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Trip Summary

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Total Days: 9 days

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DAY 1

Arrival in Kathmandu

A Taleju Adventure representative will pick you up from the Tribhuwan 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 Pashupatinath

Early in the morning, you will heading to pray at Pashupatinath Temple. It is located in the bank of the Bagmati River and is one of the most sacred Hindu temples dedicated to Lord Shiva, known here as Pashupati – the Lord of Animals. A UNESCO World Heritage Site where non-hindus are not permitted inside the temple, but can view it from across the river. Key highlights include:

- Pagoda-style temple with golden roof and silver-carved doors.
- Numerous smaller shrines and ashrams in the area.
- Cremation ghats on the Bagmati River, offering a poignant glimpse into Hindu rites. The temple draws thousands of pilgrims, especially during the Maha Shivaratri festival.

On second half of the day, you will be heading to Patan Durbar Square. Situated in Lalitpur district, it is a historic palace complex showcasing exquisite Newar architecture. Known for its intricately carved temples, courtyards, and statues, it reflects the artistic brilliance of the Malla era. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, it remains a vibrant center of culture, history, and traditional craftsmanship. You can also visit its famous Krishna Temple. Later you will be heading to Bagalamukhi Temple for the evening prayer. It is a revered shrine dedicated to Goddess Bagalamukhi, known for her power to defeat evil and grant victory. Devotees pray for strength and protection.

Overnight in Kathmandu.

DAY 3

Visit Boudhanath Stupa and fly off to Lumbini

After breakfast, you will be visiting Boudhanath Stupa. It is one of the largest and holiest Buddhist stupas in the world. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, it features a massive mandala and the all-seeing eyes of Buddha. Surrounded by prayer wheels and monasteries, it is a center of peace, devotion, and cultural harmony. Following this, you will be heading to Kathmandu domestic airport and fly off to Bhairahawa airport. Your vehicle will pick you up and drive you to Lumbini. Overnight in Lumbini.

DAY 4

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 5

Fly off to Pokhara

After breakfast, your transport will drop you at Bhairahawa airport and you will be flying off to Pokhara. Check in hotel at Lakeside and rest of the day is for you to explore the area.

DAY 6

Fly to Jomsom, Drive to Muktinath

Early morning flight to **Jomsom** (2,700m, 25 mins). From there, drive by jeep to **Ranipauwa (3,710m)**, then walk for 40 minutes to **Muktinath Temple (3,800m)**. It is a sacred site for both Hindus and Buddhists. It is dedicated to Lord Vishnu and pilgrims seek salvation and spiritual liberation.

- Take a ritual bath at the 108 water spouts (**Muktidhara**) and **Mukti Kunda**
- Visit **Jwala Mai Temple**, known for its eternal flame.

After worship and exploration, overnight in Jomsom.

DAY 7

Fly Back to Pokhara + Half-Day Sightseeing

Morning flight to Pokhara. After check-in, begin a half-day tour:

- **Bindhyabasini Temple** – Worship of the wish-fulfilling goddess
- **Seti River Gorge**, **Devi's Fall**, and **Gupteshwor Cave (Shiva Temple)**
- **Barahi Temple** in **Phewa Lake** (boat ride included)

Overnight in Pokhara.

DAY 8

Return to Kathmandu

You will be taking domestic flight to Kathmandu. Upon check in at Kathmandu hotel, the rest of the day is for you to explore and do souvenir shopping.

Overnight in Kathmandu

DAY 9

Final Departure

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