

NEPAL TOUR (LUMBINI/POKHARA) – 05 DAYS PROGRAM



Lumbini

Lumbini (Sanskrit for "the lovely") is a Buddhist pilgrimage site located at the Nepalese town of Kapilavastu; district Rupandehi, near the Indian border. Lumbini is the place Lord Buddha -the apostle of peace and the light of Asia was born in 623 B.C. The birthplace of the Gautam Buddha, Lumbini, is the Mecca of every Buddhist, being one of the four holy places of Buddhism. Lumbini is one of four Buddhist pilgrimage sites based on major events in the life of Gautama Buddha. Interestingly, all of the events occurred under trees. Lumbini is the traditional birthplace of Gautama Buddha, the founder of Buddhism, who was born in the 7th or 6th century BC. According to Buddhist tradition, Maya Devi (or Maya Devi) gave birth to the Buddha on her way to her parent's home in Devadaha in the month of May in the year 642 BC. Feeling the onset of labor pains, she grabbed hold of the branches of a shade tree and gave birth to Siddhartha Gautama, the future Buddha. The Buddha is said to have announced, "This is my final rebirth" as he entered the world. Buddhist tradition also has it that he walked immediately after his birth and took seven steps, under each of which a lotus flower bloomed. For centuries, Buddhists- all over the world, knew that Lumbini where the Lord was born is somewhere around. The descriptions of famous Chinese pilgrims (of ancient times) Huiyan Tsang and Faeihan indicated to this area-saying 'Lumbini-where the lord was born is a piece of heaven on earth and one could see the snowy mountains amidst a splendid garden-embedded with stupas and monasteries! However, the exact location remained uncertain and obscure till December the 1st 1886 when a wandering German archaeologist Dr. Alois A. Fuhrer came across a stone pillar and ascertained beyond doubt it is indeed the birthplace of Lord Buddha.

Pokhara Valley

Pokhara valley is one of the most picturesque spot of Nepal. The beauty of Pokhara is enhanced by its lovely lakes, which have their source in the glacial region of the Annapurna range of the Himalayas. Situated 200 KM west of Kathmandu at an altitude of 827 meter from sea-level. For the mountain viewers Pokhara offers a magnificent view of Dhaulagiri, Machhapuchhre (Fishtail), five peaks of Annapurna and others. Pokhara is the only place in the world to provide such a dramatic views in a sub-tropical setting. Machhapuchhre, for example, is only 28 km from Phewa Lake and not a single mountain range intervenes between the two.

Day	Program	Hotel	Meals
01	<p><u>Fly from Kathmandu – Bhairahawa (Lumbini)</u> Guest will be picked up from your hotel in Kathmandu and drive to Kathmandu Domestic Airport for flight to Bhairahawa Arrive Bhairahawa Airport and transfer to the hotel (Approx: 18 km – 25 minutes drive)</p> <p>Visit Lumbini including Maya Devi Temple, Ashoka Pillar and Puskarni – The Sacred Pool</p> <p><i>Dinner & overnight at the hotel</i></p>	Hotel Lumbini Garden	Dinner
02	<p><u>In Lumbini</u> Drive to Kapilvastu (Approx: 30 km – 1 hr drive each way)</p>	Hotel Lumbini Garden	Breakfast and dinner

	Back to the hotel Dinner & overnight at the hotel		
03	Lumbini/Pokhara drive After breakfast, drive to Pokhara (approx 6/7 hrs drive) Check in at Lakeside Retreat Afternoon 01 hr boat ride at Phewa Lake & Barahi Temple Overnight at the hotel	Lakeside Retreat	Breakfast
04	Breakfast at the hotel Full day sightseeing tour of Pokhara including Devi's Fall, Gupteshwor Cave, Tibetan Refugee Camp & Bindhyabasini Temple Overnight at the hotel	Lakeside Retreat	Breakfast
05	Breakfast at the hotel Drive back to Kathmandu (Approx: 200 km – 6 hrs drive) Drop at your Hotel Grand in Kathmandu		

*****END OF SERVICES*****

	<u>1 Pax</u>	<u>2 Pax</u>	<u>3 Pax</u>	<u>4 Pax</u>
Cost per person in USD	US\$1262	US\$803	US\$784	US\$681
Single room Supplement		US\$131	US\$131	US\$131

Cost includes:

Transport, Entrance Fee, Guide, etc

- ❖ Kathmandu/Lumbini/Pokhara/Kathmandu by air-conditioned private vehicle
- ❖ Services of a Local English speaking guide in Lumbini & Pokhara tour
- ❖ Monuments entrance fees
- ❖ Airfare: Kathmandu/Bhairahawa

Accommodations

- ❖ 02 nights **at Hotel Lumbini Garden or similar** with breakfast & Dinner in Lumbini
- ❖ 02 nights **at Lakeside Retreat or similar** with breakfast in Pokhara
- ❖ 24.3% VAT and Service Charge

Cost Exclude

- ❖ International Airfare
- ❖ Nepal Visa Fee
- ❖ Personal expenses (Tips, beverage, laundry, telephone call, etc)
- ❖ Travel Insurance/ Emergency Evacuation Cost
- ❖ Lunch & dinner in Pokhara
- ❖ Lunch in Lumbini
- ❖ Meals and accommodation in Kathmandu

Note:

Note: The prices do not include: undue escalation in fuel prices, new taxes levies on hotels and transportation services or any hikes in entrance fees. Any large tax hikes and new levies shall be payable extra and shall be billed accordingly with prior notice.

The above rates are valid till September 30, 2016.