

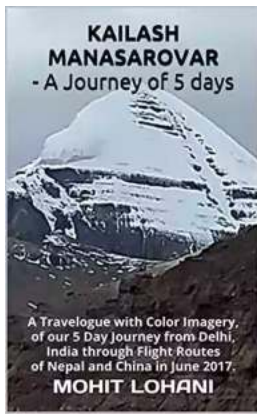
Embark on the Astonishing Kailash Manasarovar Journey of Days



The Call of the Divine

Deep in the heart of the magnificent Himalayas lies a stunning destination that captures the imagination of spiritual seekers and adventure enthusiasts alike - Kailash Manasarovar. A journey to this holy land is nothing short of a surreal experience, carrying the promise of spiritual renewal and awe-inspiring vistas.

The Kailash Manasarovar Yatra, as it is commonly known, spans a course of several days and traverses through extraordinary landscapes, testing the limits of physical endurance while allowing participants to connect with their inner selves.



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Unveiling the Journey

Embarking on the Kailash Manasarovar journey is stepping foot into a realm where timeless legends and serene spirituality intertwine. This holy pilgrimage takes place in the remote western reaches of Tibet, offering an opportunity to witness the stunning magnificence of Mount Kailash, revered as sacred in Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Bon.

Comprised of both physical and spiritual aspects, the journey to Mount Kailash is no ordinary trek. Participants venture through rugged terrains, snowy peaks, and crystal clear lakes, guided by their faith and the exhilarating allure that awaits them.

A Pilgrim's Path

The Kailash Manasarovar Yatra encompasses a circular route of approximately 52 kilometers, taking pilgrims across breathtaking landscapes and spiritual highlights. The journey starts at Darchen, a picturesque village situated on the foothills of Mount Kailash.

From Darchen, the trail ascends towards the extraordinary Dolma La Pass, located at an altitude of about 5,630 meters. Crossing this formidable pass is no easy feat, testing both mental and physical strength. As trekkers reach the summit, a sense of accomplishment washes over them, mingling with the serene atmosphere that surrounds these sacred lands.

Descending from Dolma La Pass, the route guides pilgrims towards two ancient lakes - Mansarovar and Rakshastal. Mansarovar, believed to be the abode of purity and spirituality, presents a mesmerizing sight with its tranquil blue waters shimmering under the clear sky. In contrast, Rakshastal is associated with a more ominous legend and is considered the lake of demons.

A Journey to the Divine

The Kailash Manasarovar Yatra is not merely a physical expedition; it is a spiritual voyage that allows participants to connect with their inner selves and the divine forces that shape the universe. Along the way, pilgrims encounter numerous monasteries, temples, and meditation sites, where they can meditate, perform spiritual rituals, and seek solace.

One such sacred site is the Dirapuk Monastery, nestled at the base of Mount Kailash. This serene monastery offers a place of respite where pilgrims can pay their respects, seeking blessings for a successful journey.

The Kailash Manasarovar Yatra also includes a visit to the surreal Gauri Kund, a small lake believed to be the bathing spot of Goddess Parvati, wife of Lord Shiva. Taking a holy dip in its sacred waters is said to cleanse the soul of sins and purify one's existence.

Embracing the Divine Experience

The Kailash Manasarovar Yatra is a profound and transformative journey that leaves a lasting impact on all who undertake it. The serenity of the mountains, the rugged beauty of the landscapes, and the spirituality imbued in every step make this pilgrimage an experience like no other.

Those fortunate enough to embark on this sacred journey return with a renewed sense of purpose, a deeper connection with the divine, and memories that will be cherished for a lifetime.

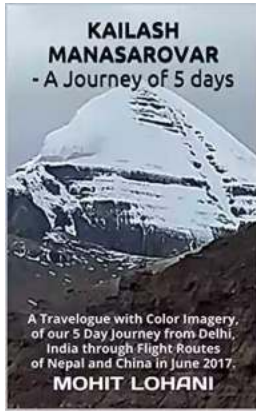
The Kailash Manasarovar Yatra is not just a trek through the mighty Himalayas. It is a voyage into the depths of spirituality, an opportunity to seek solace and rejuvenation, and a chance to witness the awe-inspiring beauty of nature in all its glory.

Undertaking this holy pilgrimage requires physical strength, mental resilience, and unwavering devotion. It is a journey that challenges you, changes you, and ultimately helps you discover the divine essence within yourself.

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Why only 10,000 or so Indians visit the Kailash Manasarovar annually – the most sacred pilgrimage for 100,00,00,000+ Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, and Tibetans? It is perhaps because most know about the Painful Path of 25+ days to reach here, while only a few know of the Pleasant Path of 5+ days that is significantly faster and comfortable.

This is a vivid travelogue with color imagery, of the Pleasant Path of 5+ days (June 2017) which shall inform and inspire readers to visit Kailash Manasarovar, as pleurably and swiftly, as anywhere else in India and abroad.

Which PATH to choose - PAINFUL or PLEASANT ?

THE PAINFUL PATH of 25+ days - It is less preferred now:

Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) offers only 1500 or so seats from a computerized lucky draw for two routes via Lipu Lakh Pass (Uttarakhand) and Nathu La Pass (Sikkim). Both the routes must be mandatorily started from Delhi after the medical certificate is obtained, which involves a stay of 3-4 days in Delhi. The journey is for 19-21 days involving days-long bus rides, 100+ kms of trekking

occasionally in damp conditions, riding ponies across snowy passes, overnight stay in unhygienic sleeping tents with limited rest and minimal medical facilities for ladies and elders. Many travelers have detailed the miseries in their travelogues and this travel option is best avoided by most tourists now.

The PLEASANT PATH of 5+ days is preferred now:

Private Travel Agents ply 10,000+ tourists every year, offering two routes via (1) Flights through Nepalgunj-Simikot-Hilsa and via (2) Bus journey through Kathmandu-Kerung. The flight route of Nepalgunj – Simikot – Hilsa offers luxurious comfortable stay at Nepalgunj and Purang, unforgettable Himalayan views on the hour-long flight from Nepalgunj to Simikot and a 20 minute helicopter hop to Hilsa border, decent time to rest and lunch at picturesque Simikot and Hilsa's finest lodges, and fast-traveling comfortable AC Bus journeys from Hilsa to Purang and Kailash Manasarovar. Every aspect of the journey – a significantly shorter travel, luxurious stay, good quality of food and hygiene, medical provisions, guides, porters etc, lends such a pleasurable impression that most tourists prefer and recommend this route now. Further, these routes can be customized to include day-long sight-seeing of Lucknow, Kathmandu, parikrama (kora) of Kailash, even Lhasa (Tibet's capital) and the cost can be negotiated according to the group size and facilities covered.

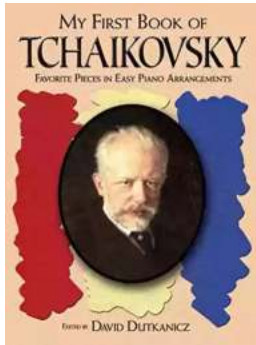
The travelogue includes journey and imagery of the following:

- Description of the holy sites of Kailash and Manasarovar
- Journey details of the towns of Nepalgunj, Simikot, Hilsa, Purang / Burang, Dharchen
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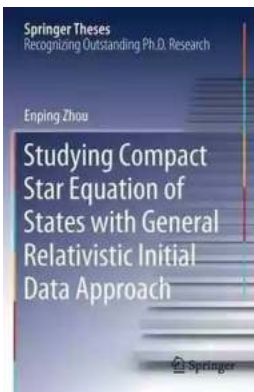
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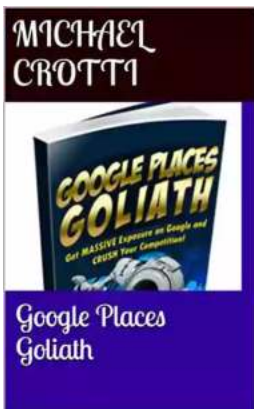
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