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Bhaktapur City Tour

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Trip Code

NBT 012

Destination

Nepal

Activity

Nepal Tours & Trekking Tour Packages for Kathmandu/Kathmandu
Every Traveler

Start / End Point

Duration

2

Per Person From

USD 150

Region

Kathmandu Region

Max. Altitude

1400m.

Nature Of Trek

Lodge to Lodge Trekking

Best Season

All Round Year

Activity Per Day

2-4hrs

Transportation

Private Car or Van

Highlights Of Bhaktapur City Tour

- Explore Durbar Square, famous for its stunning temples and palaces.
- Learn about Bhaktapur's rich culture and history from knowledgeable guides.
- Stroll through narrow alleys and see local artisans at work.
- Visit heritage sites like the Nyatapola Temple and the 55-Window Palace.
- Experience the vibrant local markets and daily life in Bhaktapur.
- Visit Pottery Square and try your hand at traditional pottery making.

Trip Overview

The Bhaktapur City Tour takes you to amazing heritage sites filled with ancient historical and religious wonders. You will visit medieval towns that are full of interest and delight. You will be completely absorbed in this tour. Our guide will give you much information about Bhaktapur's culture and history. Bhaktapur, also known as Bhadgaon, means 'City of Devotees.'

The city has remained the same for hundreds of years. People still practice its immense culture and customs in daily life. *Bhaktapur is close to Kathmandu, just 14 km to the east.* Driving there on the Nepal & Tibet Friendship Highway takes less than an hour. The tour of Bhaktapur Heritage Sites lasts for a few hours. During this time, our guide will explain this great city's cultural and historical facts. You will learn and see so much in just a short time.

2 Day Trip Itinerary

Mode of the Trip: On Standard or Deluxe Hotels

Tour Grade: Leisure with short walks.

Tour duration: 2-day tour or more

Seasons: Nepal is available for all tours in all seasons.

Day 01: Visit the Durbar Square and drive to Nagarkot

On the first day of our tour, our guide will pick you up at your hotel at 8:30 AM and drive you to Bhaktapur. We will explore the Durbar Square for 2 hours. You will see ancient temples, palaces, and beautiful architecture. After exploring, we will drive to Nagarkot. You will spend the night in Nagarkot, enjoying the fresh mountain air and peaceful surroundings.

Day 02: Morning Sunrise views and Drive back to Kathmandu Hotel

We will wake up early to see the sunrise over the Himalayan ranges, including Langtang, Dorje Lakpa, and Gaurishankar. After enjoying the views, we will take a short downhill walk to the Changuanarayan Temple, one of the oldest temples in Nepal. We will return to your Kathmandu hotel in the afternoon, ending our tour.

Group Discounts Available

No. of Persons	Price per Person
1+	USD 150

Places You Can Visit By

Bhaktapur Durbar Square

Bhaktapur Durbar Square is a beautiful and historic place in Bhaktapur. It is full of ancient temples, palaces, and statues. The square is famous for its stunning architecture and intricate wood carvings. The 55-Window Palace, Vatsala Temple, and Nyatapola Temple are here. It is a lively area where locals and tourists come to enjoy the sights and learn about the rich history.

Bhaktapur Nyatapola Temple

Highlights of Bhaktapur include the landmark Nyatapola Temple, meaning “five-storied temple,” which stands 30 meters high and is the tallest temple in the Kathmandu Valley. It was built by King Bhupatindra Malla in **1708 AD**. Each of its five terraces holds a pair of figures: wrestlers at the bottom, followed by elephants, lions, griffins, and goddesses.

The Bhaktapur National Art Gallery

Located within Bhaktapur Durbar Square, the museum treasures rare paintings and manuscripts with painted covers and illustrations. The gallery contains brass, bronze, stone, and wooden images reflecting the medieval art tradition of Nepal. The gallery is closed on Thursdays and public holidays.

Bhairavnath Temple of Bhaktapur

The Bhairavnath Temple, located in Kathmandu Valley, Nagarkot, and Dhulikhel, was originally built as a one-story pagoda during the period of King Jagat Jyoti Malla. It was later transformed into a three-story temple in **1718 A.D.** by King Bhupatindra Malla. This temple now stands as a symbol of artistic grandeur and is dedicated to Lord Bhairab, the god of Terror.

Pottery Square and market

There are two main pottery areas around Bhaktapur. The first pottery square is at Suryamadhi, east of Dattatreya Temple Square, and is the oldest. The other pottery area is Talako’s Potter’s Square, located south of Nyatapola Square. *Walking along attractive market side streets, you will find pottery in full blaze.* In the wide-open brick courtyard, you will see a mix of small grey and brownish-red clay pots. Each pot is examined by hand before being turned to face the sun at a new angle or dipped into a bucket of colored water.

Old Changunararyan Temple

Nepal’s oldest and ancient temple, Changu Narayan, is on a high hilltop called Changu or Dolagiri. The temple area is surrounded by a forest of champak trees and a small Changu village, which is north of Bhaktapur.

Changu Narayan Temple is dedicated to the Hindu god Lord Visnu. *This temple is considered the oldest in Nepal.* The pagoda-style temple has masterpieces from the 5th to 12th centuries, including excellent Nepalese art.

Nagarkot

Nagarkot, a famous and popular viewpoint north of Bhaktapur, is a tourist spot at an altitude of 2,175 meters. It offers stunning sunrise and sunset views over the chain of Himalayan peaks, including Manaslu, Ganesh, Langtang, Jugal Himal, and the eastern Everest range.

This serene town is home to the Tamang ethnic tribe, a hill people of Nepal, with traditional farm villages and neat terraced fields within pristine woodlands of rhododendron, pine, oak, and fir trees. With its cool alpine temperatures, Nagarkot is a popular escape for city folks looking to escape the hustle and bustle of city life. The town boasts nice lodges, hotels, and resorts, all with rooms facing beautiful views of snowcapped peaks.

Best Time To Explore Bhaktapur City Tour

Exploring Bhaktapur is a delightful experience all year round, but each season offers its own unique charm based on the two-day itinerary mentioned.

Spring (March to May): Spring is one of the best times to visit Bhaktapur. The weather is mild and pleasant, perfect for walking around Durbar Square and exploring ancient temples and palaces. The blooming flowers add vibrant colors to the city's historic architecture. On the second day, the clear skies provide stunning sunrise views of the Himalayan ranges from Nagarkot, making your early morning experience truly memorable.

Summer (June to August): While summer brings monsoon rains, Bhaktapur's lush greenery is at its peak, and the city looks vibrant. You can enjoy the fresh, cool air and fewer crowds if you don't mind occasional showers. However, be prepared for some rain, and consider carrying an umbrella or raincoat. The sunrise view from Nagarkot might be a bit unpredictable, but the misty landscapes can be quite mystical.

Autumn (September to November): Autumn is another excellent time to visit Bhaktapur. The weather is clear and calm, providing the best conditions for sightseeing. The city's festivals during this period add to the cultural richness of your tour. The clear post-monsoon skies offer breathtaking sunrise views from Nagarkot, showcasing the Himalayan ranges in full glory.

Winter (December to February): Winter in Bhaktapur is incredible, with chilly mornings and evenings. However, the days are usually clear and sunny, making it a pleasant time for a city tour. Exploring the ancient sites without the heat is enjoyable, and the crisp air provides clear views of the Himalayas from Nagarkot. Just be sure to dress warmly, especially for the early sunrise view.

Bhaktapur City Tour Difficulty

The Bhaktapur City Tour is easy and suitable for most people. The main activities involve walking around Durbar Square and visiting various historic sites, mainly on flat ground. You will stroll through narrow alleys and see local artisans, but no strenuous activity is involved.

The tour also includes a short visit to Pottery Square. Overall, this trek does not require any physical difficulty. However, you must be prepared for a short hike and walk. Whether you are a child or an adult, this two-day tour will be perfect for you.

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