



**09 DAYS TOUR**

Fixed Departure (May to October'2023)

## 09 Days Kailash Yatra by Helicopter ex Lucknow ★★★★★

**Start Point:** Lucknow, **End Point:** Lucknow, **Duration :** 09 days, **Activity Level:** Challenging

An ardent follower of Lord Shiva with a deep desire to have glimpses and pay tribute at Mount Kailash and Kailash Mansarovar, yet, unaccomplished due to lack of time can be completed now. Kailash Mansarovar Yatra by helicopter makes your long pending desire of visiting Kailash Mansarovar simple and easy and you can complete it in much faster and in easier way. Preferably for elders as well as people who are physically weak to move on difficult terrain of Kailash Mansarovar Yatra route can cover this journey easily on Helicopter. The helicopter yatra covers distance till Nepalgunj on land then to Hilsa by Helicopter and then by a drive to Mansarovar getting views of natural scenes till journey of Kailash Mansarovar.

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## Trip Schedule

08 nights / 09 days from Lucknow to Lucknow by helicopter + flight + road + trek



### **DAY 01** : LUCKNOW to NEPALGUNJ DRIVE

Meet with our representative at Lucknow (123m) at the designated point of gathering. On reaching, check in your luggage in the bus and take your seats in the bus for a 4-5 hours drive to Nepalgunj (152m). Light snacks and water will be served in the Bus. Stop enroute for tea/coffee and then continue further to Nepalgunj. Upon arrival, check into the hotel. In the evening, our staff will organize a yatra briefing session for all the group members. Dinner and stay at Nepalgunj.

*Meals included* : Veg Dinner at hotel

*Max. Elevation* : 152 m

*Distance covered* : 190 kms

*Accommodation Style* : 3/4\* hotel on sharing basis

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### **DAY 02** : NEPALGUNJ to SIMIKOT FLIGHT

The flight between Nepalgunj to Simikot is very complicated part of this trip as the operation of those small aircrafts completely depends on the weather conditions. The weather keeps changing very frequently on this route and it causes short or long delay in flight to and from Simikot. We shall reach Nepalgunj airport early in the morning as directed by the guide to ensure that we can board the earliest possible flight to Simikot. On reaching Simikot our representative will meet you at the airport and will take care of your checked in luggage. Rest of the time will be free at Simikot to adjust with the weather conditions. Stay in a guesthouse in dormitory style. If weather permits, we may take further helicopter trip to Hilsa today itself.



**Important Remark:** Based on our past experience with weather problems, we have added a night stay at Simikot prior to entering Tibet region. If weather and situation permits, the local representative may organize connected helicopter trip to Hilsa from Simikot and if possible same day travel to Taklakot also.

*Meals included :* Veg Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

*Max. Elevation :* 2910 m

*Distance covered :* 297 kms 45 minutes by flight

*Accommodation Style :* Guesthouse on sharing basis



### **DAY 03 :** FLY SIMIKOT to HILSA BY HELICOPTER. DRIVE to TAKLAKOT

Depending on the departure time of our helicopters to Hilsa, the group will be brought to Simikot airport. From Simikot a 25 minutes flight in helicopter will take the group members to Hilsa in a bunch of 05 travelers at one time maximum. From Hilsa walk through the swinging bridge to cross the river and reach immigration counter at Nepal side. After this cross Nepal-China border by walk and in China side you will have bus waiting for you. The bus will take you to China immigration building which is just 5 minute drive away from the border. After completing the immigration check formalities take a short 22 kms drive to Taklakot. Before reaching your hotel we have to stop again at China customs building for checking. Proceed to your hotel and take rest in your room. Dinner and night stay will be at the hotel in Taklakot.

*Meals included :* Veg Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

*Max Elevation :* 4025 m

*Distance Covered :* 25 mins by helicopter Nepal side + 22 kms drive China side

*Accommodation style :* 4\* equivalent hotel at Taklakot (or lodge stay if at Hilsa)



**Important Remark:** *Hilsa is a deserted border village of Nepal with extreme inhospitable climatic conditions. It is compulsory for the group members to cross Nepal-China border together as all will be travelling under a group permit & visa. In the event of delay in crossing the border due to any reason one must spend time relaxing, doing yoga meditation or in other personal activities. The delay in crossing the border, if takes place, might cause health issues as the dusty air, scorching heat or cold winds here are tough to bear. Stay at Hilsa is not planned but if occur for longer than a day, we might face shortage of eatables and other living facilities. Please carry your water bottles, light eatables, dry fruits, energy bars etc with you and remain patient. Cooperate with the crew members as they try their best to offer you best possible comfort in such inhospitable place.*



## **DAY 04 : TAKLAKOT – DAY FREE to ACCLIMATIZE**

This day will be free at Taklakot to acclimatize. Do nothing beside rest at Taklakot and stay at your hotel. You may also enjoy walking in the nearby markets in Taklakot. There are number of local shops, restaurants and stores at Taklakot and you may buy small items related to your travel such as gloves, stick, empty water bottle, trekking shoes etc.

*Meals included :* Veg Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

*Max Elevation :* 4025 m

*Distance covered :* 0 kms

*Accommodation style :* 4\* equivalent hotel at Taklakot (or lodge stay if at Hilsa)



## **DAY 05 : TAKLAKOT to LAKE MANASAROVAR DRIVE**

This is the day we all are waiting for as today we leave from Taklakot to reach Mansarovar Lake. Today we will not only have the opportunity to stay near the lake but we will also get the first glimpse of holy Mount Kailash also.



Start your drive from Taklakot after breakfast. On the way we will make a stop near Lake Rakshas Taal (Lake of Demons) which is also known as Ravana's Taal. From here you will get a beautiful sight of Mount Kailash standing tall among many other peaks covered with snow. At Rakshas Taal spend some memorable time and enjoy photography with your friends and family. Proceed to Chiu Gompa to check into your guest house near Lake Mansarovar. Later visit the lake to take holy bath and do puja hawan as per your own customs. Later join the group for parikrama of the holy lake by bus. This 90 kms parikrama of Lake Mansarovar takes about three hours and if possible the driver will make a stop the bus in between the kora from where you will get view of the lake and mount Kailash from a different angle. Come back to your guesthouse after parikrama and take rest.

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**Important Remark:** *Kindly take a note that here the only source for water is the holy lake Mansarovar. This is one of the highest fresh water lakes in the world and its water is considered to be good for the purification of body and soul. This natural water is used in cooking, bathing, washing clothes etc and boiled / hot water of the lake is served for drinking in the event when we have shortage of packaged water . If you are not comfortable with this you should use water purifying tablets.*

**Mansarovar visit at night :** *Mansarovar Lake is just few minute walk away from guesthouse. You may go to the lake in the night to explore its beauty under the moon. There are many myths and stories associated with the night view of the holy lake which the travelers may experience by themselves. Though it is safe to go out late in the night but it is advisable to remain in a group and take one of your guides/sherpas with you for assistance.*

*Meals included : Veg Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

*Max Elevation : 4590 m*

*Distance covered : 70 kms to Chiu Gompa + 90 kms parikrama of Mansarovar by bus*

*Accommodation style : Guesthouse on sharing basis*



## **DAY 06 : 1st DAY KORA/PARIKRAMA OF MT. KAILASH, 12 KMS TREK to DIRAPUK**

In the morning early if someone wants to go to Lake Mansarovar for holy bath and puja, please do so quickly and with prior discussion with your guide. Today we are going to start our trekking of Mount Kailash from Darchen and we have a long day ahead. After breakfast take a 35 kms drive to reach Darchen which is a fairly big settlement near the base of Mount Kailash with lot many hotels, guest houses, shops, markets etc. From Darchen the parikrama of Mount Kailash starts as we continue 06 kms drive by bus to Tarboche flagpole. At Tarboche you can find horse/pony and porter to hire for trekking but sometimes due to rush of pilgrims you might face shortage or non-availability of horse/pony and porters.

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**Note:** *Those who wish to change their schedule and do not want to go for trekking will stay at Darchen and pay directly for their accommodation, food and other additional expenses. However if health permits they should visit Yam Dwar and have close darshan of Mt. Kailash.*

From here you can have beautiful sight of the South Face of Mount Kailash and also see Yam Dwar just few minute walk away from. Yam Dwar (Gate to Moksha) is considered to be the start point of the trek from here Dirapuk, which is the ultimate destination for today, is 12 kms away. It takes 4-6 hours to pilgrims to cover this distance by walk. The trek today is flat almost with some slight ups and downs. Lack of oxygen in air makes you restless and the trek becomes little difficult. Walk slow, drink water or juice and keep moving towards your destination. We will make a stop in between at a tea stall where you can buy some more water and juices etc. if you need.

After completing our trek, we will reach to a huge valley dotted with some small buildings and chortens. On the right side of our trek we will see a huge black colour diamond shaped mountain standing tall dominating other mountains



around. This is the North face of holy Mount Kailash. Take pictures, do some meditation, have your food and quickly go to your bed as the night may be very cold here.

**Optional visit :** Charan Sparsh (5475 m is 3 kms trek from Dirapuk. One can consult with tour guide to take this short trek to touch feet of Mt. Kailash. This is not a part of the package and depends on guide's decision. (Distance 3 kms / 01 hour / tough trek)

*Meals included :* Veg Breakfast, Packed Lunch/snacks, Light Dinner

*Max Elevation :* 5210 m

*Distance covered :* 35 kms drive + 12 kms trekking

*Accommodation style :* Guesthouse sharing basis

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## **DAY 07 : 2nd DAY PARIKRAMA, 22 KMS TREK to ZUTHULPUKH via GAURI KUND**

Get up early today and come outside your guesthouse if you don't want to miss the magical moment when Mount Kailash changes its colour in the morning and you get the darshan of '**Golden Kailash**'. Be attentive and focused and if lucky you will witness many other magical activities near the mount.

**Important Remark :** Those who do not wish to continue trek further to Zuthulpuk from Dhirapuk will trek down to Darchen. At Darchen their extra expense for accommodation, food etc is to be taken care by the travelers. Our guide may assist them in organizing their stay at a hotel in Darchen, subject to availability. Those who did not go for parikrama the first day will also wait for the completion of Kailash parikrama at Darchen.



After this memorable time, continue your 22 kms long challenging trek to Zuthulpuk. About one hour after the trek from Dirapuk starts you will reach **Dolma La pass** which is the highest and toughest part of the trek. Near Dolma La you will also see '**Shiva Tsal**' (also spelled as Shiva Sthal sometimes). Pilgrim leave their clothes, ornaments, a drop of blood or a lock of hair to represent the act of leaving this life behind and wishing for the end of a miserable life. After completing the trek steep up to Dolma La and then steep down you will sight Gauri Kund (also referred as **Parvati Kund**) on the right side of your trek. Have holy darshan and continue your trek to Zuthulpuk for night stay.

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**Important Note** : About 3-4 kms trek (ascend and descend) near Dolma La pass is steep and rocky and it is the toughest part of this trek. Also it is not advisable for pilgrims to go down to touch the water of Gauri Kund as it may be risky. While starting the trek to Zuthulpuk, don't forget to fill up your flask with hot water made ready by our kitchen team in the morning.

The trek after Dolma is mostly flat but you must not exhaust yourself and consider to walk slowly and remain in the group.

*Meals included* : Veg Breakfast, Packed Lunch/snacks, Light Dinner

*Max Elevation* : 5630 m

*Distance covered* : 22 kms trekking

*Accommodation style* : Basic guesthouse with multi sharing room

**Important Note** : Hot drinkable water and packed snacks for lunch will be made available in the morning by our crew. Please remember to carry.



## **DAY 08** : 3rd DAY TREK to DARCHEN, DRIVE TO TAKLAKOT

Breakfast will be served near the guesthouse/camp and one can enjoy the morning time in exploring the caves, visiting the temples and shrine built





around. Here you will see a married old couple supervising the temple. The temple is a residence for over half a dozen Tibetan devotees, helpers or relatives who keep themselves busy with the maintenance of the buildings.

The cave also contains meditation platforms. Climbing up to these caves before ending the final trek of the holy Kailash Mansarovar Yatra is worth. After a 06 kms / 2-3 hours walk we reach to the final destination of our Mansarovar Yatra trek near Chongdo where our vehicles are waiting to pick us. A 6 kms drive will bring us to Darchen where other group members are waiting to welcome us. After some refreshment continue drive back to Taklakot. Stay in the hotel.

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*Meals included* : Veg Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

*Max Elevation* : 4575 m

*Distance covered* : 110 kms , 02 hours drive



## **DAY 09** : TAKLAKOT to NEPALGUNJ via SIMIKOT AND DRIVE to LUCKNOW

After early breakfast 45 kms drive towards China-Nepal border. After immigration formalities cross the border by walk and reach Hilsa, Nepal side. Take 25 minutes helicopter flight to Simikot and then connecting flight to Nepalgunj. On reaching Nepalgunj drive to Lucknow for your onward connection.

*Meals included* : Veg Breakfast

*Max Elevation* : 3640 m (Hilsa), 2910 m (Simikot), 152 m (Nepalgunj)

*Distance covered* : 1.30 hours drive + 25min helicopter + 45min flight + 190m drive



## Tentative Trip Price

*(per person for 08 nights (02 nights stay Nepal side + 06 nights stay China side))*

Nationality ▼	Trip cost ▼	Other charges ▼
<b>Indian passport holders</b>	INR 185,000/- per person	<b>China visa</b> – INCLUDED <b>Tibet Permits</b> – INCLUDED <b>Nepal Visa</b> – Not required <b>Insurance</b> – Not Included
<b>Non-Resident Indians &amp; Foreigners</b>	<i>* this route is for Indian passport holders only</i>	<i>* this route is for Indian passport holders only</i>
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**Important remark:** The above trip prices are subject to change in the event of increase in cost of any tour services or item mentioned in our list of inclusions here. Such increase in the cost by the concerned authorities, flight companies, local vendors, transport owners, hotels etc. may occur for post pandemic travel due to several reasons including, but not limited to, currency rate fluctuation, hike in govt taxes, hike in diesel/petrol charges, escalation in prices of goods and services in the country of travel etc. These situations are beyond our control and if any increase in cost takes place after bookings, before travel or even during the travel; we shall inform the same to affected trip participants. All those additional charges will be payable by the travellers only, in addition to the agreed amount for the trip.

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## List of Cost Inclusions

- Lucknow to Nepalgunj and back transfer by air conditioned bus
- 01 night stay in a 4 star equivalent hotel in Nepalgunj on sharing basis.
- 01 lunch, 01 dinner and 01 breakfast in Nepalgunj,
- Nepalgunj to Simikot return air tickets in scheduled flights,
- 01 night stay at Simikot or Hilsa in a guesthouse/ best available hotel with all meals,
- 01 Breakfast, 01 Lunch, 01 Dinner at Simikot/Hilsa,
- Simikot to Hilsa return helicopter flights on sharing basis,
- 02 + 01 nights stay in a hotel at Taklakot with all meals,
- 01 night stay in dormitory near Lake Manasarovar on sharing basis with meals,
- 01 night stay at Dirapuk with all meals (Light food and snacks),
- 01 night at Zuthulpukh with all meals (Light food and snacks),
- Transportation in Tibet side Deluxe non air-conditioned bus,
- Basic first aid kit with tour guide,
- Oxygen cylinders and Oxygen pillow in Tibet side for emergency requirement,
- English speaking Tibetan tour guide in Tibet side,
- English / Hindi speaking Nepalese tour leader
- Nepalese chef with helper and sherpa crew,
- Support van/truck to carry kitchen equipments and other material
- Necessary group permits for travelling to restricted areas in Tibet and Nepal,
- Normal Tibet single entry group visa fee to visit Kailash Manasarovar.
- Humla restricted area permit fee,
- Yak to carry kitchen and trekking equipment during parikrama,
- 01 duffle back, 01 backpack bag and 01 wind cheater on complimentary basis,
- Down Jacket on returnable basis (subject to availability)
- Nepal-China border tax,
- All Nepalese and Tibetan Govt taxes

*Remark : All above services and facilities are subject to availability. We do not warrant for the accuracy and completeness of the same in adverse situations.*



## Important Cost Exclusions

Any travel expense from home to Kathmandu and back, Travel and medical insurance (kindly ensure that your ensure policy includes emergency evacuation expense), Nepal visa fee for Non-Indian passport holders, emergency evacuation service charges, emergency medical expenses, Ashtpad visit charges, extra expense for additional hotel stay and food in the event of delay in trip due to any reason, extra expense for food and hotel stay in the event of change in tour plan by the traveller before or during the trip, mule and porter charges, any expenses of personal nature, urgent visa fee if required, India GST (Goods and Service Tax), visa splitting charges and all additional expense for returning early from the trip due to any reason, hike in trip price due to any sudden change in entry permit fee/visa fee/currency exchange rate etc, any other additional expense incurred due to Weather conditions, Natural disaster, Act of God, Technical failure, Delay or cancelation of flights, delay by authorities in visa or permit, strikes, riots, pandemic situation, war, lockdown or any other (and all) additional expense incurred due to any other unforeseen reasons/circumstances.

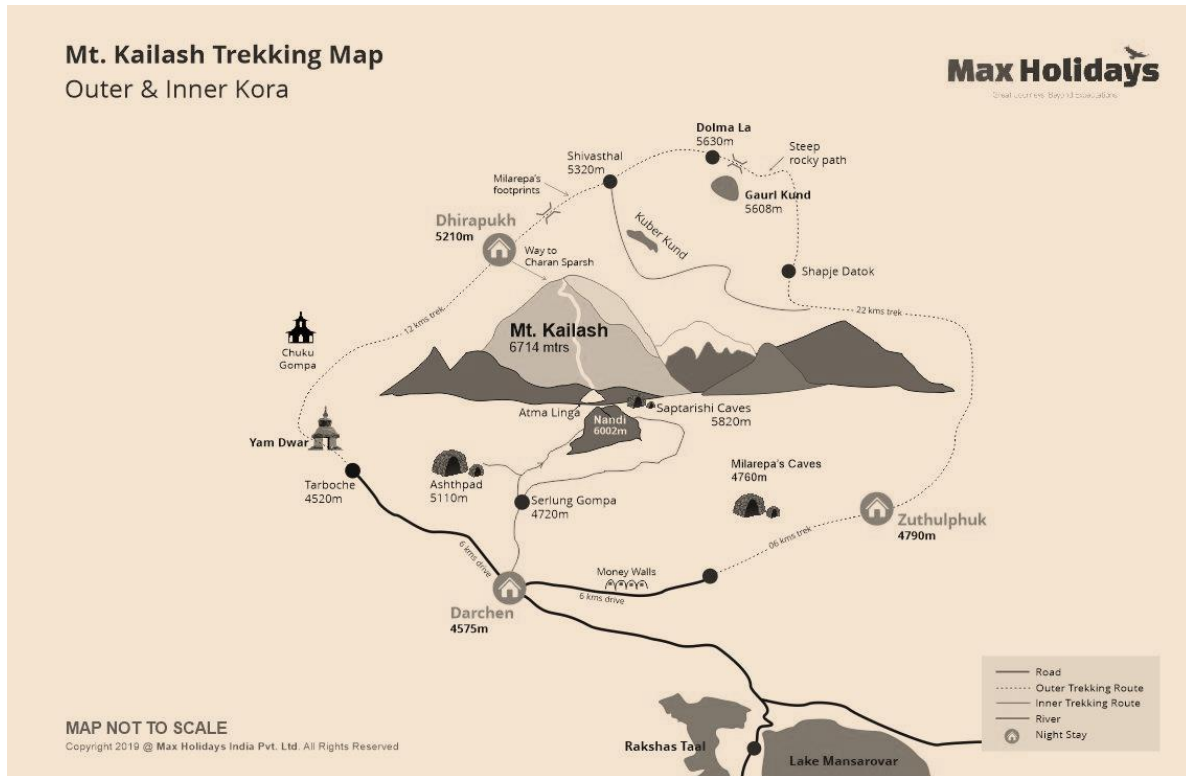
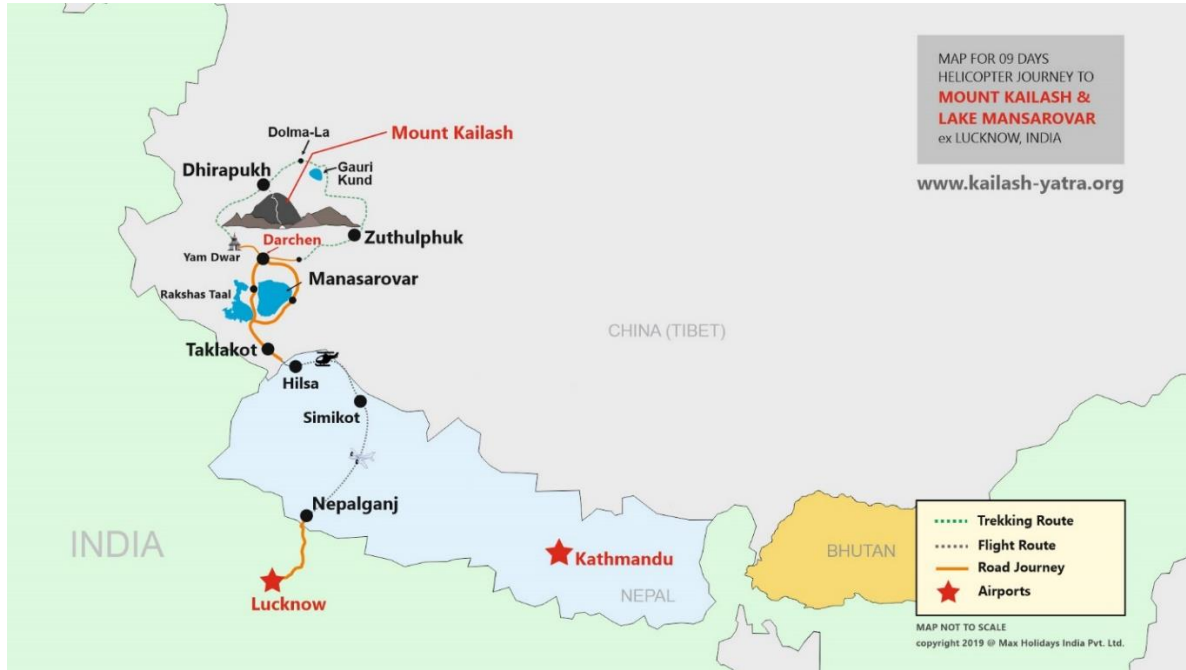
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## How to Book your trip

To enroll in our **Kailash Mansarovar Heli trip from Lucknow for 2023**, each traveler need to submit **(1)** Scanned copies of a valid passport (*The passport should be valid for atleast 06 months from the date of start of the journeys*) **(2)** Yatra Booking Application Form 2023 with 'Annexure I' for duly filled and signed by each traveller separately, **(3)** Two latest coloured passport size photograph for Chinese visa and Permit Applications, **(4)** Yatra registration fee **INR 25000/- per head**. All payments must be made in the favour of M/S **Max Holidays India Pvt. Ltd.** payable at New Delhi, India only. We accept payments through Online Bank Transfer (NEFT/RTGS/SWIFT), Online Credit/Debit Card Payment Gateway, Bank Cheques and Demand Drafts. To know our bank account information kindly contact our accounts department at [accounts@maxholidays.com](mailto:accounts@maxholidays.com) or call us at 0091 8800750030.

**Attention:** Kailash Yatra booking involves financial risk in the event of cancellation or non-operation of the trip. Before processing your bookings, please [CLICK HERE](#) to read.

**Kailash Yatra Map - by Heli Route ex Simikot from Lucknow, India**



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