

## Overview

**Upper Mustang 4WD Jeep Tour** is a famous trip to the forbidden kingdom of the Mustang region, situated behind the Dhaulagiri and Annapurna Mountain. It's a tranquil outings package for those travel enthusiasts who really desire to discover Nepal Himalayas with thrilling cross-country experiences and fascinating landscapes alongside ancient rich archeological sites in the Trekking region. It is specially designed for luxurious vehicle trips into the trans-Himalayas area and has been an alternative journey to Upper Mustang Trek. This 4WD Jeep trip also very popular among tourists contains explores diverse topography and traditional culture in the short time of one of the forbidden land in Nepal. Therefore, it is being famous Jeep Tour destination and has been combined with a road trip.

## Trip Highlight

1. **The vehicle drives through the most secluded, rugged, and mesmerizing primeval Himalayan Kingdom.**
2. **This fascinating luxurious safari trip experiences the isolated Upper Mustang and visits the capital town of Lo manthang through historic sites and traditions.**
3. **The anterior empire of Lo in Upper Mustang is significantly concentrated on traditional Tibetan Buddhist philosophy that represents one of the purest contours of Tibetan Buddhism on the earth.**
4. **High experienced and friendly Himalayan Tour leaders who loves their professions.**
5. **Upper Mustang accommodation in a friendly local guesthouse along with comfy luxury lodges as well throughout the journey.**
6. **Upper Mustang Jeep Tour, the most magnificent and multi-colored gorges of corroded mountains with gloriously Himalayan vistas through rich traditional colorful villages.**
7. **To observe the “KORALA Border” which is one of the oldest trade routes between Nepal and Tibet was traditionally used for the salt trade.**
8. **The Upper Mustang region situated the behind of Himalayas along with rain shadows was a campsite shelter for “KHAMPA GUERILLAS” against China's injustice of occupied over Tibet.**

The journey of the Upper Mustang Jeep Tour commences from the dazzling city of Kathmandu is known as the city of temples with rich culture and heritage sites as well. Your luxurious jeep tour continues to a destination via Pokhara- a heart of hiking and trekking in the Annapurna region have remarkable massive peaks stands like the world's famous Dhaulagiri, Annapurna, Machhapuchre (Fishtail), and a large number of mountains, the height is more than 6000m. The Upper Mustang Jeep Tour while driving around terrified hillocks of calcium rock, ash-white hills, and large limestone that highlights off-road adventure voyage of Mustang with prayer flags decorated chortens (small stupa) and outmoded houses where travelers passage abyssal into the area. The thrilling Jeep

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Tour finally takes you to Lo Manthang through passing winding and dust roads. You will get plenty of time to discover the several culture and countryside of Upper Mustang. The tour will be back through the same route.

The Upper Mustang Jeep Tour offers you numerous Cave, Gompas, and monasteries that have different myths and histories of the region. It signifies local people's culture, rituals, and customs which have been followed deeply and preserved astonishing traditions. Visit around the mysterious olden cave that consists of clearly mesmerizing artistic rock creations positioned in the desert. Wander to monasteries where you can perceive ancient shamanistic rituals that were practiced and accomplished at that time. It is fully thrilling with an enjoyable adventure jeep tour that performs marvelous landscape, moraine gorges, deep valleys, windswept cliffs, fertile edges, world's deepest George of Kali Gandaki and Rivers. The Upper Mustang Jeep Tour is one of the filled packages for all adventure lovers that truly amazing and comfortable. It makes a journey so attractive and presents marvelous features of the region in the best way potential.

Therefore, come and join us on this delightful adventure trip to one of the most religiously eye-catching areas of the country and experience mini Tibet with the inner tranquility of Mustang.

## Best Season to Travel

The best exodus time to travel the Upper Mustang region is from March to November. Although we can be taken this trip in the winter season, the temperature is strongly cold and might not be suitable for all travelers.

## Weather

We have tried to short describe the weather, temperature, and climate of the Upper Mustang which is very important before visiting here.

1. **Spring season (March/April/May):** This is one of the best seasons to trek in all of Nepal with the Upper Mustang. The temperature of days is approximately 15 to 21 °C. The temperature is neither too cold nor too hot for a hike. During the night temperature can drop from -7 to -1 °C. The spring season experiences you with a unique Tibetan culture, miraculous landscape, and archeology alongside the topography of Mustang.
2. **Summer season (June/July/August):** Generally the months of summer are warm. The days and nights are warmer than due to the year. The temperature of the day is about from 18 to 28 °C and during the nighttime, it has gone from -2 to 0 °C. This season is wet all over Nepal but Upper Mustang is quite different where travelers experience no rainfall and an arid landscape. The land is positioned in the rain-shadow area of the Annapurna region. You can travel to Upper Mustang this season.
3. **Autumn season (September/October/November):** The season is also best for trekking and tours in Nepal Himalaya. The month of autumn provides you with

incredible sights of the Upper Mustang from everywhere. This season's temperature of the day starts from 12 to 20 °C and during the nights colder temperatures can down to -7 to -2 °C. Thus, make sure that you have good windproof equipment for these months.

4. **Winter season (December/January/February):** Days temperature is around 0 to 5 °C and it goes down to -25 to -20 °C during the night in Upper Mustang. These months experience too much snowfall and local people descent to lower regions. During these months, Trekking and any trip to Upper Mustang can be challenging to start for trekkers. If you are adventure lovers and want to travel in the winter season experience freezing weather, occasional snowfall, fewer crowds, and majestic views of the Mustang. Please put on some warm and windproof clothing to keep your body warm before sunrise and after sunset in the mountain.

Finally: Given the above information will help you to prepare before departing for Upper Mustang. You must know about the average temperature, weather, and climate of Nepal Himalaya including Mustang.

## Permits and Fees

The Upper Mustang is a restricted region of Nepal where foreign travelers should obtain a special entry permit to visit here. The department of immigration issues permits for foreign tourists. Single permits are not allowed, issued only to a group which means you have at least two visitors in a group. If you are sole tourists, let us know, and we will arrange permits by joining you with the next visitor's group.

We need your four passport-size photographs and original with a valid passport to obtain the restricted region permits. Upper Mustang permit costs US \$500 per tourist for 10 days. It is one and only one for 10 days, not night. An additional day will be charged US \$50 per day. The journey begins and ends from Kagbeni where your permits will be checked by ACAP and police.

## Itinerary Details

### Day 01 : Your arrival in Kathmandu (1400m)

Your arrival at Tribhuvan International airport in Kathmandu. Our company's (Nepal Glacier Treks & Expedition) airport representative meet you who is displaying your/s name on the board. Your welcome and transfer to the hotel by our private vehicle. At evening time, our tours/ Treks experts will brief about your program. Overnight at hotel in Kathmandu. Accommodation: Private vehicle, hotel on Bed and Breakfast

### Day 02 : Trip preparation and Kathmandu valley exploration tour

Pre-trip meeting with tours/ treks experts at the hotel and begins sightseeing tour around Kathmandu valley. Especially visit UNESCO world heritage sites are very famous for

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culture, history, and arts. Experience Pashupatinath, Boudhanath Stupa, Swayambhunath, Patan Durbar square with private vehicle and professional guide. Overnight at the same hotel in Kathmandu. Accommodation: Private vehicle, hotel on Bed and Breakfast

#### **Day 03 : Kathmandu to Pokhara by flight (815m)**

You will fly to Pokhara from Kathmandu. It takes around 35 minutes and gets the chance to see stunning Ariel mountain views throughout the flight. After landing Pokhara airport, you transfer to the hotel and sightseeing program. Sightseeing highlights: visit Mahendra and Bat Cave, International Mountain Museum, boating at Fewa Lake, Devi's Fall and Peace Pagoda Stupa. Overnight at hotel in Pokhara. Accommodation: Private vehicle, hotel on Bed and Breakfast

#### **Day 04 : Drive to Tatopani (2600m) via Beni bazaar by 4WD Jeep**

Drive from Pokhara to Tatopani via Beni bazaar is headquarter of Myagdi district. Driving will be 5 to 6 hours, passes snaking roads of high hills through a small market, village, rivers and rice fields on the way. The off-road trip starts from Beni through a bank of Kaligandaki River. Accommodation: 4WD Land Cruiser and BLD on the guesthouse

#### **Day 05 : Drive Tatopani to Kagbeni (2900m) by 4WD Jeep**

The journey starts to Kagbeni through a bank of Kaligandaki River and Kaligandaki canyon (world deepest gorge). Driving would be 5/ 6 hours, passes Jomsom local town then you will heads to a popular holy temple of Muktinath area where you can see the 108 spout water taps, Buddhist monastery, natural fire (lighting itself), stunning Himalaya's views of Tukuiche peak, Dhaulagiri, Nilgiri, and Tibetan traditional activities. Accommodation: 4WD Land Cruiser and guesthouse on BLD

#### **Day 06 : Drive to Ghami Village (3530m)**

Drive: 6 hours Before departing to Ghami Village, document procedures of special entrance permit to Upper Mustang. After exploring Buddhist school and monastery of Kagbeni, you will drive through ancient Buddhist Stupas, the old stunning village of Chuksung, Chella, Samar, Syangboche, Bhina, and Ghiling. The day will more exciting to see local traditional houses with Yak caravan, splendid Landscape, Tibetan Buddhist culture, and local daily lifestyles. Accommodation: 4WD Land Cruiser and BLD on the guesthouse

#### **Day 07 : Drive to Lo- Manthang (3840m)**

Drive: 3 to 4 hours The journey onward with incredible sightseeing and local activities. The inordinate chance to explore amazing panoramas of nature throughout the drive on the way. During the trip, you can enjoy visiting ancient old Monastery and the local town of

Mustang. Highlight: Visit Lo Gager Ghar Gumpa, Charang monastery, Thubchen Gumpa- pretty huge with red assembly hall is built in the late 15th century, Lo-mang thang town, Chodey Gumpa- it is a very famous for Monastic Museum and the main attraction Gumpa of town, Jampa Gumpa- also popular as the God house and the oldest monastery which is built in the early 15th century. Also explore Buddhist teaching school, old King Palace, local domestic Yaks, mules, horses and cattle caravans, landscape and mountain vistas from the edges. Accommodation: 4WD Land Cruiser/ Guesthouse on BLD Plan

### **Day 08 : Full day sightseeing in Lo-Manthang**

Excursion day in Lo-Manthang where you will observe the exclusive village and monastery through the trip. Sightseeing to Namgyal monastery, Chhosar monastery, NYFU monastery, Khangchuling cave, Jhong cave, Tingkat and Namgyal village is known as cave monastery and life. The Tibetan Buddhist culture experience, interact with local people and activities. Accommodation: 4WD Land Cruiser/ Guesthouse on BLD Plan

### **Day 09 : Drive back to Chhuksang Village**

Drive: 6 hours You will drive back to Chuksung village passing Tibetan Buddhist monastery on the way, crossing Kaligandaki River and local activities during the journey. Accommodation: 4WD Land Cruiser/ Guesthouse on BLD Plan

### **Day 10 : Drive from Chhuksang village to Kalopani**

Drive: 4/ 5 hours Sightseeing: experience local traditional Tibetan culture, small Kagbeni village, Jomsom bazaar, visit Thini village, snow leopard cave, Dhumba Lake, local activities and Kaligandaki River. Accommodation: 4WD Land Cruiser/ Guesthouse on BLD plan

### **Day 11 : Drive Kalopani to Pokhara**

Drive: 5/ 6 hours Drive back to Pokhara from Kalopani via Kaligandaki River and Kaligandaki George, Beni bazaar, small village through winding off-road of high hills. You can see the small market, village, lush forests and rivers on the way. Accommodation: Hotel on BB Plan/ 4WD Land Cruiser

### **Day 12 : Fly/ drive from Pokhara to Kathmandu**

Pokhara to Kathmandu flight 35 minutes with stunning mountain flight. Driving will be 6 hours through the Prithvi highway by private transport. The remaining time for shopping, rest at the hotel depends on you. Accommodation: Hotel on BB Plan/ Private transport

### **Day 13 : Final departure**

This is a sign of the end your trip of Upper Mustang. Our Nepal Glacier Treks and

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Expedition airport's representative will drop you at Tribhuvan International airport by private vehicle.