

Simikot – Kailash Mansarovar Tour

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This route leads through a magnificent mountain area, past villages of the Thakuri, along rivers and across the Nara Lagna Pass. From the 4580m high pass you can see the vast Tibetan plateau. You will hike to the Nepali/Tibetan border till the village of Sherpa on the Tibetan side, where a vehicle will pick you up and drive to Taklakot.

Geographically you are directly south of Kailash, which Hindus and Buddhists view as the “center of the world”. On your way to the holy mountain you will wander along the western shore of Lake Mansarovar and camp. “There are countless beautiful landscapes in the Himalayas, in the Trans-Himalaya and in their areas of high Asia, Yet the view from Gosul Gompa cross the lake and the surrounding mountains surpasses everything I have seen”, wrote Sven heading in “Trans Himalaya” (1909).

The mighty rock dome of Kailash comes closer. Together with pilgrims from far and wide you follow the trail (Parikrama) across the Dolma La (5600m), which is adorned with countless prayer flags. It takes three days to circumambulate the snow-covered cupola of the 6714m tall mountain. In Tibetan tradition you will conclude this pilgrimage in Tirthapuri – which is one of the most important pilgrim destinations along with Kailash and Lake Manasarovar.

Almost surreal appears the canyon-like valley of the Sutlej. Imbedded lie the ruins of Tsaparang, the capital of the former kingdom of Guge. After visiting the 900 year-old site our drive through the canyon of the Sutlej starts long the north route to Lhasa. The light and shadows of the summer clouds make for a magical atmosphere, dip the barren vastness in tinges of pastel green, yellow deep blue and violet. En route, we visit two of the most sacred temples of Tibet: Tashilhunpo in Shigatse and Kumbum in Gyantse. In Lhasa, the spiritual and secular center Tibet’s, visited by many pilgrims from allover the country, we will have two days at our disposal.

Itinerary

Day 01: Arrive in kathmandu and transfer to hotel.

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Day 02: Sightseeing in Kathmandu Valley .

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Day 03: Fly to Nepalgunj .One night hotel.

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Day 04: Fly to Simikot (2856m) trek to Darapari (2400m).

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Day 05: Trek to Danda Kermi (2550m).

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Day 06: Trek to Yalbang Gompa (2900m).

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Day 07: Trek to Tumkot Khola (2800m).

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Day 08: Trek to Thado Dunga (3800m).

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Day 09: Trek over Nara La Pass (4325 m) camp at Hilsa (3500m).

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Day 10: Trek half an hour to Sher drive to Manasarovar Lake. (4440m).

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Day 11: Morning at Lake afternoon drive to Darchen (4500m).

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Day 12: Trek to Dira Phuk gomba (4800m).

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Day 13: Trek over Dolma La pass [5630m] camp at Khando Shang Lham (4900m).

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Day 14: Trek to Darchen (4500m).

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Day 15: Drive to Tirthapuri (4250m)

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Day 16: Drive to Tholing (3800m).

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Day 17: Drive to Ruins of Guge Kingdom & lost city of Tsaparang back to Tholing.

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Day 18: Drive to Misar Chhu (4350m).

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Day 19: Drive to Manasarovar Lake (4440m).

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Day 21: Drive to Paryang (4400m).

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Day 22: Drive to Saga (4300m).

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Day 23: Drive to Kerung (3600m).

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Day 24: Drive to Kathmandu (1300m).

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