

**KATHMANDU – PHARPING Buddhist Pilgrimage Tour** (04 NIGHTS/05 DAYS)

# **ITINERARY: 01**

## DAY 01: KATHMANDU (L/D)

Morning arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport at Kathmandu. Meet your local guide (TPI representative) and will greet you with Khada at the airport. (Check-in Time at 14:00 hrs).

After Lunch then proceed for sightseeing of Kathmandu Durbar Square (UNESCO World Heritage Site), Located in the heart of the capital city, is also known as Hanuman Dhoka square. The name Hanuman Dhoka came from the statue of Hanuman at the entrance of the royal palace, established by the Malla King from 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> century. The Major attraction in Kathmandu Durbar Square are Taleju temple, gigantic figure of Kalbhairav (the god of destruction), Basantapur Durbar Palace, Shiva-Parvati and visit Temple of Kumari on the residence of living goddess: Kumari is believed to be the living incarnation of the goddess Durga. Kumari is a prepubescent girl selected from the Nepalese Newari Buddhist community.



Later transfer to the hotel for Check-in. Dinner and Overnight.

### DAY 02: KATHMANDU

#### (B/L/D)

We will arrange **special worship ceremony** and **blessing by senior monk** in the Monastery.

Morning visit **Boudhnath (UNESCO World Heritage Site)**, It was renovated in 8th century. The 36-meter-high stupa of Boudhanath is one of the largest stupa in South Asia. Here you can see many monasteries surrounding it. On each side is a pair of the all-seeing-eyes of the Buddha symbolizing awareness. Boudhanath is a very important and holy stupa to Buddhists, particularly to the Tibetan Buddhists.



Afternoon visit **Patan Durbar Square (UNESCO World Heritage Site)**, also known as Lalitpur. There are three main courtyards in the palace: Mul Chowk, Sundari Chowk and Keshav Narayan Chowk. The Major attraction in Patan Durbar Square are: Taleju Temple, Krishna Temple (which is devoted to Lord Krishna, is one of the best examples of stone architecture in Nepal), Bhimsen Temple and **Golden Temple** of Hiranya Varna.



Later visit **Swayambhunath (UNESCO World Heritage Site),** Swayambhu means "Self-Created." It is also called Monkey Temple. The world's most glorious Buddhist Chaityas built 2000 years ago situated on top of the hillock. Visitors will also have a panoramic view of the valley from this spot. Swayambhunath Stupa, which is considered one of the most imposing stupa in the world, rises high. One can reach the stupa by going up about 365 steeps stone steps. The four sides of the stupa depict Buddha's eyes of wisdom, which see through all existences. Dinner and Overnight.



#### DAY 03: KATHMANDU - PHARPING

(B/L/D)

Morning sightseeing of **Pharping**, is famous for its pilgrimage sites, The town is popular with both Buddhist (Tibetan) and Hindu pilgrims. Afternoon check-in Neydo Hotel. Then visit **Neydo** 

**Monastery**. The most peaceful location. Almost 200 monks live and study in this place. In the evening you can **attend prayer meeting**, **worship by Monks in the Neydo Monastery and interact with monks**. Dinner & Overnight at Hotel Neydo.



## DAY 04: PHARPING - KATHMANDU (B/L/D) Morning see attend prayer meeting, worship by Monks.

Afternoon sightseeing of **Kirtipur village**. It is a small village situated on a ridge 8 km southwest of Kathmandu. The ancient Newar township - with its brick-paved streets lined with typical red brick houses and tiled roofs, and temple squares - is a natural fortress. The Chilamchu Stupa and the temple of Bagh Bhairav are major attractions here.

Evening farewell Nepalese dinner with culture dance. Overnight.

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### DAY 05: KATHMANDU

On time departure transfer to the airport for your onward destination. (Check-out time at 12:00).

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\* Return Home with the beautiful memories of your tour \*

#### <u>Highlights:</u>

- Visits all UNESCO World Heritage sites of Nepal.
- Explore the typical market of Kathmandu.
- Special worship ceremony and blessing by senior monk in the Monastery at Boudha.
- Interact with the Monks at Pharping Monastery.
- Farewell Nepali dinner with Culture Show.