

TOURIST GUIDE FOR AGRO-ECOTOURISM IN SURKHET

Surkhet, capital of Karnali province is Gateway for Karnali which is about 600 kilometres west of the national capital Kathmandu. It is located in 28° 36' 12N Lat , 81° 36' 0E Long and 634 MASL. It is decorated with beautiful places like Kakrebihar temple, Bulbule Lake, Deutibajai temple, Mangalgadhi, Gothikanda, Ghantaghar, Bheri river and others with religious as well as historic value which has created. Surkhet as emerging tourist spot in Karnali. Kakrebihar is the

remains of an old Buddhist Monastery, which is in the list of national heritage sites in Nepal. Bheri river is a common destination for rafting and paragliding has been recently started. Surkhet is major place where tourists setting out for a trip to Rara in Mugu, Shey Phoksundo in Dolpa, Chandannath in Jumla, and Panchakoshi in Dailekh.



When to Visit??

According to the climate reports, the higher temperature goes up to 32-degree Celsius and minimum down to 12-degree Celsius. You can visit Surkhet in any month of year but best time to visit Surkhet is **March, April, May, September, October, and November** .

How to Visit ??

Surkhet is situated about 600 km west from Kathmandu. Visitor can take direct bus from Kathmandu to Surkhet. It is about 14 hrs journey. Also they would have option of direct Flight from Kathmandu to Surkhet Airport.

Agroecotourism of Surkhet

Surkhet named by combing two words Sur + kher where 'Sur' refers to straight plots and 'Khet' is rice farming land. It has tremendous potential for agroecotourism. It is a major place of Karnali province suitable for rice cultivation. Lower valley also called Sano Surkhet is famous for rice farming. Mansuli, Ram Dhan and many indigenous rice varieties are popular in for cultivation in that area also Dhaicha is planted in terrace as green manure. Major Rice growing farmers are Tharu community which reside below the forest of Kankrebihar. Visitors can visit local rice farming techniques with Tharu community and also can enjoy local festive and local food of Tharu community.



Fig . Rice Field of Surkhet valley.

Upper hills of Surkhet is composed of sloped fields called Bari where most farmers are engaged in vegetable farming for their livelihood. Visitors will have opportunity to enjoy with mixed vegetable farming with Brahmin and Chetri community. Major crops grown in this area which are cucurbits, crucifers, potato whose major market is Surkhet valley. Visitors can also see the intercropping to citrus and vegetable in upper terraces of Surkhet.



Fig. Vegetable Field of Upper Surkhet Similarly Boer farming of Garpan, Surkhet is famous all over Karnali. Garpan located 10 km northeast of Surkhet has many boer farms which not only fulfill the supply of Karnali but also supply to all over Nepal.



Fig . Boer Farm of Surkhet Surkhet is rich in Biological diversity which includes forest types from tropical to warm temperate region. Katkuwa, located 8 Km north from Surkhet consists

of huge number of Pine trees . Visitors will feel enlightened after reaching there.



Fig . Tourist enjoying at pine forest of Katkuwa surkhet.

Major Tourist Attractions of Surkhet

Kankrebihar It is one of the major tourist attractions of this place as well as the western Nepal which is just a 15 minutes' drive from Surkhet Bazaar. This temple has just been reconstructed. Located in the middle of the dense forest, this stone temple is a common pilgrimage site for both Buddhists and Hindus. Also, visitors can get to see the artistic stone sculptures here.



Fig. Kankrebihar, Surkhet

Deutibajai

The Hindu Goddess Deutibajai resides in this holy temple situated in the eastern part of Surkhet valley. Having a great cultural importance, Deuti Bajai is a famous holy site for pilgrimage. This site is situated in Birendranagar Municipality, 2 k.m far from the province headquarter.



Fig. Deutibajai Temple

Bulbule Tal

It Known for its distinct feature of creating natural bubbles, Bulbule taal is a natural water spring lake. It is located 5 minutes from Surkhet Buspark. This place is great for family and friends gathering.



Fig. Bulbule Lake

Sahid Park

This is newly constructed park in northwest from surkhet city. It is about 3 Km from Buspark. It is known for peace and beauty of forest where tourist can relief tensions and get relaxed.



Fig. Sahid park

Where to Stay??

There are so many hotels inside surkhet valley ranging from normal to 3 stars. Most credible hotels inside valley are Acharya Hotel and Lodge , Siddhartha hotel and Shuva hotel.

Acharya Hotel and Lodge :

This hotel is serving since 22 yrs to many tourists, government officials and travellers .This is located about 2 km north from Buspark.



There is capacity of accommodating more than 25 people at one time. There are facilities of general room, hall, Room with attached bathroom. Lodging service is provided with very cheap rate than any private hotels in market area with peaceful relaxing environment to stay .There is both facility of fooding and lodging and need to be booked in advance..

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