

Upper Mustang Helicopter Tour

Duration: 4-5 hours Days

Itinerary (Plan)

Day 1 Detailed Itinerary for Upper Mustang Helicopter Tour

- **Time :** 4-5 Hours
- **Max Altitude :** 3870 m

Accommodation: N/A

Meal: N/A

6:00 AM – 6:30 AM: Hotel Pickup & Transfer to Pokhara Airport

Your Upper Mustang helicopter tour begins with an early morning pickup from your hotel in Pokhara. A private vehicle transfers you to Pokhara Airport, where our team assists with check-in and pre-flight formalities. The calm lakeside city provides a serene start before your flight into the trans-Himalayan region.

6:30 AM – 7:10 AM: Flight from Pokhara to Jomsom

After completing airport formalities and a safety briefing, the helicopter departs Pokhara heading north along the Kali Gandaki River corridor. The flight offers stunning aerial views of the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri ranges, with Machhapuchhre standing tall between them. The helicopter flies through the world's deepest gorge, with terraced hills, traditional villages, and the winding Kali Gandaki River visible far below. The landscape gradually transitions from green hills to arid terrain as you approach Jomsom.

7:10 AM – 7:30 AM: Refueling Stop at Jomsom

The helicopter lands briefly at Jomsom Airport for refueling. This short stop allows you to experience the high-altitude desert environment of Mustang's lower valley. The dry, windswept landscape and views of the surrounding peaks offer a preview of the terrain ahead.

7:30 AM – 8:00 AM: Flight from Jomsom to Lo Manthang

After refueling, the helicopter continues northward over Kagbeni, a picturesque village at the confluence of the Kali Gandaki and Mustang rivers. The flight passes over Chele, Samar, Syangboche, Gheling, and Charang villages, each with its distinctive Tibetan-style whitewashed houses and monasteries. The landscape transforms into barren, desert-like terrain with dramatic red cliffs, deep gorges, and eroded rock formations. The walled city of Lo Manthang comes into view, nestled in a vast valley surrounded by ochre hills.

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM: Exploration of Lo Manthang – The Walled City

The helicopter lands near Lo Manthang, the historic capital of Upper Mustang at 3,840m. You have approximately 45 minutes to explore this ancient walled city. Visit the royal palace, a four-story whitewashed structure built in the 15th century, and the surrounding Buddhist monasteries featuring exquisite Thangka paintings and statues. Walk through the narrow alleys lined with traditional mud-brick houses, interact with the local Gurung and Thakali communities, and soak in the timeless atmosphere of this hidden Himalayan kingdom.

8:45 AM – 10:00 AM: Return Flight to Pokhara

Board the helicopter for the return journey south. The flight retraces the route over Charang, Gheling, Samar, and Kagbeni before reaching Jomsom for a brief stop. From Jomsom, the helicopter follows the Kali Gandaki Gorge back toward Pokhara, offering final panoramic views of the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri ranges. The landscape transitions from arid cliffs back to green hills as you descend into the Pokhara Valley.

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM: Hotel Drop-off – Tour Concludes

Upon landing at Pokhara Airport, you are escorted to your vehicle and transferred back to your hotel. The tour concludes by late morning, leaving you with unforgettable memories of the remote monasteries, desert landscapes, and ancient culture of Upper Mustang.

Cost Include

- Pre-trek briefing in Kathmandu
- Airport pick-up and drop-off services in Kathmandu
- 2 nights' accommodation in a 4-star category hotel in Kathmandu on a twin-sharing basis, including daily breakfast
- Welcome or farewell dinner in Kathmandu at a cultural restaurant (complimentary)

Cost Exclude

- Personal equipment and personal expenses
 - Meals, beverages, and personal purchases
 - Travel insurance (recommended, including emergency medical and helicopter evacuation coverage)
 - Tips and gratuities for the pilot and staff (optional)
 - Any additional costs, services, or expenses not specifically mentioned under Package Includes
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