

Helicopter Route

(11 Days)

NOT ADVISABLE

This one is commonly known as the Helicopter route; it will take 11 days to complete the yatra.

SKY strongly advises you not to go for this route as it is life threatening.

- You will fly from Kathmandu to Nepalgunj in a small wing flight.
- You will fly with another small wing flight from Nepalgunj to Simikot
- From Simikot it will be a Helicopter ride to Hilsa.
- Hilsa is at an altitude of 11,000 ft and it is a border town between Nepal and Tibet. Here you all will do your Chinese immigration and formalities. From here to your hotel will take 4 hours' drive in Purang.
- Hilsa to Kailash is 200 kms drive

Reasons Why Sky <u>DOES NOT</u> Recommends This Route:

- 1. This route falls between mountain ranges and due to bad weather mostly flights get cancelled and that causes a delay of Yatra for several days.
- 2. If the weather is not good (which is most likely to happen) and if you are not able to catch a flight the condition will be very miserable as there is less or no accommodation at Hilsa or Simikot.
- 3. Kathmandu is at 3,500 ft height and Kailash- Mansarovar is at 15,000 to 19,000 feet height. You reach a high altitude in just 2 days which causes acute mountain sickness. You must give your body a minimum of 5 days to get acclimatized. This can be a life threatening.
- 4. Because of flights it is nearly impossible for organizers to carry their own kitchen and the yatri has to depend either on common kitchens or on outside food which again is not good for Health.

