

Kailash Manasarovar Yatra by helicopter From Nepalgunj to Nepalgunj in 2018 (9 days)

Detail Itinerary

01: Arrival in Nepalgunj

Upon arrival at hotel in Nepalgunj, you will be met by our staff.

Evening 7 PM: detail briefing on the Yatra for about 1 hour. Stay at hotel. Dinner.

02: Nepalgunj to Simikot flight

Early morning have breakfast or carry pack breakfast and leave hotel at about 5-5.30 AM for your flight to Simikot. The flights from Nepalgunj to Simikot operate only in the morning by fixed wing airplane. From 10 a.m. onward, the weather en-route may not be favorable due to heavy wind and cloud. At the airport in Simikot, our staff will receive you and escort to the hotel. Today, you will either visit Shiva temple or relax for getting acclimatized. Stay at hotel/guesthouse. **Breakfast. Lunch and Dinner**

Nepalgunj - Simikot flight: 50 minutes to 1 hour depending on the weather condition.

03: Simikot to Hilsa by Helicopter - then drive to Taklakot (3400m)

If the weather is clear, we leave hotel/guesthouse at 5 AM to fly to Hilsa by chartered helicopter at around 6 AM. This scenic flight takes about 20 minutes to reach Hilsa. Since our helicopter can carry only 5 to 6 (maximum) passengers at a time, we have to make some extra shuttle flights depending on your group size to bring all passengers to Hilsa.

As per the rule of the Chinese government, the entry and exit of the group should be together. It is not possible to cross the border for those who have flown to Hilsa by the earlier flights. They should wait till the whole group gathers at Hilsa, then cross Nepal – China border together. From heli pad, you walk for about 10 minutes.

Chinese guide and vehicles will be waiting across the border with bus to drive to Purang also called Taklakot. After crossing the border, immigration formalities are done on Chinese side. Rest of the time at Purang is for acclimatization. Stay at Hotel. **Breakfast. Lunch and Dinner**

Simikot - Hilsa: 20 minutes by Helicopter

Hilsa to Chinese immigration: 10 minutes walk (flat road)

Driving time 1 – 2 hrs to Purang (depending on the time consumed at immigration). 35 km.

04: Purang to Lake Manasarovar (Chiu Gompa 4550m)

After breakfast, drive to Manasarovar. A brief halt will be taken on the way on the shore of Lake Rakhash Tal from where you get first Darshan of Mt. Kailash. You will then continue drive to Lake Manasarovar (4573m) and take parikram of the Lake by coach. Take a dip in the Lake. Stay at hotel. **Breakfast. Lunch and Dinner**

Purang to Manasarovar 90 km 2 hours

The entire parikrama is about 105 kms and will take – 3 - 4 hours

05: AM – Free for taking dip in the Lake, pooja, homa and rituals before driving to Darchen in the afternoon after

lunch. Stay at hotel. **Breakfast. Lunch and Dinner**

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Chiu Gompa to Darchen 36 Km 1 hr.

06: Darchen - Yam Dwar then trek to Deraphuk (4920 m.)

Early morning drive to Tarboche (4606 mt) and visit Yam Dwar. Those willing to do parikrama of Kailash will start walking from here and those not doing parikrama will return to Darchen to wait for rest of the people who are doing parikrama. Yaks will be used to carry foods and necessary equipment. The distance from Yam Dwar to Diraphuk (4920 m) is about 9 km and it requires approximately 6 hours on foot. The trail is flat and reasonably easy. Stay at guesthouse. **Breakfast. Lunch and Dinner**

Darchen to Yam Dwar 8 km: 30 minutes.

Walking Yam Dwar to Deraphuk: 12 Km (6 - 8 hours trek)

07: Diraphuk - Dolma-La Pass (5600m) – Gaurikund - Zutulphuk (4780m)

Today is the toughest and longest day of this journey. You must wake up and start your journey for the next destination at around 4-5 AM with light food. Right from the beginning till the Dolma pass (5600 m.), you have to go up hill (at least 4 hours). However, in between, there are flat portion of the trail.

After reaching Dolma pass, the trail descends to other side of mountain via Gauri Kunda (also called Parvati

Kunda). It is believed that the consort of Lord Shiva, Parvati, takes bath here. The trail further down from here

is rocky. So, you need to be very careful while descending. After reaching down to the valley base (other side), the

trail becomes wider and flatter. You will walk for another 6 hour or so to reach Zutulphuk (4790m). Stay at guesthouse. **Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner**

Deraphuk to Zutulphuk: 22 km (10 - 12 hrs trek)

Dolma-La Pass: 5600 m.

Zutul Phuk: 4790 m.

08: Finish parikrama on foot and drive to Hilsa.

The trek approximately takes about 3 hours to reach the pick point and the trail is quite easy and flat. From the pick-up point, drive to Hilsa. Stay at Guesthouse. **Breakfast. Lunch and Dinner**

Zutulphuk to Darchen: 10 km / 3 hrs trek

Pick-up point to Hilsa 160 Km: 5 hours drive

09: Hilsa – Simikot - Nepalgunj

Fly from Hilsa to Simikot by chartered helicopter shuttle flights to bring the entire group back to Simikot. From Simikot, fly back to Nepalgunj by fixed wing airplane. Transfer to hotel for lunch and refreshment. Drive to Lucknow by AC coach. **Breakfast and Lunch**

Hilsa - Simikot: 20 minutes by Helicopter

Simikot to Nepalgunj: 50 minutes to 1 hour depending on the weather condition.

Nepalgunj to Lucknow: 200 Km, 4- 5 hours drive.

Note: Above itinerary is subject to change under unfavourable weather condition and unavoidable circumstances. Any cost as a result of such conditions, has to be paid extra by the participants. We strongly suggest to keep your departure from Nepalgunj at least 2 -3 days later than the schedule given above

to avoid the hassle and cost to reschedule your flight home in the event of delay of your arrival in Nepalgunj from Simikot.