

Annapurna Panchase Trekking

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Annapurna Panchase trek is one of the best short trekking routes around Pokhara Nepal. You can see unforgettable closer Mountain Views, mid-hill cultural and wilderness experience, inhabited by different ethnical groups, untouched biodiversity and natural heritage sites. Nowadays it is a unique photographic destination in Nepal.

From Panchase you will see the great Himalayan peaks of Machhapuchhre, Dhaulagiri, Annapurna, Lamjung and Manaslu. The terrain varies from subtropical valleys of banana trees and rice paddies to high ridges covered in rhododendron forest. Along the way you will see many ethnic mixes, such as Brahmin, Magar and Gurung. This trek is off the beaten path.

Itinerary

Day 01: Arrival in Kathmandu and Transfer to Hotel

Meeting upon arrival at Kathmandu Airport by our representative & transfer to the Hotel. Evening briefing for trekking by our Manager.

Day 02: Sightseeing in Kathmandu

After Breakfast proceeds for full day sightseeing in Kathmandu including Pashupatinath Stupa, Swyambhnath Stupa, Kathmandu Durbar Square & Patan Durbar Square. Pashupatinath Temple is situated 5 km east of Kathmandu, the temple of Lord Shiva, Pashupatinath with two tiered golden roof and silver doors is considered one of the holiest shrines of Hindus. The stupa of Boudhanath lies 8km east of Kathmandu. This ancient colossal stupa is one of the biggest in the world and the center of Buddhism in the world. It was listed in the UNESCO Heritage Monument in 1979 After Lunch proceeded for a city tour of Kathmandu visiting Durbar Square, a complex of palaces, courtyard and temples, built between the 12th and 18th centuries, used to be the seat of the ancient Malla kings of Kathmandu. In the afternoon visit the Swoyambunath Stupa and Patan City. Swoyambhunath Stupa, atop the hillock is one of the holiest Buddhist sites in Nepal enlisted in the World Heritage Site .Ancient city of Patan Durbar Square, Tibetan Refugee Camp and Handicraft Industrial Estate. Patan City is an enchanting melange of palace buildings, artistic courtyard and former palace complex. One remarkable monument here is a 16th century temple dedicated to the Hindu God Lord Krishna, built entirely of stone.

Day 03: Drive (210 Km 6-7 hrs) or flight to Pokhara (30 Minute)

After breakfast, you will drive to Pokhara. Pokhara is a place of remarkable natural beauty. The serenity of Phewa Lake and the magnificence of the Fishtail Peak rising behind it create an ambiance of peace and tranquility. Pokhara is a perfect place to see the panoramic view of Himalayan region including Annapurna and Dhaulagiri.

Day 04: Boat across Lake Phewa, Trek to Bumdi [1520m]

After breakfast, a short boat trip across the beautiful Phewa Lake will take you to the start of the trek. The first climb through the forest will take you up to the steps leading to the World Peace Pagoda. This Buddhist stupa is one of over 80 Peace Pagodas worldwide, built in an attempt to unite people from all over the world and promote world peace. As well as being an impressive sight in itself, from this vantage point you also get stunning views over mountains, Phewa Lake and the city below. After a chance to wander round this truly peaceful stupa, you continue down through the forest on small walking trails, before climbing back up to join an open jeep trail snaking round the hill, which will take you through the village of Lukum Swara. The final climb of today takes you up to Bumdi village, home to Gurung and Brahman people, where you will spend the night and can learn more about these cultures.

Day 05: Trek to Panchase Bhanjyang [2065m]

After a short climb to really wake you up, the track continues through beautiful forest where you can see mountains regularly peeking out between the trees. Today is a great day for nature-lovers, as the path winds amongst diverse trees, plants and you can hear the birds above you may even catch a glimpse of a monkey. Emerging from the trees briefly at Thulunchour you then continue under the cover of the forest until the path joins a dirt road, from which you can see panoramic views of the mountains. These include the Annapurnas, Lamjung, Gangapurna and Machhapuchhare (Fishtail) as well as three peaks over 8,000m: Dhaulagiri, Annapurna I and Manasu, in the distance. Continuing along the jeep trail takes you gently uphill to Panchase Bhanjyang. Similar to last night's stay, this village is home to Gurung and Brahman people.

Day 06: Trek to Bhadaure [1670m]

This morning you climb the stone steps up to Panchase peak at almost 2,500m, the highest point of your trek. From here you will again be rewarded with stunning views over the mountains and there is the option of getting up extra early to ascend to this point in time for sunrise. After catching your breath and taking in your surroundings, you descend down the far side of the hill to Alldanda. This afternoon consists of a gentle walk down to your campsite with regular views of the mountains above and villages below. The campsite is situated just above the town of Bhadaure, where you can experience a mix of cultures as there are a range of residents including Gurung, Kami and Brahman.

Day 07: Trek to Naudanda [1515m], drive to Pokhara [800m]

Today starts with a descent down the stone steps to the town of Bhadaure and continues on to the jeep trail that takes you across a small stream and through regular villages, where you will get the chance to interact with locals and children will ask for chocolate. On reaching Naudanda the trail will rejoin the highway and your car will be waiting to pick you up and drive you back to the quiet city of Pokhara in time for lunch on Lakeside.

Day 08: Sightseein in Pokhara

After breakfast, proceed for a half-day sightseeing tour of Pokhara City including Mahendra Cave, David Fall, Tibetan Refugee camp, Seti George, Gupteshwor cave and 1 hour boating at Lake Phewa. Free at leisure for the remainder of the day.

Day 09: Drive back to kathmandu

After Breakfast, we will drive back to Kathmandu through the bank of the Trisuli river.

Day 10: Departure

Free for adequate personal activities till departure transfer from hotel to the International Airport.