

# **Muktinath Tour Package**

**Trip Facts** 

**Duration:** 7 days

Entry / Exit City:: Kathmandu **Group Size::** 02 Person Or Above

Transportation:: Private Vehicle & Flight

Best Season:: January - June & September To December

Muktinath is believed that all miseries / sorrows are relieved once you visit this temple (Mukti=Nirvana, Nath=God). The main shrine is a pagoda shaped temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Set into the wall around it are 108 waterspouts from which pour holy water.

Muktinath is situated on the upper part of the Kali River of Buri Gandaki on the north side of the main Himalayan range and south of Lo-Manthang or Mustang. Its precise location is 29° 11' N latitude and 83° 53'. Longitude, at an elevation of 3,800 m (or approximately 12,500 ft) on the western slopes of the Damodar Himal and the northern extension of the Annapurna Himalayan massif.

For Tibetan Buddhists, Muktinath, they called Chumig Gyatsa (Hundreds Waters) is a place of Dakinis, goddesses known as Sky Dancers. It is of great importance for Buddhists that Chumig Gyatsa is one of the 24 Tantric places.

For Hindus, beside the natural fire representing Brahma & the holy water, the central meaning of the Muktinath area is the veneration of the god Vishnu in the form of ammonites (*shilas*) called Salagrama-Shilas.

There are many stories which tell of Vishnu turning into stone & all of them are closely connected to the holy Kali Gandaki River. This river, also known as the Salagrami, is a few hours walking from Muktinath-Chumig Gyatsa.

Muktinath is in the high Himalayan arid zone bordering China's Tibetan Autonomous Region (Xizang). This northern region of Nepal is often called Bhot (Tibet), and its inhabitants 'Bhotia.' Muktinath shrine is near the headwaters of the Jhong River, a tributary of the Kali Gandaki in the north-eastern corner of Thak Khola is a dry trans-Himalayan valley in Nepal's Mustang District.

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### Day to Day Itinerary

#### Day 1:Arrival Kathmandu

Arrival in Kathmandu at Tribhuvan International Airport, meet by our representative and transfer to hotel. Meeting and briefing about the program. Rest day at leisure. Overnight stay in Hotel.

#### Day 2: Kathmandu - Pokhara

Drive to Pokhara and enroute visit Manakamana Temple by cable car. Check in Hotel in Pokhara & refresh. Stroll around Lake side & Pokhara market in the evening. Overnight stay in Hotel.

### Day 3:Pokhara – Jomsom - Muktinath Darshan

Early morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Jomsom. Receive by our representative in Jomsom & walk to Hotel. After breakfast, you have to walk about 15 minutes further to jeep station crossing Kali Gandaki bridge & then drive to Muktinath. Arrival in jeep station near Muktinath and walk 20 min further from jeep station to Muktinath Temple. Perform worship (puja) & darshan with taking holy bath in the sacred 108 water spouts surrounding the temple; Also a Jwalamai Darshan will be made. Then walk down upto Jeep station and drive back to Jomsom. Refresh in hotel & take lunch. Overnight stay at Mountain Lodge.

#### Day 4: Jomsom - Pokhara

After breakfast, move to airport for your flight to Pokhara. Arrival in Pokhara and pick up by our representative & check in to the Hotel. After lunch, guided sightseeing tour of Pokhara Valley – David's Fall, Gupteswor Mahadev Cave, Bindabasini Temple, and Barahi Temple with a boat ride on Fewa Lake. Overnight stay in Hotel.

#### Day 5:Pokhara - Kathmandu

Drive back to Kathmandu. Rest of the day is free for shopping and relaxation. Overnight stay.

#### Day 6: Kathmandu Sightseeing

After breakfast, we begin the tour program with guided sightseeing tour of Pashupatinath Temple, Boudhanath Stupa & Budhanilkantha Temple. Overnight stay.

#### Day 7:Departure

Transfer to the International airport for your onward destination.

# **Trip Cost Includes**

- All arrival and departure transfers
- 3 Star Accommodation on twin sharing basis with all meals (vegetarian)
- Mountain Lodge in Jomsom with all vegetarian meals
- Airfare (Pokhara-Jomsom-Pokhara)
- Kathmandu Pokhara Kathmandu transfer by private vehicle
- Manakamana darshan by cable car



- Passenger Insurance during the flight
- Sightseeing tour at Kathmandu and Pokhara Valley
- ACAP entrance fee for Annapurna Region
- Jomsom Muktinath –Jomsom by Sharing public jeep/bus
- All taxes & service charges

## **Trip Cost Excludes**

- Personal nature expenses
- Tour guide/leader
- Insurance coverage against accident, injury, death, theft, baggage loss, etc.
- Optional motorcycle or pony charge for Jeep station to Muktinath Temple.
- Entry fees for monument sightseeing
- Rescue & evacuation expenditures
- Beverages, alcoholic drinks, snacks, etc
- Tips and gratuities
- Laundry and telephone bills
- Supplement Cost for NRI or Foreign Nationals
- All other expenses that are not mentioned above and are cause due to unforeseen circumstances



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