

INDEPENDENT TRIPS

Annapurna Base Camp Trek 10D/9N (from Pokhara)

Hiking & Trekking

10 Days / 1 Country

Nepal

Departure city: Pokhara, Nepal

End city: Pokhara

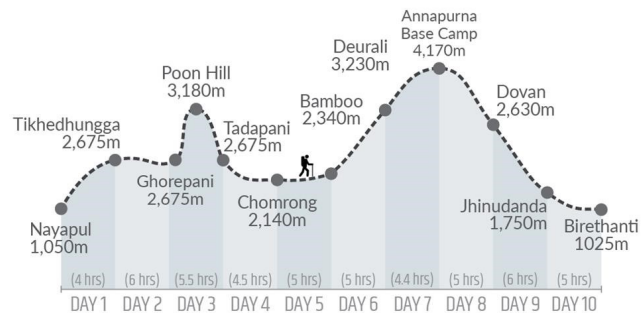


HIGHLIGHTS

- Witness an impressive sunrise over giant snow-capped peaks
- Hike up to the famous Annapurna Base Camp [4170m]
- Hike through Nepal's deep forests of rhododendrons, bamboos and oaks
- Discover the hidden treasures of Nepalese culture and tradition

Discover the Himalaya on an incredible 10-day trek where you will have the opportunity to see some of the highest peaks of the world. Push your limits by climbing mountains at a high altitude and enjoy amazing views all along your trip.

MAP



*This map shows trek altitudes, but is not geographically to scale.

What is included



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Include all of your accommodation, transport and experiences on a pre-set trip that you can customize to perfectly suit your travel needs.



Meals: 0

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What is not included

- *Accommodation in Kathmandu
- *Bus Transfer from Kathmandu to Pokhara
- *Food & Drinks (min. \$20USD per day)
- *Personal Expenses
- *Tips
- *Travel Insurance (Mandatory)
- *Airport Departure Tax

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Additional information

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Suggested Packing List: Backpack (10 - 15 liters), sleeping bag (if desired-- sheets & blankets are provided), hiking poles, rain pants, plastic rain poncho, trekking boots, sandals/flip flops, thermals (socks, t-shirts, sweater), windbreaker, hiking trousers, shorts, wool hat/beanie, gloves, sun hat, sun block, sunglasses, flashlight/torch, camera (with extra batteries & memory card), personal medications, reusable water bottle, water purification tablets, toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toilet paper, towel)

Gratuities: Tipping is by no means mandatory, but is customary. For a job well done, we recommend tipping 10% to your guide, porter, and driver.

First Aid: All guides for this tour have completed first aid training.

Itinerary

Day 1: Pokhara - Tikhedhunga, Nepal

Bus from Pokhara (915m) to Nayapul (1050m), Trek to Tikhedhunga (1577m) approx. 4 hours

Drive from Pokhara to Nayapul by bus (approx. 1.5 hours) to begin your trekking experience in Nayapul (1050m) to Tikhedhunga (1577m) via Birethanti (1065m) which takes about 4 hours. On the way you will be able to see the high peaks of the Himalayas looming in the distance as the road winds its way up to the starting point of the trek. Packed with your camera, warm sweater and some water you head off, accompanied by your guide and local porters.

Day 2: Tikhedhunga - Ghorepani, Nepal

Trek from Tikhedhunga to Ghorepani (2675 m) approx. 6 hours

After breakfast (not included) it's time to pack your things and head off on the trek. The first stretch is fairly easy as you walk downhill into the valley and cross the Burungdi Khola river. Make sure to stop and admire this spectacular mountain river which at times is a peacefully flowing stream but can fast become a wild churning rapid. Then get ready for a strenuous uphill climb to Ghorepani at 2675m.

Day 3: Ghorepani - Tadapani, Nepal

Trek from Ghorepani to Poon Hill (3180m) to Tadapani (2675m) approx. 5.5 hours

Take an early morning trip to Poon Hill (3232m) to enjoy the sunrise view over Mt. Dhaulagiri (8167m), Tukuhe Peak (6920m), Nilgiri (6940m), Varaha Shikhar (7847m), Mt. Annapurna I (8091m), Annapurna South (7219m), Annapurna III (7855m), Machhapuchhre (6993m), Annapurna IV (7525m), Annapurna II (7937m), Lamjung Himal (6931m) and other numerous snowcapped mountain peaks. Return to Ghorepani for a rewarding breakfast (not included) and begin your trek to Tadapani (2650 m) through the deep forests of rhododendrons, bamboos and oaks. On the way, you frequently see waterfalls, rocks, wild animals, local birds and green landscapes. Tadapani is a small village surrounded by beautiful forests which grant you a magnificent view of Annapurna South, Hiunchuli, Fishtail, and Annapurna II and other snowy peaks. Stay overnight at a teahouse.

Day 4: Tadapani - Chomrong, Nepal

Trek from Tadapani (2675m) to Chomrong (2140m) approx. 4.5 hours

The day starts with steep downhill hike departing Tadapani through rhododendron forests followed by a easy walk to reach Gurjung, the village of Gurung people. Continue to the the village of Chomrong at elevation of 2140 meters. Stay overnight at teahouse.

Day 5: Chomrong - Bamboo, Nepal

Trek from Chomrong to Bamboo (2340m) approx. 5 hours

Leaving Chomrong, the trail descends on a stone staircase and crosses the Chomrong Khola River on a swaying suspension bridge, then climbs out of the side valley. High above the Modi Khola on its west bank, the trail passes through the tiny settlement of Tilicho in forests of bamboo, rhododendron and oak. Climbing further on a rocky trail (beware of the stinging nettles) you reach three hotels at Sinuwa (2350m) where you can take a break to catch your breath and enjoy the scenery. Climb through rhododendron forests to Kaldi (2520m), once a British sheep breeding

project) where you can stop in at the ACAP visitor centre and check post housed in stone buildings. In winter, it's common to find snow anywhere from this point on. Descend a long, steep stone staircase into deep bamboo and rhododendron forests. It is then a short distance on a muddy trail to Bamboo Lodge (2340m). Stay overnight at teahouse.

Day 6: Bamboo - Deurali, Nepal

Trek from Bamboo to Deurali (3230m) approx. 5 hours

Make a gentle ascent through bamboo forests with varieties of rhododendron and oak trees. The first town you reach is Dovan (2630m) where there are few lodges and campsites. Now you pass through a muddy trail which traverses high above the river. After short trek, you reach the Himalayan Hotel (2900m) and a small village. Beyond it, the trail ascends steeply to Hinko Cave (3160m), a huge overhanging rock that provides some protection against rain and avalanches. From here you will ascend another twenty minutes to reach Deurali (3230m).

Day 7: Deurali - Annapurna Base Camp, Nepal

Trek from Deurali to Annapurna Base Camp (4170 m) approx 4.4 hours

Today the trail climbs on past the Machhapuchhare Base Camp (3820m) through the Annapurna Sanctuary completed surrounded by mountains. A 2-hour trek from Machhapuchhare Base Camp takes you to the Annapurna Base Camp (ABC) at an elevation of 4130 meters. There, you will enjoy unobstructed views of spectacular mountain scenery.

Day 8: Annapurna Base Camp - Dovan, Nepal

Trek from Annapurna Base Camp to Dovan (2630m) approx. 5 hours

Make your way back to the small village of Dovan enjoying the views of the Himalayas as you hike downhill descending nearly 1500 meters. Stop along the way to catch your breath and enjoy the peaceful mountain scenery.

Day 9: Dovan - Jhinudanda, Nepal

Trek from Dovan to Jhinudanda (1750m) approx. 6 hours

Descend from Dovan to Bamboo passing through forests with varieties of rhododendron, oaks and bamboo plants. After Bamboo, the trail goes steeply up to the Kuldi Ghar and then flattens out until you reach Sinuwa. Make a gradual descent to the Chumrong Khola and then follow a stone staircase for almost an hour to reach Chumrong. The last part of the trail takes you on a steep descent to Jhinudanda (1750m). Enjoy a well-deserved soak in the hot springs at the bank of the Modi Khola located a short 20-minute walk from town.

Day 10: Jhinudanda - Pokhara, Nepal

Trek from Jhinudanda to Birethanti (1025m), Bus to Pokhara approx. 5 hours

Enjoy your last day in the Himalayas by hiking from Jhinudanda to Birethanti descending 700 meters. Make your way back to Nayapul and Pokhara by bus reaching the comforts of the peaceful lakeside town of Pokhara in the afternoon/evening.

