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## **Kathmandu Full Day Tour**

**The provided itinerary is only for your reference and is subjected to change as per your requirements.**

### **Kathmandu Day Tour Highlights**

**9am : Our tour starts picking you up early from mention place/ hotel . First we will visit to Kathmandu Durbar Square .**

**Kathmandu Durbar Square:** It is an ancient artistic and grand palace built by Malla kings in the medieval period. It lies in the heart of Kathmandu and remains busy most of the time. The art, architecture, craftworks, and designs manifested in the pillars, buildings, and windows of the palace are magnificent. The palace is surrounded by many small temples which gives it an alluring look. You will be guided by English speaking guide. The palace is also known as Hanuman Dhoka. A big statue of Hanuman is placed in front of a gate in the durbar which gives the place the name of Hanuman Dhoka. This amazing palace was built in the 14th century and is a place where the kings were crowned during the monarchy. It has been keeping its name in the charts of UNESCO listed heritage sites in Kathmandu since 1997.

After 1.5-2 hours we shall drive to oldest stupa of Kathmandu valley- Swayambhunath.

**Swayambhunath stupa** – It is one of the oldest Buddhist Stupa in Kathmandu Valley. It lies on a top of a hill and is a perfect vantage point to see the whole Kathmandu valley. As the stupa has many monkeys, the stupa is also popularly known as the Monkey Temple. You can find the large statues of Buddha, monasteries and gompas and influence of Buddhism in this stupa. As per the mythology, the stupa sits on the same place where the legendary Manjushree had

encountered a lotus in the valley lake. With an hour spent, return back down for lunch . Your guide will guide you to nearest good restaurant for lunch break.

After 30-45 mins break, we shall then drive to another spot- Pashupatinath Temple..

**Pashupatinath temple** – The oldest temple of Lord Shiva that holds a high value amongst the Hindu pilgrims. You can find the buildings that are older than the life. Only Hindus are allowed to enter this temple. Rest religion are allowed to sit opposite side of river Bagmati . From there you can enjoy the surrounding area that consists of crematorium where dead bodies are burnt into ashes. The unique features Sadhus – people who have rubbed their body with ashes and have dreadlocked is a unique feature to see here. After an hour spent , you shall be drive into Bouddhanath Stupa.

**Bouddhanath stupa** – It is the largest Buddhist stupa in the world. We can see the monks busy chanting their ritual going around this temple. It is the holiest stupa outside Tibet which holds high value amongst Buddhist pilgrimage. The white dome and the glittering golden colored spire with an eye that symbolized peace is the unique feature of this stupa. The stupa lies on three layered stairs that give a look of the mandala.

After a 6-7 hours of tour, you shall then be dropped back to the same pickup point/ hotel with memories.