

# Nepal Tibet Bhutan Short Tour 2024/2025

A triangular short trip of a lifetime, Nepal, Tibet and Bhutan



# **Overview**

Nepal Tibet and Bhutan Short Tour, walking beside the eaves of the pagodas in the narrow stone patched streets of **Kathmandu** has its undefinable beauty. The diversity of culture and lifestyle is what one expects from this wondrous country. Surely a heavenly place lying in the lap of the **Mt. Everest**. The everglazing streets of Ason full of skilled craftsmanship and Thanka paintings are appealing to watch. Walking through the Durbar Squares and other majestic <u>world heritage sites</u> acts as a magical outdoor theatre.

Embark on a unique and worthy adventure on <u>Tibet</u> with endless natural beauty and rich untouched culture of **Lhasa**. Walk through the streets where smiles can be stumbled in any event as you take each of your leaps. Have a divine experience of a lifetime of walking side by side with the Tibetian pilgrims and in the foot of the worlds most prominent plateau. Blend in with the locals and dive into the heart of Tibetian Buddhism as you visit the former residence of **Dalai Lama**; The grand **palace of Potala**. A land of many formidable passes you can soak it all with the marvelous view there. Uncover the treasures of this great land as you take the walk of Enlightenment and purity here.



Lose yourself in the lustful natural beauty and rich, undisturbed culture as you visit the astounding country of **Bhutan**. A place with never-ending cliffs and beautiful monasteries carved right into it. As a matter of fact, **Thimphu** welcomes you with a smile from their heart. An expedition to **Taktsang or the world-renowned Tiger's Nest** is a beauty to devour by the same token standing tall about 900 meters from the valley floor. Drench yourself with the beautiful culture, and shining heart of the Bhutanese people as you walk in the staircase of spiritual satisfaction visiting this great nation with incredible experiences.

# Things to know about Nepal Tibet and Bhutan Short Tour

- All these countries hold their religious values strictly. So, you have to be aware of dos and don'ts in these places.
- You can stumble upon different types of festivals while visiting these places. For the most part, enjoy responsibly in these cases.
- Restaurants and lodges here are always welcoming here but might not have every possible facility in some cases. In fact, make a most out of it.
- Try the local cuisine in place of ordering the standard menu as a new kind of experience here.
- Restrictions of foreign entry may be intact in some destinations. One must respect the decision of the people there.

# **Highlights**

- **Nepal:** 4 Nights in Kathmandu with Bhaktapur Durbar Square, Pashupatinath, Boudhanath, Patan, Swoyambhu Stupa and local market and Nagarkot hill.
- **Tibet:** 3 Nights in Lhasa, Tibet with Potala Palace, Sera & Drepung Monastery, Norbulinka Palace and Barkhor street.
- **Bhutan:** 2 Nights in Bhutan with Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest), Paro Valley, Thimphu with weekend market.

### **Outline**

- 1. Choose your own departure date as we always run private trip.
- 2. Select the comfort level of accommodation, tour cost will depends on it.
- 3. Adjust activities to cater to special interests
- 4. Modify any aspect of the tour as needed
- 5. Flexible travel route (Start from Kathmandu/Lhasa and end to Kathmandu/Beijing/Bangkok or vice-versa)

### Your Journey day by day

### Day 01: Arrival in Kathmandu (1310m)

After arriving at Tribhuvan International airport, you should process your Nepal Visa so that you will require USD 30 cash money and 2 passport size photo. Our representative will be waiting for you at the airport with a placard. He takes you to the hotel and continues the tour.



- Swoyambhunath (Monkey Temple)
- Kathmandu Durbar Square (Hanuman Dhoka with Kumari house)

Due to the short and tight tour schedule, you must arrive in Kathmandu before 1PM, so we can submit your Tibet visa with your original passport on same day. Otherwise you will need 1 extra day in Kathmandu. As Tibet visa requires at least 3 working days.

#### Day 02: Kathmandu visit/sightseeing

Today you will visit the magnificence and legacy/heritage of Kathmandu. You will begin from Pashupatinath, the most perfect and sacred for Hindus around the world. After that, we move to Boudhanath Stupa, giant stupa in the world. Then, you will visit the Patan city, one of the cities of Kathmandu valley among the three cities. It is famous for art and craft. You can also enjoy the awesome views of Durbar Square, excellent models in the old temples in Kathmandu. Next, you can see a Tibetan refugee camp and industrial area of Patan.

#### Day 03: Bhaktapur Durbar Square Tour & Nagarkot

After breakfast, drive towards Bhaktapur city. The name Bhaktapur translates as 'The city of devotees' and it is the more culturally preserved of the three cities in Kathmandu. The brick-paved alleys lead us to Bhaktapur Durbar Square. The fifty-five windows palace, Nyatapola Temple, and Pottery square are the main attraction of the Bhaktapur tour.

In the evening take a short drive to Nagarkot (*elevation:* 2,175 meters), a small town on the hills of the outskirts of Bhaktapur. It is special for sunset, sunrise as well as acclimating your body to the high elevation for Lhasa (Tibet). Overnight at Nagarkot.

#### Day 04: Flight to Tibet Lhasa

Early morning sunrise and drive back to Kathmandu after breakfast.

Your Tibet visa will collect from Chinese embassy of Kathmandu around 10AM and handover you with your original passport and we will drop your to the Kathmandu airport for your Tibet flight (Tibet flight around 12 noon)

At Lhasa Gongar airport our guide for Tibet will receive and takes you to the hotel. Today, you will need to acclimatize to the effects of the altitude (*Lhasa elevation:* 3,600 meters / 11,800 feet from sea level). Lhasa is famous for Dalai Lama's Potala Palace. Next day, you will visit century-old monasteries, palaces and highly crowded Barkhor street. The temperature is chilling more so we would suggest you bring your warm clothes.

#### Day 05: Lhasa Exploration with Potala Palace

Today you will visit the legendary Potala Palace situated at the hilltop and get a perspective view of



Lhasa city. Potala is partitioned into two sections, first is white and second is red. The Palace built for meditation in the 5th century and later remodeled by Dalai Lama is among UNESCO world heritage site. Then you will visit chapels, display and formal Chapel of 14th Dalai Lama till 1959. Then we move to Sera Monastery, a historic religious site, next Jokhang Temple – the spiritual centre. The wonderful temple is situated in Barkhor Square, now a UNESCO world heritage site.

#### Day 06: Continue tour of Lhasa

Today we begin our visit from Drepung Monastery, the greatest monastery in Tibet and it is the shelter for thousands of Monks. Here you can see the prayer hall, meeting hall and cooking area for all Monks. Next, you can visit Mentshikang (Men Tsee Khang) a Tibetan Medicine Center which was the bullet in 1916. Then your tours continue towards Dalai Lama's summer camp Norbulingka Palace. It additionally has a lovely park around and is a UNESCO's world heritage site.

#### Day 07: Lhasa - Kathmandu and Walking Tour or Rest

Flight back to Kathmandu, here you can appreciate the outstanding views of awesome Himalayas. The views of mountains like Mt. Everest, Annapurna, Machapuchhare, Manaslu, Pumori and many more will be seeing from the flight. At the Kathmandu airport, you will meet the guide, who will take you to the hotel.

After check in your hotel in Kathmandu, walking tour to Thamel and Ason Market, Dream Garden etc.

## Day 08: Fly to Paro and drive to Thimphu and Thimphu Sightseeing

After breakfast, we will transfer you to the airport.

Fly to Paro from Tribhuvan International Airport Kathmandu. After arrival in Bhutan, our Bhutanese representative will pick you and guide you for Bhutan tour.

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the way to the Paro-Thimphu highway, visit the 16<sup>th</sup>-century old Tachogang Lhakhang temple. The temple means the hill of the excellent horse. You need to cross an old bridge to visit the temple. From the bridge, enjoy the scenic views of the villages.

Drive to Thimphu after short visit and transfer to a hotel for rest. Then, visit different famous destinations on the list of sightseeing. This tour will give delight as you will have the capacity to take and understand the tradition of Bhutanese culture.

- Visit intriguing end of the week advertise (Thu-Sun)
- Tashichho Dzong
- Memorial Chorten
- Bhutan Postal Museum
- Folk Heritage Museum
- Takin Zoo



• Buddha Dordenma statue

### Day 09: Drive to Paro and climb to Taktsang Monastery and Paro valley visit

After breakfast, we move to Paro from Thimphu by a drive and then trekking to Taktsang Monastery.

Taktsang Monastery also called the Tiger's Nest is a popular monastery for Buddhist people. This monastery is lying 10 kilometers to the north of Paro and hangs on a cliff at 3,120 meters (10,240 ft.), approximately 900 meters (3,000 ft.) over the Paro valley. The slopes of the rock generally steep (relatively vertical) and the monastery are built by incorporating the face of the rock. It looks difficult, but the monastery complex is reachable from different faces. After the hike, return for lunch. And explore the beautiful Paro dzong, the historically important National Museum of Bhutan, and the old temple Kyichu Lhakhang. Overnight at Paro.

- Hike to Taktshang or 'Tiger's Nest' popular religious community
- National Museum of Bhutan
- Paro Dzong
- Kyichu Lhakhang

#### Day 10: Flight to Kathmandu/Bangkok/New Delhi or next goal

According to your departure time, we transfer you for your final departure. If you have free time, we can visit other attractive monuments in Bhutan.

Without a doubt, you will surely carry memories of nature, hills, valleys and different cultures and traditions. The group and people you met on the visit will be the memory for you to remember and share with your fellow.

#### **Cost & Inclusion**

#### Nepal:

- Airport pickups and drops service.
- Private ground transportation with A/C.
- Twin-sharing hotel accommodation.
- Local cultural tour guide with English speaking.
- Sightseeing entrance fees for museums and monuments.
- Breakfast in Nepal.

#### Tibet:

- Airport pickups and drops service.
- Private ground transportation with A/C.
- Twin-sharing hotel accommodation.
- Local cultural tour guide with English speaking.
- Sightseeing entrance fees for museums and monuments.



- Breakfast in Tibet.
- Processing Travel Permit and Entry Visa.

#### Bhutan:

- Airport pickups and drops service.
- Private ground transportation with A/C.
- Twin-sharing hotel accommodation.
- Local cultural tour guide with English speaking.
- Sightseeing entrance fees for museums and monuments.
- Full meals in Bhutan.
- Processing Travel Permit and Entry Visa.

#### **Select:**

# **FAQS**

#### Do I need a visa to visit Nepal, Tibet, and Bhutan?

Yes, you generally need a visa to visit these countries. As of my knowledge cutoff in September 2021, visas for Nepal can be obtained upon arrival at the airport or land borders. For Tibet, you'll need to obtain a Tibet Travel Permit through a registered travel agency in China. Bhutan requires visitors to book a tour with a licensed Bhutanese tour operator, who will arrange the visa process on your behalf.

#### What are the highlights of a Nepal Tibet Bhutan Short Tour?

Nepal is known for its stunning Himalayan landscapes and rich cultural heritage. Some must-visit attractions include Kathmandu (the capital city), Pashupatinath Temple, Boudhanath Stupa, and Swayambhunath (Monkey Temple).

Tibet is renowned for its spiritual significance and breathtaking scenery. The major attractions in Tibet include Lhasa (the capital city), Potala Palace, Jokhang Temple, Barkhor Street, and the monasteries of Lhasa.

Bhutan offers a unique blend of traditional culture, stunning landscapes, and serene monasteries. Some highlights of a short tour in Bhutan include Thimphu (the capital city), Paro Taktsang (Tiger's Nest) Monastery, Punakha Dzong, Dochula Pass, and the cultural experiences of witnessing traditional festivals and interacting with the friendly Bhutanese people.

# What is the best time to visit Nepal, Tibet, and Bhutan?

The best time to visit these countries depends on the specific regions you plan to explore. In general, the



spring (March to May) and autumn (September to November) seasons offer pleasant weather and clear views of the mountains. However, Nepal and Bhutan can be visited year-round, while Tibet experiences colder temperatures during winter.

# How long is a short tour in Nepal, Tibet, or Bhutan?

The duration of a short tour can vary depending on individual preferences, but typically, a short tour in these regions lasts between 8 to 10 days. It allows travelers to explore the major highlights and experience the culture and natural beauty of these countries.