

Exotic Nepal

5 Days/4 Nights

Day 1: ARRIVE KATHMANDU

Welcome to Kathmandu!!

On your arrival, meet and assist at airport and transfer to your hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 2: KATHMANDU

Breakfast at the hotel.

In the morning a half day guided tour of the capital city of Nepal, traveling on foot his Durbar Square, one of the three Durbar Squares (Royals) in the Valley. **Kathmandu Durbar Square** is home to palaces, temples and courtyards. The word “durbar” means “palace” and Nepal’s kings used to live here and rule from the Hanuman Dhoka Palace until the construction of the Nararayanhiti Royal Palace. Kathmandu Durbar Square is presently known as Hanuman Dhoka, a name derived from the statue of Hanuman, the monkey devotee of Lord Ram, near the entrance of the palace. Many of the palaces and temples in Durbar Square were built during the reign of the Malla Kings (1200 to 1768) and are beautiful examples of Newari Architecture, Nepal’s most distinctive architectural style. Visitors to the **Durbar Square of Kathmandu** will be amazed by the architectural wonders spanning several centuries. This important historical attraction has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. There are more than a dozen buildings and statues of note in this small area. They include: Taleju Temple -one of the oldest temples in the square, this three-roofed temple with its pyramid shaped bases, is an example of the typical Newari architectural style. Kumari Ghar- home of "the Kumari", or living goddess, Shiva-Parvati Temple, Kal Bhairab, Ashok Vinayak, Big Drums, Machhendra Bahal, Pashupatinath Temple etc.

Then visit and again with the bus, Swayambhunath Pagoda, golden needle century V. **Swoyambhunath:** Swayam in Sanskrit mean self, hence Swoyambhunath mean “Self-Created One”. The Tibetan name for Swoyambhunath means 'Sublime Trees'. It was built over 2,500 years ago. It is also known as monkey temple as there are holy monkeys living in part of the temple. The site is about 70 meters above on the west side hill of Kathmandu and 3 kilometers from City centre. An excellent view of Kathmandu valley can be observed from this UNESCO World heritage cultural site. This Buddhist Stupa holds a special position both among the Buddhists & Hindus. Swoyambhunath is perhaps the best place to observe the religious harmony in Nepal.

Return back to Hotel.

Rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 3: KATHMANDU

Breakfast at the hotel.

After breakfast enjoy the half day sightseeing tour of **Patan**. Patan is located about 5 km south of Kathmandu, on the southern side of the Bagmati River and is one of 3 royal cities in the valley. Patan is a center of Buddhist and Hindu culture. The city is full of religious art, temples, and monasteries. It is a city of Buddhist monuments, Hindu temples and fine wood carvings. Lalitpur is the name of this city which 'means the city of beauty'. The city is known as the paradise of fine arts. Patan also boasts a Durbar Square full of temples. One remarkable monument here is a 17th century temple dedicated to the Hindu God Krishna – Krishna Mandir built entirely of stone with rare stone carvings on its walls depicting the epic wars from Ramayana and Mahabharata. The other monument one will be visiting would be Kumari Temple, Golden Temple, Rudra Varna Mahabihar, Machhendra Bahal, Kumbeshwor Temple, Taleju Temple, Taleju Bell, Others.

On return, visit the **Tibetan refugee camp** where you will see the Tibetans weaving of carpets by hand. Tibetan Refugee Camp, houses refugees that escaped from Chinese Occupied Lhasa in 1959 with the Dalai Lama and brought with them the fine art of carpet weaving.

Return back to Hotel.

Rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 4: KATHMANDU / DELHI

After having leisurely breakfast, relax at the hotel. Later, transfer to the airport to board the flight for Delhi.

Arrive Delhi and transfer to your hotel for stay till departure flight.

Day 5: DEPARTURE DELHI

Transfer to international airport to connect your flight back home.

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