

Kailash Mansarovar Yatra by Helicopter

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Destination

Nepal Tibet Bhutan Tours

Activity

Religious and Spiritual Tours

Start / End Point

Kathmandu/Kathmandu

Trip Type

Religious Trip

Route

KTM-Nepalgunj-Taklakot-Mansarovar-Dirapuk-11
Zutulpuk-Taklakot-Simikot-Nepalgunj-KTM

Duration**Destination**

Tibet

Language

Tibet

Per Person From

USD 4,395

Max. Altitude

5,630M/18,471FT

Group Size

5 - 20

Best Season

May,Jun,Jul,Aug,Sep

Transportation

Flight | Coach

Accommodation

3/4 Star Hotel | Tented Camp

Meals

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

Difficulty

Hard Physical training before the trip should begin no later than 2 months before, as you will have a height of 3,000 meters above sea level and more. Hiking is from 6 km daily with an average pace that can be maintained for hours. It is important to have physical fitness & endurance. You will also need the right gear and clothes according to the weather.

Signature Experiences of Kailash Mansarovar Yatra by

Helicopter

- Experience the sacred journey to Mount Kailash and Lake Mansarovar with the **comfort and speed of helicopter travel**.
- The Yatra unites followers of *Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Bon*.
- Visit the **sacred Pashupatinath Temple**, perform rituals at **Chiu Gompa**, and take a holy dip in **Mansarovar Lake**.
- Walk through **Yamdwar**, known as the “Gate of Yama,” which marks the start of the Kailash Parikrama and symbolizes leaving behind worldly sins.
- Trek through **Dolma La Pass** (5,630M), the *highest and holiest point of the pilgrimage*.
- Enjoy close-up views of the different faces of Mount Kailash, each believed to reflect divine energy.
- Witness the untouched beauty of **Tibet’s landscapes and culture** during a drive, where *ancient traditions and spirituality remain untouched by modern life*.
- The 11-day itinerary offers full immersion, covering Kathmandu, Nepalgunj, Simikot, Hilsa, Taklakot, Mansarovar, and the **three-day Kailash Kora**.
- Stay in **comfortable 3/4-star hotels** and tented camps. The journey includes proper acclimatization and helicopter rides to shorten long travel days.

11 Days Itinerary for Kailash Mansarovar Yatra by Helicopter

Day 01: Arrival In Kathmandu And Transfer To The Hotel

This is the first day of your Kailash Mansarovar Yatra. On this day, you will arrive at Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu. Once you complete your airport formalities, our representative at Himalayan 360 will meet you and take you to the hotel. Get rest at the hotel. Later on, if you want, you can explore the nearby areas around the hotel.

Highest Altitude:

1,400M/4,593FT | Kathmandu

Meals:

Dinner

Accommodations:

3/4 Star Hotel

Trek Distance:

N/A

Day 02: Explore Pashupatinath Temple And Fly To Nepalgunj

This morning, after a delicious breakfast, you will begin the day with a sightseeing tour to Pashupatinath Temple. It is the most sacred temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. Here, you will perform puja and rituals to seek blessings for a safe and successful Mansarovar and Kailash Yatra ahead.

Once done with a temple visit, you will head to Tribhuvan International Airport (domestic terminal) and board a short flight to Nepalgunj. The flight time is about 50 minutes. Upon arrival, you will check into your pre-booked hotel and attend a briefing session about the upcoming journey with your other group members. Have dinner at the hotel and rest early. Overnight stay in Nepalgunj.

Highest Altitude:

1,400M/4,593FT | Kathmandu

Meals:

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

Accommodations:

3/4 Star Hotel

Trek Distance:

N/A

Day 03: Fly From Nepalgunj To Simikot To Hilsa And Drive To Taklakot (Burang)

You will take an early morning flight to Simikot, a town in the western Himalayas, from Nepalgunj. Please note that flight schedules are subject to weather conditions, so slight delays may occur. Upon reaching Simikot, you will take a helicopter flight to Hilsa. You will enjoy stunning aerial views of snow-capped peaks and deep Himalayan valleys along the flight.

When you arrive at Hilsa, your trekking leader will escort you to Sher (Nepal-China border). Here, you will go through immigration formalities. After that, you will ride on a vehicle to reach Taklakot (Burang). This day marks your official entry into Tibet (China) and the start of your journey towards the sacred Lake Mansarovar and Mount Kailash Yatra. Overnight at Burang.

Highest Altitude:

3,900M/12,795FT | Burang

Meals:

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

Accommodations:

3/4 Star Hotel

Trek Distance:

N/A

Day 04: Acclimatization And Exploration Day At Taklakot (Burang)

Today is the first acclimatization day on your Kailash Mansarovar Yatra by helicopter. As you have reached an altitude of 3,900M by the time you reach Taklakot, it's essential to rest to help your body adjust to a higher altitude. You will spend the day exploring Taklakot. You can visit nearby shops, temples, or just explore the area around the place you are staying.

Highest Altitude:

N/A

Meals:

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

Accommodations:

3/4 Star Hotel

Trek Distance:

N/A

Day 05: Drive From Taklakot (Burang) To Mansarovar Via Chiu Gompa

It's a very important day today on the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra itinerary, as you will head to the holiest Mansarovar Lake. You will start the day after a warm breakfast at the hotel. Later on, you will hop on the vehicle to get to Mansarovar. The drive passes through beautiful mountains and terrains and offers

mesmerizing views of the Tibetan plateau and open valleys.

Along the way, you will also stop to visit the Chiu Gompa, also known as Sparrow Monastery. It is a sacred monastery located on the northwest shore of Mansarovar. "Chiu" is a Tibetan word which means 'Sparrow', and hence the name Sparrow Monastery. Legend says that Guru Rinpoche was guided here by a sparrow. To reach Chiu Gompa, you will need to climb some stairs. From the Gompa, you will enjoy wide views of Lake Mansarovar, and on clear days, a view of Mount Kailash to the north. The cave present in the monastery holds the footprints of Guru Rinpoche, dating back to the 8th century.

After exploring the monastery, you will head to beautiful Mansarovar Lake. Upon arrival at the lake, you can take a holy bath, perform puja, and meditate by the lakeside to absorb the sacred energy of the surroundings. The rest of the day is free for you to relax, enjoy the serene lake scenery, and prepare for the upcoming Kailash Kora (circumambulation of Mount Kailash).

Highest Altitude:

4,600M/15,100FT | Lake Mansarovar

Meals:

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

Accommodations:

3/4 Star Hotel

Trek Distance:

N/A

Day 06: Drive To Taraboche And Start Kailash Kora Day 1 To Dirapuk

Today you will drive to Taraboche in the Kailash region from Lake Mansarovar, which is about 52KM. Later on, you will start the trek. Also, today marks the beginning of the sacred Kailash Kora, the spiritual circumambulation around Mount Kailash. Taraboche, also known as Yan Dwar, is the official starting point of the holy parikrama. It is believed that when one passes through Yam Dwar, the "Gateway of the God of Death", they will leave behind worldly sins and step onto the path of spiritual purification.

From Taraboche, you will start your first day of kora to the Dirapuk Monastery. You will pass through the Lha Chu River and enjoy views of the north face of Mount Kailash towering to your right, glaciers, and rugged valleys. You will walk in the footsteps of countless pilgrims who have been on this sacred journey for centuries. Take time to capture photographs of the landscape or selfies along the way.

On reaching Dirapuk, you will check into the guesthouse, where dinner and overnight stay are arranged. Night is cold, and the oxygen level is low at this high altitude, so rest well.

Note: During the busy season of Kailash Kora, monastery guesthouses may become overcrowded. In such cases, the trekking team from Himalayan 360 will set up tents on the monastery grounds for an overnight stay.

Distance:

7Hours

Highest Altitude:

4,860M/15,945FT | Dirapuk

Meals:

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

Accommodations:

Tented Camp, Monastery Camp

Trek Distance:

12KM/7.5Miles

Day 07: Second Day Of Kailash Outer Kora - Trek To Zutulpuk Via Dolma La Pass

It is the second day of Kailash Kora. On this day, we will trek to Zutulpuk. Today's 22KM walk is the longest as well as the most challenging part of the entire yatra. You will cross Dolma La Pass (5,630M), the highest point of the Mount Kailash and Mansarovar Yatra. On the way to the pass, you will see footprints of Shiva Tsal. Shiva Tsal is a place where pilgrims leave behind clothes, hair, or a few drops of blood with the aim to let go of their past life and sins. It is also believed that pilgrims will receive these offerings in heaven after death.

After climbing up to Dolma La, you will descend to Gauri kund, also known as Parvati kund. It is a holy lake where Goddess Parvati bathed. The downhill section is rocky and slippery, so you must walk carefully and stay close to the group. Along the way, you will stop to eat a packed lunch. Soon you will reach Zuthulpuk. Once you reach, you will settle into the tented camp. Have an early dinner and rest well after this tough but deeply spiritual day.

Distance:

9Hours

Highest Altitude:

5,630M/18,471FT | Dolma La Pass

Meals:

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

Accommodations:

Tented Camp, Monastery Camp

Trek Distance:

22KM/13.7Miles

Day 08: End Of Kailash Parikrama - Drive To Taklakot (Burang)

This is the third day, as well as the end of Kailash Parikrama. The trek is about 8KM and takes 3Hours. After ending Kora, you will reach the designated endpoint where your vehicle awaits. Needless to say, as you complete the Kora, take a moment to express gratitude and offer prayers for the divine strength that guided you through this journey. From here onwards, you will board your vehicle and drive back to Taklakot (Burang). Enjoy the views of the high plateau and the open landscapes of the Kailash region one last time along the way.

When you arrive in Taklakot, you will have enough time to rest and recover from the driving journey as well as the final day of the Kora. You can spend the evening resting and recalling the experiences and divine aura of Mount Kailash and Lake Mansarovar. Overnight stay at Taklakot.

Distance:

3Hours

Highest Altitude:

4,670M/15,322FT | Zutulpuk

Meals:

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

Accommodations:

3/4 Star Hotel

Trek Distance:

8KM/5Miles

Day 09: Drive Back To Sher And Trek Down To Hilsa, And A Helicopter Ride To Simikot

After breakfast at the hotel, you will pack your backpack and then again get ready for a 25-minute drive. The drive from Taklakot (Burang) to Sher gives one last glimpse of the Tibetan plateau. So, don't forget to take photos and enjoy the moment as much as you want. Once you reach Sher, you will trek down to Hilsa, the border town on the Nepal side. This will be your last trekking day and also the end of your incredible adventure across the sacred land of Tibet.

From Hilsa, a helicopter ride will bring you to Simikot. The helicopter ride offers stunning aerial views of the Himalayan landscape and remote mountain villages, so your ending journey will be as beautiful as when you started. Upon arrival at Simikot, you will check into your hotel and relax. Overnight stay in Simikot.

Highest Altitude:

3,900M/12,795FT | Burang

Meals:

Breakfast

Accommodations:

3/4 Star Hotel

Trek Distance:

N/A

Day 10: Fly From Simikot To Nepalgunj And Fly Again To Kathmandu

Today, you will take a morning flight from Simikot to Nepalgunj. Once at Nepalgunj, you will again connect with your onward flight to Kathmandu airport. When we return to the capital, we will transfer you to your hotel and help you check in and relax. The remaining time of the day, you can explore Thamel and shop for souvenirs. Overnight at Kathmandu.

Highest Altitude:

2,700M/8,858FT | Kyirung

Meals:

Breakfast

Accommodations:

3/4 Star Hotel

Trek Distance:

N/A

Day 11: Final Departure

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Tribhuvan International Airport 3Hours ahead for your next flight to your home. As you bid farewell to Nepal, you carry with you unforgettable memories of your spiritual adventure to Mount Kailash and Lake Mansarovar helicopter yatra. We hope you had a good time with us. Remember us for your next adventure.

Highest Altitude:

N/A

Meals:

Breakfast

Accommodations:

N/A

Trek Distance:

N/A

Trip Include And Exclude

Included Services

- Kathmandu to Nepalgunj to Simikot two-way Flight
- Simikot to Hilsa to Simikot Helicopter Charter
- Transfer on the Tibet side by Coach as per group size
- 8 nights Accommodation during Kailash Tour (sharing basis)
- 2 nights Tented camp during the Kora (sharing basis)
- **Food:** 10 Breakfast, 9 Lunch, 10 Dinner
- One local English-speaking guide.
- Supporting crew members (Cooks, Helpers if needed)
- Duffel Bag & Down Jacket for the trip (Return after Yatra)
- Tibet Travel permit for group(one time)
- Entrance fees as mentioned in the itinerary
- Agency service charges
- Free luggage storage services in Kathmandu
- Farewell dinner at the end of the Yatra
- Appreciation Certificate after the successful tour
- Free consulting services before & after the tour book
- Kathmandu city tour as per the itinerary
- Oxygen cylinder in each bus
- **MEDICAL KIT:** Comprehensive Medical Kit

Excluded Services

- International flight
- Private transfer during the tour (personal use)
- Extra transfer that is not mentioned in the itinerary
- Extra night accommodation in Kathmandu due to early arrival, Visa problem, or late departure
- Extra night accommodation during the Kailash tour
- Horse ride during the kora
- Yak for personal use during the Kora
- Personal porter to carry your personal stuff
- China visa fees (Visa on arrival)
- Visa cancellation charge (If Early Return from Kailash)
- Additional costs incurred due to causes beyond our control, for example, Visa cancellations, weather conditions, landslides, itinerary modifications, illness, government policy changes, strikes, etc.

- Rescue and Evacuation Service fees
- Hiring personal porter/yak (\$50/D)/ horse(\$100/D) for 3 days Kailash kora
- Tips for staff (it is expected)
- All other costs and expenses not listed in “including”

Group Discounts Available

No. of Persons	Price per Person
4 - 5	USD 4,699
6 - 10	USD 4,490
11 - 15	USD 4,395

Kailash Mansarovar Yatra by Helicopter FAQs

Can we go to Kailash Mansarovar by helicopter?

Yes, you can go to Kailash Mansarovar by helicopter. But note that taking a helicopter ride doesn't mean that you will directly go to Mount Kailash and Lake Mansarovar yatra by helicopter from Kathmandu. Helicopter flights or landings are not allowed over Mount Kailash or Lake Mansarovar for safety, spiritual, and political reasons set by the Chinese authorities. The helicopter part of the journey usually covers the route from Simikot to Hilsa, while other segments include flights between Kathmandu, Nepalgunj, and Simikot. After reaching Tibet, you'll travel by road and complete a 42KM circumambulation (Kailash Kora) on foot.

How much does it cost to go to Kailash Mansarovar Yatra?

The Kailash Mansarovar Yatra costs vary with the tour operator. So, it's best to contact the tour operator support directly.

How much does it cost to go to Kailash Mansarovar from Nepal?

On average, a Kailash Mansarovar helicopter-assisted package via the Nepal-Tibet route costs around USD 4,500 to USD 6,500 per person. This usually covers permits, flights, accommodation, meals, and guided support throughout the journey.

What is the age limit for Kailash Yatra?

The general age limit is between 18 and 70 years. Some tour operators may also allow participants as young as 12 years old under special conditions. But travelers above 65 years of age need to have a medical check-up before joining to make sure they can cope with the high altitude and long trekking days.

Which month is best for Kailash Mansarovar Yatra?

The best months are from May to September. During these months, the weather in the Tibetan Plateau is mild and the routes remain open. July and August are warmer but may bring occasional rain. Outside

these months, heavy snow or cold weather can make travel difficult.

Can a “normal” person go to Kailash Mansarovar?

Yes, many regular travelers and spiritual seekers complete the Yatra each year. However, the journey involves high altitude, cold temperatures, and long walking days, so you need to be in good health. Proper acclimatization, fitness, and a guided group make the pilgrimage safe and rewarding.

What do people eat during the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra?

You will eat simple, warm, and vegetarian, suitable for high-altitude travel. You'll get rice, lentils (dal), vegetables, soups, noodles, and Tibetan dishes like tsampa. The food is prepared to be light and easy to digest to keep you comfortable during the journey. Food cost is included in the package cost with many tour operators.

Is Kailash Mansarovar Yatra open in 2026?

Yes, the Yatra will remain open in 2026 during the usual pilgrimage season (May–September). So, hurry to book the package with us.

How to register for Kailash Mansarovar Yatra 2026?

To register for the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra 2026, just contact us at info@himalayan360.com, and we will do the remaining work for you.

Do Indians need a visa for Kailash Mansarovar (Tibet)?

Yes. All Indian Passport holders pilgrims need a Chinese group visa to enter Tibet for the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra. This is different from a regular tourist visa and must be arranged through authorized travel organizers who handle permits and group documentation.

Spiritual Aspects Of Mount Kailash

Mount Kailash, situated on the **western edge of the Tibetan Plateau** as part of the Kailash Range, is **revered across multiple faiths as one of the holiest places on Earth**. *Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, and Bon greatly worship this mountain.* In Hinduism, it is considered the **abode of Lord Shiva**. *It symbolizes both creation and destruction.* Hindus believe that a pilgrimage to this sacred mountain, along with a **42KM clockwise walk** known as *Mount Kailash Parikrama* or *Kora*, cleanses one's sins and clears the path to heaven. Many devotees also say that the face of Lord Shiva can be seen naturally formed in the mountain's perfect, snow-covered peak.

Likewise, for Buddhists, Kailash is **Mount Meru**, the spiritual center of the universe. It is believed to be the **home of Chakrasamvara** (Demchog) and **Guru Rinpoche** (Padmasambhava). Completing any [type of the Kailash Kora](#) represents a journey toward enlightenment and the purification of one's soul. In Jainism, the mountain is called **Ashtapada**, where **Rishabhadeva**, the first **Tirthankara**, attained **Nirvana**, symbolizing complete freedom from the cycle of rebirth. Followers of the Bon religion regard it as the **nine-story Swastika Mountain**, the sacred seat of the **sky goddess Sipaimen**, and a link between heaven and earth.

Furthermore, the region around Kailash is equally spiritual. The nearby Mansarovar Lake, said to be created by Lord Brahma, represents purity and divine consciousness. Taking a holy bath here washes away one's past sins. Also, the **Dolmo La Pass** symbolizes the passage between life and death. Mt Kailash is also a spiritual energy center. Many pilgrims describe hearing the natural hum of “Om” echoing through the valley and feeling deep peace in its presence. All these aspects attract devotees from

around the world.

Permits And Permissions For Kailash Mansarovar Yatra By Helicopter

For the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra by helicopter, several official permits and travel permissions are required. *It's because the journey passes through Nepal and the **restricted regions of the Tibet Autonomous Region of China**.* At Himalayan 360, **we will help you arrange these permits on your behalf**, so you need not worry. Below is the list of permits and permissions for the Kailash Mansarovar Lake Yatra by Helicopter tour.

- **Chinese Group Visa:** First and foremost, you need to get a Chinese Group Visa, as you need to enter Tibet from Nepal. It is issued by the **Chinese Embassy in Kathmandu**. Without this visa, you cannot travel to Tibet. Normally, it takes **4-5 working days to get a visa**. An urgent option (3 days) is also available in many cases.
- **Tibet Travel Permit (TTP):** Every individual entering Tibet (outside of Hong Kong/Macau with special documents) must get this permit. It is also sometimes called the **Tibet Visa**. The Tibet Tourism Bureau (TTB) issues this permit. It usually takes **5-8 working days** to issue this permit. But in some cases, it can extend to 8-9 days.
- **Alien Travel Permit (ATP) and Military Permit:** Since the Kailash Mansarovar route passes through **restricted** and **sensitive regions near the international border**, additional permits such as the Alien Travel Permit (ATP) and the Military Permit are required. These are issued by local Public Security and Military authorities within the Tibet Autonomous Region.

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