

Chandragiri and Monkey Temple Tour

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Destination

Nepal Treks & Tours

Activity

Day Tours

Start / End Point

Thamel/Thamel

Trip Type

Day Tour

Duration

1

Destination

Nepal

Per Person From

USD 33

Group Size

1 - 20

Best Season

All Season

Transportation

Private Vehicle

Meals

N/A

Major Highlights of Monkey Temple and Chandragiri Hill Day Tour

- Enjoy a smooth 10-12 minutes scenic ride above lush green forests to reach the Chandragiri viewpoint.
- Take in stunning views of Mt. Everest (8,848.86m), Ganesh Himal (7,422m), Langtang Lirung (7,234m), Langtang Ri (7,205m), and others from Chandragiri.
- In the colder months (Dec-Feb), Chandragiri often turns into a snowy wonderland, making it a magical spot for visitors.
- Visit the peaceful Bhaleshwor Mahadev Temple at the Chandragiri hilltop.
- Explore the ancient Swayambhunath Stupa (Monkey Temple), a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Witness the whole view of Kathmandu Valley from the top of Swayambhunath.
- Spot playful monkeys around the Monkey temple, adding fun to your visit.
- Immerse in the cultural and spiritual ambiance of prayer wheels, shrines, and colorful prayer flags

Itinerary of the Chandragiri and Monkey Temple Tour

Day 01: Drive To Chandragiri, Ride Chandragiri Cable Car, And Drive To Swoyambhunath

At 9:00 AM, we will pick you up from your hotel or your preferred location to start the Chandragiri and Monkey Temple tour. Then we will drive you to the Chandragiri Cable Car Base Station in a comfortable private vehicle. From the base station, you will take a 10-12 minutes Chandragiri cable car ride tour to the hilltop. The ride is 2.4 km long. At the hilltop of Chandragiri, there is a Bhaleshwor Mahadev Temple. It is a sacred Hindu shrine for Lord Shiva. You can pay respects at the temple. From the top, you will also enjoy the Himalaya vista, including Mount Everest, Langtang, Ganesh Himal, Manaslu, etc. Take photos and relax.

After some hours, you will again take the cable car back from Chandragiri Hills. Next, you will drive to Swayambhunath Temple, commonly known as the Monkey Temple. Monkey Temple is the major temple for Hindus and Buddhists in Nepal and dates back to the 5th century. At first, you will stop at the Statue of Peace to toss a coin for good luck. After that, you will walk past smaller temples and shrines. The tour ends at 5:00 PM. We will drop you back at your hotel. You will leave with memories of Himalayan views, spiritual sites, and Kathmandu culture.

Ascent:

N/A

Meals:

N/A

Accommodations:

N/A

Trip Include and Exclude

Included Services

- Comfortable private vehicle for tour as per the Group size and itinerary only.
- English speaking guide.
- All internal taxes.
- 1 Bottle/days of water during tour.

Excluded Services

- International Airfare.
- Chandragiri cable car fees
- All entrance fees as per the itinerary mentioned places.

- All personal expenses.
- All the services not listed in “Including” services.
- Tips for the crew member (it is expected).

Group Discounts Available

No. of Persons	Price per Person
1 - 1	USD 78
2 - 2	USD 48
3 - 5	USD 43
6 - 20	USD 33

FAQs for Chandragiri and Monkey Temple Tour

How much is the Chandragiri and Monkey Temple Day tour?

A private day tour with Himalayan 360 starts at USD 78 per person for a single traveler. For two people, the price drops to USD 48 per person, and for a group of 3-5, it's USD 43 per person. This price includes a guide, transportation, and taxes.

Who can join the Chandragiri and Monkey Temple Day tour?

This tour is perfect for almost everyone. Beginners, families with children, couples, seniors, and business travelers can all enjoy it. The cable car makes Chandragiri easy to reach, but climbing the steps at the Monkey Temple can feel like a light adventure.

How much is the Chandragiri Cable Car Ticket?

Ticket prices differ based on nationality. For Nepalese, it costs NPR 825, SAARC NPR 1320, Chinese USD 16, and other foreigners USD 23 for a round-trip. Discounts are available for students, the elderly, and children, with free entry for those over 80 or children under 3 feet.

Why is Swayambhunath called the Monkey Temple?

Swayambhunath is called the “Monkey Temple” because many rhesus macaque monkeys live on the hill. These monkeys are considered sacred and are believed to be followers of the Bodhisattva Manjushri. They have lived around the temple for centuries, adding a lively charm to the site.

How many steps are there to Monkey Temple Kathmandu?

The main eastern staircase has 365 steps and represents each day of the year. Some sources report slightly different numbers. For those who prefer a shorter route, a road on the western side provides an easier climb.

What are the eyes of Swayambhunath?

The eyes painted on the four sides of the stupa are called the Wisdom Eyes of Buddha. They symbolize the Buddha's ability to see all directions and represent his wisdom. The small nose-like symbol between the eyes is the Devanagari numeral for "one", representing unity and the single path to enlightenment.

What Makes Chandagiri & Monkey Temple Special?

Chandragiri is a famous tourist destination in Nepal. This hilltop, located at the **southwest side of the Kathmandu Valley**, gives a calm escape from the bustling city life. You can take a **cable car ride** to reach the top of the Chandragiri hill; **no need to hike for several hours**. Once at the top, *enjoy mesmerizing views of Kathmandu and the Himalayas, including the Himalayan ranges from Annapurna to Everest on clear days*. Atop a hill, there is also a **Bhaleshwor Mahadev Temple**. Also, many legends say that **King Prithvi Narayan Shah** is said to have looked over the valley from here and imagined a united Nepal.

Likewise, **Swayambhunath** (Monkey Temple) is special due to its spiritual and cultural vibe. The temple complex has a large white stupa, small temples **dedicated to both Hindus and Buddhists**, and **colorful prayer wheels**. It houses many Buddhist and Hindu deities. You will find *Adi-Buddha, Buddha Shakyamuni, and the five Dhyani Buddhas*. There are also Hindu deities like *Ganesh, Saraswati, Bhairava*, etc. Visitors spin the wheels, light butter lamps, and offer prayers around the temple premises. Furthermore, for locals, Swayambhunath is a central place of worship, especially for the **Newar community**. Tibetans also consider it the **second most important Buddhist site** after Boudhanath. Swayambhunath is such major destination in Kathmandu Valley that it is included in any [Kathmandu Day Tours](#). So if you are visiting Kathmandu then, you are most likely visiting Swayambhunath.

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