

Kathmandu Day Tour

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Destination

Nepal Treks & Tours

Activity

Day Tours

Start / End Point

Kathmandu / Kathmandu

Trip Type

Small Group tour, Luxury tour

Duration

1

Destination

Kathmandu, Nepal

Language

Kathmandu, Nepal

Per Person From

USD 37

Group Size

1 - 20

Best Season

all season

Activities

Day tour

Transportation

Private vehicle

Difficulty

Easy The trip is easy and suitable for everyone, including children and older people. It does not require any skills in mountain climbing or traversing difficult terrain.

10 Unforgettable Moments in Kathmandu Day Tour

- 360-degree view of Kathmandu Valley from the hilltop of Swayambhunath Stupa.
- Observe the monkeys roaming around the temple premises and playing with each other.
- Experience the harmonic combination of Hindu and Buddhist culture.
- Witness the stunning ancient Malla architecture, royal courtyards, and Kathmandu Durbar Square.
- Catch a glimpse of the living Goddess Kumari in her sacred residence inside the Kumari Ghar (home).
- Roam through UNESCO Heritage Sites with ancient temples, palaces, and the Patan Museum's traditional art and history.
- Spectacle at the stunning 17th-century Krishna temple built with stone and carvings.
- Take a circumambulation of the largest Stupa in Nepal, Bouddhanath, while spinning a prayer wheel.

- Visit the surrounding monastery of Bouddha and glimpse how monks chant prayers.

Planned Itinerary of Kathmandu Day Tour

Day 01: One Day of Kathmandu Day Tour

- **Attraction of the Day:** Monkey Temple, Kathmandu Durbar Square, Patan Durbar Square, Bouddhanath Stupa

Are you ready to begin your day tour to Kathmandu? Be ready by finishing your breakfast by 8:30 am. At 9:00 am, our guide will be outside your Hotel to pick you up for your day's tour of Kathmandu Valley in a private vehicle. Swayambhunath, also known as Monkey Temple, is the first exploration point. Visiting the stupa, shrines, and monasteries and witnessing a 360-degree view of Kathmandu Valley, you will drive towards your next destination, Kathmandu Durbar Square.

After exploring ancient temples, palaces, and other notable buildings of Durbar Square, you will head towards Patan Durbar Square. There, you will explore the ancient artwork and the Museum of Patan. Then, you will move towards your final destination, Boudhanath Stupa. After circumambulating and exploring the surrounding area of Bouddha, you'll return to your Hotel by 5:00 pm. In the evening, you can witness Thamel's nightlife. Moreover, you'll sleep peacefully at your Hotel, feeling a sense of accomplishment after a sightseeing tour in Kathmandu.

Highest Altitude:

1,355

What's Included and Excluded on One Day Kathmandu Tour?

Include

- All ground transfer as per itinerary.
- All entrance fees as per the itinerary for the places on the tour.
- English-speaking guide for the tour who ensures clear communication and has in-depth information about the area's history and culture.
- All internal taxes covering any applicable government, service, airport, or tourism related.
- 1 Bottle of water during the tour to ensure travelers are hydrated.

Exclude

- Accommodation during the tour and stay in Kathmandu.
- International airfare cost and visa.
- Expenses: All personal expenses
- Food: All drinks and food except mentioned in the itinerary
- All the services out of the list from Including services

Group Discounts Available

No. of Persons	Price per Person
1 - 1	USD 99
2 - 2	USD 60
3 - 5	USD 55
6 - 20	USD 37

Addon services

To enhance the city sightseeing tour package, we offer an exclusive add-on service that travelers can add to make the trip more thrilling. A mountain flight to Nepal's Himalayas is one of our most selling packages, and visitors prefer to combine it with the Day Kathmandu City Tour. Including the Add-On service means taking your trip to a new level of excitement with exceptional discovery.

FAQs About Kathmandu Tour

How can I spend a day in Kathmandu?

Kathmandu offers numerous options for spending a day, from cultural area visits to exploring UNESCO Heritage sites to shopping. However, one of the most common ways to spend a day in Kathmandu is by taking a day trip to the UNESCO World Heritage Site. The exploration involves visiting Swayambhunath, Kathmandu Durbar Square, and Bouddhanath Stupa.

Can I take photos during the Kathmandu Day Tour?

Yes, you can take photos during the Kathmandu Day tour, but only by following some guidelines and rules. Most of the tourist areas allow photography, including Swayambhunath, Bouddhanath, Patan, and Kathmandu Durbar Square. However, even at those sites where the board of photo prohibition is hung, travelers can't take pictures. For instance, travelers can take photos of the Kumari Ghar's building but not of the goddess Kumari.

What should I wear during the Kathmandu Day Tour?

Travelers should wear comfortable, modest attire and dress according to the weather during the Kathmandu Day Tour. If you are traveling during spring and autumn, consider wearing light clothes; if traveling in spring, wear light cotton clothes, sunglasses, and a hat, and carry an umbrella. Furthermore, consider wearing warm layers if you explore the city in Winter.

Do I need to bring cash for the Kathmandu Day Tour?

Yes, you need to bring cash for the Kathmandu day tour, as souvenirs and gifts may catch your eye. While some places or shops accept card payments and have nearby ATMs, carrying cash is the most convenient option. Further, carrying USD 25-50 (NPR 3,000-5,000) can be sufficient for a comfortable day tour.

Is the Kathmandu Day Tour suitable for children?

Since the tour involves walking and you're familiar with the best times to feed your child, you're the best judge of whether it's a good fit. We don't have any restrictions on children, but it's up to you to decide if your child would be comfortable with the tour.

What is the duration of the Kathmandu Day Tour?

The Kathmandu day tour can be completed within the day, making it suitable for time-bound tourists. However, you can design your itinerary yourself. Trek agencies provide you with an option for a customizable itinerary so you can plan your itinerary according to your preference and time availability.

Is one day in Kathmandu enough?

Yes, one day is enough for the Kathmandu tour, as it covers most of the city's prominent tourist areas. However, if you have more time to spend, you can extend your trip package as the city has other stunning areas to explore.

How much does a Kathmandu Day Tour cost?

The Kathmandu Day tour costs range from USD 40 to 100, depending on group size. However, the price is not fixed and varies based on factors, including the specific site included, services provided by the tour operator, level of preferred luxury, and customization of the itinerary. Still, the number of participants is the prominent factor determining the cost; the more people in a group, the less the price will be due to the group discount.

What is famous in Kathmandu?

Kathmandu is famous for its diverse cultural blend, religious monuments, ancient temples, and heritage. Pashupatinath Temple, Swayambhunath Stupa, Bouddhanath Stupa, Bhaktapur, and Kathmandu Durbar Square are some of the city's famous historical and religious sites. Likewise, Thamel and the National Museum of Nepal are famous cultural and tourist hubs in Kathmandu.

What languages are spoken by the Kathmandu Day Tour guides?

The Kathmandu Day Tour guides speak English widely but can speak multiple languages to accommodate tourists from around the world. Likewise, travelers can choose a guide who can speak their language, as professional guides can speak multiple languages, including Chinese, French, German, Spanish, Japanese, and Italian.

Important Information for the Kathmandu Day Tour

The Kathmandu Day Tour is a once-in-a-lifetime experience in Nepal's prominent city. It is a great way to explore the country's history and religious significance. Indeed, the journey is ideal in all ways, but travelers must consider the following information while planning to take the tour:

Major Attractions

Selecting major attractions to ensure you visit prominent areas within a one-day tour in Kathmandu is essential. There is no objective in visiting areas that offer no significance. Do not worry; the Kathmandu Day Tour covers all the major attractions in the city. It covers visiting all prominent areas, including religious and cultural sites. You will see the UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Monkey Temple, Kathmandu Durbar Square, Patan Durbar Square, and Bouddhanath Stupa.

Entry Fee

Another important thing visitors should consider while visiting Kathmandu is the entry fee. Although our trip package covers the fee for all entry points of each destination, having information about the entry fee is essential. Similarly, travelers should know that the entry fee varies according to nationality, as the SAARC national charge for entry is less than that of other foreigners.

Dress Code

Dressing appropriately on a Kathmandu Valley Day Tour is one of the essential aspects and important things to consider. Tourists should wear modest clothes throughout the trip as the tour involves visiting most of the religious and culturally significant areas. Likewise, travelers should wear clothes that cover their shoulders and knees. Further, they should wear comfortable footwear as they'll be walking for several hours and must be removed while entering pilgrimage sites.

Currency

On a full-day tour to Kathmandu, visitors should consider currency essential for smooth transactions and ensure a hassle-free trip. Nepalese Rupee (NPR) is the official currency of Nepal, and the Rs. 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500, and 1000 are common denominations. Carrying local currency is essential while traveling to Kathmandu, as many local shops and street vendors only accept cash. Moreover, the rate varies if you want to exchange currency, so checking official rates before exchanging is recommended.

What You Can Expect from the Kathmandu Day Tour?

The Kathmandu Day Tour explores the rich cultural history of four of Nepal's famous World Heritage Sites. Still, here's what travelers can expect from the Kathmandu Full Day Tour:

Exploration of UNESCO Heritage Sites

Kathmandu is home to seven UNESCO Heritage sites, and the tour covers four. You will explore as well as gain in-depth knowledge of their history and cultural importance. You will visit the hilltop of Swayambhunath, an age-old stupa that overlooks the capital city. Likewise, you will visit one of the largest stupas in the world, Bouddhanath. You can circumambulate the stupa, spinning the prayer wheels to gain a spiritual experience. The next two destinations are the historical landmarks of Kathmandu and

Patan Durbar Square. These ancient squares brilliantly showcase age-old Newari craftsmanship that has stood the test of time. There are palaces, courtyards, and temples within the premises of these squares.

Learning about History, Religious Significance, and Architecture

Travelers can expect to learn about Nepal's history and the religious significance of different cultures and admire the country's architecture within a day. While exploring the country's rich history, you will step back in time. For example, you will gain knowledge on the Malla Kings' rule and the unification while visiting the Kathmandu and Patan Durbar Squares. Likewise, visiting the Monkey Temple and Bouddhanath provides you with a glimpse of the religious blends in the country. Both Hindus and Buddhists revere these sites. These two religions coexist harmoniously in the capital of Nepal. In a single day, you will get a chance to witness the artistic heritage of Nepal's Kathmandu Valley.

Cultural Insights

Another important aspect travelers can expect during the tour through the heart of Kathmandu is gaining Nepali cultural insights. Kathmandu Valley is a cultural mosaic of different ethnic groups and religions coexisting peacefully. Kathmandu Durbar Square and Patan Durbar Square are two important sites showcasing the intricate Newari architecture. The locals in the area have successfully preserved the age-old artistic skills and continued their tradition to this day. The ancient temples, palaces, and museums give you a clearer picture of Nepal's rich culture and centuries-old history. Likewise, you can experience the harmony of Hindu and Buddhist traditions in Bouddhanath Stupa and at Swayambhunath.

Tasting Local Cuisine

While passing through the prominent landmark of Kathmandu Valley, travelers can expect to taste various local cuisines. The capital city offers a variety of cuisine options, from international to Local. Yet, we recommend travelers to taste local cuisine as it provides the real taste of Nepali cuisine's authenticity. Moreover, the local foods are tasty, healthy, and comparatively less expensive.

Spiritual Experience

The journey to Kathmandu also involves gaining spiritual experience as it takes you to religious sites. Spinning prayer wheels and observing the monks chanting at Bouddhanath and Swayambhunath allows you to connect with the spiritual atmosphere. Likewise, lighting butter lamps and receiving blessings at the stupas also offer a deep spiritual experience during the trip. There are several temples on the premises of Kathmandu and Patan Durbar Square, from where you can feel the sacred energy. Visiting the Kumari Ghar, the residence of the living goddess in Kathmandu Durbar Square, is also a unique spiritual experience. Just observing in silence and absorbing the atmosphere can help in your spiritual awakening.

Is the Kathmandu Day Tour Suitable For You?

Whether the Kathmandu Day Tour suits you depends on your physical condition and the areas you visit. Some destinations offer suitable conditions for tourists with all physical conditions, and some have restrictions. Bouddhanath Stupa, and some parts of Kathmandu Durbar Square, and Patan Durbar Square, with their wide, smooth pathways and open areas with cobblestone, make them accessible for

every kind of traveler, including wheelchair users. However, locations with stairs, like Swayambhunath, are not suitable for wheelchair users. Likewise, areas with narrow streets, crowds, and uneven sections are unsuitable for tourists who are wheelchair users. Heavy traffic and huge crowds in Kathmandu complicate the tour. Moreover, with careful planning and scheduling, travelers with their friends and families can successfully complete the trip smoothly.

What to bring for the Kathmandu Day Tour?

While the Kathmandu Day Tour is completed within a day and doesn’t require thorough packing, bringing the following items is crucial for the trip:

- **Comfortable shoes:** Light and comfortable sneakers or sandals are recommended.
- **Water:** Visitors should carry a water bottle to be hydrated throughout the tour.
- **Passport or ID card:** This is an essential document for most of the entry points to heritage sites.
- **Face mask or protective covering:** Most of Kathmandu’s areas are dusty, so travelers must wear masks to prevent their faces from becoming unhygienic.
- **Phone, camera, and Power bank:** These are used to take photos and communicate with family members.
- **Snacks:** Useful during long sightseeing walks.
- **Miscellaneous:** Carry a notebook and pen for writing down important information, a small daypack to carry all items, and an umbrella if you are visiting during monsoon season.

Entrance Fees and Tickets for Kathmandu Day Tour Monuments

Entry fees are crucial for entering any Heritage sites or prominent landmarks on tour nationwide. Different sightseeing spots charge positive discriminatory fees, which means the charges are different for Nepali, SAARC nationals, and other foreigners. Here are the entrance fees for the Kathmandu Day Tour monuments for different landmarks:

Sites	Fees for SAARC Nationals	Fees for other Foreigners	Remarks
Kathmandu Durbar Square, including Tribhuvan Museum	NPR 500	NPR 1,000	Under 10 years free
Patan Durbar Square, including the Patan Museum	NPR 250	NPR 1,000	Below 10 years free
Swayambhunath Stupa	NPR 50	NPR 200	Free for children under 10
Boudhanath Stupa	NPR 100	NPR 400	Children Under 10 Years

When To Visit Kathmandu For A Perfect Day Tour?

As the Kathmandu Day tour is accessible throughout the year, selecting the best time for a visit depends on one’s preference and what one wants to experience. Here’s a breakdown of the factors that travelers usually look for while choosing an ideal time for a visit to Kathmandu:

Weather

Kathmandu experiences four different seasons, with varied weather in each season. Spring brings clear skies and moderate temperatures. The pleasant weather of spring makes the tour more enjoyable. Likewise, Autumn comes with crisp air, stunning mountain views from a far distance, and comfortable weather. Autumn is the perfect time for exploration. In addition, Winter is chilly but offers clear skies with clear mountain views. Summer coincides with the monsoon season, which comes with heavy rains. As a result, it impacts the outdoor sightseeing. Thus, travelers can choose their best time by themselves, whichever season fits them.

Festivals

Kathmandu is among the cities of Nepal that celebrate many festivals. Likewise, choosing the exploration time during the festival season can significantly enhance the trip. Indra Jatra, Dashain, Tihar, Holi, Buddha Jayanti, and other jatras are celebrated enthusiastically in Kathmandu. The city is full of lights and a lively atmosphere during the festivals. It adds a unique cultural charm to the tour.

Crowds

Kathmandu is one of the most populous cities, with huge crowds at each destination, especially at tourist destinations. Spring and Autumn are the peak times to trek in the city, with a greater flow of tourists from worldwide. Monsoon is an off-season due to the heavy rainfall, making the tour less preferable. Similarly, Winter also brings fewer tourists due to cold temperatures, yet it is ideal for those who prefer chilly weather. Thus, travelers can choose the perfect time for them by finding the right balance of crowds.

Minimum Group Size for the Private Kathmandu Day Tour

Himalayan 360 provides a minimum of one person for the private Kathmandu Day Tour. We understand that each person is different. Some like the company of others, and some prefer to explore the world solo. Considering that, we offer at least one person for a trip to Nepal. Unlike group tours that require a minimum number of participants to operate, our private tour for even a solo traveler is flexible and offers a personalized experience.

However, travelers must consider that solo traveling costs more than a group tour because overall expenses are not shared among other travelers. Yet, whether you are a solo traveler or with a group, the Kathmandu tour offers a lifetime experience with the flexibility to explore the city's beauty exceptionally.

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