

# Private 7 UNESCO Heritage Sites Day Tour



## Highlights Of 7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites Sightseeing

- Visit 7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Kathmandu Valley
- Observe the unique architectural designs of the palace
- Historic Sites: Kathmandu, Bhaktapur & Patan Durbar Square
- Religious Sites: Swayambhunath, Pashupatinath, Boudhanath & Changunarayan Temple
- Get to meet & see one of the dominant ethnic group of Nepal i.e. Newar community

### Pashupatinath Temple

Pashupatinath Temple, situated on the banks of Bagmati River in Kathmandu, Nepal is one of the holiest Hindu temples dedicated to Lord Shiva. This UNESCO World Heritage Site holds immense religious and cultural significance of Hindus Worldwide. The temple's architecture reflects traditional Nepalese Pagoda Style, with its golden spire, intricate wood carvings, and Silver-plated doors. It is believed to have been built in the 5th Century AD, although the exact date remains uncertain. Over the centuries, various rulers and dynasties have contributed to its expansion and renovation, resulting in its present grandeur. Pashupatinath attracts pilgrims and tourists alike, drawing devotees who come to pay homage to Lord Shiva, especially on auspicious occasions like Shivaratri. The temple complex sprawls over 264 hectares and include numerous smaller temples, shrines, ashrams and ghats where cremation ceremonies take place along the Bagmati river.

### Swayambhunath Stupa

Swoyambhunath temple, also known as the monkey Temple, is an ancient religious complex situated at top hill in Kathmandu, Nepal. Its iconic stupa is adorned with the watchful eyes of the Buddha symbolizing wisdom and compassion. Surrounding the stupas are various shrines, temples and Tibetan monasteries, creating a spiritual haven for both local and pilgrims. The site's history dates back over 25,00 years, making it one of the oldest and most revered stupas in Nepal. Legend has it that the valley was once a vast lake, and the hill upon which Swoyambhunath stands was an island. The name "Swoyambhunath" means "self-existent" in Sanskrit, suggesting the

stupa's divine origins. Visitors ascend a staircase flanked by hundreds of stone steps, often accompanied by the mischievous monkeys that inhabit the area. From the top, breathing taking views of Kathmandu Valley unfold, offering a serene escape from the bustling city below.

### **Boudhanath Stupa**

Bouddhanath, also known as Bouddha, is a sacred Buddhist site in Kathmandu, Nepal. Its main attraction is the Bouddhanath Stupa, one of the largest stupas in the world. This ancient structure, adorned with colorful prayer flags, intricate carvings, and the watchful eyes of the Buddha, stands as a symbol of peace and enlightenment. Pilgrims and tourists alike flock to this site to circumambulate the stupa, spinning prayer wheels and offering prayers and prostrations. Surrounding the stupa are monasteries, shop selling religious anticraft, and bustling streets filled with the sounds of chanting monks and the aroma of incense. Bouddhanath is a vibrant hub of spiritual and cultural significance.

### **Patan Durbar Square**

Patan Durbar Square, located in the heart of Lalitpur City, Nepal, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its stunning Newa architecture. The square showcases a harmonious blend of Hindu and Bouddhist religious structures, including temples, palaces, statues, and shrines dating back to the medieval period. The center-piece is the ancient Royal Palace, a marvel of traditional craftsmanship adorned with intricate woodcarvings and metalwork. One of its highlights is the Krishna Mandir, dedicated to the Hindu deity, Krishna, featuring exquisite stone cravings and sculptures. The square also houses the Patan Museum, showcasing a remarkable collection of ancient artifacts, sculptures, and artworks. Visitors can stroll through the bustling bazaars, marvel at the architectural wonders, and immerse themselves in the rich cultural heritage of the reason. Patan Durbar Square stands as a testament to Nepal's rich cultural heritage and continues to captivate visitors with its timeless beauty

### **Kathmandu Durbar Square**

Kathmandu Durbar Square is a historic site located in the heart of Kathmandu, Nepal. It is a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its rich cultural and architectural significance. The square is

surrounded by stunning palaces, temples, courtyards, and shrines dating back to the medieval period of Nepalese history. It served as the royal palace for the Malla Kings who ruled over the Kathmandu Valley centuries ago. The intricate wood carvings, intricate artwork and impressive pagoda- style temples showcase the artistic brilliance of Newar Craftsmen. Some notable structures within the square include Hanuman Dhoka Palace, Taleju Temple, Kumari Ghar, and wooden Temples of Shiva, Parvati and Vishnu. Kathmandu Durbar Square remains a vibrant cultural hub and a testament to Nepal's rich heritage and history, attracting visitors from around the world.

#### Bhaktapur Durbar Square

Bhaktapur Durbar Square, located in the ancient city of Bhaktapur, Nepal is a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its rich cultural and historical significance. Dating back to the 15th century, this majestic square is adorned with stunning architectural marvels, including temples, palaces, courtyards and intricate wood carvings. The Nyatapoli Temple, dedicated to the goddess Siddhi Lakshmi, stands tall as a symbol of artistic excellence and religious devotion. The 55-Window Palace, with its intricately carved wooden facade, reflects the opulence of the Malla dynasty rulers. The Peacock window, an exquisite example of traditional Nepali craftsmanship, adds to the square's allure. Bhaktapur Durbar Square serves as a living museum, offering visitors a glimpse into Nepal's rich cultural heritage and architectural brilliance from centuries past. Today, it remains a vibrant hub of religious ceremonies, cultural festivals, and daily life, preserving its legacy for future generations to admire and cherish.

#### Changunarayan Temple

The Changu Narayan Temple is a sacred Hindu temple located on a hilltop in the Kathmandu Valley, Nepal. Believed to have been built in the 4th century by King Mandev, it is one of the oldest Hindu temples in Nepal. Dedicated to the Hindu God Vishnu, specifically in his incarnation as Narayana, the temple is renowned for its exquisite architecture and intricate wood carvings. The main shrine houses a four-handed stone image of Vishnu seated on a Garuda, the mythical bird. Surrounding the main shrine are various smaller shrines dedicated to different Hindu deities. The temple complex also features a Vishnu Museum, displaying ancient art and sculptures. The site holds

significant religious and cultural importance for Hindus and attracts pilgrims and tourists alike. Changu Narayan Temple is listed as UNESCO World Heritage Site, contributing to its preservation and recognition on a global scale.

# Outline Itinerary ( Days )

## Day 1 : Pick up from your hotel and visit 7 UNESCO sites

**Start time options:** 8:00 a.m./ 9: a.m./ 10 a.m./11a.m.

**Pickup time:** Start your tour with a hassle-free hotel pick-up. As we journey to our first destination, immerse yourself in an insightful introduction to today's itinerary and delve into the rich history and culture of Kathmandu.

### Swoyambhunath Stupa

Travel time from hotel to Swoyambhunath Stupa: approximately 15-20 minutes

**Duration:** 1 hour

- Explore the Stupa
- Climb stairs to the top, and enjoy panoramic views of Kathmandu Valley
- Observe the colorful flags and playful monkeys.

### Kathmandu Durbar Square

Travel time from Swayambhunath Stupa to Kathmandu Durbar Square : approximately 15minutes

**Duration:** 1 hour

- Venture through Hanuman Dhoka , a historic royal palace complex with intricate architecture, courtyards ,and temples.
- Visit Kumari Ghar, the residence of the living goddess Kumari
- Explore The Kathmandu Durbar Square Museum, featuring artifacts, statues, and historical displays

### Patan Durbar Square

Travel time Kathmandu Durbar Square to Patan Durbar Square: approximately 20-25minutes

**Duration:** 1.5 hour

- Marvel at the exquisite Newari architecture of temples, palaces, and courtyards dating back to the medieval period.
- Explore the Patan Museum housed in an ancient palace, showcasing a rich collection of religious art, sculptures, and artifacts

#### **Bhaktapur Durbar Square**

Travel time from Changunarayan temple to Bhaktapur Durbar square:  
15 minutes

**Duration:** 2.5 hour

- Explore a masterpiece 55 Window Palace, masterpiece of woodcarving with intricately carved windows and door.
- Visit Nyatapola Temple, A five-story pagoda-style temple dedicated to Siddhi Laxmi, the goddess of prosperity.
- Visit Golden gate, a glided entrance to the palace courtyard, adorned with intricate carvings and statues.
- Visit Dattatreya Square, a sacred square with the Dattatreya Temple dedicated to the combined form of the Hindu trinity Bramha, Vishnu, and Shiva

#### **Pashupatinath Temple**

Travel time from Bhaktapur to Pashupatinath Temple: approximately  
35-45 minutes

**Duration:** 1 hour

- Explore the temple complex
- Observe the Hindu trails
- Explore the banks of the Bagmati river, a significant site for Hindu ceremonies, including cremation.

#### **Bouddhanath Stupa**

Travel time from Pashupatinath Temple to Bouddhanath Stupa:  
approximately 10-15 minutes

**Duration:** 30 min

- Explore the stupa complex, one of the largest stupas in the world, adorned with colorful prayer flags and surrounded by shops, monasteries and cafes
- Visit several surrounding monasteries where you can witness monks in prayer or meditation and learn about Tibetan Buddhism.

**Return to hotel**

As the tour comes to an end, take a moment to ponder the diverse array of experiences you have encountered throughout the day.



## **Include / Exclude**

- Hotel pick-up and drop-off
- Private (Car/Van/Hiace) transportation as per the program
- Experienced English speaking tour guide
- Government tax and service charge
- Sightseeing entry fees
- Personal expenses
- Gratuities



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