## **Overview**

**Tiji Festival**, a three-day ritual known as "The chasing of the Demons" and it is centered on the Tiji myth. Tiji tells the story of a deity named Dorje Jono who must battle against his demon father to save the Kingdom of Mustang from destruction. The demon father wreaks havoc on Mustang by creating a water shortage which, in this extremely arid land, is the most precious life-sustaining resource. Dorje Jono eventually defeats the demon and banishes him from the land. This festival falls in the end of May. We, Guide in Himalaya (affiliated with Wilderness Excursion operate Tiji Festival Trekking tour in Lo Manthang of upper Mustang every year with best service and most competitive package cost. The official date of Tiji Festial celebration for the year 2024 is 5th. 6th and 7th May.

During this trip you will be also rewarded with lifetime experience of Himalayan holidays in last the Forbidden ancient Buddhist Kingdom of Mustang known as 'Mini Tibet of Nepal', northern Nepal surrounded on three sides by Chinese held Tibet, one of the oldest civilizations on the earth, mediaeval world uniquely preserved from modern technology. A land covered with small villages, ancient monasteries, friendly people and breathtaking scenery. Mustang's wealth was derived from being a major trading hub on the Kali Gandaki / Thak Khola trade route between Tibet and Nepal, which reflects the rich Buddhist culture, history, laws and customs.

## **Outline Itinerary**

Day 01 : Drive to Pokhara (800m / 2624ft)

Day 02: Fly to Jomsom (2720m) and trek to Kagbeni (2810m)

Day 03 : Trekking to Chaile (10004ft / 3050m)

Day 04 : Trekking to Giling (11709ft / 3570m)

Day 05: Trekking to Charang (11677ft / 3560m).

Day 06 : Trekking to Lo Manthang (12,238ft / 3,730m)

Day 07: OBSERVE TIJI FESTIVAL AT LO-MANTHANG. Stay overnight in lodge.

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Day 09: Hike and explore surrounding, Visit the villages, monasteries and the King's palace.

Day 10 : Lo-Manthang - Ghami (3,460m/11,352ft)

Day 11 : Ghami - Samar (12004ft. 3660m)

Day 12 : Samar - Kagbeni (9216ft. 2810m) - Jomsom

Day 13 : Jomsom – Pokhara

Day 14: Pokhara - Kathmandu

## **Cost Includes**

- 2 Nights sharing twin/double deluxe room in 2\*\* hotel in Pokhara with breakfast.
- Experienced registered English speaking local trekking guide.
- 1 Sharing porter for 2 travelers to carry your trekking stuffs.
- 3 times meal: lunch, breakfast and dinner during the trip.
- Tea, coffee, cookies and seasonal fresh fruits during the trek.
- Food, accommodation, salary and insurance of your guide and porters.
- Sharing twin/double bed room in trekking lodges during the trek
- Upper Mustang trekking permit USD 500 per person
- ACAP Permit NPR 3000 (U\$ 30) per person and airport taxes.
- Kathmandu Pokhara Kathmandu by tourist coach.
- Pokhara Jomsom Pokhara by flight (U\$ 250 per person.
- Complementary Upper Mustang Trekking Map.
- Government tax, vat, airport taxes and office service charge etc.

## **Cost Excludes**

- Transfers, accommodation and meals in Kathmandu.
- Guided sightseeing and monuments fees in Kathmandu and Pokhara
- Bar bills, beverages such as coke, fanta, mineral water
- Hot shower and hot water, laundry and toiletries.
- Personal travel insurance, internet, phone calls and wifi services.
- Extra expenses if you need to extend the trip.
- Rescue operation charge in case of emergency.
- Gratitude and tips for your guide and porter. How much to tip?