

# Kaligandaki River Rafting in Nepal

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Kali Gandaki river originates high on the Tibetan plateau in the Kingdom of Mustang. Plunging down through the Himalayas. This river carves the deepest gorge in the world between Dhaulagiri and Annapurna, both 8000m mountain peaks. The river was first opened to commercial use in 1991 after exploration by an experienced rafting team. When there are not a multitude of big volume rapids, time on the river can be spent enjoying the backdrop of the Annapurna ranges and cascading waterfalls.

This trip combines well with a visit to Pokhara and trekking in the Annapurna region. The Kali Gandaki River is one of the oldest major tributaries of the Gandaki river system in mid-west of Nepal. Before Himalayan was born 70 million years ago, the river was following from the marginal Himalayan range of the Tibetan plate it was falling into the tethys sea of Indian Ocean. After Himalayan range was born it cut the valley of Annapurna (8091m) and Dhaulagiri (8167m) in between and formed the deepest gorge in the world. The Kali Gandaki river valley route is also known as the oldest trading route and holy pilgrimage trail to the Muktinath (nirvana centre).

The beautiful sceneries, tumbling waterfalls and great challenging rapids attract the many whitewater seekers to encounter once upon a time for their rafting experience. This holy river is ideal for medium length wilderness expeditions and a reward for bird watching and wildlife .

## Itinerary

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**Day 05: Rafts on through a number of grade three and four rapids to the holy village of Seti**

**Beni and journeys end. Team members have the opportunity to take photos of the Kali Gandaki's biggest rapids and the sacred Hindu temple before a bus ride back to Pokhara.**