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Trip Summary

Package: Mt. Kailash Pilgrimage (Overland)

Total Days: 10 days

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DAY 1

Kathmandu (1300m) to Syabrubesi (1600m)

Early morning, we will drive from Kathmandu to Syabrubesi, a small town near the Tibetan border covering 141 Km. The scenic drive takes you through lush green hills, rivers, and terraced farmlands. Overnight stay at Hotel in Syabrubesi.

DAY 2

Drive to Kyirong (2800m)

After breakfast, we will drive to Rasuwagadhi covering 15 Km and once we reach Timure, we will alight from the vehicle and walk for 10-15 min to cross the bridge to reach Nepal/China border. After clearing immigration, we will meet Chinese guide and bus driver, then continue further drive to Kyirong. Overnight in Kyirong.

DAY 3

Drive to Saga (4550m)

After breakfast, we will continue our journey to Saga covering 175 Km. Enjoy scenic views of snow-capped mountains, flowing rivers, and traditional Tibetan villages along the journey. En route, pass by the serene Peku Tso Lake and the mighty Brahmaputra River, both offering breathtaking photo opportunities. We will arrive in Saga by late afternoon. Upon arrival, check in to our hotel and take some time to rest and refresh. In the evening, we may take a light acclimatization walk around the area to help your body adjust to the altitude, followed by dinner.

DAY 4

Drive to Manasarovar (4590m)

Today marks the longest driving day of the journey, filled with anticipation and awe-inspiring landscapes. As the convoy of jeeps and trucks rolls through the vast valley, the route follows meandering rivers and expansive grazing lands dotted with yaks and sheep. To the south, snow-covered peaks rise majestically, while rugged rocky hills and sand dunes create an otherworldly terrain.

Depending on the season, you may encounter nomads and mobile shopkeepers dressed in vibrant traditional attire, warmly welcoming travelers with hot tea, supplies, and bright smiles.

By late afternoon, you'll catch your first glimpse of the sacred Mount Kailash and the shimmering waters of Lake Mansarovar—one of the holiest lakes in both Hinduism and Buddhism. The distant view of Mount Kailash enhances the spiritual atmosphere, making this moment truly unforgettable. Enjoy the peaceful surroundings and spiritual energy of this sacred place. Overnight stay near Lake Mansarovar.

DAY 5

Puja and drive to Darchen (4575m)

Manasarovar is the lake of compassion, tranquility and bliss. After completing the memorable morning Bath and Puja, we will visit Chiu Monastery. Then, we will be heading towards Darchen. It is considered as a base camp for the Holy Mount Kailash trek. It is also called Kailash Kora. We will take the evening to rest and prepare for the next day's trek. Overnight in Darchen.

DAY 6

Drive to Yamadwar and trek to Diraphuk (4950m)

We begin the day with a drive to Yamadwar, the gateway to the sacred Mount Kailash. From here, we start the first day of the Kailash Kora (circumambulation), trekking toward Diraphuk. This is one of the most exciting and visually stunning days of the journey.

The trail winds along dramatic rocky cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and serene landscapes, often set beneath a clear blue sky with occasional drifting clouds. As you walk, you'll be treated to breathtaking views of the majestic north face of Mount Kailash—one of the most revered sights of the pilgrimage. The trek covers approximately 12 kilometers and typically takes around 7 hours to complete at a steady pace. Overnight stay at Diraphuk.

DAY 7

Trek to Zuthulphuk (4790m) via Dolma La Pass (5630m)

This is the most physically and mentally challenging day of the Mount Kailash Kora trek. The journey begins with a steep ascent from Diraphuk to Dolma La Pass (5,630 meters), the highest point of the entire trek, followed by a steep descent to Zuthulphuk. Dolma La holds deep spiritual significance—Buddhists associate it with the goddess Tara, while Hindus revere it as the realm of Parvati, the divine consort of Lord Shiva. At the pass, pilgrims and trekkers often hang Tibetan prayer flags as a symbol of their achievement. Upon reaching the summit, take a moment for sacred offerings or quiet meditation to connect with the spiritual energy of the place. As you descend, you'll pass by Parvati-sthal and the sacred Gauri Kund. After covering approximately 22 kilometers, you will arrive at Zuthulphuk by late afternoon. Overnight stay in Zuthulphuk.

DAY 8

Last day of Kailash Kora: Trek to Mani Wall, near Darchen and drive to Saga (4640m)

After trekking the final 8 Km from Zuthulphuk to the roadhead near Darchen, we will complete the Mount Kailash Kora. The trail is gentle and scenic, offering time for spiritual reflection. Then, we will drive back to Saga, retracing the route across the Tibetan plateau. After 7-8 hours of drive, we will reach our hotel in Saga where we rest and recover.

DAY 9

Drive back to Kyirong (2700m)

We will drive back to Kyirong, crossing through scenic Himalayan landscapes. The gradual descent brings physical relief. Upon reaching Kyirong, we can have shopping or walk around the peaceful border town. Overnight in Kyirong.

DAY 10

Drive back to Kathmandu

We will cross back into Nepal after clearing immigration and drive to Kathmandu. Arrival in Kathmandu marks the end of sacred Mount Kailash-Mansarovar Tour.