

## Kailash Manasarovar Overland Tour

**Trip Facts** 

**Duration:** 13 days

**Trip Destination:** Nepal & Kailash (Tibet)

Entry / Exit Point: Kyirong Maximum Altitude: 5600 M Group Size: 25 People Or Above

Mode Of Trekking / Tour: Tea House/Lodge

**Driving Hour:** Approx 5-7 Hours **Trekking Hour:** 5 To 8 Hours

**Trip Type:** Pilgrimage & Adventure

Best Season: May to October

**USD Price:** 2400 **INR Price:** 220,000

Kailash Yatra by overland journey is considered to be the classic route of this spiritual trip. Prior to massive devastation earthquake in Nepal held in 2015, this classic popular trip was conducted via Kodari / Zhangmu border. Now being the earthquake damaged badly in this border side, this border was shield by no entry /exit for the people or travelers. Since then, Kailash yatris (pilgrims) choose alternative option to pay homage to their mighty Mt. Kailash via Lhasa or Hilsa border. These two routes become so popular after 2015 for the tourists traveling to Lhasa Tibet & Kailash Manasarovar. After three years, Chinese Government has finally give the good news to all travelers, by opening Kyirong (Kerung) border at north-west of Nepal from November 2017 for all tourists who wish to visit Tibet by overland trip.

Kyirong being the alternative border for Kodari Tatopani, we tour operator and travelers feel someway better to organize tours & trekking in Tibet touristic destination among Kailash region. Although Kyirong border is not like comfortable as Kodari, the travelers has at least get choice of little economy trip than of expensive flight option. Tibet Kyirong border is connected with Nepal Rasuwagadhi border through Friendship Bridge. The journey from Kathmandu to Rasuwagadhi border is longer than of Kodari border with little difficult narrow road as well. It takes about 7 to 8 hours to reach Syabrubesi from Kathmandu due to road condition and so we have to stay overnight here. You will notice the strict & numerous checking points while you travel from Kathmandu to border by Police & military of Nepal as you have to pass your journey through Langtang National Park region. Then next morning, we can get entry to Tibet region and stay in Kyirong for two nights in order to acclimatize our health with Tibetan climate. Our program will then proceeds as per itinerary with stunning scenery of mountains, lakes, monasteries, Tibetan local villages, their people & cultures etc. In this Yatra (tour), you will get basic facility for accommodation with dormitory room in all places; however you will get personal care and services by our staff team with family feeling caring and serving hot & delicious



foods. The drive journey will be 5 to 7 hours daily during this trip. We will provide comfortable bus for your Yatra.

And we do request to our all yatris for their kind co-operation if they find any inconvenient due to unexpected situation during the trip because this trip is anyway not easy trip than other pilgrimage tour due to harsh climate, remote region, basic facility & strict policy of Chinese Government. We tour organizer do our best for your comfort and safety at best possible way making your trip memorable. We hope you will find us as your best travel partner for organizing this lifetime holiest adventure and will remember us always. Hereunder you can go through our detail itinerary for this trip and send us your booking at earliest.



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## **Day to Day Itinerary**

## **Day 1:ARRIVAL IN KATHMANDU**

Upon arrival in Tribhuvan international airport at Kathmandu, our staff will welcome you with garlands or khada with mineral water bottle. Then we will transfer to Hotel and check into room and be refresh & relax. In the evening, you will have dinner in hotel & you will be given information on next day program by our tour leader. Optional: If anybody are interested to take an hour Mount Everest Flight on next day morning, should book and confirm with us by this evening. Normally, the flight operates from 6.30 am to 10 am, and you should prepare in the hotel before 1 hour 15 minutes ahead to leave airport for reporting 45 minutes before departure time at least. \* Overnight at Hotel (Room on twin sharing basis)

#### **Day 2:KATHMANDU SIGHTSEEING TOUR**

Morning breakfast start from 6 am to 10 am in the hotel. Today you will have sightseeing program in the morning started by 8 am to 1 pm. You will, visit Pashupatinath temple (the biggest hindus temple) and Budhanilkantha temple (the tallest sleeping Bishnu). Lunch at 1 pm in hotel. Then you are free for your tour preparation. In the evening at 5.30 PM we will call for short briefing program on Kailash journey following by introduction and assist for money exchange & down jacket distribution. \* Overnight at Hotel (Room on twin sharing basis)

#### Day 3:DRIVE JOURNEY TO DHUNCHE (2000 m.) OR SYABRUBESI (1600 m.)

Early morning wake up with breakfast at 6.00 am and prepare to leave by 6.30 am to Rasuwagadhi border. On the way at Trishuli bazaar, you will be stop for lunch break in highway restaurant and will continue our journey further ahead. You can wonder around beautiful scenery with great landscape of village and mountains around you. The whole journey is with beautiful scenic view along through Trishuli River. Dhunche or Syabrubesi are alike base camp of Langtang for the trekkers to begin their trekking to Langtang National Park region. Both small towns are little developed with facilities of guesthouses, restaurants, banks, hospitals, school etc. We will reach at Syabrubesi and check into room and stay overnight at lodge (basic accommodation). And sometimes, if the accommodation is not available at Syabrubesi, we will stay at Timure with further short drive from Syabrubesi. \* Overnight at Guesthouse – dormitory room \* Kathmandu to Dhunche – 130 km (6 hrs). \* Kathmandu to Syabrubesi – 145 km (7 hrs)

## Day 4:DRIVE TO RASUWAGADHI (1800 m.) AND KYIRONG IN TIBET (2900 m.)

Today also you should wake up early morning and have breakfast then prepare to begin our ultimate destination to Tibet region by 7.30 am. You will feel the little strict region being lots of checking points by army & police on the way from Dhunche to Rasuwagadhi. We will reach Rasuwagadhi border by 8.30 am and proceed for Tibet entry following the formalities of immigration & customs in both sides of country. Our representative will assist us for immigration in Nepal side and then we proceed to China by walk (15 min) crossing through Friendship Bridge. All group members should follow in queue with their respective passport serial number as per visa while passing through immigration in China side. We will be receive by our Tibetan guide in China immigration, complete immigration formalities, get in our Tibet side bus then proceed to Kyirong town. It takes approximately an hour to reach Kyirong town where our hotel accommodation is



allocated by guide. Check into hotel and rest. Lunch and dinner will be in dining hall at hotel. \* Overnight at Guesthouse – dormitory room \* Syabrubesi to Rasuwagadhi – 15 km (45 min) \* Rasuwagadhi to Kyirong town - 25 km (1 hr)

### Day 5:DRIVE, KYIRONG TO SAGA (4300 m.)

Here your day begins with full of excitement for leading your way towards ultimate destination Kailash. Hereafter, your daily routine will be similar with breakfast prepare by 7 am and leave your camp to next destination by 10 am the latest. Today our journey head to Saga, en route we will have opportunity to Ganesh Parbat & Lake Peiku Tso then eventually cross the bridge built over River Brahmaputra (also called Yarlung Tsangpo in Chinese) in Saga. You will have lunch break before high pass of Kyirong county then continue drive further to Saga with nice landscape view of snow capped mountains, villages, yak herders and small river. Dinner and Overnight in Guesthouse. \* Overnight at Guesthouse – dormitory room \* Kyirong to Saga: 170 km / 5 hrs

## Day 6:DRIVE, SAGA TO LAKE MANSASAROVAR (CHIU GOMPA) - 4600 m.

Today is the highlighted day of this journey. We are going to reach the holy Lake "Manasarovar & Mt. Kailash" which is our ultimate goal. Hence, we set off our journey the earliest possible by 6 to 7 am so that we can reach in Manasarovar by early afternoon for great timing to take bath in warm sun rather than being late to take bath with chill wind started by late afternoon. On the way, we will drive through the highest motorable pass of this journey (Mayum-La; 5200 m.). Moreover, we will have to pass through check point formalities in Mayumla & in Manasarovar so we should keep some space for this. Lunch will be served somewhere near Horchu River, before the Mayum-La pass. On lucky day, we have good opportunity to have darshan of Mt. Kailash from Manasarovar base camp where we have to change our vehicle to travel Kailash region. Here we have to wait some while for bus and that spare time will be use for praying and having darshan of Mt. Kailash & Manasarovar. We will be given quick 30 min for holy dip in Lake Manasarovar at safe & good shore on the way depending upon time & weather permission. Today we will make Parikrama of Lake Manasarovar by 70% of its circular and stay overnight in Chiu Gompa camp. Enroute parikrama of Lake Manasarovar, we will also see another beautiful fresh water lake called Rakshas Tal, the demon lake created by Lanka king Rawan with crescent moon shape. Dinner & overnight stay will be at guesthouse near the shore of Lake Manasarovar. Note: Those travelers/yatris joining the departure date with (R) denotes Return Full Moon will stay in Darchen after lake parikrama (circumambulation). \* Overnight at Guesthouse - dormitory room \* Saga to Lake Manasarovar: 510 km (8 hrs drive)

#### Day 7:LAKE MANASAROVAR & THEN DRIVE TO DARCHEN (4700 m

Today you will have plenty time for Puja / Hawan and holy bath in Lake Manasarovar, the lake created by Brahma in his mind. You will have breakfast in the morning at basic time. Some of you can also go hike for Chiu Gompa visit reside in the top of hill close from camp. Today our cook will try best to serve additional variety in lunch than of previous day to feel you delight. After lunch, we will drive to Darchen, the base camp of Mt. Kailash where we will stay an overnight in order to prepare for trekking around Mt. Kailash. Similarly, you can also spectacle snow capped mountain range of Gurla Mandata and Rakshas Tal once again. You can stroll around small market of Darchen town in the late afternoon. Note: Those travelers/yatris joining the departure date with (R) denotes Return Full Moon will start the trekking (Kailash Kora) to Deraphuk. \*



Overnight at Guesthouse – dormitory room \* Manasarovar – Darchen (40 km) – 1 hour

## Day 8:START PARIKRAMA TO DERAPHUK (4950 m.)

Morning after breakfast drive to Sherson near Yama Dwar. From Yama Dwar, you will start trekking to Diraphuk (north face of Kailash). One can blessed with ultimate darshan of Mt. Kailash south face from Yamadwar. The pilgrims who are unable to make Kora of Mt. Kailash will pray and make thrice circular of Yamadwar in the name of Lord Shiva & Parbati and return to Darchen waiting for other trekkers till 3rd day. For trekkers going Kora will begin after Yamadwar & Kailash darshan by walk or riding horse. Horse will be available on pre-booking and horse riders will choose their horse & horseman by picking up coupon which should not be lost until the service end. Today the trekking is moderate walk with flat trails and gradual up following Glacier River alongside. On the mid way, we will halt for a while at tea shop for pack lunch. Then continue slight uphill trek to Diraphuk camp with stunning glimpse of north face of Mt. Kailash. Also, those trekkers or pilgrims who reach camp earlier and fit by health may also go further walk to uphill for Charan Sparsh from camp if army permits. Note: Those travelers/yatris joining the departure date with (R) denotes Return Full Moon will continue the trekking (Kailash Kora) to Zuthulphuk. \* Overnight at Guesthouse or Tented Lodge – dormitory room \* Darchen to Yama Dwar- 11 km (30 minutes) drive \* Yama Dwar to Diraphuk – 15 km (5 hrs) trek

#### Day 9:TREK SHIVASTHAL - GAURIKUNDA - ZUTULPHUK (4850 m.)

This is the toughest day of parikrama. You have to wake up 4 am early in the morning and start trek by 5 am without forgetting to carry pack lunch. The journey right from the beginning starts going uphill till to Dolma-La (5600 m.) about 4-5 hours then continue descending to the flat valley region, the other side of Dolma-la pass. You will find Shivasthal at Dolma la covered by prayer flags and different offers by prayers like clothings & ornaments. Descending steep down from high pass, you will be lucky to sight beautiful holy lake – Gauri Kunda at the right side underneath of hill. After continue sloping down, you will cross short glacier path and then will find tea shop for lunch break at plain valley. Then after continue easy walk on flat trail but tedious with feel of similar landscape around and never ending. The last leg of the journey is along with the River Bank, up to Zutulphuk. The high light of the day are Shivasthal, Dolma-La and Gauri Kunda which are on the way. \* Overnight at Guesthouse or Tented Lodge – dormitory room \* Driraphuk to Zutulphuk (22 km - 9 hours) trek

### Day 10:END TREK THEN DRIVE TO SAGA

Today, the trail is easy & flat, so you will complete the journey within 2 to 3 hours. We will be picked up at the ending point near Darchen by our vehicle, then transferred to Darchen, here you will get lunch and continue to Saga along with all group members. You will have last opportunity to view Lake Manasarovar on the way while seeing off Kailash region. We will be drop off at Manasarovar bus stand by Eco Green Bus of Ngari region and will shift to another private bus from Lhasa. Then our journey will retrace back through same way. \* Overnight at Guesthouse – dormitory room \* Zutulphuk to ending point (07 km, 1.5 hrs trek) \* Ending point to Saga: 480 km (7 hrs drive)

#### Day 11:RETURN BACK TO KYIRONG

Return back to Kyirong via the same route. \* Overnight at Guesthouse – dormitory room \* Saga to Kyirong



County: 170 km (5 hrs drive)

#### Day 12:RETURN BACK TO KATHMANDU

Morning after early breakfast drive down to Rasuwagadhi border, cross over the Friendship Bridge then drive back to Kathmandu. Lunch will be served in Syabrubesi. Evening dinner and rest at hotel. \* Overnight at Hotel (room on twin sharing basis) \* Kyirong to Rasuwagadhi border- 25 km (1 hr) \* Rasuwagadhi to Kathmandu – 160 km (7 hrs).

## **Day 13:DEPARTURE**

Breakfast in the hotel. According to your flight schedule, you will be transfer to international airport in Kathmandu for your flight back home.

# **Trip Cost Includes**

- Three nights' accommodation in Kathmandu (3 star) on twin/triple sharing with vegetarian meals
- Sightseeing tour in Kathmandu
- All necessary transfers in Kathmandu (arrival / departure)
- Kathmandu Kodari Kathmandu transfers by private bus
- Tibet group visa & all necessary permits
- All necessary Tibet permit including Parikrama of Kailash & Mansarovar
- All accommodation in Tibet in Guesthouse (dormitory room) / tented camp
- All vegetarian meals in Tibet (breakfast, lunch & dinner)
- Transportation in Tibet by luxury bus OR by luxury van as per package booking
- Supporting truck to carry logistics
- English speaking Tibetan guide
- Necessary supporting crew (tour manager, cook, helpers & sherpas)
- Yaks & Yak men during the Parikrama (to carry foods and kitchen logistic.)
- Entry fees (Kailash & Manasarovar)
- Medical kit bag & oxygen for emergency use
- All applicable taxes and service charges

## **Trip Cost Excludes**

- International air ticket to Kathmandu & return
- Nepal entry visa fee for NRIs
- Your travel insurance
- Rescue and evacuation service
- Personal expenses
- Asthapad Darshan (not allow by vehicle, you can go by trekking if Army permits)
- Horse for riding during the Parikrama
- Bottled drinks
- Tips for guide & driver
- Extra night accommodation in Kathmandu in case of early arrival from Kailash
- Any additional cost (transport, hotel, visa split charge) that occurs due to illness or rescue of the member



■ Any additional cost due to natural calamity and unforeseen circumstances



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