

UNESCO Heritage Day Tour

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Destination

Nepal Treks & Tours

Activity

Cultural and Historical Tours

Start / End Point

Kathmandu / Kathmandu

Trip Type

Cultural Tour

Route

Kathmandu - Kathmandu

Duration

1

Destination

7- UNESCO world heritage site

Language

7- UNESCO world heritage site

Per Person From

USD 80

Group Size

1 - 20

Best Season

Whole Year

Activities

4-6hrs walking

Trek Distance

Hotel to Hotel

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.

Major Highlights of the Kathmandu UNESCO Day Tour

- The Kathmandu UNESCO day tour includes a **shared heritage tour** to major Hindu and Buddhist destinations.
- You can explore the palace courtyards of three ancient kingdoms in Kathmandu Valley, including **Patan, Kathmandu, and Bhaktapur**.
- A visit to Pashupatinath, which is not only a temple dedicated to **Lord Shiva with a history rooted**

in the lord himself, but also a crematorium by the Bagmati river.

- Exploration in Swoyambhunath, a temple believed to have emerged spontaneously, and is home to monkeys, who are considered **devotees of Lord Buddha**.
- Day tour to **Boudhanath Stupa, the largest stupa in Nepal, believed to contain remnants of the Buddha within its massive spherical body**.
- Changunarayan is another destination you will visit on this day tour, and it is the **oldest temple in the Kathmandu Valley**, dedicated to Lord Vishnu.
- A chance to engage in mentally and emotionally healing activities in different locations besides sightseeing, like pottery, using singing bowls, and local shopping.
- Try out different **local cuisines that are affordable, readily available on the streets or in every alley**.

UNESCO Heritage Day Tour complete itinerary

Day : Duration breakdown of the day

Your journey for the day tour will begin at 8 a.m. You will be picked up from your hotel, and we will drive to the **Swoyambhunath Stupa**, our first stop. You can offer prayers and spend some time exploring the souvenir markets, perhaps grabbing a quick cup of tea from a local vendor nearby. From there, we will visit **Kathmandu Durbar Square**. The lively city will energize you even more. The next stop is **Pashupatinath Temple**, which is not very far from Kathmandu Durbar Square. You can worship the lord and watch cremation briefly.

After that, you will explore the **Boudhanath Stupa**. The stupa offers a tranquil ambience along with a glimpse of the Tibetan culture. Then it's time to explore two more iconic squares: **Patan Durbar Square**, known for its detailed carvings and quiet charm, and **Bhaktapur Durbar Square**, where the old-world feel is still alive and well. You'll wrap up the day at **Changunarayan Temple**, the oldest temple in the valley, before heading back to your hotel in Kathmandu. You'll typically spend about 45 minutes to an hour at each site, with a relaxed break for lunch along the way. This way, our full-day tour comes to an end at around 6 p.m.

Highest Altitude:

1,400 m.

Meals:

N/A

What's included and excluded under the UNESCO Day Tour

Inclusion in Kathmandu UNESCO Sites tour

- Confirmable private vehicle for the tour as per group size and itinerary only.
- All entrance fees as per the itinerary mentioned at the places.

English-speaking guide.

- All internal taxes
- 1 Bottle/day of water per day during the tour

Exclusion on full-day tour

- International airfare.
- Accommodation in Kathmandu.
- All drinks and food except those mentioned in the itinerary
- All the services on the list not listed in the “Include”
- Single supplementary

Group Discounts Available

No. of Persons	Price per Person
1 - 1	USD 180
2 - 2	USD 118
3 - 3	USD 105
4 - 4	USD 94
5 - 7	USD 90
8 - 9	USD 82
10+	USD 80

Common questions asked by people

Who built Pashupatinath Temple?

Prachanda Deva, a Licchavi king, built the Pashupatinath Temple between 464 and 505 AD. However, many rulers and kings reconstructed or expanded the temple over the centuries, protecting its rich history. Similarly, the Shiva Linga inside the temple is believed to have formed spontaneously from the antlers of Lord Shiva’s deer form.

How many UNESCO World Heritage sites are there in Nepal?

There are four **UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Nepal**, including national parks, monuments of Kathmandu Valley, and the birthplace of Lord Buddha. Two national parks in Nepal are listed as UNESCO Sites: Sagarmatha National Park and Chitwan National Park. Lumbini, the birthplace of Siddhartha Gautama Buddha, is another World Heritage Site. Moreover, Kathmandu Valley is home to **seven other UNESCO World Heritage Sites**.

Who was the first king of Nepal?

Kathmandu Valley and **Sagarmatha National Park** were the first sites in Nepal to be listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites in 1979. Today, you will find hundreds of tourists in the iconic sites. Travelers, whether from Nepal or foreign locations, have always appreciated the beauty of each place. Needless to say, having been declared heritage, the locations are just as well-kept.

What is the first heritage of Nepal?

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What is Nepal's natural beauty?

Nepal's natural beauty is an exceptional blend of snow-capped peaks, lush valleys, lakes, cascading waterfalls, deep gorges, and diverse wildlife. The country is home to the world's tallest peak, Mount Everest. Likewise, it boasts several world-renowned trekking destinations, including Everest Base Camp, Annapurna Circuit, and many others, to show Nepal's exceptional majesty of nature. In addition, Phewa Lake, Tilicho Lake, and Chitwan National Park are prominent landmarks showcasing Nepal's natural beauty.

Which country has the largest number of world heritage sites?

Italy has the largest number of World Heritage sites, 60, according to the July 2024 report. Likewise, China has the second-highest number of UNESCO Heritage sites, 59, and Germany has the third-highest, 54.

When was Pashupatinath listed on World Heritage sites?

Pashupatinath Temple was placed on the World Heritage Site list in **1979**. It is part of Kathmandu Valley's UNESCO Heritage Site, listed for its religious significance and exceptional architecture.

Why did the World Heritage Convention declare those places as UNESCO heritage properties?

The UNESCO World Heritage sites of Kathmandu Valley are divided into Durbar Square and religious sites. Each site has its own cultural, historical, or scientific significance, turning it into a UNESCO Site. Likewise, being a World Heritage Site, UNESCO wants to save landmarks for future Generations. In addition, the three Durbar Squares of Kathmandu, Patan, and Bhaktapur were declared UNESCO Heritage sites because they represent ancient Nepal's rich history, art, and culture.

Furthermore, UNESCO has declared Swayambhunath Stupa, Pashupatinath Temple, Boudhanath Stupa, and Changunarayan Temple a World UNESCO Heritage Site due to their deep religious, spiritual, and architectural significance. Swayambhunath and Boudhanath are two famous and religiously important Buddhist stupas, while Pashupatinath and Changunarayan are some of the holiest Hindu temples. Additionally, each religious site showcases ancient art and inscriptions along with its cultural and religious significance, making them valuable World Heritage Sites.

Cost for Nepal UNESCO Heritage Day Tour

The Nepal UNESCO Heritage Day Tour costs USD 80-180, depending on various factors. The trip duration, luxury level of accommodation, choice of transportation, whether you hire a guide and porter, and any additional activities you choose to include will affect the cost of the trip. Yet, the group size is the primary factor that impacts the trip's overall cost.

Cost for Group

The Nepal UNESCO Heritage Day tour is most affordable if you travel with a group. Himalayan 360 offers an exclusive group discount for the tour, meaning the more you are in a group, the more likely you will get the discount. It costs USD 118 for two pax whereas USD 105 for three pax. Likewise, the trip costs USD 94 for four people in a group and USD 90 for 5-7 pax. Moreover, it prices USD 82 for a group of 8-10 people and only USD 80 for 10+ pax. Thus, we heartily welcome you to explore Kathmandu's 7 UNESCO Heritage sites in 2025 with your family and friends for exclusive discount and extra enjoyment.

Cost for Individual

Some travellers prefer solo trips and enjoy their own company. Thus, we also provide solo trips, but traveling individually costs more than a group. While an individual tour costs USD 180, traveling in a group can cost just USD 80, making a huge difference in cost.

Why Choose World Heritage Site Day Tour?

When religious and spiritual individuals think of embarking on a spiritual and religious journey, they often envision monasteries, temples, and hills where they can meditate or retreat to as a source of mental clarity. While it may seem like it will take you ages to go to all such destinations, the UNESCO World Heritage Site Day Tour makes it happen in a single day. *From the rather quieter yet oddly lively Patan Durbar Square to the livelier and happening Kathmandu Durbar Square, or the center of ancient Bhaktapur Durbar Square, you can momentarily live like a royal in the 4th century in each of the palaces. Traveling from one temple to another will not feel rushed at all. Why? Because they are all at the closest proximity imaginable. However, if you don't want to spend your entire day visiting UNESCO World Heritage Site we you can also choose [Kathmandu day Tour](#) with only 4 UNESCO Sites and witness Thamel Nightlife.*

This also means that your feet won't have to stress too much, even after having spent the entire day roaming around the most popular religious sites in Kathmandu Valley. Though rich in temples, this day's trip won't bore you with the same activities and experiences over and over. *From sipping tea in a cozy café in Boudhanath to circling through prayer wheels in Swoyambhunath, from watching a cremation at the Pashupatinath temple to soaking in the aesthetic view of the hills from Changunarayan, you can explore diverse experiences in the least possible time with the least possible effort.*

Tips for World Heritage Site Day Tour

- **Pack smart:** A common mistake you may make while packing for the World Heritage Site Day tour is overpacking. You don't need to pack extra clothes or heavy shoes. Just carrying a comfy slipper can be helpful. Additionally, if you are on medication, be sure to carry the medicines prescribed by your physician. Likewise, carry a first aid kit, extra cash, any necessary permits, and wet wipes. Also, fully charge your cameras and phones as capturing the beauty of these sites is part of the experience too.

- **Wear comfy shoes:** It might seem like a simple outing, but the wrong footwear can really ruin your day. Choose something comfortable that allows you to walk comfortably for the entire day. Since some temples require you to remove your shoes before entering, it's also a good idea to avoid expensive or hard-to-remove footwear.
- **Carry a water bottle:** Staying hydrated is the key to a successful day trip. Bring a reusable water bottle and, if possible, pack water purification tablets. Instead of buying plastic bottles, you can refill along the way and reduce your environmental footprint.
- **Dress modestly:** Wearing revealing clothes to the religious sites is the last thing you'd want to do when you're in Nepal. Nepal is culturally conservative, especially around religious sites. While wearing shorts and sleeveless tops isn't prohibited, dressing modestly helps you blend in and shows respect for local customs. Think lightweight, breathable clothing that covers your shoulders and knees.
- **Check for camera restriction signs:** Not all locations you visit will allow photographs. Be careful about not going against the rules as an honest traveller, because getting caught by the authorities during this journey can become a nightmare.
- **Support local souvenir shops and eateries:** Throughout your tour, you'll come across small souvenir stalls and local eateries. Buying from them not only supports the community but also gives you a chance to enjoy authentic Nepali culture.

7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Bouddhanath Stupa

Bouddhanath Stupa is an ancient, spherical, and gigantic stupa in Kathmandu Valley. There is an ancient belief that the remnants of the body of Kashyapa Buddha are buried inside the stupa. When you're here, you will be taken aback by the peaceful face of the Buddha in the stupa, the prayer wheels that never seem to stop throughout the day, the blowing of the prayer flag by the wind, the unique and strong smell of butter lamps, and the monasteries close by.



In the past, the location was popular among Hindu and Buddhist devotees who would visit to offer their prayers to the lord. However, in recent times, a large number of devotees have emerged at the site, accompanied by many youngsters and tourists who are drawn to the location due to its serene nature. Further, there are plenty of restaurants, cafes, and souvenir shops around the stupa that have increased the liveliness of the location.

Bhaktapur Durbar Square

Bhaktapur Durbar Square is truly a treasure of the ancient city of Bhaktapur, Nepal, and a living showcase of Newari art, culture, and architecture. Unlike the Durbar Squares in Kathmandu and Patan, Bhaktapur's version still feels deeply rooted in the past. The traditional houses surrounding the square, along with the well-preserved temples and palace courtyards, offer a real glimpse into medieval Nepal.



Having said that, this does not necessarily mean that you won't find good amenities or at least facilities for a day tour in this landmark. There are several modern amenities like handicrafts shops, heritage-style restaurants, cozy cafes, etc., that cater well to daytime travelers. Bhaktapur is best known for the Nyatapola temple, which is Nepal's tallest pagoda. Some other attractions inside this world's UNESCO wonders include the 55-window temple, Potter's Square, where you can engage in pottery, and the local markets of Bhaktapur, where you can savor the ever-famous Juju Dhau (which translates to King Curd).

Changunarayan Temple

Very close to Bhaktapur is Nepal's oldest Hindu temple, the Changunarayan temple. The temple was made as a devotion towards Lord Vishnu. This temple was built during the 4th-century Lichchavi period. Dating back to the 5th century, you can also find ancient scriptures in the walls of this temple and stones around it. While reading these scriptures may be impossible, learning that the same stones and walls you see here have witnessed centuries pass can be a fascinating experience.



You can see the most amazing view from the top of a hill overlooking the city below. Additionally, the temple is situated very close to the hills, making it an ideal location for a short hike as well. On your day tour, it may not be possible to go on a hike, but we bet you won't miss any amazing elements in your short trip to Changuanarayan! The temple has a serene and peaceful atmosphere. You will see devotees frequenting this location one after the other. Likewise, the pagoda-style temple has remained intact with timely construction.

Kathmandu Durbar Square

Kathmandu Durbar Square is situated in the heart of the Kathmandu Valley. With the most amenities and modern elements, the locals and the travelers have made the site seem as if the area around the palace is never asleep. As soon as you enter the Durbar Square, you will be welcomed by a ferocious and divine figure of Kaal Bhairava, a fierce avatar of Lord Shiva. There is a belief that the statue had been a symbol of justice in the past. In addition to this, there are plenty of modern buildings that were built during the Rana rule.



Furthermore, you can also briefly visit Kumari Ghar, where the living child Goddess Kumari lives. The Hanuman Dhoka Palace is one built with meticulous wooden details, which is a sight to behold! Likewise, smaller historical temples and the palace courtyards have increased the ancient beauty of the Durbar Square area. For a quick snack or a drink, you can stop by a restaurant or a cafe in Freak Street. There are just as many colorful souvenir shops in Kathmandu Durbar Square for you to shop from.

Pashupatinath Temple

The Pashupatinath Temple is one of the most religiously significant Hindu temples in the world, dedicated to Lord Shiva. The temple is located at the banks of the Bagmati River, and holds deep history and culture. There is a saying that Lord Shiva had come to the present temple area as a deer. He was so mesmerized by the location that he decided to settle there for a long time. However, other gods didn't want him to stay there. So, they convinced him to return to his divine abode. Many believe that the Shiva Linga in the temple today was formed from the antler that broke off when Lord Shiva took the form of a deer.



The surrounding area in the Pashupatinath temple is never quiet and without devotees. The divine aura of this location brings not only Nepalese devotees but also devotees from around the world. During the major festival of Shivaratri, the number of visitors exceed a million. Behind the main temple, along the banks of the Bagmati River, you'll see an open-air cremation site. Here, cremation rituals are carried out daily, as part of sacred Hindu tradition. In the evening, devotees also gather to see spiritual Sandhya Aarati ceremony performed on the opposite side of the cremation grounds.

Patan Durbar Square

Patan Durbar Square is another landmark you will visit. Locals and travelers of all ages always occupy the peaceful Durbar Square courtyard. Today, the palace has been turned into a museum. But, it has not yet lost its essence from the Malla dynasty period (12th to 18th century). Here, you will get to see from the throne of the late kings to the murals, statues, and some other artefacts from the ancient period. You will be shifted to a whole other era as soon as you enter the palace area.



Besides the museum, you can also visit the **Krishna Mandir temple**, which was made after Siddhi Narsingha Malla saw a dream of Lord Krishna dancing in the same place where the temple was later built. The temple is said to have been built from a huge stone. There are other temples, such as the Bhimsen Temple and the Golden Temple (Hiranya Mahavihar), that you can visit. If you'd like to stop by for refreshments, you'll find plenty of local options in the Durbar Square area.

Swoyambunath Stupa

Last but not least, the day tour include visit is the Swayambhunath stupa, also known as the Monkey Temple. Buddhists and Hindu devotees from ancient times had claimed that the stupa emerged by itself, hence its name, which translates to "self-created". This further increases the universal value in religious and spiritual way of the stupa. Visitors can have a scenic view of Kathmandu city from the top. Even climbing the stairs in Swoyambhunath can feel like a brief spiritual journey.



Needless to say, the aura of the stupa is undeniably wonderful and positive. You will find monkeys at every step of the way as soon as you're here. The animals are quite friendly and familiar to the visitors and are, hence, not dangerous. You may still want to be cautious so as not to let them snatch your stuff because you can never tell with the mischievous inborn nature of the monkeys.

Reasons to Choose Us

Exclusive Group Discount

With Himalayan 360, you can explore the prominent landmarks of the Kathmandu Valley with your family and loved ones without fear of overcost. Instead, we offer a group discount, and the more people in a group, the more they'll get a discount and save costs.

Flexible Itinerary

One of the major reasons you should choose us for your UNESCO Heritage Site Tour is the flexibility we offer for the itinerary. We provide flexible itinerary customization options, allowing travelers to explore the city's majestic beauty at their own pace and time. Additionally, travelers can expand and shorten the tour according to their desires and vacations.

24/7 Assistance

Another feature that sets us apart from others and makes us the preferred choice among visitors is our 24/7 assistance. From the time you land at Tribhuvan International Airport until you return to your homeland, we will provide you with all-time support, ensuring you are safe and having an enjoyable trip. Our guide will be there with you throughout the day trip, and even when you are alone at night or in the morning, you can connect with us anytime, whenever needed.

Well-crafted Itinerary

Our experts have created Nepal's 7 UNESCO World Heritage Site Day Tour, ensuring it is well-crafted and includes most destinations within a day. The itinerary covers an exploration of seven heritage sites in the historic city of Kathmandu that last a lifetime in your mind. Although it involves visits to numerous places within a day, the itinerary ensures your journey is hassle-free.

Top-notch Service

One of our specialties and the reason you should choose us for your trip is our top-notch service at a competitive rate. We don't compromise on your trip service and make sure that your every penny is worth with us. Likewise, our trip package doesn't include hidden costs and is transparent, allowing you not to get into trouble during the tour duration.

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