking | **Accommodation:** Basic Guesthouse | **Meal:** B, L, D

Today morning after early breakfast, you should be ready by 9 am to begin the most important part of our yatra going for Kailash parikrama. In the morning around 10 am, we will reach Yama Dwar (OR Sherson / 4750m) after driving about 20 minutes from Darchen. Yama Dwar is the auspicious gateway to the Parikrama (circuit) around the Mt. Kailash. The group will have best opportunity for the nearest view of Mt. Kailash and receive wonderful darshan. Also, the group will split from this end in two parts. Those who are going ahead to attempt parikrama by foot or by horse ride will continue their trek journey. And who are not going for Parikrama will return back to Darchen after Yama Dwar & Kailash darshan. Our guide will assist to manage the transport for their return journey into Hotel at Darchen and they have to wait for two days in Darchen until trekkers group return back. And the parikrama / trekkers group will continue their first day of parikrama (kora) trekking towards Diraphuk. Today you will have easy and flat trekking trail with short gradual climbs. The trek will last for 7 hours covering about 14 kms distance in first day. Today you will have full of blessings with the majestic darshan of three faces of Mt. Kailash - 1) South face from Yama Dwar, 2) West face from the midpoint Teashop & 3) North face from Diraphuk where we are staying overnight camp. Reaching Diraphuk, our guide or Sherpa will assist you for accommodation in the guesthouse and also serve hot tea/coffee in room. Here you will be lucky and will have blessings from Lord Shiva to see the closest view of North face of Mt. Kailash. Also, one who reached early in the afternoon and fit healthy can go for Charan Sparsh of Mt. Kailash with another short hike about 2 hours (if there is not restriction by China Government to visit Charan Sparsh region). • Overnight at Guesthouse or Tented Lodge (basic accommodation with dormitory room) • Darchen to Yam Dwar: 6 km / 20 minutes drive • Yama Dwar to Diraphuk trek: 14 km / 7 hrs

Day 8:Trek to Zuthulphuk (4850 m) via Dolma La Pass (5600 m)

Walking hr: 10 hrs Trekking | **Accommodation:** Basic Guesthouse | **Meal:** B, L, D

Today we have to start our trekking journey to Zuthulphuk before dawn. So, our team will serve you the

earliest breakfast in the morning and begin uphill trekking continue till Dolma-la Pass (5600m). We can say this is the toughest day of the whole trip. The trail start from your guesthouse will continue ascent until you cross Dolma-la pass. After you descend from high pass, you will soon notice the holy lake – Gauri Kunda at bottom of the hill. It is believed that Parvati (the consort of Lord Shiva) took holy bath in this glacial lake and thus it became holy water. The downhill trails rapidly drops to the valley of Zuthulphuk and then the trails will continue go flat alongside of river until Zuthulphuk Monastery where your guesthouse accommodation will also arrange. You will trek about 22 km distance within 9 - 10 hours today. • Overnight at Guesthouse (basic accommodation with dormitory room) • Diraphuk to Zuthulphuk Gomba: 22 km / 9 to 10 hours trek

Day 9:Finish Trek near Darchen & Drive back to Purang for overnight stay

Walking hr: 2 hrs drive | **Accommodation:** 3 or 4 Star Type Hotel | **Meal:** B, L, D

Trekkers (Parikrama) group will have flat and easy trekking today with short distance for 2 hours. After breakfast in the early morning, you will start your hike to near Darchen valley. The distance is about 7 km and at the end of trek point you will find our vehicle waiting for us. After all group members reach in that pick up point, our vehicle will take us to Darchen and have breakfast then continue drive to Purang (Taklakot). After check into the hotel, be refresh and you have free time in Taklakot to wonder around the market for shopping or do relaxation on your own. • Overnight at Hotel (twin or triple sharing room with attached bathroom) • Zuthulphuk to trek ending point: 2 hours walk - 11 km (approx.) • Trek ending point to Purang: 145 km / 3 hours drive

Day 10:Drive, Taklakot to Hilsa and Fly to Simikot by Helicopter then continue the fixed wing aircraft flight to Nepalgunj

Walking hr: 1.30 hrs flight | **Accommodation:** 4 of 5 Star Hotel | **Meal:** B, L, D

Early morning breakfast and drive descend to Sher / Hilsa border. The guide will manage all formalities of immigration follow by military officer till Sher border. After immigration & customs clearance, we will exit to Hilsa (Nepal Border) by crossing suspension bridge of Karnali River. Our Hilsa representative will assist to receive us in the border with arranging necessary porters. Our local Hilsa representative will assist to clear our immigration of Nepal side and you will be standby in the helipad to fly from Hilsa to Simikot as per our chopper schedule. The helicopter can come at anytime in the morning as per weather situation to receive us. Our Hilsa representative will help to board you & your luggage in Helicopter. On arriving Simikot, our tour manager or Simikot representative will assist you for the next flight to Nepalgunj continuously as per available flight schedule. And when you reach Nepalgunj our representative transfer to hotel or Lucknow as per the program schedule of the guests. Note: Due to weather reason or flight schedule, there might be chance of staying back in Simikot as well so if you could not make the flight from Simikot to Nepalgunj today then you will be shift to the hotel in Simikot and arrange the flight to Nepalgunj on next day morning. • Overnight at Hotel in Nepalgunj (twin sharing room with attached bathroom) or at Hotel in Simikot (twin or dormitory with common toilet & shower) • Purang to Sher drive: 25 km/ 1 hr • Sher to Hilsa trek: 10 min • Hilsa to Simikot: 20 minutes flight by Helicopter • Simikot to Nepalgunj: 1 hour flight by aircraft

Day 11:Fly Nepalgunj To Kathmandu

Walking hr: 50 min. flight | **Accommodation:** 5 Star Hotel | **Meal:** B, L, D

Those yatris who are stuck in Simikot due to weather or flight unavailability will have early breakfast in

Simikot guesthouse and will take the flight from Simikot to Nepalgun in the morning and continue their connecting flight from Nepalgunj to Kathmandu. Similarly, those yatris who are already in Nepalgunj will take breakfast at the hotel and fly back to Kathmandu. Upon arriving in Kathmandu, check into hotel and refresh. Rest day at free on your own for shopping or relaxation. • Overnight at Hotel (twin sharing room with attached bathroom) • Nepalgunj to Kathmandu: 50 min flight by aircraft

Day 12:Departure

Walking hr: 30 min drive | **Accommodation:** N/A | **Meal:** B

After breakfast, our tour officer will do farewell transferring you to the International Airport for your flight to home.

Trip Cost Includes

- Two nights hotel (5 star) on twin sharing in Kathmandu with vegetarian meals (breakfast, lunch & dinner)
- One night hotel (4/5 Star) in Nepalgunj with vegetarian meals (twin sharing)
- One night lodge in Simikot or in Hilsa (basic room) with all meals
- Pick up & drop transfers in Kathmandu
- One half-day sightseeing tour in Kathmandu
- Necessary arrival / departure transfers in Nepalgunj (normal vehicle (ac) available here)
- Kathmandu - Nepalgunj – Kathmandu air ticket (fixed wing – Yeti Air OR Buddha Air)
- Nepalgunj - Simikot – Nepalgunj air ticket (fixed wing – Twin otter aircraft OR Dornier)
- Simikot - Hilsa – Simikot by Helicopter (only 4 OR 5 persons can be carried at a time with 12+5 kg weigh each incuding luggage & handbag)
- Domestic airport taxes (all sectors)
- Tibet group visa and travel/trekking permits
- Guesthouse in Lake Mansarovar / Diraphuk / Zuthulphuk (Dormitory Guesthouse with Tibetan common toilet)
- Standard Hotel Accommodation (twin or triple) with attached bathroom in Purang & in Darchen
- All Indian vegetarian meals in Tibet (breakfast, lunch & dinner) while on the tour
- Transportation in Tibet by Luxury Bus or Jeep/Van
- Tour around Lake Manasarovar on vehicle
- English speaking Tibetan guide
- One tour Manager
- Necessary supporting crew (Cook, Sherpas from Nepal)
- All necessary Kitchen & camping equipments
- Yaks & Yak men during the Parikrama to carry foods and kitchen logistic.
- Oxygen for emergency use
- Medical kit bag / First Aid kit
- Humla region restricted area permit & royalties
- Porter cost in Hilsa (while going and coming back)
- Free gifts – Duffle Bag, Backpack Bag, Sling Bag, Beanie Warm Hat & Down Jacket
- All applicable taxes & service charges

Trip Cost Excludes

- International air ticket to Kathmandu & return
- Nepal entry visa fee for NRIs
- Personal porter & riding Horse during the Parikrama
- Your travel insurance
- Insurance for emergency rescue & evacuation service
- Personal expenses
- Bottled Drinks
- Asthapad Darshan (Govt. prohibited this trip if permitted can arrange on additional cost)
- Tips for leader, guide, service staff & driver
- Extra night accommodation in Kathmandu in case of early arrival from Kailash
- Extra night charges for accommodation & meals in Nepalgunj, Simikot and Hilsa due to flight cancellation
- Any additional cost due to natural calamity and unforeseen circumstance

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