

Nepal: 15 Days Upper Mustang Jeep Tour

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Difficulty

Moderate

Hotel Days

6

Best Season

March to October

Tea House Days

8

Altitude

3900m

Overview

Highlights of Upper Mustang Jeep Tour

- Drive and experience a cool environment and bumpy road making way from Marpaha-Jomsom-Kagbeni to Lo-ManThang.
- Experience a glimpse of Tibetian culture/ lifestyle and people in mini Tibet.
- Explore old caves, and ancient monasteries and enjoy resting in barren landscapes.
- Visit an important pilgrimage site for all the Hindus and Buddhists, Muktinath.
- Indulge in local apple cuisines like apple pie, apple pickle, and Marpha a wine made from apples.

The **15 Days Upper Mustang Jeep tour** is a good opportunity for those travelers who have less time to explore. So, it is the best option to do a luxury tour. Therefore, Mustang is the place to explore untouched <u>Tibetan culture</u> and topography.

Mustang is the former kingdom that ranks as the top tourist destination in the world. Its surrounding area is enriched with ancient caves, 16th-century historic monasteries, and archaeological sites. And this tour has amazing wilderness, spotless scenery with snow-capped mountains, as well as many other exclusive attractions. So, Himalayan Leaders organized an unforgettable and magnificent trip with our expert team.

Lo-Mangthang city was founded in about 1450 by the son of the legendary Ame Pal. So, he conquered and united the small kingdoms in the upper Mustang. Here, the high wall, 300m long by 150m wide, is in an 'L' shape. And this 'L' shape has safeguarded the town from warriors, bandits, and fierce winds for

Accommodation During Upper Mustang Trekking

It is always safe to remember that the Upper Mustang is a partly restricted and very secluded area in Nepal before planning for the trekking program. The trek begins from Kathmandu to Pokhara and to Jomsom where the difficulty alongside altitude increases. Unlike the facilities of the city area, Upper Mustang has some limitations so we must be aware of the accommodation facility during the trekking. Hence we are going to provide all the details on the accommodation during Upper Mustang Trek.

At the higher altitude of Upper Mustang, there are now three-star or five-star hotels so we will make our accommodation in lodges or guesthouses. Keep in mind most of these teahouses or guesthouses are familiar with tourist needs so they will provide facilities like western toilets, sinks, clean and hot water, etc.

It is also safe to inform you that since these lodges or guesthouses are in isolated areas, have a low-density population and the transportation is expensive, the rates on them are also quite expensive.

The accommodation in the guesthouses in Upper Mustang is very comfortable despite being basic. You will get all the basic needs of a clean room, comfortable bed, cozy blanket, and pillow however you might not find a double room, or double bed and might have to share a bathroom and sinks.

There are also internet facilities with WIFI Connection but as the altitude increases it becomes very erratic and unreliable.

Do I Need a Guide and Porter For Upper Mustang Trek?

Before going on the Upper Mustang Trek, it is extremely important to know all the permits, documents, and necessary information so that the trip doesn't get canceled or hampered by a lack of research.

First of all, you must have all the necessary documents like your passport, visa, and travel insurance with you all the time. Secondly, you must also have three permit papers like Trekkers Information Management System (TIMS)Annapurna Conservation Area Project (ACAP), and a special permit issued from Nepal Immigration that can be only issued by the Government Authorized Trekking Agency.

Once you have all these permits and your paperwork you are all good to trek Upper Mustang but there are a few more rules that need to be followed.

Since Upper Mustang is a restricted area you cannot trek solo in the area. You must travel with an authorized trekking agency with at least one authorized guide to trek Upper Mustang. Hence it is also the same case with Porter as well which means you need at least one authorized trekking agency with one authorized guide or porter to trek Upper Mustang.

Why To Choose Upper Mustang Jeep Tour?

Upper Mustang Jeep Tour is one of the most demanded and best luxurious tours in the Himalayan region of Nepal. You will explore the oldest monasteries, caves, ancient Tibetian and Sherpa culture, and some of the best landscapes with panoramic mountain views that you have never seen before in your lifetime.

Furthermore, the Upper Mustang Jeep Tour is very easy and less strenuous than trekking to LomangThang which can cause extreme fatigue and even in some cases altitude sickness for travelers who do not have experience. If you are still unsure why to choose Upper Mustang we have compiled up few points for your attention.

Jeep Tour is suitable and recommended for all age groups between the ages of 10 years old to 85 years old. There is also a record of an 84-year-old traveler who had no difficulty enjoying one of the best adventures of their life. Since Jeep Tour reduces walking difficulty which causes fatigue it is recommended for almost everyone.

Another reason to choose the Upper Mustang Jeep Tour is to be familiarized and get the best experience of different cultures and traditions. As mentioned earlier Upper Mustang is also regarded as Mini Tibet where you can find lots of Tibetian people who follow Tibetian cultures and traditions which are quite different from the people in Kathmandu, Pokhara, or even Jomsom. They have different religious beliefs, rituals, cultures, dances, songs, and even local cuisines. They are one of the most kind-hearted and welcoming people in the country which you can experience firsthand from this tour.

You can even have Upper Mustang Motorbike Tour

So these are some of the reasons for you to consider the Upper Mustang Jeep Tour.

Best Time For Upper Mustang Trek

The best time for Upper Mustang Trek is the one where you can enjoy all the surroundings, jeep riding, and travel from one place to another without any disturbance from climate and weather. It is quite essential to point out that since Upper Mustang lies at quite a high altitude the chances of snowfall always remain which can cause disturbance in jeep tour. However, during the winter season, the cold and snowfall are unbearable. Furthermore, there is always a chance of constant blizzards, and although the altitude is not high enough for an avalanche to directly affect the tour it can indirectly hamper the excitement if the roads are blocked.

So after taking each of these factors into consideration, we can assume that the best time for the Upper Mustang Jeep Tour lies between late March and early November. Despite the guarantee of an exceptional once-in-a-lifetime experience of the tour, there are certain factors like dust, relentless cold, and fast cold winds in the afternoon that may affect some people more than others.

Route Facts

Duration: 15 days.Best season: Oct-May.

Altitude: 3,900 m (Lomanthang).Starting Point: Drive from Pokhara.

• Ending Point: Jomsom (flyback).

- Culture: Different communities with a majority of Thakali, Tibetan Lobas, and their unique culture.
- Mode of Tour: Fully Organized Lodge Tour.
- **Himalayan Sights:** Annapurna range, Dhaulagiri ranges, Nilgiri, Tibetan plateau, etc. the most isolated and unexplored corner of the Himalayas.

Note: B=Breakfast, L= Lunch, D=Dinner

Trip Itinerary

Day 01: Arrival in Kathmandu o/n in Hotel +D

Arrival and pick up from the international airport in Kathmandu, after some refreshment we will invite you for a traditional Nepali dinner.

Day 02: Sightseeing in Kathmandu Valley o/n in Hotel +B

After breakfast, sightseeing visit, in Kathmandu valley including, Kathmandu Darbar square, Swayambhunath Temple, Boudhanath Stupa & Pashupatinath Temple. Till then our team will prepare special permit for Mustang Trip.

Day 03: Jeep drive to Pokhara (200km, 6hrs) o/n in a hotel +B

This morning you will drive to Pokhara (200km) Enroute we will see more of countryside of Nepal that offers greeneries, rivers, villages, farms and beautiful mountain sceneries. Afternoon, we reach Pokhara. Pokhara offers magnificent views of Dhaulagiri, Manaslu, Machhapuchhare, five peaks of Annapurna and others. Pokhara is city of lakes and has numerous beautiful lakes. We can explore the most accessible and beautiful, Fewa Lake during the afternoon -enjoy boating too. Explore, relax and dine by tranquil Lake Fewa. You can even do some shopping during evening hours in the colorful town of Pokhara.

Day 04: Jeep Drive to Marpha (2600m, 5-6hrs) o/n in Lodge +B+L+D

Intensive exploration of the Marpha village including Kawaguchi House and Marpha Gompa.

Day 05: Jeep Drive to Ghami (3550 m, 4hrs) o/n in Lodge +B+L+D

Enroute visit the village of Thin and Sakyo Gompa, Hutsaptempga Gompa and village of Syang (if possible), visit Tiri Gaon, explore the Samar village and sourrounding including NEW TEMPLE, enroute visit Rangchyung Cave Chorten/cave temple, village of Ghiling/Geling with walk through Chorten, Sukya Gompa and Mani Wall.

Day 06: Jeep drive to Tsarang/Charang (3-4 hrs, 3500m) o/n in Lodge +B+L+D

Enroute explore village and visit Gompa of Dhakmar/Tramar including Red Cliffs, in Tsarang visit Lo Gekar Gompa, Thubten Shedrup Dhargyeling, Ruin of King's palace

Day 07: Jeep drive to Lo Manthang (2-3 hrs, 3800m) o/n in Lodge +B+L+D

Enroute visit Ghar Gompa and Sumdra Chorten, intensive exploration of Lo Manthang also Champa Lhakhang, Thubchen Lhakhang, Shakya Chyodi Gompa and King's Palace.

Day 08: Explore day in Lo-Manthang o/n in Lodge +B+L+D

Lo Manthang, explore around (walk to Namgyal Gompa or climb up to ruined fortress and drive by jeep to ancient caves and Tibetan/Chinese border.

Day 09: Jeep Drive to Chusang (5-6hrs) o/n in Lodge +B+L+D

Explore the village again, short trek to Tetang (if time permits), lodge at Chusang.

Day 10: Jeep drive to Muktinath (1hrs, 3800m) o/n in Lodge +B+L+D

Explore the village, temples and holy sites.

Day 11: Jeep Drive to Jomsom (2700m, 1½hrs) o/n in Lodge +B+L+D

Muktinath, further explorations, drive to Jomsom, enroute visit Jharkot.

Day 12: Flight to Pokhara o/n in Hotel +B

Day 13: Reserve day o/n in Hotel +B

Reserve day in case flight is cancelled due to weather condition and other.

Day 14: Drive back to Kathmandu o/n in Hotel +B

On arrival in kathmandu you are transfer to the hotel.

Day 15: Departure +B

After breakfast you will be transfer to the international airport as per your flight schedule for your onward destination.

Trip Includes

- Transport with land cruiser
- Hotel with breakfast in Kathmandu and Pokhara
- Government licensed guide for sightseeing in Kathmandu valley
- Domestic flight ticket JOM-POK
- Pickup and drop from and to the international airports in Kathmandu
- Mustang special permit and conservation fee

Trip Excludes

- International Airfare
- Monument entrance fees during sightseeing in Kathmandu valley
- Travel insurance incase of emergency

- Extra transport or horse in case of road block and any accident
- Personal expenses like soft and hard drink, laundry, telephone
- Airport tax and tips for local staff
- Lunch and dinner in Kathmandu and Pokhara

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