

# **Himalayan Glory Travels and Tours**

## **Buddhist Pilgrimage Tour**

## **Trip Overview**

Tread the footprints of Lord Buddha and his greatest devotees...

Rather than a religion, Buddhism is a philosophy and the marks of Buddhism are scattered throughout Nepal. Beginning at Kathmandu Buddhist shrines, Boudhnath and Swayambhunath, which are the major attractions for any tourists visiting Kathmandu, are the UNESCO enlisted World Heritage Sites. Maroon robed monks chanting the holy prayers throughout their vicinity, the influencing mudras of Buddha and the Tibtan culture at its best are the highlights of these destinations. The tour continues to Namoboudha. The ultimate pious Buddhist Shrine nestled in the mountains flanking Kathmandu is couple of hours drive from the city. The site well known in the holy books of Buddhism as a place where, Buddha in his previous life offered his body to fulfill the hunger of famished tigress and its cubs.

### Lumbini - Birth Place of Lord Buddha

Lumbini, the sacred place where Lord Buddha was born, has the extreme archaeological significance and is an enlisted UNESCO World heritage site. Prince Sidhartha Gautama, who later became Buddha after enlightenment, was born in the Secret Garden of Lumbini in 6th century. It is believed that the Buddha himself have identified four places of future pilgrimage in the Parinirbana Sutta, namely the sites of his Birth, Enlightenment, first Discourage and Death. All of these events occurred under the open sky. There are many Holy places to visit in Lumbini like Secret Garden, Maya Devi Temple, Ashokan Pillar, Puskrani Pond, Nepal Buddha Temple, Lumbini Museum etc. There is also another Buddhist Pilgrimage Site in Namobuddha where the Lord Buddha sacrifices his body to hungry Tigress and its cubs.

## **Trip Highlights**

#### Day 1: Day 1: Arrival in Kathmandu

Welcome by our representive from Himalayan Glory Travels and Tours, check in your hotel. Free time, later short information about the tour and leisure time.

#### Day 2: Day 2: Buddhist temple tours in Kathmandu

Tours to Swayambhunath Stupa (Monkey Temple), Boudhhanath Stupa (South Asian Biggest Stupa), and Kopan Monastery for meditation.

#### Day 3: Day 3: Sightseeing Patan City and Namobuddha

Tours to Patan City to visit Hiranya Varna Mahavir, Rudra Varna Mahavir sightseeing, drive to Namobuddha and visit monastery. Stay monastery at night.

#### Day 4: Day 4: Kathmandu Lumbini (30 min flight/280kms, 9-10 hrs drive)

Morning drive to Kathmandu Airport, fly to Bhairahawa and take a short drive to Lumbini. Check in your hotel and visit Lumbini around.

#### Day 5: Day 5: Tours to Lumbini Mayadevi Temple

Visit the sacred garden, pond, Mayadevi temple, monasteries and temples built by many countries as China, Thailand, Burma, Srilanka, Korea, Germany, France, Japan and many more. Visit peace lamp and other centers as library museum and fly back to Kathmandu in the arternoon.

#### Day 6: Day 6: Pharping Monastery Tour

Drive to Pharping Monastery and pray with buddhist monks, you can take part in religious practice and back to hotel. Free afternoon at hotel. (altenative you can walk to near by tempel or leisure.

#### Day 7: Day 7: Departure to onward destination.

As this is final day of entire Buddhist Pilgrimage Tour. Transfer to Tribhuvan International Airport, fly to onward destination.

### **Cost Include**

- All ground transportation including Airport pickup/drop at Kathmandu and Bhairahawa.
- Hotels at Kathmandu as per itinerary witn daily breakfast.
- All Entrance fee
- Domestic airfare and airport tax.
- Highly experienced tour guide and staffs.
- Farewell dinner in Kathmandu.
- Tole tax fee, driver allowance

### Cost Exclude

- Visa fees
- International air fare
- Personal expenses (phone calls, laundry, bar bills or extra porters)
- Travel insurance
- Lunch & evening meals during the tour.

• Tips for guides and drivers

# **Route Map**

# **Joint Group Cost:**

US\$