

Mardi Himal Base camp Trekking

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Mardi Himal trekking is a hidden and newly opened trekking route in Nepal. It's one of the virgin trails in Annapurna region. Only a few trekkers make their way to the Mardi Himal Base Camp, spectacularly situated at the base of Mardi Himal and the impressive view of Machhapuchhre.

The trail goes along small paths through magical rhododendron forests, until you climb out of the forest at 3,300 m. The landscape changes quite abruptly into a rough high mountain landscape with amazing views of Mardi Himal, Machapuchre, Annapurna South and Hiunchuli.

From High Camp (3580m) you can climb in about 3-4 hours to Mardi Himal Basecamp which offers spectacular close up views of the entire Annapurna Range.

Itinerary

Day 01: Arrival in Kathmandu and transfer to Hotel

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Day 02: Sightseeing in Kathmandu Valley.

After Breakfast full day Sightseeing in Kathmandu including Pashupatinath, Boudanath Stupa, Swayambhunath Stupa & Patan Durbar Square.

Day 03: Drive Pokhara-Kande, trek to Forest Camp (2500 m) 6 hrs

Our trail passes through lush forest dotted with the red rhododendrons. The flowers are a common sight in Nepalese hills and it is no surprise that it is Nepal's national flower. Our trail is very quiet until we reach a clearing of the forest camp. We can take a rest and explore the area which is also known locally as Kokar. Overnight in Forest Camp.

Day 04: Trek Forest Camp (2500 m) to Low Camp (2990 m) 2.5 hrs

We continue to walk through dense forests admiring Nepal's rich biodiversity and reach the low camp. From here, the fantastic view of Mt. Machhapuchhre (Mt. Fishtail) up the valley is mesmerizing. We can spend some time in the evening observing the local lifestyle. Overnight in a low camp.

Day 05: Trek Low Camp (2990 m) to High Camp (3580 m) 3 hrs

We trek uphill alongside a ridge towards Mardi Himal and Macchhapuchhre. The tree lines start getting thinner and the area mostly consists of shrubs with isolated rhododendron bushes along the trail. If lucky, we might even come across the Daphne pheasant (national bird of Nepal) on our way to high camp. We ascend up to the high camp, which is the final destination of the day. From here the mountain views are stunning. Overnight in high camp.

Day 06: Trek High Camp (3580 m) Mardi Himal Base Camp (4450 m) and back to High Camp 7 hrs

On our trek to the upper viewpoint we ascend and descend on a steep and narrow trail. Our trail passes through pastures and we hike along a narrow ridge before reaching the Upper Viewpoint. The view of the Himalayan vista from here is astonishing. We see Mardi Himal (5587m), Annapurna I (8091m), Annapurna south (7219m), Hiunchuli (6441m), Baraha Shikhar (Mt. Fang) (7647m), Tent Peak (5695m), Singhachuli (6501m), Machapuchhre (6993m) and others. We trek back to the high camp for an overnight stay.

Day 07: Trek High Camp (3580 m) to Sidhing (1885 m) 5 hrs

We take a different route in the high camp that takes us to Sidhing instead of going back down to Mardi Himal. The different route lets us experience something different and makes our trek exciting. Siddhing offers a quiet stay for trekkers as it is tucked away from the busier trails. Overnight in Siddhing.

Day 08: Trek Sidhing (1885 m) to Lwang (1460 m) 5 hrs

The trail climbs down steeply through rhododendron and Maple forest to the permanent settlements closer to the valley basin. Lwang is a self-sufficient Gurung village with rich culture and happy people. The village is the best place to watch Nepalese countryside lifestyle and enjoy the organic food. The village farmers also grow organic tea in 50 hectares of land. Farmers offer homestay accommodation. The waterfall in the outskirts of the village offers one of the most exciting canyoning adventures.

Day 09: Trek Lwang (1460 m) to Hyangjakot (1545 m) and down to Banskot (1100 m), back to Pokhara 4 hrs walk, 1 hr drive
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Day 10: Drive or flight back to Kathmandu

After breakfast, we will have a scenic Drive or flight back to Kathmandu.

Day 11: Departure

After breakfast transfer to airport for your warm Departure