

# Muktinath Biking Tour | Duration: 10 Days Days | Cost: \$1700

Jomsom to Muktinath biking tour is an adventurous and very popular trips in Annapurna region. Jomsom is in the heart of the Himalaya and offers some spectacular trails for mountain bikers. From here there are many options for some amazing single track and downhill riding along the beautiful Kaligandaki River, one of the deepest gorges in the world passing ancient monasteries and traditional villages. While having this trip, the trail goes through stunning rural settlements, therefore you will have an exciting moment to explore the unique lifestyles, traditions, and culture of people living along the biking trail, you will go through unique landscapes, through lush sub-tropical forest, deep valley, cultivated terraced field, while having tour through biking you will have enough time to spend along the way and enjoy the varieties of scenes and sceneries.

## At a Glance:

- **Tour code:** NCHS001
- **Style:** Cycling | Mountain Biking
- **Grading:** ▲▲▲▲▲
- **Suitable for:** 3810m
- **Duration:** 10 Days
- **Start in:** Kathmandu |Airport
- **End in:** Kathmandu |Airport
- **Transport:** Private
- **Price:** 1700

## Highlights of the tour:

- Sightseeing and relaxing in Kathmandu and Pokhara
- Scenic mountain flight from Pokhara to Jomsom
- Panoramic mountain views
- Explore ancient monasteries, cave and fortress
- Natural water hot spring bath at Tatopani

## **What's Included:**

- Airport pick up and drop
- Welcome and farewell dinner
- All sightseeing trip as mentioned
- All entry fees during sightseeing
- All hotel accommodation
- All transport on private coach
- 3-4\* accommodation with breakfast

## **What's Not Included:**

- Lunch and dinner
- Drinks and bar bill
- Tipping
- Personal insurance
- Other things not mentioned

## **Arrival Kathmandu (1350m) and transfer to hotel**

Arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport, Kathmandu. Traditional welcome by our airport representative. Your guide briefs about your further programmed. Typical Nepali dinner served in the evening.

## **Kathmandu sightseeing**

You will be taken for sightseeing of Kathmandu Valley to explore the vibrant city after breakfast at your hotel. Drive to famous Buddhist Stupa Swayambunath, also known as Monkey temple, on the hill of Kathmandu Valley where you can see stunning view of mountains and Kathmandu valley. This temple attracts Buddhists and tourists from around the world. Swayambhunath Stupa is the most ancient and enigmatic of all the holy shrines in Kathmandu valley. Its lofty white dome and glittering golden spire are visible from far and wide. Next is Pashupatinath, the temple of Lord Shiva. This is probably the most famous temple for Hindu in Indian Sub-continent. There is crematorium beside the temple where dead bodies are burnt to ashes. After exploring Pashupatinath you will visit fascinating sights of Patan Durbar Square, one of the most glorious examples of traditional Nepalese architecture, full of centuries old temples and palaces.

## **Drive to Pokhara (900m)**

After breakfast drive towards the beautiful town of Pokhara in western part of Nepal. Taking fresh air, enjoy the staggering beauty of an area surrounded by some of the world's highest mountains. In the afternoon, we boat

across Lake Phewa for magnificent views of the Annapurna mountain range. Watch reflections of their dazzling white peaks sparkle in the mirror-like water. Annapurna range is probably one of the finest mountain panoramas in the world. Enjoy the sunset in the lake and take dinner in one of the famous restaurant at lake side.

## **Fly to Jomsom (2800m) - Kagbeni (2850m) – Riding (12km)**

Early morning pack up and head to the airport for flight to Jomsom. It's about a 22 min flight to Jomsom, above the Pokhara valley and deep into the heart of the Himalaya, take a peek out of the window for fantastic views of Dhawalagiri and beyond. Upon landing, assemble your bikes and spend some time riding through the cobbled streets of the bustling town. After having lunch and some rest then you follow the next trail to Kagbeni, riding the relatively flat section along the river trail in Kagbeni. Enjoy the beautiful Tibetan village of Kagbeni. Overnight in Kagbeni.

## **Kagbeni (2850m) to Muktinath (3810m) – Riding (23km)**

Early morning wake up to see spectacular sunrise view and have breakfast. Leaving behind the beautiful village of Kagbeni, today you cycle off-road uphill for the most part. Following on the dusty jeep track towards the foreboding Thorung La Pass, you will have an opportunity to explore the ancient monastery at Jhong along with the sunrise enjoying the incredible mountain views. Finally after a short riding you arrive Muktinath mid afternoon. Explore around Muktinath Monastery and Temples. Overnight in Muktinath.

## **Muktinath (3810m) to Tukuche (2600m) – Riding (32 km)**

Today leaving behind Muktinath, ride along a very enjoyable downhill track descending to the Kaligandaki River valley floor. After riding few hours you'll reach Marpha, a village with legendary apple orchids. You can enjoy tasting the some local Marpha Brandy and a range of apple products like apple pie and dried apple skin. Continuing the biking you will finally reach Tukuche village, an ancient Thakali tribe settlement. Spend some time exploring the region and interacting about the culture and history of the village enjoying the amazing views of Mt. Nilgiri, Dhaulagiri and icefalls of Dhaulagiri's east face. Spend your night in Tukuche.

## **Tukuche (2600m) to Tatopani (1250m) – Riding (36 km)**

After breakfast begin your biking from Tukuche to Tatopani going downhill section along with gentle flat and winds in and out of the valley sides through pine forests and small villages. Following the river, there are good views of the snow capped peaks and beautiful waterfalls. Arrive Tatopani mid of the day relax your mind and body having a hot bath which will pamper and unwind your muscles after a great day of biking in this fantastic region. Spend your night in Tatopani.

## **Tatopani (1250m) to Beni (899m) & back to Pokhara – Riding (22km)**

From Tatopani, your next will be Beni after some hours of biking. Following the Kaligandaki river, the trail throws exciting riding with its dirt trails with heavy rock around. Spend some time exploring the Beni town and then drive back to Pokhara. Overnight in hotel of Pokhara.

## **Fly back to Kathmandu**

Fly from Pokhara to Kathmandu, enjoy panoramic mountains views. Spend the rest of the day exploring, shopping or just relaxing in Kathmandu's numerous cafes and rooftop restaurants before spending the evening celebrating your achievements.

## **Drive to airport for return flight**

Your final day in Kathmandu is a free day. You do as you like. Many people take the time for shopping others enjoy exploring the cultural sites of the city. Our local guide can advise you on the best shops in the area. Farewells! Our airport representative will travel with you to the airport.

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