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NEPAL · BAGMATI, KATHMANDU

Namo Buddha, Panuti and Bhaktapur Tour

Discover the heart of Nepal on a 3-day cultural and spiritual journey from Kathmandu to Panauti, Namobuddha, Bhaktapur, and Pashupatinath.

TRIP PRICE
$300

COST / PRICE	REGION	DURATION	MAXIMUM ALTITUDE
$300	Bagmati, Kathmandu	3 days	1,750 m

BEST SEASON	DIFFICULTY	ACCOMMODATION	TRIP TYPE
Spring & Autumn	Easy	Teahouse / Lodge	cultural-tours

HIGHLIGHTS

What makes this trip special

01 **Sacred Namobuddha Monastery: Experience the peaceful atmosphere of one of Nepal's most revered Buddhist pilgrimage sites and discover its rich spiritual heritage.**

02 **Scenic Himalayan Foothill Walks: Walk through terraced rice fields, traditional villages, forests, and peaceful countryside with beautiful mountain views.**

03 **Ancient Panauti & Bhaktapur: Explore historic Newari architecture, centuries-old temples, traditional courtyards, and living cultural traditions.**

04 **Nepal's Spiritual Heritage : Visit sacred sites including Pashupatinath and experience the fascinating harmony of Hindu and Buddhist traditions.**

OVERVIEW

Journey overview

Embark on a condensed yet enriching journey through Nepal's cultural heart and Himalayan foothills on this meticulously crafted 3-day short and easy trek and tour. This trip is designed for those travelers with limited time but eager for depth, this adventure blends scenic hikes, spiritual immersion, and UNESCO World Heritage wonders—all within easy reach of Kathmandu.

Discover the soul of Nepal as you trek through terraced rice fields, meditate alongside Buddhist monks in a revered mountain monastery, and wander cobblestone streets of ancient cities frozen in time.

1. What makes this 3-day short and easy trip ideal for travelers short on time?

This itinerary is carefully designed to maximize Nepal's cultural, spiritual, and natural highlights in just 3 days. You'll experience Himalayan hikes, UNESCO heritage sites like Bhaktapur , and immersive monastery stays—all within a short drive from Kathmandu. Perfect for those who want depth without lengthy travel!

2. How challenging is the hike to Namobudha?

The hike is moderate and suitable for beginners. It involves gentle trails through rural villages and terraced farms, with optional breaks. Guides pace the trek to ensure everyone enjoys the mountain views and cultural interactions comfortably.

3. What's unique about staying overnight at Namobudha Monastery?

This is a rare chance to live like a monk ! You'll dine with resident monks, observe their daily rituals (meditation, Buddhist philosophy classes), and sleep in simple, serene accommodations. It's a deeply spiritual experience tied to the legend of Prince Mahasattva's sacrifice.

4. Will I see the Himalayas during the hike?

Yes! On clear days, the trail offers panoramic views of the Langtang and Gaurishankar ranges. Weather is most reliable from October to April, but even in monsoon months, the lush green landscapes are stunning.

5. What cultural experiences does Panauti Village offer?

Panauti is a living museum of medieval Nepal. You'll explore 13th-century temples, interact with rice farmers in Banthali's terraced fields, and witness Hindu-Buddhist harmony in its architecture and festivals.

6. Why is Bhaktapur a highlight of this tour?

Bhaktapur, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, preserves Newari culture like nowhere else. Wander its car-free streets, watch artisans craft pottery and woodcarvings, and taste juju dhau (king curd) while soaking in Malla Dynasty-era architecture.

7. Can I participate in rituals at Pashupatinath Temple?

While non-Hindus cannot enter the main temple, you'll observe sacred Hindu rituals along the Bagmati River, including cremation ceremonies. Guides will explain traditions, and you may interact with sadhus (holy ascetics).

8. What should I pack for this trip?

Comfortable hiking shoes (for rural trails).

Layered clothing (cool mornings, warm days).

Respectful attire (cover shoulders/knees for temples).

Reusable water bottle and sunscreen.

9. When is the best time for this trip?

This trip can be enjoyed year-round , but here's a seasonal guide to enhance your experience:

Best Seasons (Optimal Weather & Views):

March–May (Spring) and September–November (Autumn) offer clear skies, mild temperatures, and stunning Himalayan

vistas.
Monsoon (June–August):
Lush green landscapes and fewer crowds, though trails may be muddy. Perfect for cultural immersion in villages and monasteries.
Winter (December–February):
Crisp mornings with chilly evenings—ideal for serene monastery stays and crowd-free heritage walks. Pack warm layers!
Pro Tip: Visit during festivals like Dashain (Sept/Oct) or Buddha Jayanti (May) for vibrant cultural insights!
10. How does this tour support local communities?
We prioritize ethical tourism :
Hire local guides.
Include homestay-style in Monastery and Bhaktapur

DAY-BY-DAY ROUTE

Itinerary

A clear breakdown of each day of the trip.

DAY 1 — Kathmandu to Namobuddha – Spiritual Beginnings

Morning: Hotel pickup and scenic 30km drive to Dhulikhel.
Hike to Namobuddha: Trek through countryside trails, witnessing rural Nepali life and panoramic Himalayan vistas.
Overnight Monastery Stay: Join 200 monks at Kagyu Buddhist monastery (founded by Tibetan lama Thrangu Rinpoche). Participate in meditation, Buddhist teachings, and communal meals.

DAY 2 — Panauti Village & Bhaktapur – Timeless Traditions

Hike to Panauti: Traverse terraced rice fields (Banthali/Khopang) and interact with local farmers.
Explore Panauti: Wander this preserved medieval village, famed for its Hindu-Buddhist harmony and 13th-century temples.
Evening in Bhaktapur: Stay overnight in Nepal's best-preserved ancient city.

DAY 3 — Bhaktapur Heritage & Pashupatinath Temple

Morning in Bhaktapur: Discover UNESCO-listed architecture from the Malla Dynasty. Watch artisans craft pottery, woodcarvings, and traditional nadifraft textiles.
Pashupatinath Temple: Visit Nepal's holiest Hindu site. Observe rituals along the Bagmati River and meet sadhus (holy ascetics).
Return to Kathmandu: Drop-off at your hotel. Extend your trip with our expert guidance!

SERVICES

Included and not included

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- ✓ **2 night Hotels (1night Monastery and 1 Night in Bhaktapur)**
- ✓ **Trekking Guide, Tour Guide**
- ✓ **All Transport**
- ✓ **2 Breakfast, 1 Diiner in Monastery**
- ✓ **Permits**

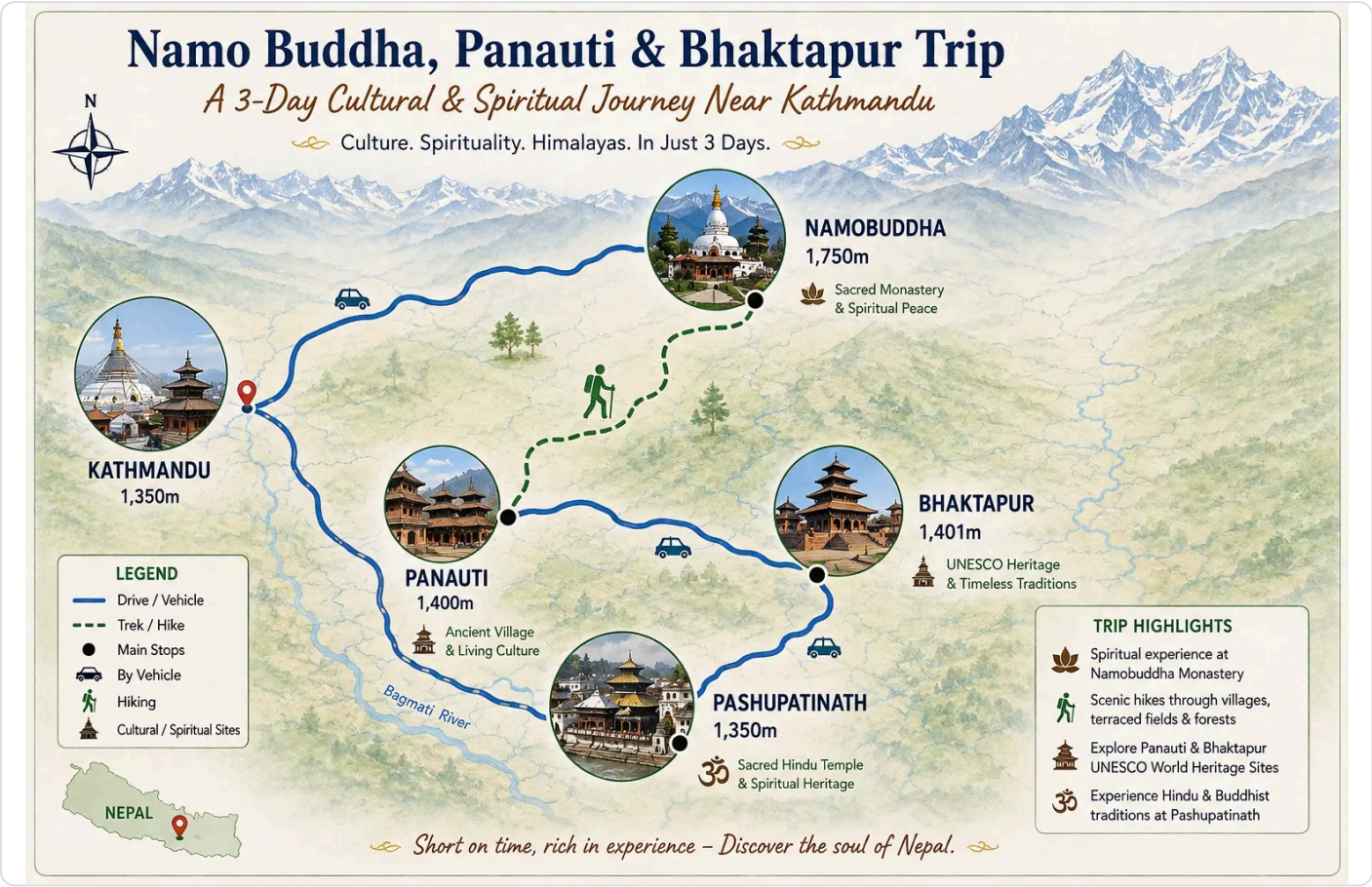
Not included

- – **Lunch and Dinner**
- – **Personal Expenses like bar bills or others**
- – **TIPS**
- – **Personal gers and Insurence**

ROUTE MAP

Trekking & tour route

Key stops, checkpoints, and route trajectory.



GALLERY

A glimpse of the journey


















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