



Kathmandu Sightseeing Tour

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Duration	Per Person Cost	Difficulty
1 Days	USD 65	Easy
Group Size	Maximum Elevation	arrival_on
1-12	1400	Kathmandu
Departure	Trip Route	
Kathmandu	Kathmandu	

Trip Overview

Overview of Kathmandu Sightseeing Tour

A sightseeing tour of Kathmandu Durbar Square, Patan Durbar Square, Pashupatinath Temple, and Boudhanath Stupa covers some of the most iconic cultural and spiritual landmarks in the Kathmandu Valley. Embark on an immersive full-day sightseeing, exploring four UNESCO World Heritage Sites that showcase Nepal's rich cultural, historical, and spiritual tapestry: Kathmandu Durbar Square, Patan Durbar Square, Pashupatinath Temple, and Boudhanath Stupa. Kathmandu Sightseeing Tour is carefully crafted itinerary, designed for a 7-8 hour journey, offers a deep dive into the architectural splendor, religious significance, and vibrant local life of Kathmandu. With a private vehicle or guided tour, you'll navigate these iconic landmarks efficiently, soaking in their unique stories and atmospheres.

Kathmandu durbar square

Nestled in the heart of Kathmandu, just a short distance from the bustling Thamel district, Kathmandu Durbar Square is a living museum of Newari architecture and Nepal's royal history. This UNESCO World Heritage Site, once the seat of the Malla kings, is a sprawling complex of palaces, temples, and courtyards that hums with the energy of street vendors, rickshaws, and local devotees. As you wander through its cobblestone paths, you'll be transported to a bygone era of intricate wood carvings and towering pagoda-style structures.

Major highlights

Kumari ghar: The cosy yet intricate Kumari ghar is home to Kumari, Kathmandu's living goddess, a young girl worshipped as deity. If you are lucky enough you may catch a glimpse of her looking out of the window.

Hanuman dhoka palace: It is a former royal residence named after the monkey god Hanuman, whose statue stands guard at the entrance. Explore its historic courtyard where coronations once took place.

Jagannath temple: The temple offers a glimpse of the playful artistry of the Malla era with erotic carvings in its woodwork.

Patan durbar square

Located in Lalitpur, just south of Kathmandu, Patan Durbar Square is a masterpiece of Newari craftsmanship and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Often considered the artistic heart of the valley, Patan's compact yet stunning square is a treasure trove of temples, palaces, and intricately carved stone and woodwork. Known as the "City of Fine Arts," Patan is renowned for its metalwork and thangka paintings, making it a haven for art lovers and history enthusiasts alike.

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Patan museum: Housed in the restored Keshav Narayan Chowk, this world-class museum displays bronze statues, religious artifacts, and insights into Nepal's cultural heritage.

Krishna Mandir: A 17th-century stone temple with exquisite carvings, dedicated to Lord Krishna, featuring scenes from the Mahabharata.

Mul Chowk: The central courtyard of the royal palace, showcasing stunning wood carvings and a glimpse into royal life.

Boudhanath

Dominating the skyline of northeastern Kathmandu, Boudhanath Stupa is one of the largest and most significant Buddhist stupas in the world, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its massive white dome, topped with a golden spire and the all-seeing eyes of Buddha, exudes serenity and spiritual power. Surrounded by vibrant Tibetan monasteries, prayer wheels, and bustling shops, Boudhanath is the heart of Nepal's Tibetan Buddhist community, offering a tranquil yet lively conclusion to your tour.

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The Stupa: Walk clockwise around the stupa, spinning prayer wheels and joining pilgrims in the traditional kora (circumambulation). The dome's white base contrasts beautifully with its golden pinnacle.

Monasteries: Visit nearby Tamang Gumpa or Shechen Monastery to see monks chanting or colorful thangka paintings.

Tibetan Culture: The area is a hub for Tibetan exiles, with shops selling prayer flags, incense, and Buddhist artifacts.

Rooftop Views: Several cafes (e.g., Roadhouse Cafe Boudha) offer elevated views of the stupa, perfect

for photography or a quick coffee.

Pashupatinath

Perched on the banks of the sacred Bagmati River, Pashupatinath Temple is Nepal's most revered Hindu pilgrimage site and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Dedicated to Lord Shiva in his form as Pashupati (Lord of Animals), this sprawling complex is a spiritual epicenter where devotees, sadhus, and mourners converge. The temple's gold-plated roof and silver-plated doors gleam under the sun, while the surrounding ghats (river steps) host daily rituals and cremation ceremonies, offering a profound glimpse into Hindu traditions of life and death.

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Main temple: A two-tiered pagoda-style structure with intricate carvings, accessible only to Hindus, but its exterior is striking from the surrounding courtyards.

Bagmati river ghats: Observe open-air cremations (from a respectful distance) and rituals performed by priests, a poignant reminder of life's impermanence.

Shrines: The complex is dotted with lingams (Shiva shrines), statues, and smaller temples, such as the Vasuki Nath Temple.

Trip Includes

- All ground transportation in a private tourist vehicle
- Entrance fees for sightseeing
- English speaking government licenced tour guide with enough know how of the history and food culture of Nepal

Trip Excludes

- International airfare to and from Kathmandu
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Tips for guide(s)
- Any other not mentioned in the includes section

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