

Upper Mustang Tiji Festival Jeep Tour :- 12 Days - USD 3000 Per Person

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Highlights

- ***Cham Dances: Sacred Performances:*** Monks perform traditional Cham dances, wearing elaborate masks and costumes. These dances reenact the mythological battle of the deity Dorje Jono against evil forces.
- ***Tsowo Ritual: Central Exorcism:*** A ritual where the monks symbolically destroy an effigy representing evil spirits. This ceremony, known as the Tsowo, is central to the festival's theme of purging malevolent forces.
- ***Sand Mandala: Sacred Art Creation*** Monks create a sand mandala over several days, representing the cosmos. Its intricate design symbolizes impermanence and the Buddhist cosmology.
- ***Prayer Chanting: Spiritual Invocation:*** Monks and participants engage in continuous prayer chanting, invoking blessings and spiritual protection for the community.
- ***Ceremonial Music: Traditional Instrumentation:*** The festival is accompanied by traditional ceremonial music played on instruments like horns, drums, and cymbals, enhancing the spiritual atmosphere.
- ***Lama Dances: Monastic Celebrations:*** Lama dances are performed by monks, showcasing the dynamic aspects of Tibetan Buddhist rituals. These dances are a core feature of the Tiji Festival.
- ***Community Gathering: Social Cohesion:*** The festival fosters community gathering, bringing together locals and visitors in a shared cultural experience. It reinforces social bonds and communal identity.
- ***Colorful Attire: Traditional Costumes:*** Participants and performers don colorful attire, including traditional Tibetan clothing and elaborate monk costumes, adding vibrancy to the celebrations.
- ***Tourist Attraction: Cultural Tourism:*** Tiji has become a significant tourist attraction, drawing visitors interested in experiencing this unique cultural festival and the scenic beauty of Upper Mustang.
- ***Trekking Integration: Festival and Adventure:*** Many visitors integrate the festival into their trekking itineraries, combining cultural exploration with adventure in the rugged terrain of Upper Mustang.

Overview

Upper Mustang, Tiji Festival Jeep Tour, checks all things off the list. The dry region has an ancient Tibetan culture. The trail goes from lush greens to rocky roads. The trip poses fun and cultural adventure through the dry area. Tiji is one of the most preserved festivals of the Upper Mustang. Upper

Mustang welcomes trekkers with chilly air. Moreover, it motivates travelers to keep moving. Likewise, the Tiji festival is a traditional celebration of Lo-Manthang. The festival celebrates a story. A mighty legend saves the kingdom from damage. The Choede Monastery sees the series of the three-day festival. All three days have colorful performances to show the fabled story. Upper Mustang Tiji Festival Jeep Tour firstly begins from Jomsom. Kagbeni leads to Ghiling. Trekkers feel rustic vibes along the trail. Once they reach Lo-Manthang (3840m), the festival starts the next day. The first day shows the dance of Dorji Sonam being born. Following, the second day shows the battle between a demon and Dorji. Similarly, Dorji finally defeats the demon on the third day. It is celebrated with a victory dance. The trek requires a fair fitness level. Hence, anyone able to walk for 5 hours every day can try...

Itinerary

Outline itinerary:

Day 01: Arrival at Kathmandu Airport.

Day 02: Full-Day Kathmandu Sightseeing & Trip Preparation. (B)

Day 03: Fly from Kathmandu to Pokhara and Sightseeing (900m) 30 min. (B)

Day 04: Drive from Pokhara to Jomsom (2743m) 158 km 6-7 hours. (B/L/D)

Day 05: Drive from Jomsom to Lo Manthang (3860m) 98 km 5-6 hours.(B/L/D)

Day 06: Celebrate first day of Tiji Festival.(B/L/D)

Day 07: Celebrate second day of Tiji Festival.(B/L/D)

Day 08: Celebrate Third day of Tiji Festival and Explore Lo Manthang – Visit Chhoser Cave and Monastery. (B/L/D)

Day 09: Drive from Lo Manthang to Muktinath (3,710m) 105 km 6-7 hours. (B/L/D)

Day 10: Drive from Muktinath to Pokhara (900m) 180 km 7-8 hours. (B/L)

Day 11: Fly from Pokhara to Kathmandu (1300m) 30 min. (B/D)

Day 12: Departure to Airport. (B)

What's included?

- *Pick/drop up from Airport and Transfer to the hotel.*

- *Three Night 3* hotel in Kathmandu with Breakfast.*
- *Two Night 3* hotel in Pokhara with Breakfast.*
- *Kathmandu to Pokhara and Kathmandu by Flight..*
- *Your standard meals (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner) during the trekking.*
- *All tour by Private Vehicle.*
- *Special Upper Mustang permit.*
- *All necessary paper works.*
- *All accommodations in tea houses during the treks.*
- *National Park Permit (ACAP).*
- *'Trekkers' Information Management System (TIMS) Permit.*
- *All tour by an experienced, helpful, Govt License holder and friendly Guide.*
- *Medical supplies (first aid kit will be available).*
- *All government taxes/ Travel rescue arrangements.*
- *Last night's farewell dinner at an authentic Nepalese restaurant with a cultural performance.*

What's excluded?

- *Nepal Visa fee you may obtain easily in Kathmandu airport.*
- *International airfare to and from Kathmandu.*
- *Entrance fee in Kathmandu & Pokhara.*
- *Extra night Hotel accommodation in Kathmandu because of early arrival, late departure, early return from mountain (due to any reason) than the scheduled itinerary.*
- *All meals in Kathmandu and Pokhara. (and also in the case of early return from mountain than the scheduled itinerary).*
- *Travel and rescue insurance.*
- *Personal expenses (phone calls, laundry, bar bills, battery recharge, extra porters, bottle or boiled water, shower, etc).*

Equipment

Equipment List for Upper Mustang Tiji Festival Trek:

Upper Mustang is Moderate trekking but however our long-year experience of operating Trekking to Nepal, We learn many things and would like to give some information to pack your equipment list for your Trekking and we hope, this information will be helpful you so success your trip.

Luggage/Duffle bag:

You will require a duffel bag or a backpack for trekking (65- 75 L) max, and all our trekking stuff is kept in this duffel bag, and our porters will carry this. However, Himalayan Adventure also provides the duffel back if needed.

A day backpack:

You will need a day backpack and you will be carrying it every day by yourself and we recommend you it has to be at least 25L and you can carry important documents like Passport, credit card along with a need to carry a water bottle, snacks bar and clothing layers (hat, gloves, fleece, sunblock, poles, etc...).

Trekking/Hiking boots:

Upper Mustang Tiji Festival is a Moderate trek, and It is essential to have good trekking boots, and it should be waterproof (in case of snow, or rain) Make sure it should be fit on your feet and comfortable during walking. Also, recommend you bring the Crompton during the winter season in Nepal.

Sport Sandals:

You need to have a pair of sports shoes or sandals to use while you are in camp or tea houses after the trek.

Sneakers:

Upper Mustang Tiji Festival is Moderate trekking so sneakers are not suitable for this trek so you can leave your sneakers in the Kathmandu hotel until you get back.

Sleeping Bag:

You need to have a lightweight sleeping bag that works for minus 15 degrees for the summer season but during the winter we recommend minus 20 degrees for the trekking. Himalayan Adventure can provide it if you need one but has to be returned after the trek.

Fleece jacket:

You need to have good quality fleece jacket at least 1 synthetic jacket or pullovers are a great alternative to fleece because they are lighter and more compressible and gives you enough warmth during trekking.

Down jacket:

Down jacket is compulsory and recommends you to bring the warm enough so can keep you warm during the Trek.

Socks:

You need to have at least 5 pairs of thick socks during the spring & autumn but winter and monsoon need at least 7 pairs of socks for this trekking.

Lightweight/ warm insulated pants:

You need to have at least 3 pairs of lightweight trekking pants like Lightweight expedition thermal bottoms, Nylon hiking shorts, Softshell and hardshell trekking pants, Water/windproof trousers, and



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Casual pants so we can use them like the weather.

Short-sleeved shirts:

You need to have 3 ice-breaker merino wool to keep you warm from the cold or synthetic shirts and if you are not allergic to wool products, merino wool is ideal for Upper Mustang Tiji Festival Trek & Himalayan Adventure also provide the 1 company T-shirt as a souvenir.

Long-sleeved shirts:

You need to have at least three shirts.

Underwear:

You need to have few pairs of underwear and this can be as much as you need as there are no washing facilities every day on Upper Mustang Tiji Festival Trek so, we highly recommend you to have enough pair of underwear.

Waterproof jacket:

You need at least one waterproof jacket for the rain/snow and wind for the Upper Mustang Tiji Festival Trek and waterproof pants may be an option.

Head and face gear:

Sun Hat or cap during the daytime, Woolen Hat for morning & Evening, and Polarized sunglasses are compulsory.

Hand gear:

You need warm gloves.

Traveling supplies:

Adapter Plug for Charging the Camera and Mobile, Camera belt, Passport belt (nice to have), Swiss army knife (option), Flashlight, Headlamp, Water bottle, Extra camera battery, Hand sanitizer, Alarm clock, Hiking poles (optional), and Binoculars (optional).

Toiletries:

Razor, razor blades, shaving cream, aftershave toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, sunscreen, toilet paper, small towel, and period pads (for women).

Medication:

First Aid Medical Kit box (can be purchased in Thamel Kathmandu), Altitude Medicines (Diamox),

Tylenol, aspirin, ibuprofen, Anti-diarrheic, Powerful antibiotics, and Nasal Spray or Drops.

Trip Notes

Entrance fees of Heritage Sites of Nepal:

Nepal is famous for world heritage sites, Tourist attractions places, and monuments areas. Tourism is the second income source of the country. Entrance fees, National park fees, climbing royalties are the backbone of the Nepalese economy. Foreigner tourists visiting heritage sites, attraction places, and monuments of the country and have to pay a certain entrance fee to get inside the area. The people of South Asian countries (SAARC) have to pay fewer entrance fees in comparison to tourists from other countries. Many tourists want to see the typical Nepalese art and cultural places, happily paying the entrance fee because it is worth paying to visit.

The 7 heritage sites of Kathmandu valley are amazing. Boudhanath, Pashupatinath, Swayambhunath, Kathmandu Durbar Square, Patan Durbar Square, Bhaktapur Durbar Square, and Changunarayan have their own history. They are not only rich in art and architecture but also fountain spiritual places of Hinduism and Buddhism. Most of the constructions made have a tantric background and old history. Not only the Kathmandu valley but other parts of the country are also rich in nature and history. Lumbini (Birth Place of Gautam Buddha) Chitwan National park, Pokhara, Nagarkot, Trekking trails, Peak climbing, Expedition are the main tourist destination in Nepal and main income sources of the country. It is the government that keeps the price of priceless monuments and makes some money from tourists who visit them.

Please find the attached PDF file for the Entrance fees of World heritage and other attraction places in Nepal.

[Entrance Fees of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Nepal](#)

Physical Fitness:

Many people have questions as to what level of physical fitness is required for trekking in Nepal and that is extremely reliant on what activity the visitor is engaging in Nepal With that said, for a standard easy trek to Extreme hard level of trekking. The daily activity (trek) would be 5-6 hours,(depend on the trekking trail) and elevation will generally not exceed 5,600 meters like Everest Base Camp, Throng la passes, [Chola passes treks](#) and other passes or Base Camp but some of them are less than 4000m. The trekking day is involving both long steep climbs, and descents with a variety of terrain underfoot from well-trodden paths, to rocks covered with ice or snow, depending on the season. Mostly a day would include a number of climbs or descents of 600 meters more or less, starting after the early morning breakfast, resting at a lunch place in the afternoon, then continuous trekking until arriving at the teahouse.

In preparation for the trekking in Nepal, it is important, to begin with, the basic training requirement at least 2 months before departing for trekking in Nepal. Two to three hours of aerobic exercise like

running, walking, swimming, cycling & some gym work per week is the minimum and most will find it beneficial to add some basic strength training to their physical fitness routine required for the hard trekking and for normal and easy trek just have some physical fitness is enough. One of the best ways to prepare is to take practice hikes with a daypack roughly the same weight as what you will be taking during the trek. Your calf should be enough fit and prepare for trekking. Mostly during the trekking calf pain or tiredness is the main issue. Do this only after a baseline of fitness has been reached. Moving fast is not our goal, will provide a more enjoyable and safe adventure trekking in Nepal for all easy and hard level.

Trekking Seasons in Nepal:

There are main two seasons in which Nepal where the most amount of visitors visit. (September, October & November) being the most popular season which is also called the peak season in Nepal, and spring (March, April & May) coming in close behind which is also called the mini-season in Nepal. The summer months of June, July, and August are the monsoon season and most of the time raining as such the trails are mostly washed out sometimes, and roads can sometimes be impassible due to landslide activates. Nevertheless, you can trek to rain-shadow regions like Upper Dolpo and Upper Mustang during the monsoon seasons. Nepal is a suitable destination for all seasons.

Winter is very dry & extremely cold and all the high passes become inaccessible due to ice and snow conditions. The temperature doesn't usually fluctuate during the day time temperature is around 20-25 degrees. However, you gain altitude the temperature decreases. The temperature can drop to around 0 to -25 degrees at night when staying at tented camps in Himalayan regions. Winter trek in higher altitudes is not advised due to the danger of avalanches and also altitude sickness. Although some may enjoy the sight of the snow-covered mountains as you reach your destination. However, the temperature does not change as much in lower mountain regions the nights are slightly colder than days' time.

Autumn & Spring is the best timing for trekking in Nepal because the weather is generally warm and dry, and flowers are in bloom in the lower elevations of the country on the same time you can see the many festivals during that period.

Trekking Day:

A typical trekking day begins with the early morning breakfast around 7 am in the hotel. (Depend on the trekking region). It would advise you to pack your trekking gears in a duffle bag and essential supplies in your day pack after having breakfast; we begin the trek and head along the trail at around 8 am. The morning walk is more energetic to be longer as we begin with refreshed bodies and enthusiasm. A good morning's walk, we make a stop for lunch at around 11-12 pm. The lunch involves group meals enjoying the vicinity around the stop & enjoys the organic & local food in the mountain. After resting for about an hour or two, we resume our trek to reach the teahouse or camp by 2-3 pm. The afternoon walk is relatively shorter and can involve games and side trips as organized by the trekking experienced guides. You also can enjoy breaks during the trek to relax, read, and stroll around the area, or doing yoga. You can explore with the local people and observe their lifestyle & culture. Dinner is served around 7-8 in the evening to round off the day.

Meals and Accommodations:

During the trekking period, the accommodation is commonly referred to as teahouses. These are family-run basic lodges that fill the role of the restaurant, Dining hall, and boarding house for tourists. Now a day's electricity can be found in the rooms, which means one light bulb, and one or two outlets for charging electronics. The common areas are also lit by electricity. Alternatively, teahouses may also use solar, hydroelectric, or have electrical lines running into the village, so the commonality and availability of electricity may vary. Still, a few of the trekking route electricity service is not available. Use the local traditional kerosene light.

Most of the teahouses have private rooms, though if the trek is in a more remote or high altitude place there are limited teahouses so season time dormitories are the norm. Most of the room has 2 single beds with basic bedding, and the bathroom is shared. Some of the places we can get the private bathroom also with a mix of western and squat style toilets in the bathrooms.

Breakfast and dinner are taken at the same teahouses and these lodges have large family-style dining rooms centered on a stove or coal to provide heat basically in mountain areas. Most of the area's menu will have Nepali-style western foods such as pancakes, pizza, burgers, fries, etc. Also on the menu is the traditional Nepali food Dal Bhat meal. This is a lentil soup with rice, vegetable, Pickle, or meat curry. Most menus will also offer a smattering of local cuisine.

Internal Flight Delays:

Nepal is an incredible and beautiful country of mixed of the White Mountains, deep valleys, Landscape, rivers, and green rolling hills. With this incredible diversity of landscapes, road travel can be extremely time-consuming and flights within Nepal to reach popular trekking destinations is the easiest way. Not all the trekking destination has flight service, so road transportation is the only option. Mountainous terrain also comes with the possibility of in-climate weather. It mentions the incredibly high number of visitors during peak seasons makes internal flight delays a genuine possibility. To manage this situation, it may be helpful to have a few extras days on either end of your tour. If any cancellations or flight delays do occur (high chances of flight delays from around Kathmandu to Lukla, Everest region, Pokhara to Jomsom, Annapurna region), we also provide services to arrange chopper on the last stage to help you to be on your schedule on the premises of Civil Aviation Rules in Nepal which state that helicopters can fly if the visibility is 1500m. The cost ranges from USD400 to USD650 according to the number of passengers. The payment can be made either to the helicopter company or to us directly and can be made either by cash or using a credit card. It will be beneficial to purchase and review your insurance, the insurance companies may cover some of the alternative measures of travel. Flight insurance may cover changing your international flight if it is necessary.

Travel Insurance:

Most expeditions, Adventurous trekking, and tours require that travel insurance, and it is purchased prior to arriving in Nepal, but other normal treks and tours may not require it. However, travel insurance is definitely an important consideration. There are a number of reasons to consider insurance. Firstly, it may be required, so check to see what is being asked for by the company. Second, Nepal is a landlocked country, and there are only a few direct flights. Travel in and out of the country

can encounter some disruptions if purchasing insurance, make sure flight delays and cancellations also included. Always choose insurance that, though every safeguard is in place during your Holiday, there are always extenuating circumstances that may result in an accident during trekking & tours. Read printout of insurance policies carefully to ensure that the trekking or any other activity you are engaging in is covered or not, as some policies have stopped covering trekking in certain places. If you are going above 5000 m or high always mention the policies, so it's cover the chopper service in the last condition. It is vital that if you have the comfort of good insurance, so do the research and choose carefully, which makes your trip relaxing and joyful.

Nepal Visa Entry Procedure:

There is only one International airport which is the Tribhuvan International Airport in Nepal. Immigration Office, TIA (Tribhuvan International Airport) under the Department of Immigration has been facilitating tourists flying to Nepal by providing visas on Arrival.

'On Arrival' visa procedure is very quick and simple. October, November, March, April can expect some queues during peak Tourist season and October is basically the Nepalese got the Main festival Dashain. You can also get Visa from Nepalese Diplomatic Missions stationed abroad prior to your arrival. The choice is yours.

Visa obtains from Nepalese Diplomatic Missions, and then you must enter Nepal within six months from the visa issued date. Your total stay is counted starting from the day you enter Nepal.

Visas obtained on Arrival at the Entry and Exit points are 'Tourist Visas'. They bear multiple Re entry facilities. Tourist Visa 'On Arrival' is the only entry visa to Nepal. If you are visiting Nepal for purposes other than Tourism (sightseeing, tour, travel, mountaineering, trekking, visiting friends and families), you should still get a 'Tourist Visa' to get into the country. However, you must change the category of visa as per your purpose and length of stay in Nepal from the Department of Immigration by producing the required documents.

Please click below for the online Visa form.

<http://online.nepalimmigration.gov.np/tourist-visa>

The following visa rules apply for tourists:

For 15 days Multiple Entry Visa, the visa fee the US \$30 or equivalent foreign currency.

For 30 days Multiple Entry Visa, the visa fee the US \$ 40 or equivalent foreign currency.

For 100 days Multiple Entry Visa, the visa fee the US \$ 100 or equivalent foreign currency.

According to the immigration regulations, a tourist is allowed to stay in Nepal only for 150 days a year. You can extend the visa up to another 90 days.

US\$ 2 or equivalent Nepalese currency per day for extension.



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Additional US\$ 25 or equivalent Nepalese currency on visa fee, if Multiple Entry facility is required for the extended period

For more details please visit our FAQ link

<https://www.himalayanadventuretreks.com/faq/>

Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS):

Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS) is usually seen in un-acclimatized people shortly after ascent to high altitudes. The condition occurs due to the thinning of air as the altitude increases. The condition, if not taken seriously and treated immediately, can be life-threatening and its symptoms can be seen generally above 3200 meters. The symptoms of Acute Mountain Sickness are nausea, vomiting, tiredness, shortness of breath, and cerebral pain. The itineraries are designed to properly acclimatize you to the change in high altitude climate and sufficient precautionary measures too are taken to take utmost caution for our valuable guests. Our staff also equipped with cell phones and satellite phones (Option) in the occurrence of any emergency cases. We are greatly driven to keep the safety and security of our clients as our foremost concern.

Drinking-Water:

Water is essential for life, and clean water is imperative while on holiday. When visiting less developed countries like Nepal it is a concern that all travelers should consider. There are few options when trekking or traveling in Nepal that will mitigate any chances of drinking contaminated water. The first consideration to take into account is that tap water should not be ingested. That even means when brushing your teeth in an urban area. Most will choose to buy bottled water and if doing so make sure the cap has sealed properly. Plastic bottle reuse is a big problem, and with that being said there are other options on the market to assist in making water drinkable. Mountain spring water is drinkable but if you use the purified tablet. The conservation area project also sells this tablet for most of the trekking area. A guide will assist you to find out it also.

Arrival Instruction:

Upon your arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) Kathmandu Nepal, our company representatives are stationed to welcome you to the country. We request you to carefully look for your and company name placard being held by our representatives following the events upon landing. Our representatives will be responsible to escort you up to your hotel in Kathmandu. There are many brokers, Taxi drivers, and trouble maker people offering you to carry your luggage and take you to your destination as you exit from the gate. We request you to pay no attention to these people and follow the company representatives and follow their instructions.

How to Book Your Tour:

Before booking any tour or trekking please read all the terms and conditions thoroughly and call or email the company representative with any questions prior to making any payments. Begin by filling out a booking form and pay the non-refundable deposit. Fill out the form completely and if any



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confusion contacts the company person so as not to disrupt the expediency of the process. The form may be submitted online or by downloading the form and mailing or Whatsapp the form to your company representative.

It is very important to understand all aspects of the chosen trip, from what's included and excluded, to the level of service, or even what trip may be right for your level of experience and fitness. Take the time to get all the questions answered so that when booking the trip, it is without trepidation.