

# Muktinath Helicopter Tour (including Pashupatinath and Janakpur) - 6 Days

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The Muktinath Helicopter Tour is an exclusive and spiritually enriching journey that offers an opportunity to visit three of Nepal's most revered religious destinations: **Pashupatinath Temple, Janakpur, and Muktinath Temple**. This helicopter tour is the perfect blend of convenience, adventure, and spirituality, allowing travelers to visit multiple sacred sites within a short span of time. The convenience of helicopter travel enables you to explore the diverse landscapes and religious monuments of Nepal in the most efficient way possible.

#### Pashupatinath Temple: The Heart of Hindu Pilgrimage

Located in Kathmandu, the Pashupatinath Temple is one of Nepal's holiest Hindu temples, attracting thousands of pilgrims each year. The temple is dedicated to <u>Lord Shiva</u>, and it is considered one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Nepal and South Asia. Situated on the banks of the <u>Bagmati River</u>, visitors can witness age-old rituals, including cremation ceremonies, which are deeply embedded in Hindu traditions.

The Pashupatinath Temple is famous for its pagoda-style architecture and is an active place of worship, where devotees gather to perform rituals and offer prayers. The sacred atmosphere and spiritual significance of the site make it a deeply moving experience for all visitors.

#### Janakpur: Birthplace of Goddess Sita

Janakpur, located in the southeastern part of Nepal, is a city that holds immense religious and cultural significance. According to the <u>Ramayana</u>, it is the birthplace of Goddess Sita, the consort of Lord Rama. The <u>Janaki Temple</u>, dedicated to Goddess Sita, is one of the most important religious sites in Nepal. The temple's stunning architecture blends Mughal and Rajput styles, and it is a major pilgrimage site for Hindus.

Other prominent attractions in Janakpur include the Ram Sita Vivah Mandap, the spot believed to be the location where Lord Rama and Goddess Sita got married. Visitors can also explore the serene Dhanush Sagar pond, which holds great religious significance. The Ganga Sagar and Ratna Sagar are other important sites where pilgrims come to bathe in holy waters. Besides the temples, Janakpur offers a chance to experience the vibrant Maithili culture through local markets, cuisine, and festivals.

# Muktinath: The Sacred High-Altitude Temple

The Muktinath Temple is the centerpiece of the Muktinath Helicopter Tour. Located in the <u>Mustang Region</u>, at an altitude of 3,710 meters (12,172 feet), Muktinath is considered one of the holiest pilgrimage sites for both Hindus and Buddhists. It is believed that the temple grants moksha (liberation from the cycle of life and death) to those who visit it. The temple is known for its 108 water spouts, which are believed to purify the souls of devotees.

The eternal flame at Muktinath, which burns naturally due to underground gas emissions, is another key highlight of the temple. Visitors are often mesmerized by the spiritual significance and beauty of the site, with views of the



majestic Annapurna and Dhaulagiri mountain ranges surrounding the temple.

Besides the temple itself, the surrounding region offers stunning landscapes of high-altitude deserts, remote villages, and Tibetan-influenced cultures. Muktinath is also home to the Jwala Mai Temple, where the natural flame is worshipped by both Hindu and Buddhist pilgrims. The combination of natural beauty and spiritual significance makes Muktinath a must-visit destination in Nepal.

# Helicopter Travel: The Ultimate Convenience

The Muktinath Helicopter Tour provides an unparalleled opportunity to explore some of the most sacred and stunning locations in Nepal in a short period. The helicopter offers a comfortable and fast means of reaching remote areas, including Muktinath and Janakpur, without the need for long treks or multiple forms of transportation.

During the helicopter ride, passengers are treated to spectacular aerial views of Nepal's mountains, valleys, and sacred sites. The flight offers panoramic views of the <u>Kali Gandaki</u> Gorge, one of the world's deepest gorges, as well as the Mustang region, known for its unique desert-like landscape. The Annapurna and Dhaulagiri mountain ranges provide a breathtaking backdrop during the entire tour.

#### Why Choose the Muktinath Helicopter Tour?

This tour is perfect for those who wish to explore Nepal's most sacred temples without the hassle of long treks. The Muktinath Helicopter Tour offers spiritual immersion, stunning landscapes, and cultural encounters, all in one seamless package. With the expertise of seasoned pilots, you'll be guided safely through some of Nepal's most significant destinations.

Whether you're a Hindu pilgrim, a cultural enthusiast, or an adventure seeker, the Muktinath Helicopter Tour is an unforgettable experience that will leave you with lasting memories and a deeper connection to the heart of Nepal.



# **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Flight ticket Kathmandu Janakpur Kathmandu
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- Helicopter Pokhara Muktinath Pokhara
- Entire Transportation by comfortable vehicle
- All Airport drop and pickup
- All Entrance fees and permits
- Kathmandu Sightseeing
- Pokhara Sightseeing
- Janakpur Sightseeing
- All meals Breakfast lunch and Dinner Veg only
- Tour Guide and assistance
- Three-star Hotel (4N Kathmandu, 1N Pokhara)
- All applicable taxes

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- All kinds of Drinks.
- Visa fee to enter Nepal.
- International flight tickets and extra baggage charges.
- Extra night accommodation and meal costs in Kathmandu due to any change in the scheduled itinerary.
- Travel insurance/ Rescue operation costs.
- All personal expenses (laundry, electronic device. charging cost)
- Tip for guide and porters.
- Any donation.



# **ITINERARY IN DETAIL**

#### Day 1: Kathmandu Arrival

Upon your arrival we will receive you from Kathmandu Airport and Drops you to the Hotel. Small tour briefing and Aarti at Pashupatinath Temple in the evening. Back to the Hotel. Overnight.

#### Day 2: Kathmandu Sightseeing and Flight to Pokhara

After Breakfast we will visit Kathmandu, Visit Pashupatinath, Gujeswari Temple, Jalnarayan (Sleeping Bishnu) and Bouddhanath Stupa. Finish Kathmandu tour and direct go to airport and fly to Pokhara.

# Day 3: Muktinath Darshan by Helicopter and Flight back to Pokhara | Back to Kathmandu in the evening

Early morning take a Helicopter ride to Muktinath Temple worship in Muktinath and Back to Pokhara. Breakfast and start the Pokhara tour. Visit Davids Falls, Gupteswor Mahadev Temple, and take a flight to Kathmandu.

# Day 4: Flight to Janakpur | Janakpur sightseeing and Flight back to Kathmandu | Overnight at Hotel.

After breakfast, we fly to Kathmandu and continue fly to Janakpur. Check in at the Hotel and Visit Janakpur. Visit Ram Janaki temple, Ram Sita Vivaha mandap, and other attractions inside Janaki temple compound.

**Drive to Dhanusdham:** It is 24 kilometers and takes 40 minutes by private car one-way driving. Dhanusadham It is believed that a part of Shiva Dhanusha (Bow of God Shiva) that was broken by Rama during Sita's swayamvara, is housed. Now there is a temple around the remaining of bow and visited by Hindu devotees from all over the world. That's why it is named Dhanushadham.

Janaki Mandir (Janakpur Temple): This is the most famous and revered attraction in Janakpur. Janaki Mandir is a grand and intricately designed temple dedicated to Goddess Sita. The temple's architecture is a blend of Mughal and Rajput styles and is an important pilgrimage site for Hindus. The temple complex also includes various smaller shrines and a museum showcasing artifacts related to Lord Rama and Sita.

**Ram Sita Vivah Mandap:** This is a unique and beautifully decorated marriage altar believed to be the spot where Lord Rama and Sita got married. It is a significant religious site and a place of worship for pilgrims.

**Ram Mandir:** Located near Janaki Mandir, this temple is dedicated to Lord Rama and is an important religious site for devotees of Lord Rama.

**Dhanush Sagar:** This sacred pond is believed to be the place where King Janak found Lord Shiva's bow, an event that led to the famous "Swayamvar" of Sita. The pond has a serene atmosphere and is visited by both tourists and pilgrims.

Ganga Sagar: Another important pond in Janakpur, Ganga Sagar is believed to have holy water from various rivers



of India and is used for ritual ablutions.

**Ratna Sagar:** This is a large pond in Janakpur where you can see a variety of migratory birds. It's a peaceful spot to relax and enjoy the natural surroundings

# Day 5: Reserve day / Free day shopping in Kathmandu

# Day 6: Flight to Nepalgunj, Visit Bageswari temple and drive to lucknow tour ends.

Early morning after breakfast we fly to Nepalgunj and Visit Bageswari temple and continue the drive to Lucknow. Tour ends.



# FAQ

# 1. What is included in the Muktinath Helicopter Tour?

The Muktinath Helicopter Tour includes visits to the Pashupatinath Temple, Janakpur (the birthplace of Goddess Sita), and the sacred Muktinath Temple. You'll experience helicopter rides over stunning landscapes, including the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri mountain ranges, and visit important spiritual and cultural sites.

# 2. How long is the Muktinath Helicopter Tour?

The Muktinath Helicopter Tour typically lasts for 4 to 6 days, depending on the itinerary, including sightseeing in Kathmandu, Pokhara, Janakpur, and Muktinath. It also offers a reserve day for shopping or relaxation in Kathmandu.

#### 3. Is the Muktinath Helicopter Tour safe?

Yes, the Muktinath Helicopter Tour is very safe. The helicopters are piloted by experienced and certified pilots who ensure the highest safety standards. The tour follows well-established routes, with regular checks and well-maintained equipment.

#### 4. What is the best time to do the Muktinath Helicopter Tour?

The best time to take the Muktinath Helicopter Tour is during the spring (March to May) and autumn (September to November) seasons. During these months, the weather is clear, and the Himalayan views are at their best, with minimal chances of flight disruptions.

#### 5. Do I need to have prior experience in helicopter travel?

No prior experience is required for the Muktinath Helicopter Tour. The helicopter ride is comfortable and safe, and you will be accompanied by a professional guide throughout the journey. Just be ready for a breathtaking aerial view of Nepal's most sacred destinations.

#### 6. Can I visit Muktinath and Janakpur in one day?

Yes, the Muktinath Helicopter Tour allows you to visit both Muktinath and Janakpur in a single day. The helicopter ensures that travel time is minimized, giving you more time to explore these sacred sites.

# 7. Are the temples in Janakpur and Muktinath accessible to people with limited mobility?

Both Janakpur and Muktinath are accessible, but some areas, especially in Muktinath, require light trekking to reach the Muktinath Temple. However, those with limited mobility can still enjoy much of the spiritual and cultural significance of both places.

#### 8. What should I wear on the Muktinath Helicopter Tour?

It is recommended to wear comfortable clothing, especially for the helicopter ride, and to bring layers as temperatures can vary greatly. Make sure to bring warm clothes for the visit to Muktinath, as it's located at a high altitude.

#### 9. Can I take photos during the tour?

Yes, you are encouraged to take photos during the helicopter ride and while visiting the temples. The scenic views of the Annapurna range, Kali Gandaki Gorge, and the temples provide excellent opportunities for photography.



# 10. What are the cultural practices I should be aware of when visiting Janakpur and Muktinath?

Both Janakpur and Muktinath are sacred Hindu sites, and it is important to be respectful of local customs. When visiting temples, dress modestly, and avoid disrupting religious ceremonies. Always ask for permission before taking photos, especially in sacred areas.