Day Hike to Kritipur

Kirtipur lies more elevated than Kathmandu city is an ideal place to escape the city too. This glorious historic hill town lies within the Kathmandu valley yet has remained isolated and rather undiscovered by tourists. History tells us that the ancient city of Kirtipur was founded, by Shiva Deva, somewhere between 1099 AD and 1126 AD. During the reign of the Malla Kingdom in the 15th century the city was made suitable for human settlement, which left its marks in the form of their sophisticated architecture that can still be visited today. The little village is a breathtaking open-air museum of religion, culture, and impressive Newari crafts and architecture. With the majority of the population consisting of Newari, Kirtipur town is a place where Buddhist and Hindu ethnic groups live together harmoniously.

The town not only bears historic importance but is also important from an artistic point of view. Some of the finest temples, Chaityas, and Stupas still stand tall here. Surrounded by stone sculptures, masterpieces of Nepalese art, these shrines are a hub of festivals and religious ceremonies.

Things to see

Baghbhairav Temple is dedicated to the God Bhairav, who is pictured in the form of a tiger. This god is regarded as the guardian of Kirtipur and the locals call it Ajudeu, a grandfather god. This temple was constructed between 1099 AD and 1126 AD by Shiva Deva. The temple stands at a height of 1405m/4600ft from where a gorgeous view of Kathmandu valley can be seen. The three-story temple is rectangular shaped and covers a surface area of 1,500sq.m. There are weapons like swords and shields showcased at the entrance of the temple. These weapons are said to be presented by Newar troops after their defeat by Late King Prithvi Narayan Shah. The temples were renovated in the years 1515AD, 1803 AD, 1850AD and 1961AD.

Uma Maheshwar Temple is another famous temple of Kirtipur. It is also known as Bhavani Shankar Temple and lies on one of the highest points of the town. It lies at 1414m/4639ft and was built in the year 1655AD by VishwanathRaurta. Standing at the foot of the temple, you can enjoy the beautiful landscape of the valley including some Himalayan mountain ranges of northern Nepal.

Your private day tour starts in the morning. You can remain in Kritipur as long as you please before you return to Kathmandu. You can also enjoy a variety of Newari food in typical Newari restaurants.

Fast Fact :

Name of the Tour Kritipur village Tour
Distance 38 KM 38 km east of Kathmandu
Activities Cultural Sightseeing of World Heritage Sites, Photography
The trip starts at 7 AM
Duration 3- 5 hours depends on the client's desire
Season Round the year
Transportation By PRIVATE CAR /PRIVATE VAN
Pick up Point The hotel you stay in KTM
Group Size 1 - 15 pax +
Type of the tour Private

Duration: 1 days

Price: $65

Grade: Easy

Destination: Nepal

Activity: Day Tours

Cost Include:

- Private vehicle with AC
- Driver
- Tour Guide

Cost exclude:

- Lunch