

# Buddhist Pilgrimage in Nepal Package

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## Trip Summary

**Package:** Buddhist Pilgrimage in Nepal Package

**Total Days:** 9 days

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DAY 1

### Arrival in Kathmandu

A Taleju Adventure representative will pick you up from the Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu and drop you off at our Taleju Boutique Hotel or equivalent 3-star rated hotel. Overnight in Kathmandu.

DAY 2

### Visit Boudhanath Stupa and Swayambhunath

Early in the morning, you will be heading to visit Boudhanath Stupa. It is one of the largest stupas in the world. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, it stands as a celestial gateway, bridging earth and sky in sacred harmony. Its base features three tiered platforms, each smaller than the last, symbolizing the vast expanse of the sky. Above them, a circular vase cradles the dome, representing the element of water. The Buddha's eyes, painted on all four sides, are interpreted as mysterious, serene, compassionate, and wise. The stupa's architecture embodies the five essential elements—earth, air, water, fire, and space—each reflecting aspects of the Buddha's enlightened presence. Surrounded by prayer wheels and monasteries, it is a center of peace, devotion, and cultural harmony.

On second half of the day, you will be going to visit Swayambhunath. Perched atop a hill in Kathmandu, it is one of Nepal's oldest and most revered Buddhist sites. Known as the Monkey Temple, it features a majestic stupa with all-seeing eyes of Buddha. Surrounded by prayer wheels and shrines, it offers spiritual serenity and also, panoramic views of the Kathmandu Valley.

Overnight in Kathmandu.

DAY 3

### Visit Kopan Monastery

After breakfast, you will be visiting Kopan Monastery to offer prayers. Nestled on a hilltop near Kathmandu, it is a renowned center for Buddhist study and meditation. It offers retreats and teachings to seekers worldwide. You can also ask for prayers to do on your behalf by paying a small amount of service fee. Surrounded by peaceful gardens and prayer flags, Kopan provides a serene environment for spiritual growth, mindfulness, and deep exploration of Buddhist philosophy.

In addition to its significance, Kopan Monastery oversees a nunnery, furthering its commitment to spiritual practice and education of Buddha.

Overnight in Kathmandu.

DAY 4

### Visit Namobuddha

Today, you will be heading to South East of Kathmandu, a place called Namobuddha. Situated in the serene hills of Kavrepalanchok near Kathmandu, is a sacred Buddhist site rich in legend and tranquility. It commemorates the profound act of compassion by a young prince—an earlier incarnation of Buddha—who selflessly offered his life to a starving tigress and her cubs. Today, the site features a beautiful stupa, monasteries, and panoramic views, attracting pilgrims and seekers drawn to its peaceful, spiritual atmosphere.

While on the back to Kathmandu, you will visit Bhaktapur Durbar Square. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site showcasing stunning Newari architecture, ancient temples, and royal palaces. It's a vibrant cultural hub reflecting Nepal's rich medieval history and artistry.

Overnight in Kathmandu.

DAY 5

### Visit Bajra Yogini at Pharping

After breakfast, you will be heading to North of Kathmandu, a place called Pharping where the Vajra Yogini Temple is situated. It holds deep spiritual significance for Buddhists, especially in the Vajrayana tradition. It's believed to be a powerful site for tantric practice and transformation. Pilgrims visit to receive blessings, meditate, and connect with Vajrayogini's enlightened energy. The temple's proximity to sacred caves where Guru Padmasambhava meditated further enhances its importance, making it a revered destination for those seeking spiritual progress and inner realization.

Overnight in Kathmandu.

DAY 6

### Fly off to Lumbini

After breakfast, you will be heading to Lumbini, the birth place of Lord Buddha. A domestic flight from Kathmandu domestic airport will take you to Bhairahawa airport. Then your transport will pick you up and drive you to Lumbini. Upon check in at hotel, you may rest and relax and enjoy the surroundings.

DAY 7

### Visit Lumbini

After breakfast, you will be heading to the birthplace of Lord Buddha, the most sacred sites for Buddhists worldwide. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, it houses the Maya Devi Temple, ancient ruins, and monastic zones built by different nations. Lumbini symbolizes peace, spiritual awakening, and religious harmony, attracting pilgrims and visitors seeking enlightenment and inner tranquility. Later in the day, you will also be visiting Tilaurakot where Lord Buddha spent early royal life as Prince Siddhartha. Overnight in Lumbini.

DAY 8

### Fly Back to Kathmandu

After breakfast, your transport will drop you at the Bhairahawa airport and you will be flying back to Kathmandu. Upon check in at Kathmandu hotel, the rest and refresh. Later you can go to Thamel to explore the city and do souvenir shopping.

DAY 9

## Final Departure

After breakfast, you'll be transferred to the airport for your onward journey.

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