



TRAVEL PASSION INC.
A PASSION FOR TRAVEL

KATHMANDU – LUMBINI – POKHARA

Buddhist Pilgrimage Tour (06 NIGHTS/07 DAYS)

ITINERARY: 02

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 15th to 18th 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.

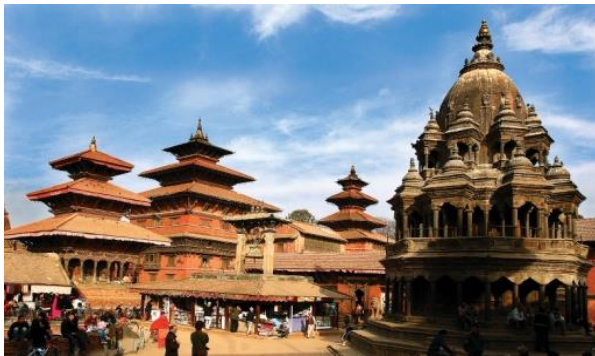
DAY 02: KATHMANDU (B/L/D)

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 steps 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 - LUMBINI (B/L/D)
Morning fly (45 min) to Bhairahawa (Lumbini). Transfer to the Hotel.

Visit **Lumbini Garden**: The birth place of **Lord Buddha**. Lumbini is a Buddhist pilgrimage site in the South-Western Terai of Nepal. The Lumbini Garden is a peaceful meditative spot to contemplate. The focal point for pilgrims is a sandstone carving depicting the birth of the Buddha, reputedly left here by the Malla King Ripu Malla, in the 14th century, when Mayadevi was worshipped as an incarnation of the Hindu mother goddess.



Another main attraction is the **Ashokan Pillar**, which was built by the great Indian Emperor Ashoka while visiting the birthplace of Buddha back in 249 BC.

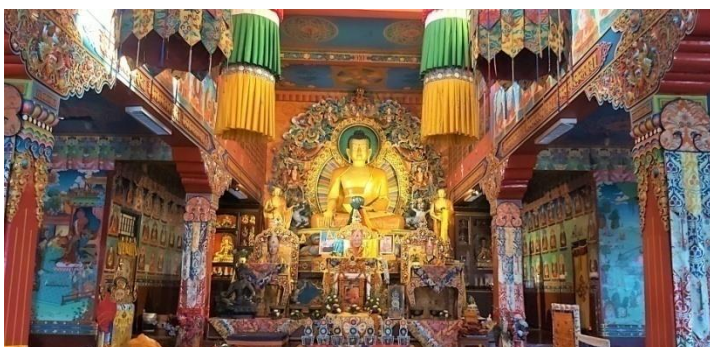
Later visits of **Thai Monastery**, **Nepali Monastery** and **Sri Lanka Monasteries**. Then back to Hotel. Dinner and Overnight.



DAY 04: LUMBINI - POKHARA (B/L/D)

Morning transfer to the **Bhairahawa** airport and fly (20 min) to **Pokhara**. **Pokhara** is located in the northwestern, at an altitude of 900 This is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Nepal. Pokhara is also famous for beautiful lakes and magnificent views of the Annapurna, Dhaulagiri, Makalu, Manaslu, Machhapurche.

Afternoon drive (20 min) **Hemhja** and visit **Pema Ts'al Sakya Monastery**. The most peaceful location. Almost 150 monks live and study in this place. **Interact with monks and see the life style of the monks**. Dinner & Overnight at Hotel.



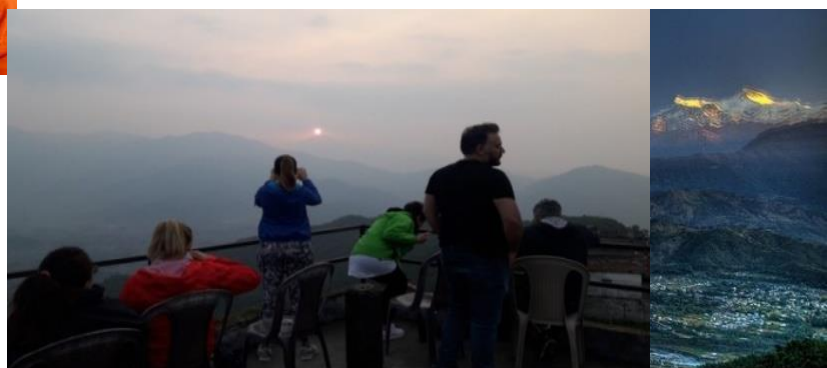


**DAY 05: POKHARA
(B/L/D)**

Early morning drive to **Sarangkot (1592m)** for the sun rise and Mountain view (Weather Permit). You can see the **panoramic Mountain views of Dhaulagiri, Annapurna and Manaslu** as well as a wonderful view of Pokhara valley, landscape including Phewa Lake. Then back to hotel for breakfast.



Free for rest. Later visit **World Peace Stupa**, situated on hilltop. It is a Buddhist stupa; a monument to inspire peace. Peace Pagoda is also known as Shanti Stupa, a Buddhist stupa designed to provide a focus for people of all races and creeds, and to help unite them in their search for world peace. from here can



enjoy a panoramic view of Annapurna Mountain range, Phewa Lake and Pokhara valley. Then sightseeing of **Devi's Fall, Tibetan Refugee Camp , Gupteshwor Cave**, Boat ride on the **Phewa Lake** - visit **Barahi Temple**, located at the center of Lake.



Evening free for walk around **Lakeside**. Dinner and Overnight in the hotel.

DAY 06: POKHARA - KATHMANDU (200 KM - 8.5 hrs approx) (B/L/D)

After Breakfast drive to Kathmandu. During the drive you will enjoy the scenic view of Landscape Gandaki river and Trishuli river, where people do Rafting.

Evening **farewell Nepalese dinner with culture dance**. Overnight.

DAY 07: KATHMANDU (B)

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

End of our services....

* Return Home with the beautiful memories of your tour *

Highlights:

- 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.
- Tour to Lumbini and visit Birth place of Buddha including different Monasteries.
- Interact with the Monks at Pema Ts'al Sakya Monastery.
- Farewell Nepali dinner with Culture Show.