Detail Itinerary

Experience the Sacred Rituals of Lo Manthang

The Tiji Festival 2027 in Upper Mustang is scheduled to be celebrated from June 1 to June 3, 2027, in Lo Manthang, Nepal. You can join and share permits for the Upper Mustang Tiji Festival trekking tour with us. Travelers from around the globe visit the Upper Mustang region to witness and study this unique celebration. Upper Mustang, a restricted area opened to foreign visitors in 1992, requires a special trekking permit. The route features vast open landscapes, barren sandstone pillars, and striking multicolored terraces in shades of brown, yellow, and red. This accessible trek leads directly to Lo Manthang, the walled medieval capital of Mustang located behind the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri ranges. Plan ahead and do not miss the official Tiji festival dates for 2027.

Meaning, Sacred Dances, and Celebration of the Tiji Festival

Upper Mustang also captivates visitors through its world-renowned Tiji Festival, for which Nepal Kailash Trekking organizes dedicated annual departures. Celebrated over three days in Lo Manthang, the festival holds profound religious and cultural significance for the local Loba people.

The name "Tiji" is an abbreviation of "Tenji," which translates to "a prayer for world peace." It commemorates the legendary victory of Dorje Sonam over a wicked demon named Ma Tam Ru Ta, who inflicted widespread drought and crop destruction upon the land. Throughout the celebration, monks from the historic Chyode Monastery perform sacred masked dances—specifically the TSA Chham, Nga Chham, and Rha Chham on the first, second, and third days, respectively. Rooted in the Tibetan lunar calendar, the festival brings together communities from all over Lo Manthang to observe and participate. Contact Nepal Kailash Trekking to organize your pilgrimage and trekking adventure for the upcoming Tiji festival.

Trip Facts

- Trip Duration: 18 days
- Trek Duration: 12
- Trip Code: 11
- Trip Cost: 1890 Starts/Per Person
- Primary Activity: Trekking
- Secondary Activity: City sightseeing
- Min. Group Size: 02
- Starts Point: Kathmandu
- Ends Point: Kathmandu
- Trip Grade: Midium Hard
- Max. Height: 4210m
- Trip Mode: Medium
- Accommodation: Hotel/lodge
- Season: April - Oct
- Other Info: We will be updating soon the exact Tiji festival date. The Tiji festival booking is opened.

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Day 01: Arrival at Tribhuwan International **Airport (TIA), Kathmandu 1350m, overnight Hotel**
Arrival in Kathmandu. Pick you up from the Airport & transfer to Hotel by our company representative and brief about the program, Bed, and Breakfast

Day 02: Preparation day Overnight Hotel
This day in Kathmandu - for preparation special permit and conformity, full-day sightseeing of Kathmandu valley, evening briefing about the tour, overnight Hotel on BB plan

Day 03: Drive or fly to Pokhara 820m, an overnight **hotel**
Normally, people take a tourist bus or private vehicle as the size of the group goes to Pokhara along the highway cultivated the land, scenic view of some mountains like Ganesh Himal, Manaslu and adventurous experience by driving. There is another possible by airlines to go to Pokhara where you can see mountains view of the Annapurna, Manaslu, Ganesh Himal, Langtang, Rolwaling. Transfer to Hotel Pokhara.

Day 04: Early morning fly to Jomsom 2720m, and trek to Kagbeni 2800m, 2 ½ hrs
You will fly to Jomsom early in the morning from about 6 to 7 am. after breakfast. Great and beautiful flight from Pokhara to Jomsom with scenic views of Mountains Annapurna and Dhaulagiri ranges. Take a tea coffee or breakfast then the trail leads to Kagbeni along the left bank of Kali Gandaki river. Kali Gandaki is the deepest gorge in the world. It takes about two and a half hours from Jomsom to Kagbeni. Kagbeni is the most famous for the ruins of its medieval castle houses. At Kagbeni, there is plenty of lodges as well as the campsite.

Day 05: Trek to Tsaile **3050m, 5 – 6 hrs**
After breakfast and fully prepared for trekking, the trekking trail leads you along the right bank of the Kali Gandaki River as you see another side crosses riverbed farm field irrigating oasis. About three-and-a-half hours trekking you will be reached to Chhuksang village via Tangbe 3060m, houses made by mud and stonewashed by white colors as well as red which remains you Tibetan tradition and culture. Mostly, Chhuksang is a lunch place. Next, an hour walks to Tsaile along the bank of the River and crosses a bridge where is a tunnel of the Galigandaki River and climbs up about 15 minutes to Tsaile. From the Tsaile, you can see the north face of Nilgiri 6,940m. Overnight lodge.

Day 06: Trek to Syangbochen 3818m, 6 – 7 hrs
The trekking trail continues to climb up through the cliff to Samar pass. The left side from your trail is a long-range visible gorge with a crystalline mountain and reddish rocks. There is a long suspension bridge to the left side across the gorge that goes to Gyaker village. Some Himalayan plants like juniper and village are surrounding by Poplar trees. It looks greenery colorful scenery

After Samar by heading down to the river and after a little climb up, there are two trails for Syangboche. One is as usual normal trail via Yamdola 4010m with Upper Mustang's landscape and another via Chhungsi cave. If you have planned to visit Chhugsi Monastery cave, you have to follow the right bank with amazing canyons. This trail will be over Chhungsila 3810m; along with the magnificent view of dipping down gorge soon, it reaches the famous Chhunsi Kangchung monastery cave 3,400 m. The Chhunsi Kangchung cave monastery appearance the most important place of pilgrimage for Buddhists who interest in it. It says many years ago Yogi Padmasamvab (Guru Rempochen) choose a peaceful place for meditation job. Therefore, this place is made defiant (openly and fearlessly) popular. Then the trail slowly climbs up again through the narrow path between two lines of hills. It takes about one and a half hours to Syangbochen. You can continue an hour further to Gelling if time is early by reaching Syangbochen. Overnight lodge.

Day 07: Trek to Ghami (3520m), 4 hrs
After breakfast, start to climb a little hill with a pass you will be seen towards the valley of Gelling and backsight some mountain views. After crosses the village there is an unreasonable hill to ride up on the top of Nyi La pass 4010m. This is the good viewpoint of the Mustang landscape as well as Annapurna, Nilgiri ranges. From this path, the trail descends to down just follow left the straight trail by seeing cultivated land and the beautiful green valley. That will Ghami village where you stop for the night, but you are already at lunchtime. After lunch, next sight of the Ghami where you can find Japanese Hospital, primary school, longest Mani wall of the Mustang with prayer wheel & apple garden. Afternoon you can hike to the up valley of Ghami which trail leads to Dolpa and see their old broken houses before established Ghami village where you stay.

Day 08: Trek to Tsarang 3575m, 5 hrs
At the beginning part of the trek today, you will walk through the longest Mani wall of Mustang. It is just above after crossing the river of Ghami at the end of the Ghami village. You canee there a big farm in the Apple garden as well. After crossing the river, your trails go climbing to Tsarang La pass then after slop down or flat level. The pass offers you very

impressive views of Upper Mustang. Trasang is also one of the biggest villages in Mustang. There you may visit a huge monastery and old palace.

Day 09: Trek to Lomanthang 3809m, 4 hrs
Either this morning or the previous day you might have visited around Tsarang's palace and monastery. Immediately leaving Tsarang village trail leads you down to the river and gradually ascending. Before entering the Lo-Manthang (Lo La 3950m) you able to be seen the South face of Nilgiri Mountain then continues towards through the desert area to historical wall city. This day your trekking will be three to four hours normally.

Day 10: Excursion day
In the walled city, the houses stand against one another in a line to form small alley sometime feels tunnel, if you have no idea you will loose end in that passes-ways. Traditionally, built their mud houses with flat roofs white washed painted outside and monasteries with red. Local from here, people grow wheat, barley buckwheat, and some potatoes. Lo-pa people like the business they want to do some business from Tibet like Chinese goods. During the winter, the Lo-Pa people come down to the lower part like Pokhara. The temperature falls in minus in winter. This day visits to Chode Gmpa, Jampa Lhakhang, Thubchen Gompa & King's palace and around. Do not forget to take with you headlight because monasteries and caves will be dark or sometimes light does not work properly. Overnight lodge.

Day 11: Excursion day
You will be visiting the Chhoser village as well as caves ridding by horse or jeep and self-carry packed lunch, or at least you may have tea or coffee as well as Chinese noodle there by the local restaurant. Chhoser is mysterious, by its beauty of architecture. This cave looks like the cliff but inside it, there is step by step floor with 44 rooms. This cave is so amazing that it gives the feeling of being in Alien place if you are heading by jeep and by asking about the road is fine to visit the Korala border (Tibet/China and Nepal), it gives you outstanding landscape views with the Himalayas. Returned back to Lo-Manthang for overnight.

Day 12: Trek to Dhakmar (3786m), or Ghami 3520m (5 - 6 hrs) via Ghar Gompa

This is one of the scenics days in Upper Mustang trek via Ghar Gompa. there will be a chance to see blue sheep during climbing the Mui La pass 4170m. Ghar Gompa is the oldest monastery of Nepal which is built before than Samey Monastery of Lhasa (Tibet). The monastery is the Ngyinmapa sect where found the hidden scriptures of Padmasambhava.

Day 13: Trek to Samar 3660m

Day 14: Trek to Kagbeni

Day 15: Trek to Jomsom

Day 16: Fly to Pokhara

Day 17: Drive/fly to Kathmandu

Day 18: Departure
A representative of Nepal Kailash Trekking drops you for towards boarding

Note:- Itinerary can be modified Day 07 overnight at Ghmi and Day 12 at Dhakmar (after Lo Manthang via Ghar Gompa, Chogo la 4210 m, the highest pass of the trek)

Cost Includes

- All ground transports by private vehicle as per itinerary required

- One day Kathmandu city sightseeing with tour guide and all entry fees

- Kathmandu and Pokhara accommodation inclusive breakfast as per itinerary in 3 star Hotel

- All entry fees as per itinerary – Upper Mustang special permit per head US $ 500 for the first 10 days, then after 10 days US $ 50 per head per day, ACAP fee 2000 per head and required

monasteries entrance fee (bring 2 copies passport size picture)

- Pokhara-Jomsom-Pokhara round trip airfare and airport tax + Guide

- Three time meals including Lunch, Dinner and breakfast during trek with tea/coffee

- Available twin sharing room, lodge during trekking

- An English speaking highly experienced friendly and helpful trekking guide

- One porter for two-member

- Guide salary/food/accommodation/insurance and required transports

- Porter salary/food/accommodation/insurance and required transports

- Rain protection duffel bag for luggage

- Company guarantee the rescue services if needed; please hand over your insurance policy copy to us

- Government taxes and office service charge

Cost Excludes

- International airfare

- Nepal visa fee which obtained at the airport on arrival, a multiple tourist visa for 15 days US $ 25, for 30 days US $ 40 and for 90 days US $ 100 or Equivalent convertible currency (bring 2 copies passport size picture)

- Pokhara and Jomsom staying on flight cancelation due to bad weather

- Alcoholic beverages, soft drinks bottle of mineral/hot water, hot shower and snack foods during trekking

- Hot shower except Jomsom

- Battery charge during trekking

- Any personal medical or evacuation expenses incur and strongly recommend international Travel Insurance

- Extra porter for the personal day bag pack

- Horse riding along the trek

- Horse or jeep to Chhoser cave or Kerala border (talk to guide because the rate gets better on locally discussion)

- Extra cost on natural disaster

- Sleeping bag, can be rented from company @ USD 00.80 cent per day per piece

- Kathmandu sightseeing (it will be extra because we should arrange according your staying in Nepal)

- Any other expenses which is not mentioned in the cost include

- Tips to staffs