OM NAMAH SHIVAYA · HOLY KAILASH DIVINE YATRA

Kailash Yatra by Helicopter: Kathmandu to Lucknow 2027

9 nights / 10 days | Kathmandu → Lucknow



Start with Kathmandu darshan, join the helicopter-linked Hilsa route and complete the sacred lake and Kailash journey. After returning through Nepalgunj, finish by road in Lucknow instead of taking the return flight to Kathmandu.

Indian nationals · per person

INR 1,68,000 + USD 1,520

Both the INR component and the USD Tibet component are payable. These are not alternative currency quotations.

Foreign / NRI clients · USD per person

Minimum group	5 travellers	10 travellers	15 travellers	20 travellers
USD / person	USD 3,850	USD 3,650	USD 3,500	USD 3,300

The applicable minimum tier is confirmed against your final group size. Fewer than five travellers: request a quote. NRI residence and passport nationality are different considerations.

2027 booking enquiries: ask about starting with INR 5,000 per person under an agreed instalment arrangement. This is not the full package price or a guaranteed monthly EMI. Eligibility, balance dates, charges and refund terms must be accepted before payment.

Your Yatra at a glance

This one-way version shares the Kathmandu reporting dates and outward helicopter-linked route with the ten-night option, but ends with a road transfer from Nepalgunj to Lucknow. It does not return to Kathmandu. The luggage-storage location and any Indian entry or re-entry requirements must therefore be checked at booking, especially for foreign passport holders. The advertised duration is nine nights, not ten.

- Kathmandu arrival with pilgrimage sightseeing
- Same Kathmandu reporting calendar as the 10-night helicopter Yatra
- Simikot–Hilsa helicopter links and Tibet ground journey
- Return via Nepalgunj; final road transfer to Lucknow

Arrival dates & group departures

Month in 2027	Arrival / reporting dates
May	14, 20
June	12, 20
July	12, 20
August	11, 20
September	11, 22

Reporting dates, the actual lake-stay date and religious observance dates are different. Festival-day attendance is not guaranteed. Border access, visas, permits, weather and operating confirmations govern every departure.

A glimpse of the sacred landscape



The sacred north face of Mount Kailash



Prayer flags on the Kailash journey



A landscape for reflection

Day-wise route · Hilsa

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Hilsa · 9 nights / 10 days

01 Kathmandu arrival	02 Kathmandu darshan – Nepalgunj
03 Nepalgunj – Simikot – Hilsa – Taklakot	04 Taklakot rest and acclimatization
05 Taklakot – Lake Manasarovar	06 Manasarovar – Darchen
07 Parikrama Day 1 · Yamdwar to Dirapuk	08 Parikrama Day 2 · Dirapuk to Zuthulpuk via Dolma La
09 Complete parikrama – return toward Hilsa / Simikot	10 Simikot – Nepalgunj – Lucknow

Schematic only. Actual route, permits, weather, border access and required rest govern travel.

Schematic day-by-day sequence, not a geographical or navigational map. Keep the final operating plan and the group's confirmed arrangements.

Detailed itinerary · Hilsa

DAY 01 | Kathmandu arrival

Receive a warm welcome from Shivalaya Holidays at the agreed Kathmandu arrival point and transfer to your hotel. Use the remaining time to settle in and organise your personal preparations. The evening Yatra orientation introduces the tour leader, the group journey, documents, sharing arrangements and the practical realities of remote travel. Bring your questions about luggage, meals and the final meeting schedule to this briefing.

Journey: Airport reception and hotel transfer
Meals: Dinner
Overnight: Kathmandu

Plan ahead: Extra nights needed for visa processing before the fixed reporting day are separate from the advertised Yatra duration.

DAY 02 | Kathmandu darshan – Nepalgunj

Begin with the scheduled Kathmandu pilgrimage visits to Pashupatinath, Guhyeshwari and Budhanilkantha, allowing time for respectful darshan where entry is permitted. Personal Rudra Abhishek or other priest-led services are optional and separately arranged. After the visits and lunch, transfer for the scheduled Kathmandu–Nepalgunj flight. Meet the onward group and review the small-aircraft baggage arrangements.

Journey: Temple sightseeing and domestic flight
Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner under the confirmed meal plan
Overnight: Nepalgunj

Plan ahead: For this one-way Yatra, arrange the storage and return collection of extra luggage in Nepalgunj; do not leave it in Kathmandu.

DAY 03 | Nepalgunj – Simikot – Hilsa – Taklakot

The planned mountain journey begins with the Nepalgunj–Simikot fixed-wing flight, followed by the Simikot–Hilsa helicopter shuttle. After the full group assembles and the authorised immigration formalities are completed, meet the local Tibet guide and continue by road toward Taklakot. The helicopter is a border-sector connection, not a flight to Mount Kailash. Aircraft schedules and the actual overnight halt may change with weather or operating clearance.

Journey: Fixed-wing flight, helicopter shuttle and authorised road transfer
Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner; timing and serving locations follow the actual connections
Overnight: Taklakot / approved operational halt

Plan ahead: Plan around the quoted 10–12 kg main duffel allowance, subject to the actual aviation booking. The applicable airline/helicopter baggage limit is confirmed for the booked sectors.

DAY 04 | Taklakot rest and acclimatization

A planned rest and acclimatization day in Taklakot (Purang) forms part of the itinerary. Remain with the group arrangements, join the next-stage briefing and use the time for quiet reflection and preparation. Meals and the overnight stay follow the confirmed hotel or guesthouse assignment. The decision to continue depends on the approved operating plan and an appropriate assessment of each traveller, not simply the calendar.

Journey: Rest day; no scheduled long-distance transfer
Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner
Overnight: Taklakot

Plan ahead: This necessary rest is not automatically removed to recover a transport delay. An altered schedule may require extra nights.

DAY 05 | Taklakot – Lake Manasarovar

Travel by the authorised road plan toward the sacred waters of Lake Manasarovar. As access and conditions permit, pause for darshan, quiet prayer and the agreed coach circuit. The overnight arrangement is a basic shared guesthouse or dormitory rather than a city hotel. Personal rituals, priest services and any use of lake water must follow current local directions; direct bathing or Hawan must never be assumed to be permitted.

Journey: Authorised Tibet road transport and permitted coach circuit
Meals: Breakfast, lunch or packed lunch, and dinner
Overnight: Lake Mansarovar area

Plan ahead: Remote facilities can be limited and shared. Ritual arrangements and room assignments are confirmed with the operations team, not guaranteed by the photographs.

DAY 06 | Manasarovar – Darchen

Allow time for morning prayer and reflection beside Lake Manasarovar where the local authorities permit access. Continue to Darchen and settle into the assigned accommodation. The evening briefing confirms the next stage, room sharing, the non-trekking option and any requests for pony or porter arrangements. Permission for a ritual or an optional excursion is separate from the main transport booking and cannot be guaranteed.

Journey: Authorised road transfer
Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner
Overnight: Darchen

Plan ahead: Decide on the non-trekking option before the Parikrama starts. A later return after starting the trek may involve separate rescue, transfer and accommodation costs.

DAY 07 | Parikrama Day 1 · Yamdwar to Dirapuk

Continue to Yamdwar for the permitted darshan and the start of the guided Parikrama stage to Dirapuk. Those who have chosen the non-trekking arrangement return to the confirmed Darchen accommodation. The trekking group travels with the appointed guide and support arrangements, with basic shared accommodation at Dirapuk and a simpler vegetarian meal service. This is a pilgrimage in a remote setting rather than a personalised luxury-service trip.

Journey: Road transfer and guided ground pilgrimage
Meals: Breakfast, packed lunch and dinner
Overnight: Dirapuk / Darchen

Plan ahead: Confirm participation, non-trekking accommodation and any pony/porter request in advance. Availability is not guaranteed; stay within the guide's agreed arrangements.

DAY 08 | Parikrama Day 2 · Dirapuk to Zuthulpuk via Dolma La

The approved itinerary continues from Dirapuk toward Zuthulpuk via the Dolma La sector. This is the most demanding day of the scheduled pilgrimage and proceeds only when individual fitness, the guide's assessment and local conditions allow. The group uses basic shared facilities for the overnight stay. Guests on the non-trekking option continue with their agreed Darchen arrangement rather than joining this stage.

Journey: Guided ground pilgrimage, subject to permission and individual clearance
Meals: Breakfast, packed lunch and dinner
Overnight: Zuthulpuk / Darchen

Plan ahead: Pony hire does not remove every walking section or guarantee that the route is suitable for an individual. Personal assessment and the guide's safety decisions take priority.

DAY 09 | Complete parikrama – return toward Hilsa / Simikot

Complete the scheduled final Parikrama stage and meet the vehicles at the arranged collection point. Rejoin the non-trekking group before the return transfer. The departure waits for the group, duffel bags and kitchen equipment to be collected and loaded, so meal and road timings can vary. Return toward Taklakot and Hilsa; the onward Simikot helicopter shuttle is attempted only when the group, border formalities and flight conditions allow.

Journey: Guided ground stage and return road transfer; helicopter when cleared
Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner; serving times may change
Overnight: Hilsa / Simikot / assigned halt

Plan ahead: The stated overnight stop is a plan, not a guaranteed same-day border or flight connection. Extra costs follow the written disruption terms.

DAY 10 | Simikot – Nepalgunj – Lucknow

When the mountain connections operate, return through Simikot to Nepalgunj. Collect stored luggage at the agreed base point, regroup and continue by road to the confirmed Lucknow drop-off. This itinerary ends in Lucknow and does not include a return flight to Kathmandu. Weather or border delays can affect the handover time; fixed onward tickets should not depend on an unconfirmed same-day connection.

Journey: Mountain flight and Nepalgunj–Lucknow road transfer
Meals: Breakfast; any additional meals follow the final written schedule
Overnight: Yatra ends in Lucknow

Plan ahead: Foreign passport holders require a route-specific check of Indian entry or re-entry permission before the booking is accepted.

What is included?

• Accommodation for the stated number of nights on the confirmed sharing basis. Remote lake and Parikrama stops use basic shared guesthouses or dormitories; private bathrooms, heating and upgrades are not guaranteed.

• Pure vegetarian meals according to the daily meal plan, with packed meals on trekking days. Strict Jain meals must be requested and accepted before travel.

• Kathmandu–Nepalgunj one-way flight; Nepalgunj–Simikot return flights; Simikot–Hilsa return helicopter shuttles; Tibet road transport and Nepalgunj–Lucknow final road transfer. No return flight to Kathmandu.

• Authorised Tibet ground transport, local guide and group support / kitchen arrangements for the full pilgrimage routes.

• For the Indian-national packages, the quoted visa and permit processing is included as stated in the booking confirmation. Issuance and entry decisions remain with the authorities.

• Group briefing and the agreed Yatra equipment / support arrangements. Any complimentary bag, jacket or equipment allocation is listed on the final booking confirmation.

• For foreign / NRI clients, the USD group rate is the category price; the exact China visa-processing fees and nationality-specific document costs must be confirmed in the written quotation.

• A pre-departure orientation and day-wise operational briefing. For the helicopter itineraries, the quoted service scope includes group leader, licensed local guide and kitchen/support arrangements; final staffing is confirmed for the departure.

What is excluded?

• International flights, travel to the reporting city and travel onward from the end city, unless expressly included.

• Nepal entry visa for passport holders who require one; any India entry/re-entry visa; extra pre-Yatra visa-processing stays and associated services unless separately quoted.

• Personal travel insurance, medical consultation or treatment, rescue/evacuation and early-return transport or accommodation.

• Pony/horse and porter hire, optional rituals or priest services, optional sightseeing, personal purchases, laundry, tips and trail refreshments.

• Additional hotel nights, meals and transport caused by weather delays, route closures, permit delays or a personal change of plan, subject to the agreed booking terms.

• Single-room supplements, upgrades, excess baggage, remittance / finance charges and anything not explicitly included in the written quotation.

• Personal priest-led rituals, optional Ashtapad or Muktinath visits and additional sightseeing unless explicitly shown as included. Local permission is separate from payment for an optional service.

Documents, visa & photograph preparation

Passport copies

Clear colour copy of the identity page, relevant information pages and two blank visa pages. Check name spelling and validity against the application checklist.

Visa photograph

Recent colour passport photograph taken within the last six months, white or near-white background, face visible. Typical China paper-photo size: 33 mm wide × 48 mm high; use the exact current specification confirmed for your application.

Traveller information form

Personal and contact details matching the passport; employment, education, family and travel history only where the current official application requires them.

Residence and previous visas

Proof of lawful stay/residence when applying outside the country of citizenship, plus previous China visa/passport details where requested.

Emergency and medical planning

A non-travelling emergency contact, agreed dietary requirements, insurance details and any fitness documentation requested for the trip. Discuss medical information privately.

Secure submission

Do not send passport scans, bank details or medical records through the public enquiry form. Our team gives the verified private submission channel and any original-passport handling instructions after enquiry.

The public enquiry is not a visa application. Use the verified private submission channel; do not disclose passport or medical records in a public form. Nepal entry and China/Tibet approvals are separate arrangements. No Tibet visa-on-arrival promise is made.

US passport holders requesting processing in Kathmandu: Shivalaya asks you to discuss arrival at least five days before the reporting date as an initial planning allowance. This is not a consular processing guarantee. Appointments and holidays may require longer, and extra Kathmandu stays are quoted separately.

India entry or re-entry: foreign passport holders on this route need the appropriate visa/permission for the actual land checkpoint and travel sequence before the booking is accepted.

How your booking is managed

01 Speak with your Kailash expert

Choose the route, reporting city, approximate group size and proposed dates. Provide passport nationality and residence separately; avoid sending sensitive documents with the first public enquiry.

02 Review a written quotation

Receive the duration, included flight and road sectors, room-sharing basis, meal schedule, complete currency breakdown and excluded costs. Confirm that the selected package ends in the city you need.

03 Agree the booking instalment

Ask about starting with INR 5,000 per person. Obtain written confirmation of acceptance, remaining instalments, balance deadline, any charges and cancellation/refund terms. It is not the full price or an advertised recurring monthly repayment.

04 Receive a receipt and booking reference

After an accepted payment, use the booking reference for correspondence. A receipt records payment; permits, flights and group operation still have their own confirmation steps.

05 Complete the document check

Use the team’s verified private submission channel for passport copies, photographs and the required form. Confirm original-passport handling, deadlines and nationality-specific visa appointments before sending originals.

06 Confirm the travel arrangements

Check issued approvals, route access, flight sectors, joining instructions, baggage limits, hotel/sharing plan and the emergency contact process. Read the final day-wise itinerary and limitations before departure.

Important limitations & booking terms

Booking and instalments

The INR 5,000 starting payment is an initial instalment enquiry, not the total Yatra price or a guaranteed monthly EMI. Deposit acceptance, eligibility, payment frequency, interest/fees if any, refund rules and final balance date must be agreed in writing. A payment does not itself guarantee permits, seats or departure.

Visas and permits

Shivalaya assists with the agreed paperwork, but consulates, immigration and permit authorities decide approval. Do not travel assuming a Tibet visa on arrival or that an existing individual Chinese visa automatically covers this entry route.

Weather and route changes

Flight operations, border access, road condition and permit decisions can alter timings, overnight stops or the route. Buffer time is essential. The confirmed contract sets out extra-night costs and any cancellation/refund arrangements.

Health and Parikrama

This is a demanding high-altitude pilgrimage with limited facilities. Obtain individual medical advice before committing. Symptoms and professional assessment govern continuation; no single oxygen reading proves fitness. Scheduled acclimatization is not removed merely to recover a delay.

Accommodation and service limits

Expect basic shared facilities at remote stops, a simpler vegetarian menu during the Parikrama, and variable meal times on transfer days. Pony/porter allocation is subject to local availability; hiring one does not remove the need to walk.

Insurance and emergency planning

Arrange insurance appropriate to the exact itinerary, activities and altitude. Confirm rescue/evacuation cover and exclusions directly with the insurer. Emergency arrangements and associated costs must be discussed before departure.

Cancellation, early return and rights

A written schedule covering cancellation, supplier charges, refunds, early return and operator changes must be accepted before payment. This overview does not waive any rights or liabilities that cannot lawfully be excluded.

Frequently asked questions

Does the helicopter fly directly to Mount Kailash?

No. These packages use fixed-wing flights to Simikot and a helicopter shuttle between Simikot and Hilsa. After the authorised border crossing, the journey continues by road into Tibet. The Kailash Parikrama remains a guided ground journey, subject to fitness and permission.

Can I start booking with INR 5,000 per person?

Ask about an INR 5,000 starting instalment for your Kailash Yatra 2027 booking. This is not the full tour price or a guaranteed recurring monthly EMI. The accepted payment schedule, balance deadline, any finance charges and refund conditions are confirmed before a payment is taken.

Where should I send passport copies and visa photographs?

First ask the assigned Shivalaya contact for the verified private submission method and the correct application checklist. Do not enter passport numbers, upload scans or disclose medical records in the public enquiry form. Original passports should be handed over or couriered only under specific written instructions.

Is Jain food available, and are all meals the same?

Pure vegetarian meals are part of the confirmed ground-Yatra plan. Request strict Jain requirements before the booking is finalised. Expect simpler hot meals and packed lunches during the Parikrama, with meal times changing on border or flight-transfer days. The aerial package uses its separately confirmed meal plan.

Can I choose a private room at every stop?

No private-room promise applies throughout the journey. City hotel sharing is confirmed in the quote, while Manasarovar and Parikrama stops may use very basic multi-bed guesthouses or dormitories. Attached bathrooms, heating and hot showers must not be assumed at remote stops.

What should the final booking confirmation contain?

Your booking reference, traveller names, route and dates, start/end cities, full price and currency components, sharing and meal basis, included visa/permit-processing scope, payment receipt and due dates, cancellation terms, meeting instructions, baggage allowance and emergency contact arrangements.

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