

Tiji Festival Trek

3 Star Hotel Package

2300^{USD}
per person

*Including healthy meals

5 Star Hotel Package

2700^{USD}
per person

*Including healthy meals

Trip Style: Cultural Tour+ Trek



Trip Difficulty: Moderate+2

Experience the Enchantment of the Upper Mustang Tiji Festival 2025!

Booking is Now Open! If you're looking to immerse yourself in the vibrant cultural tapestry of Nepal, the **Tiji Festival** in the ancient Kingdom of Lo is a must-visit. The Tiji Festival, one of the most culturally significant events in the Upper Mustang region, will be celebrated from **May 21 to May 23, 2025**.

Why Choose the Tiji Festival Tour?

The **Tiji Festival tour** is not just a journey through breathtaking landscapes; it's an unparalleled opportunity for cultural exploration. For centuries, the secluded Upper Mustang region has been largely untouched by the Western world, allowing you to witness traditions and customs that have persisted through the ages. Hidden behind the mighty Himalayas, this Nepalese enclave is a treasure trove of history and spirituality.

About the Tiji Festival

Held annually at the end of May or the beginning of June, according to the Tibetan calendar, the **Tiji Festival** is a vibrant celebration that lasts for three days. The festival is deeply rooted in Tibetan Buddhist culture and symbolizes the triumph of good over evil. Join the locals in the charming village of Lo Manthang as you witness mesmerizing masked dances and colorful processions that bring the ancient tales of the region to life. The sound of Tibetan horns fills the air, creating an atmosphere steeped in spirituality and joy.

As the ancient walls of the **Lo Manthang Palace**, the capital of Mustang, resonate with the rhythms of the festival, you'll feel transported back to a time of splendor.

What Awaits You on This Trek?

1. **Cultural Richness:** Engage with the warm and welcoming locals, learn about their traditions, and partake in the celebrations.
2. **Stunning Landscapes:** Overland drive through dramatic landscapes that blend rugged mountains, serene valleys, and unique geological formations.
3. **Historical Exploration:** Discover the history of the region as you explore ancient monasteries, traditional villages, and the remnants of a bygone era.

Don't miss this chance to be part of a magnificent experience where the grandeur of the landscapes intertwines with the cultural wealth of Upper Mustang.

Book Your Tiji Festival Trek Today!

For more information and to secure your spot at this extraordinary cultural celebration, please contact us. Let us guide you through an unforgettable journey in the heart of Mustang!

DURATION: 21 days

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Day 01.: Arrival in Kathmandu (1,350m/4,428ft). Transfer to Hotel.

Our office Staff with Car & driver will welcome, greet you at International Airport on Arrival. After Visa formalities complete, you have to come downstairs to collect Luggage and proceed to outside from terminal Building. Please look after your Printed Name and Our Company Signboard and follow them. Meet our Staff and then Transfer to Hotel. Check in at Hotel, free welcome drinks tea/coffee or any cold drinks. Company Manager will meet you with your guide and will provide detailed Plans and Briefing about the trip. Balance trip Payment should clear if any etc. Free day for relax or explore around the city yourself

Day 02.: Drive to Pokhara by Private Car- stay in Pokhara

Today, we will drive to **Pokhara** after having breakfast. The journey will take approximately 6 to 7 hours, covering a distance of about 200 kilometers. Along the way, you will enjoy the beautiful countryside of Nepal, including charming villages, rivers, and stunning mountain views.

We will provide you with an experienced driver and a well-maintained car to ensure your drive is smooth and comfortable. You can take rest breaks whenever you need. **Lunch** will be provided at a good restaurant midway through the journey. Once we reach Pokhara, you will be accommodated in a quality hotel. 7-8 hrs drive

Day 03.: Drive to Tatopani by Private Jeep- stay in Tatopani

Today, we will drive to Tatopani from Pokhara. The distance is approximately 90 kilometers (56 miles) and the journey takes about 4 hours. Along the route, you can enjoy stunning views of the Himalayas, lush green hills, and the Kali Gandaki River.

While it is possible to continue driving further, we recommend staying one night in Tatopani. Here, you can enjoy the famous hot springs and the beautiful surroundings, making it a perfect spot to relax and unwind after your journey. We prioritize quality and comfort for our valued guests, so we encourage you to take the time to enjoy your stay in Tatopani.

Day 04.: Drive to Muktinath from Tatopani- Overnight Muktinath

Today, we will drive from Tatopani to Muktinath. The journey offers scenic views of the Kali Gandaki Valley and towering peaks, with rugged landscapes transitioning into the Mustang region. Once we reach Muktinath, you will have time to explore the sacred temple, a key pilgrimage site for both Hindus and Buddhists. We will stay overnight in Muktinath, allowing you to rest and soak in the spiritual atmosphere of the area.

Day 05.: Drive from Muktinath to Shamar- Overnight stay in Shamar

Today, after breakfast, we will drive from Muktinath to Shamar. The distance is approximately **55 kilometers**, and the drive will take around **6 to 7 hours**. Along the route, you'll experience breathtaking views of the Mustang region's rugged landscape and pass through traditional villages. Once we arrive in Shamar, we will stay overnight, allowing you to rest and enjoy the peaceful surroundings.

Day 06.: Drive from Shamar to Lo-Manthang- Overnight in Lo-Manthang

Today, we will drive from Shamar to **Lo-Manthang**. The distance is approximately **30 kilometers**, and the drive will take around **3 to 4 hours**. The journey offers spectacular views of the Upper Mustang's dramatic landscapes, including canyons, cliffs, and snow-capped peaks. Upon reaching Lo-Manthang, the ancient walled city, you can explore the rich cultural heritage and unique Tibetan-influenced architecture. We will stay overnight in Lo-

Manthang, giving you time to rest and immerse yourself in this historic kingdom.

Day 07.: Attend and see the first day Teji festival in Lo-Manthang

The program is not set in advance. Walk through the narrow streets of this old city and the square of the royal palace to discover the masked dances and colorful processions taking place at the sound of the Tibetan horns. The dances are motley but static. You can also take the opportunity to walk around Lo Mantang, in the middle of fields of barley, mustard and buckwheat. In addition, ancient monasteries display beautiful paintings and magnificent mandalas. Lodge or camp. **(Breakfast lunch dinner.)**

Day 08.: Attend and see the second day Teji Festival in Lo-Manthang

Today, you will attend and witness the vibrant second day of the **Tiji Festival in Lo-Manthang**. This day is filled with mesmerizing masked dances performed by monks, representing the story of the deity Dorje Jono, who triumphs over evil forces. The monastery courtyard will be alive with colorful costumes, traditional Tibetan horns, and a deeply spiritual atmosphere as locals and visitors gather for this important cultural celebration.

The stunning backdrop of Lo-Manthang's ancient palaces and the surrounding Himalayan peaks adds to the grandeur of the event, making it an unforgettable experience of cultural immersion.

Day 09:: Third day Teji Festival at Lo-montang [Overnight stay at Lodge]

Today, you will experience the third and final day of the **Tiji Festival in Lo-Manthang**. This day marks the dramatic conclusion of the festival, with elaborate rituals and sacred dances symbolizing the victory of good over evil. Monks in vibrant, intricate costumes perform ceremonial dances, invoking blessings for peace and harmony.

The atmosphere will be filled with excitement and spiritual energy as the community comes together for this ancient tradition. After enjoying the festivities, you will stay overnight at a local lodge, providing a comfortable place to relax after a day of cultural immersion.

Day 10:: Drive from Lo-Manthang to Kagbeni-Overnight stay in Kagbeni

Today, we will drive from Lo-Manthang to Kagbeni. The distance is approximately 50 kilometers, and the drive will take around 5 to 6 hours. The journey will take you through stunning landscapes, with panoramic views of the Himalayas and the rugged terrain of the Mustang region.

As you descend towards Kagbeni, you will pass through traditional villages, each with its unique charm and culture. Upon arrival in Kagbeni, a picturesque village at the confluence of the Kali Gandaki River and the Jhong Khola, you will have time to explore its ancient monasteries and the beautiful surroundings. We will stay overnight in Kagbeni, allowing you to rest and enjoy the serene atmosphere of this historic town.

Day 11:: Drive to Jomsom from Kagbeni and visit Marpha village

Today, we will drive from Kagbeni to Jomsom, a distance of approximately 20 kilometers that will take about 1 to 2 hours. This scenic drive will provide beautiful views of the Kali Gandaki Valley and the surrounding mountains.

Once we arrive in Jomsom, we will take some time to explore the area before heading to Marpha village, known for its apple orchards and traditional whitewashed stone houses. Marpha is about 8 kilometers from Jomsom and can be reached in approximately 30 minutes by vehicle.

In **Marpha**, you can wander through the quaint streets, visit the local monastery, and sample delicious apple-based products. After enjoying the charm of Marpha, we will return to Jomsom for our overnight stay, where you can relax and reflect on the day's adventures.

Day 12:: Fly from Jomsom to Pokhara- Overnight in Pokhara

The path descends first gently to cross a ravine, then slight rise to reach a large plateau about 3750 meters, overlooking a spectacular relief: huge organ pipes! From this plateau, beautiful view of the Dhaulagiri. Descending by fairly steep laces to the river Dichvang Khola, which we cross by ford. Long climb to the pass around 4000 meters before diving again towards the village of Tangye: the arrival above the village and its fields is superb! Visit this lost village with remarkable architecture, with its magnificent alignment of chortens. Lodge or camp. (Breakfast lunch dinner.) 7 hours of walking.

Day 13:: Rest and relax day in Pokhara- Overnight stay in Hotel

Today is a designated rest and relaxation day in Pokhara. After an adventurous trek, you can take this opportunity to unwind and enjoy the serene beauty of the area.

You might choose to explore the stunning Phewa Lake, where you can take a leisurely boat ride, or visit the nearby World Peace Pagoda for panoramic views of the surrounding mountains. You can also stroll through the vibrant streets of Lakeside, shop for local handicrafts, or simply relax at a café while enjoying the view.

For those interested in wellness, consider indulging in a spa treatment or yoga session. After a day of relaxation and exploration, we will return to your hotel for an overnight stay, allowing you to recharge for the next leg of your journey.

Day 14.: Fly to Kathmandu and Tour of Patan & Bhaktapur - Hotel

Today, we will fly from Pokhara to Kathmandu. The flight offers stunning aerial views of the Himalayas and takes about **25 to 30 minutes**.

Upon arrival in Kathmandu, we will begin our tour of Patan. Known for its rich cultural heritage, Patan is famous for its stunning Durbar Square, filled with ancient temples, exquisite woodwork, and the beautiful Krishna Mandir. You can explore the Patan Museum, which showcases traditional art and artifacts.

Next, we will head to **Bhaktapur**, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, you can wander through the charming streets, visit the iconic 55-Window Palace, and admire the intricately carved Nyatapola Temple. Don't miss trying the famous local delicacy, **king curd (juju dhau)**.

After a day of exploration and cultural immersion, we will return to Kathmandu for your overnight stay. This day promises to be filled with history, art, and the vibrant spirit of Nepal's cultural heritage.

Day 15:: Transfer to Airport by Private Car and fly back to Home

Today, you will be transferred to the airport by private car for your departure. We will ensure a smooth and comfortable ride, allowing you to reflect on your wonderful journey through Nepal.

Upon arriving at the airport, you can check in for your flight and prepare for your journey home. We hope you carry with you cherished memories and experiences from your time in Nepal. Safe travels, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the future!