

Lumbini Extension Nepal



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The birthplace of Buddha, and one of the most important pilgrimage sites for Buddhists in the world, Lumbini's religious and cultural significance, makes it a fascinating addition to any visit to Nepal. Situated in the Terai plains of southern Nepal it is only a short 30 min flight from Kathmandu and easily accessible with good accommodation close by.

Now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it is said that Siddhartha Gautama, the historical Buddha, was born in the famous gardens of Lumbini in 623 BC. The spiritual heart of Lumbini is the temple of Maya Devi which marks the exact spot where the Buddha was born under a Bodhi tree. The temple is set in large park grounds with landscaped lakes and gardens along with numerous other stupas and monuments built by Buddhists over the ages who have come to Lumbini from around the world to worship, study and meditate. The other most revered sites at Lumbini are a sandstone carving depicting the birth of Buddha, a sacred pond where he is said to have bathed and the Ashokan Pillar marking the visit of the Indian Emperor Ashoka in 249BC. By spending a night close by, and having a full day of sightseeing at Lumbini you will be able to explore and absorb the many aspects of this most sacred of ancient sites.



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Day 1 - Late afternoon flight to Lumbini. Transfer to hotel.

In the afternoon, you will be collected from your hotel in Kathmandu and driven to the airport for your flight to Lumbini. After only a short flight of around 30 minutes, you will land at Bhairahawa Airport where you will be met and transferred to your hotel situated close to the entrance to Lumbini.

Overnight: Hotel Lumbini Garden New Crystal, Lumbini

(Meals: D)

Day 2 - Full day sightseeing tour of Lumbini Garden.

You have a full day to truly appreciate the remarkable sacred site of Lumbini. Your English-speaking local guide will meet you at your hotel at a pre-arranged time and accompany you on a comprehensive tour of the UNESCO World Heritage Site. They will explain the history of Lumbini, its development over time and its ongoing role as a pilgrimage site of immense global significance. You will no doubt see many, many pilgrims and saffron-robed Buddhist monks paying homage to Lord Buddha as you tour the temples and monuments. You will take a break for lunch and then retire to your hotel at the end of the day.

Overnight Hotel Lumbini Garden New Crystal, Lumbini

(Meals: B, L, D)

Day 3 - Fly to Kathmandu.

After breakfast you will be driven back to the airport for your return flight to Kathmandu. On arrival you will either be taken to the international terminal for your flight home or transferred to a hotel in the city if you're spending further nights in Kathmandu.

(Meals: Breakfast)



Hotel Lumbini Garden New Crystal

Located just a short walking from the entrance to the Lumbini complex, the 3* New Crystal offers both convenience and a good range of modern amenities. Wi-Fi is free throughout and the hotel has landscaped gardens, a bar and a restaurant where a continental breakfast is served daily. Rooms are comfortable with air-conditioning, TV and complimentary slippers. If the New Crystal is unavailable we will use an alternative hotel of a similar standard.

Prices*:

From £575 per person based on two people travelling on a twin share basis.

From £750 per person for solo travellers

Price includes: 2 nights accommodation in Lumbini on a twin share, full board basis; airport transfers; domestic flights Kathmandu/Lumbini/Kathmandu; guided sightseeing tour of Lumbini with and English-speaking guide; all applicable entrance fees.

Price excludes: Hotel accommodation in Kathmandu; tips; drinks.

**Prices applicable to 31 Dec 2020*

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