

# Tiji Festival in Nepal

## Trip Overview

The Tiji Festival Trek in Mustang is one of the most fascinating festivals celebrated by the local people of Mustang, especially by the Gurung and Bista communities. The Tiji Festival is an annual 3-day festival with Tibetan rituals celebrated grandly among the residents. The dates of the Tiji festival are on the 5th, 6th, and 7th of May. According to the lunar calendar, this festival most profoundly celebrates the myth of a son who saved the Mustang Kingdom from great destruction. "Tiji" is abbreviated from the word "Tempa Chirim," which means "Prayer for World Peace.". During this festival, people in Mustang dress in nice traditional outfits and celebrate the festival happily and with contentment. The monks of Lo Manthang perform the mask dance, which is a sacred ritual. This year, the festival is celebrated in May and June. Specifically, from May 30 to June 1.

The Tiji Festival Trek is a way that can be taken as a cultural tour too. Not only would you be walking through the trails of the Mustang, but this grand festival opens the doors for cultural exploration. Since the lifestyle of the Mustang is influenced by Tibetan culture, the festival is celebrated with Tibetan rites and rituals. This trek is organized so that trekkers will be able to see the blissful culture of Nepal and the glorious Himalayas of Nepal. The beautiful place of Mustang is a gateway to Saribung Peak too. Every year, many enthused climbers make their journey to climb Saribung Peak in the Nar, Phu, and Annapurna ranges.

This 3-day festival is celebrated contentedly by the residents, visitors, and trekkers. This trek is perfect for trekking in Nepal as part of a cultural tour; thus, join the Highland Eco Trek and participate in this auspicious festival.

## Trip Highlights

- Day tour of UNESCO-listed world heritage sites of Kathmandu Valley
- Make your way to Mustang via Kali Gandaki, which is the deepest gorge in the world
- Get closer to the locals of Mustang
- Take part in one of the most popular Tiji festivals.
- Visit Classic Tibetan Village Kagbeni
- Centuries-old Tibetan Buddhist Monasteries and the walled city of Lo-Manthang
- Panoramic view of trans-Himalaya
- Visit the King's Palace and the wall cave

## Trip Itinerary

**Day 1: Pick up from airport transfer to Hotel**

## Cost Includes

- pickups and drops in a private vehicle at the Airport upon your arrival and departure
- All ground transportation on a comfortable private vehicle as per the itinerary
- \* hotel accommodation in Kathmandu with breakfast ( 3 nights-) ( note: hotel standard will change as you wish.)
- \* hotel accommodation in Pokhara with breakfast ( 2 nights) (note: hotel standard will change as you wish.)
- The Kathmandu Sightseeing Tour is inclusive of all entry fees, a tour guide, and a private

vehicle as per the itinerary.

- Teahouse accommodation during the trek
- Domestic flights (Kathmandu-Pokhara-Kathmandu) and (PKR-Jomsom-PKR) as per the itinerary
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner during the trek
- Accommodation in guesthouses throughout the trek
- An experienced, English-speaking, and government-licensed trekking guide
- Porter service (2 trekkers: 1 porter)
- Staff costs, including their salary, insurance, equipment, domestic airfare, food, and accommodation
- Highland Eco's duffel bag,
- All necessary paperwork and trekking permits (Mustang restricted Permit, ACAP, TIMS)
- A first-aid safety kit with basic medicines is essential.
- All government and local taxes and fees

## **Cost Excludes**

- Nepal Entry visa fees
- Extra-night accommodation in Kathmandu because of early arrival, late departure, or early return from the mountain (due to any reason) compared to the scheduled itinerary
- Lunch and evening meals in Kathmandu
- International flights
- Personal trekking equipment, which is not provided by Highland Eco
- Travel and rescue insurance
- Tips to the guide, porter, driver, or any other trekking staff