

Svayambhu Mahacaitya



**A Source of Buddhist Cultural
Heritage of Nepal**

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Structure of the Stupa

- **Pinnacle**
- **Parasol**
- **Thirteen Spires**
- **Four Toranas**
- **Harmika**
- **Dome**



Parasol



Thirteen Spires



Eastern Torana



Northern Torana



Southern Torana



Western Torana



Harmika



Dome and Vedika

Five Buddhas

- **Vairocana**
- **Aksobhya**
- **Ratnasambhava**
- **Amitabha**
- **Amoghasiddhi**



Amitabha



Amitabha



Aksobhya



Vairocana



Ratnasambhava



Amoghasiddhi

Four Taras

- **Locana - Blue**
- **Mamaki - Yellow**
- **Pandara - Red**
- **Arya Tara - Green**



Locana



Pandara



Arya Tara



Mamaki

Sites Surrounding Stupa

- **Hariti Shrine**
- **Vasubandhu Memorial Caitya**
- **Manjusri Memorial Caitya**
- **Puranasyangu Caitya**
- **Huge Vajra**
- **Mame Lakhang**
- **Karma Raj Monastery**
- **Mangal Dvara Caitya**
- **Agnipura**
- **Vayupura**
- **Vasupura**
- **Santipura**
- **Nagapura**
- **Pratapapura**
- **Anantapura**



Hariti Shrine



Vasubhandu Memorial Caitya



Manjusri Memorial Caitya



Puranasyangu Caitya



Huge Vajra



Marme Lakhang



Karma Raj Monastery



Mangal Dvara Caitya



Stone Steps leading to Svayambhu Mahacaitya



Shakyamuni Buddha issuing rays of peace



Agni Pura



Vayupura



Vasupura



Santipura



Nagapura



Pratapapura



Anantapura

Some Unique Sculptures

- **Buddha with a gesture of Prediction**
- **Sakyamuni Buddha with his two chief disciples – Sariputra and Maudagalyayana**
- **Hariharivahana Lokesvara**
- **Manjusri Paduka**
- **Vasudhara**
- **Caturamukhi Caitya**



Buddha with gesture of Prediction



Sakyamuni Buddha with Sariputra and Maudagalyana



Hariharivahana Lokesvara



Manjusri Paduka



Padmapani, Vasudhara and Vajrapani



Caturamukhi Caitya

Svayambhu Museum





































































































































