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Entrance Fees for Kathmandu UNESCO Sites & Chandragiri Cable Car (2025 Guide)

Kathmandu, considered a cultural centre of Nepal, is a living museum filled with antique temples, lively streets, and Himalayan backdrops. Seven UNESCO World Heritage sites beautify its lively alleyways. Seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites nestle within its vibrant alleys, reflecting the rich mix of Hindu and Buddhist traditions, medieval architecture, and timeless artistry that characterise the country's cultural heritage. From the groaning Royal Durbar Squares to the revered stupas and monasteries, eminent spots of Kathmandu are all interspersed with historical reverence that attracts millions of travellers every year, thus providing insight into Nepal's history, spirituality, and cultural identity.

Planning a trip for 2025? Then knowing the basic entrance fees for [Swayambhunath Stupa](#) has views of the valley and is one of Nepal's oldest and holiest religious sites. Religiously sacred to Buddhists and Hindus alike, it blends spirituality with mesmerizing architecture, fluttering prayer flags, and symbols of Buddha's eyes that gaze over the city. Charged with a relatively nominal entrance fee, Swayambhunath remains one of the cheapest yet most rewarding cultural sites to explore within the Kathmandu Valley.



Entrance Fee:

- Nepali Citizens: Free
- SAARC Nationals: NPR 50
- Foreign Nationals: NPR 200

Highlights:

- Whitewashed dome with Buddha's all-seeing eyes
- Harati Temple – goddess of children
- Monasteries and shrines surrounding the stupa
- Troop of playful monkeys (hence the nickname Monkey Temple).

The spiritual energy here is unlike anything else, especially at sunrise and sunset.

5. Boudhanath Stupa

Boudhanath Stupa, one of the largest Buddhist stupas in the world, stands as the spiritual heart of Tibetan Buddhism in Nepal. The site acquires life with monks, pilgrims, and visitors circling the stupendous white dome, spinning one or the other prayer wheel and chanting mantras, which creates the background of pious silence. Boudhanath is bustling with life's activities yet deeply spiritual, thereby not failing to give a true reflection of the rituals of Buddhism and remaining one of the must-see landmarks in Kathmandu.



Entrance Fee:

- Nepali Citizens: Free
- SAARC Nationals: NPR 100
- Foreign Nationals: NPR 400

Highlights:

- Giant mandala-shaped stupa
- Surrounding Tibetan monasteries
- Colorful prayer flags and wheels
- Rooftop cafes with bright and breezy views of the stupa

Boudhanath is a great place to be during Lhosar (Tibetan New Year) and other Buddhist festivals.

6. Pashupatinath Temple

Pashupatinath Temple is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site along the banks of the Bagmati River. It is Nepal's holiest Hindu temple complex dedicated to Lord Shiva. The non-

Hindus are not allowed to enter the main temple, leaving visitors with plenty of ways to explore: observing various traditional rites along the ghats or gazing at evening aarti ceremonies lighting up the riverbanks. The Pashupatinath temple grounds rank commanding among the most revered pilgrimage sites for Hindus worldwide, and the visible spots around it offer an intense cultural and spiritual experience to the visitor.



Entrance Fee:

- Nepali Citizens: Free
- SAARC Nationals: NPR 1,000
- Foreign Nationals: NPR 1,000

Highlights:

- Main Shiva temple (entry only for Hindus)
- Cremation ghats along the Bagmati River
- Dozens of smaller shrines and lingams
- Evening Aarati ceremony with devotional chants

Pashupatinath opens for an intense insight into Nepalese spirituality and expressions of Hindu culture.

7. Changu Narayan Temple

[Changu Narayan](#) is perched atop a hill and looks out over Bhaktapur. This temple is the most ancient in Nepal that has stood through the test of time since it was built way back in the year 400. The place is dedicated to Lord Vishnu and has remarkable carvings on stone and wood,

while being positioned at a height, so it gives the rarest panoramic view over Kathmandu Valley down to the surrounding mountains.



Entry Fee:

- Nepali citizens: Free
- SAARC nationals: NPR 100
- Foreign nationals: NPR 300

Highly praised:

- The ancient stone sculptures and inscriptions
- Statue of Vishnu consisting of Narasimha and Garuda
- Traditional Newari village around
- Panoramic view of the valley

Sitting atop a hill near Bhaktapur, Changu Narayan Temple is considered to be the oldest Hindu temple in Nepal, built around the 4th

Chandragiri Cable Car Pricing

The [Chandragiri Hills](#) Cable Car is not a UNESCO site, but it has become one of the biggest attractions in Kathmandu. The 2.5 km ride offers wonderful views of the Himalayas, lush green hills, and the Kathmandu valley.



Ticket Prices:

- Nepali Citizens: NPR 799 (one-way) / NPR 1,350 (round-trip)
- SAARC Nationals: NPR 1,400 (round-trip)
- Foreign Nationals: NPR 2,200 (round-trip)
- Discounts Available for Children and Seniors

Highlights:

- Panoramic views of Mt. Everest and the Langtang range (in clear weather)
- Bhaleswor Mahadev Temple at the top
- Adventure activities and children's park
- Luxury restaurants and cafés

This cable car will be an ideal nature-friendly fun for families as well as a perfect way to escape the chaos of the city.

Conclusion

Visiting Kathmandu's UNESCO sites and Chandragiri Hill in 2025 will be a taste of culture, history, and fascinating Himalayan views. With careful planning and knowledge of the entrance fees, the experience will be smoother.

Walking around ancient temples, gazing at sunset views at Bhaktapur, or riding the Chandragiri Cable Car into the clouds-all of these experiences grip you and pull your heart towards Nepal.

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Most Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What are the UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the Kathmandu Valley?

Ans. Kathmandu Valley has seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Kathmandu Durbar Square, Patan Durbar Square, Bhaktapur Durbar Square, Swayambhunath Stupa (Monkey Temple), Boudhanath Stupa, Pashupatinath Temple, and Changu Narayan Temple. All these sites show the richness of the cultural, religious, and architectural legacies of Nepal.

2. Which is the most artistic Durbar Square?

Ans. Of the three Durbar Squares, Patan Durbar Square is the most artistically sophisticated, thanks to its beautiful Newar workmanship, metalcraft, and the Patan Museum.

3. Can non-Hindus enter the Pashupatinath Temple?

Ans. Non-Hindus are allowed only to enjoy the compound and see the actions from other views set apart for them because the main Pashupatinath Temple is open only for Hindus.

4. What is the best time to visit the Kathmandu UNESCO sites?

Ans. Autumn (September–November) and spring (March–May) are the best times to visit because of pleasant weather, clear skies, and many festivals that add a cultural flavour.

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