

1 Night Pokhara and 1 night Jomsom, Muktinath:

Cost: US\$680.00 per person, single room supplement US\$100.00

Cost includes:

- Accommodation: 1 night stay at Hotel Pokhara Grande in Pokhara & 1 night stay at Hotel Om's Home in Jomsom
- All meals
- Kathmandu/Pokhara/Kathmandu transfers by car, van, Hiace
- Pokhara/Jomsom/Pokhara by flight
- Jomsom/Multipath/Jomsom transfers by local jeep
- ACAP fee
- Guide throughout the tour
- Tips for guide and driver

Itinerary:

Jomsom also known as Dzong-Sampa or New Fort, is a town located at an altitude of about 2700 m in Mustang District, Nepal. It extends over both the banks of the Kali Gandaki River. Along the banks of Kali Gandaki river, we can find the black rocks or stone which is called shaligram in the Hindu culture and take it as the form of God Vishnu. This type of stone is only found in this Kali Gandaki River but people are unknown about it so, it is holy to the Hindus. The soaring peaks of Dhaulagiri and Nierija form a backdrop.

Muktinath is a sacred place for both Hindus and Buddhists located in Muktinath Valley at an altitude of 3,710 meters at the foot of the Thorong La mountain pass (part of the Himalayas) in Mustang, Nepal. The site is close to the village of Ranipauwa, which is sometimes mistakenly called Muktinath.

Within Hinduism, it is called Mukti Kshetra, which literally means the "place of liberation or *moksh*". This temple is considered to be 106th among the available 108 Divya Desam (premium temples) considered sacred by the Sri Vaishnava sect. The ancient name of this place in Sri Vaishnava literature, before Buddhist origin is *Thiru Saligramam*. This houses the Saligram shila, considered to be the naturally available form of Sriman Narayan – the Hindu Godhead. It is also one of the 51 Shaktipeeth. The Buddhists call it Chumig Gyatsa, which in Tibetan means "Hundred Waters". Although the temple has a Vaishnav origin, it is also revered in Buddhism. For Tibetan Buddhists, Muktinath is a very important place of dakinis, goddesses known as Sky Dancers, and one of the 24 Tantric places. They understand the murti to be a manifestation of Avalokitesvara, who embodies the compassion of all Buddha's.

Day 01: Kathmandu → Pokhara drive (200kms, 6-7hrs drive)

Drive to Pokhara. Check-in at the Hotel.

PM: One hour boating in Fewa lake. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel.



Day 02: Pokhara → Jomsom flight.

Breakfast. After breakfast transfer to Pokhara airport to fly to Jomsom. Upon arrival in Jomsom airport transfer to Muktinath. Lunch on the way at local restaurant. Sightseeing of Muktinath temple.

Drive back to Jomsom by jeep. Dinner and Overnight at the Hotel in Jomsom.



Day 03: Jomsom to Pokhara flight and Pokhara to Kathmandu drive

Breakfast. After breakfast transfer to Jomsom airport, fly back to Pokhara. Upon arrival in Pokhara drive back to Kathmandu.