# Hiking and Cultural Exploration Tour

**Duration:** 4nights/5days **Activities:** Cultural and Village Exploration, Buddhist pilgrimage sites tour, Short hike, Himalayan views and many more **Best Time:** All around the year

### Day 1: Kathmandu - 1300m altitude

Arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport at Kathmandu and meet, assists and transfer to the hotel by our representative. Welcome drinks on arrival and briefing of tour program by one of the representative from Aarya Village Travel.

#### Day 2: Kathmandu – Namo Buddha and hike to Balthali Village (B)



After Breakfast drive to Namo Buddha which is about 40km and 2 hours drive from Kathmandu. Namobuddha is a very beautiful place with clean environment and fresh, cool and healthy natural air. One can have a wonderful sunrise & sunset views over the snow-covered Himalayan ranges from Namobuddha. From the Buddhist point of view, Namo Buddha is one of the most important religious sites in Nepal. There is an amazing legend related to the Buddha, which is commemorated by an ancient stone slab and a stupa with the all-seeing eyes of Lord Buddha.

Build a perfect picture of an idyllic countryside before we hike to Balthali Village. We walk three hours and reach the enchanting Balthali village. Overnight in Balthali Village Resort.

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#### Day 3: Balthali to Panauti (1400 m.) to Kathmandu (B)

Balthali Village offers an excellent mountain views at an altitude of 1,730m. Today we will visit a typical Tamang village, Dada Gaun, where a Buddhist Community lives. It is very traditional and secluded from the modern world. Here people and animals live together side by side.

After the village Exploration we take leisurely walk to the thriving Newari village of Panauti. Pride of this place goes to the massive, three-tiered Indreshwor Mahadev. Some authorities believe this to be the original structure that was raised here in 1294 AD, which would make it the oldest surviving Nepal. Having taken about 3 hours on foot journey, we drive back to Kathmandu.



#### Day 4: Kathmandu Sightseeing (B)

After Breakfast start full day sightseeing at UNESCO Heritage Sites. Sightseeing at **Bouddhanath Stupa-** the largest stupa in Nepal, is a very important religious site for the followers of Buddhism, **Pashupatinath Temple** is a famous, sacred Hindu temple dedicated to Pashupatinath is located on the banks of the Bagmati River. This temple is considered one of the sacred temples of Hindu faith and **Patan Durbar Square** a distinct place for arts and architecture that reflect on each temple, monument and palace building that were mostly built during the Malla period between 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century. Rest of the time free on your own.

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### Day 5: Departure (B)

Approximately 3 hours before your scheduled flight a representative from Aarya Village Travel will transfer you to the airport for final departure to your home country.

Thank you so much for Travelling with Aarya Village Travel!!!!!!!!!!

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