

# Mount Kailash Heli Yatra (Ex-Lucknow)

09 Nights / 10 Days | By Flight (Nepalgunj – Simikot – Hilsa – Taklakot)

## Journey to the Abode of Lord Shiva through Nepal’s Remote Humla Region

Embark on a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to **Mount Kailash and Lake Mansarovar**, traveling through the serene and untouched landscapes of western Nepal. The **Hilsa route** offers an adventurous yet time-efficient journey, combining **short flights, scenic helicopter transfers**, and **spiritual immersion** amidst the majestic Himalayas.

This itinerary is designed for those who seek a **shorter route with smoother logistics** and **fewer travel days at high altitude**, while preserving the essence of the sacred Yatra.

### Tour Highlights

- Scenic flight route: **Nepalgunj – Simikot – Hilsa – Taklakot**
- Explore the remote **Humla region** of western Nepal
- Holy **Lake Mansarovar** and the sacred **Mount Kailash Kora**
- Rare opportunity to witness Kailash from the **Tibetan side**
- Stunning aerial and overland views of the **Himalayas and Tibetan Plateau**

### Fixed Departures 2026 – Arrival at Lucknow

Month	Dates
May	16, 21, 28 <i>(Full Moon)</i>
June	03, 09, 15, 20, 27 <i>(Full Moon)</i>
July	03, 09, 15, 20, 26 <i>(Full Moon)</i>
August	07, 13, 19, 25 <i>(Full Moon)</i> , 31
September	06, 12, 18, 23 <i>(Full Moon)</i>

### Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 – Arrival in Lucknow and Drive to Nepalgunj (150 m)

Arrive in Lucknow, where you'll be greeted by our representative. Drive through the Terai plains toward **Nepalgunj**, a bustling town near the India-Nepal border. The route passes through charming countryside and local villages.

**Drive: 4–5 hrs Overnight: Nepalgunj Meals: Dinner**

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## **Day 2 – Fly Nepalgunj to Simikot, Helicopter to Hilsa, Drive to Taklakot (3,930 m)**

Early morning flight to **Simikot**, gateway to Nepal's remote Humla district. After a brief halt, continue by **helicopter to Hilsa**, the border point with Tibet. Cross into China and drive to **Taklakot (Purang)**, a picturesque border town surrounded by rolling mountains.

**Flight: 1 hr Helicopter: 25 min Drive: 1 hr Overnight: Taklakot Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

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## **Day 3 – Acclimatization in Taklakot (Purang)**

Spend the day resting and acclimatizing to the high altitude. You may visit local monasteries or explore the small market town to experience Tibetan culture.

**Overnight: Taklakot Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

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## **Day 4 – Drive to Lake Mansarovar (4,590 m)**

Drive through high mountain passes and open plateau to reach the sacred **Lake Mansarovar**, believed to cleanse sins and purify the soul. Perform **ritual bathing, meditation, and prayers** by the lakeside, with **Mount Kailash** visible in the distance.

**Drive: 2–3 hrs Overnight: Guesthouse near Lake Mansarovar Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

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## **Day 5 – Drive to Darchen (4,575 m)**

After morning prayers and exploration around the lake, drive to **Darchen**, the base town for the **Kailash Parikrama (Kora)**. Rest and prepare for your upcoming trek.

**Drive: 2–3 hrs Overnight: Darchen Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

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### **Day 6 – Kailash Kora Day 1: Darchen to Dirapuk (4,900 m)**

Begin your **3-day circumambulation** of Mount Kailash. The trail starts from **Yam Dwar** and gradually ascends through the Tarboche Valley, offering the first majestic views of Kailash's north face.

**Trek: 13 km | 5–6 hrs Overnight: Dirapuk Guesthouse Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

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### **Day 7 – Kailash Kora Day 2: Dirapuk to Zuthulpuk via Dolma La Pass (5,636 m)**

Today is the **most challenging and spiritually fulfilling** part of the Yatra. Cross the **Dolma La Pass (5,636 m)** — the highest point of the route — and descend past **Gauri Kund**, a sacred lake where Goddess Parvati is believed to have bathed. Continue trekking to **Zuthulpuk Monastery**.

**Trek: 22 km | 8–9 hrs Overnight: Zuthulpuk Guesthouse Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

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### **Day 8 – Kailash Kora Day 3: Trek to Darchen, Drive to Hilsa or Simikot**

Complete the final leg of the Parikrama with a short trek to **Darchen**. After lunch, drive to **Hilsa**. Weather permitting, helicopter transfer to **Simikot** may be arranged the same day.

**Trek: 12 km | 3–4 hrs Drive: 2–3 hrs Overnight: Hilsa / Simikot Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

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### **Day 9 – Fly to Simikot and Nepalgunj**

Fly by helicopter from **Hilsa to Simikot**, then onward by scheduled flight to **Nepalgunj**. Rest and relax at your hotel after completing your pilgrimage.

**Helicopter: 25 min Flight: 1 hr Overnight: Nepalgunj Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

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## **Day 10 – Departure to Lucknow**

After breakfast, drive back to **Lucknow** for your return journey home, carrying blessings from Mount Kailash and memories of a lifetime.

**Drive: 4 hrs Meals: Breakfast**

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## **Tour Cost (Per Person)**

- **USD 1,400 + INR 1,45,000** per person (based on 22 pax, 3★ hotels)
  - **Upgrade Option:** Add INR 5,000 per person for stay at Soaltee Hotel, Nepalgunj  
(USD rates subject to change as per Chinese authority regulations.)
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## **Inclusions**

- Transfers & local sightseeing as per itinerary
  - 2 nights' stay in Nepalgunj on full board
  - Accommodation in Tibet (guesthouse/mud house)
  - Domestic flights: Kathmandu–Nepalgunj–Simikot
  - Helicopter transfers: Simikot–Hilsa–Simikot
  - Overland travel in Tibet by private coach
  - Vegetarian meals throughout
  - Nepalese tour leader & Tibetan guide
  - Oxygen cylinders & basic medical kit
  - Kailash permits & Tibet/China visa
  - Duffle bag & backpack set
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## **Exclusions**

- International flights to/from Kathmandu
  - Travel insurance & emergency evacuation
  - Horse/Yak hire for Parikrama (optional)
  - Personal expenses & beverages
  - Single supplement, extra night stays
  - Personal oxygen cylinders
  - Optional visit to Ashtapad
  - **GST 5% & TCS 5%**
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## Payment Terms

- The China sector cost (USD portion) to be remitted upon confirmation.
  - The INR portion payable prior to arrival in Nepal.
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## Cancellation Policy

- 10% – after booking confirmation
  - 50% – within 15 days of departure
  - 100% – within 7 days of departure
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## Preparation & Health Advisory

This journey involves **high-altitude travel (up to 19,500 ft)**. All participants must be physically fit.

Consult your physician regarding **altitude medication (Diamox)**.

Avoid alcohol and smoking before and during the trip.

Carry warm layered clothing, trekking shoes, gloves, sunscreen, lip balm, and personal medicines.