

# Pisang Peak Climbing in Nepal

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Pisang Peak (Jong Ri) is a trekking peak in the Annapurna sanctuary region of North-Central Nepal. It's located North of the Town of Pisang and Annapurna II. It's often climbed as a 3 day excursion from the Annapurna circuit.

An Avalanche in 2005 ended climbing on the old route (South/Southwest Face) which was a very non-technical peak. The new route (West Ridge) with some experience offers a very rewarding and aesthetic climb.

Pisang Peak (6092 m.) is considered as one of the easier climbing peaks among the trekking peaks in Annapurna Region of Nepal. The Pisang Peak has majestically stood up above the village of Pisang and has formed the shape of pyramid in the summit. Pisang Peak lies on the way to the highest pass of the world "Throng La Pass" and offers very good scope for exploration.

## Itinerary

### **Day 01: Arrival in Kathmandu and transfer to Hotel.**

On arrival in Kathmandu Airport, you would be met and received by our representative & transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

### **Day 02: Kathmandu Sightseeing**

After breakfast, proceed 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. 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: Kathmandu to Besisahar by Bus-(7-8hours) 850m**

Early start to make the bus journey around 8 hours to Besisahar (850m), the starting point of the trek. Your adventure begins! Passing through many small villages on the way will fascinate you with snippets of every day living in these lowland villages. you will reach Besisahar in the evening. Overnight stay at lodge.

### **Day 04: Trek Besisahar to Bahundanda-(5-6hours) 1,310m**

First day of your walk involves crossing a few suspension bridges, waterfalls, several ups and downs hill sections, across rice paddies and subtropical forest. The villages and people are an interesting mix. You eventually ascend to Bahundanda (Hills of Brahmins) for the overnight, a village set on a long ridge at 1310m. Over night at lodge.

**Day 05: Trek Bahundanda to Chamje-(5-6hours) 1,430m**

After breakfast, we descend through amphitheatre-shaped rice terraces, along a steep vertical cliff, lush forests, and some culturally intriguing villages. We start gradually waking up after crossing the suspension bridge in the Marshyangdi River and get Jagat where we will stop for lunch. We will have one and half hours further rocky trail walk to reach Chamje. Spend the night at Chamje.

**Day 06: Trek Chamje to Dharapani-(5-6hours) 1,950m**

Today you will cross a suspension bridge in Marshyangdi river just right after you left Chamje and You will enter Manang district after walking up hills before reaching Tal, after passing fields of Corn. Barley and potatoes and then through forests of bamboo and Rhododendrons. Just right after the Tal, you will cross the river and continue walking through the cliffy way right above the river and reach Dharapani in the late afternoon. Overnight at lodge

**Day 07: Trek Dharapani to Chame-(5-6hours) 2,630m**

Today you will negotiate a few steep forested landscapes, along with several landslides on route, remember to look up though, as you will receive some sensational views of major Himalayan peaks. Today you will encounter some typical Tibetan villages enroute before reaching Chame. Chame is the district headquarter of Manang. Beautiful views of the Mt. Lamjung and Annapurna II can be seen from your hotel. Overnight at lodge.

**Day 08: Trek Chame to Upper Pisang-(5-6hours) 3,700m**

A narrow steep path through a very dense pine forest will bring you to the dramatic curved rock face, rising 1500m from the river. As the trail opens up you will be surrounded by Himalayan Peaks all the way to Pisang. You will have an extra half an hour climb towards a big hill to reach Upper Pisang. Overnight at lodge.

#### **Day 09: Day for relax and Acclimatize-3,700m**

Today you will have a rest day here. Check and set up all the gears for climbing and acclimatization. Enjoy the whole day with very nice magnificent views of all the Annapurnas, Gangapurna and Tilicho. Relaxing day. Overnight at lodge.

#### **Day 10: Trek to Pisang Peak Base Camp-(3-4hours) 4,380m**

Today we will start walking up towards Base camp after a day relaxing in Upper Pisang. From Upper Pisang village, the path ascends through sparse wood and pasture to a Kharka at (4,380m) which is considered the best place for setting up the base camp. It is in a flat alpine section along the well worn trail. Overnight stay at the tent.

#### **Day 11: Trek to Pisang Peak High Camp-(3-4hours) 5,400m**

Today we walked for 4 -5 hours and set up our high camp at the height of 5400m after climbing to a shoulder on the south west ridge. There will be snow at the high camp from the end of November to the end of March. Overnight at Tent.

#### **Day 12: Summit to the Peak and back to Base Camp-(7-9hours) 6,091**

Today is a day to fulfill your dream of Summit on Pisang Peak. From the High Camp, the well defined ridge leads to the final snow slope which is quite steep and more technical to reach the summit. Our guide will fix the rope and lead you to the successful summit of the Pisang peak. After a Successful summit, you will walk down to Base Camp and stay overnight at a tent.

#### **Day 13: Pisang Peak Base Camp to Manang Valley-(5-6hours)3,450m**

Today you will trek to Pisang village and continue trek to Manang village walking across the

riverside. Here, you will notice a contrast with the landscape and vegetation. The cold, dry climate creates a much harsher environment. Incredible views of the towering Himalayan Peaks. Manang is a great Mt. Valley which has a rich customs & tradition and gives you an opportunity to observe a traditional lifestyle of Manangi People (one of the Ethnic Group people of Nepal). Over night stay at lodge.

#### **Day 14: Trek Manang to Yak Kharka-(3-4hours) 4,110m**

Today we start trek after breakfast and leave the trail off to Tilicho Lake on the left corner and continue a short walk up to Yak Kharka, a small settlement set at 4,110m/13,484ft. we will have a gradual ascent towards a little hill and way goes more right behind the hill and reach yak kharka. Overnight in Yak Karka (4,110m/13,484ft).

#### **Day 15: Trek Yak Kharka to Thorong Pedi-(3-4hours) 4,600m**

Make your way to the foot of the pass, Thorong Phedi. A small place although a busy settlement catering to the needs of trekkers and climbers. It is situated at the bottom of the thorong la and the trails continually step up to Thorong la afterwards. Overnight in Thorong Phedi.

#### **Day 16: Cross Thorong la in morning and back to Muktinath-(8-10hours) 5,416m**

An early start is most important to begin a long day trek over the pass. Crossing this fabulous Thorong La pass {5,416m/17,769ft} will be an unforgettable experience. However, the problem may arise due to the altitude and snow. It may cause problems crossing the pass if it is covered by snow. The views from the trail and from the pass itself are outstanding high Himalayan scenes. We will enjoy the top with a hot cup of tea/coffee (But not available at Dec – Feb) and enjoy the celebration of success at the pass. And start a long descent to another part of the Annapurna and reach Muktinath in the evening. Overnight in Muktinath (3,800/12,467ft).

#### **Day 17: Trek down to Kagbeni-(3-4hours)**

Today we will have an easy walking day down to Kagbeni. After a 30 minute walk from Muktinath, we will arrive at Jharkot, a rich village which still has similar culture and tradition like Tibet. It is probably the best village to overview the landscapes and combination of dry hills with green fields. We trek further down to Kagbeni and spend Overnight at Lodge.

#### **Day 18: Trek to Jomsom-(3-4hours) 2,800m**

Today we will have a pleasant walk through the sand bar of Kali Gandaki river. You can give an hour enroute to look for fossils on riverside while walking because finding a natural fossil from the Kaligandaki River brings good luck in your life. We will make this walk before the wind starts blowing in Kaligandaki valley. Jomsom is the headquarters of Mustang and it is inhabited by Thakali people with rich culture and tradition. You can rush your afternoon to visit the Ecological museum of the Jomsom which gives you more information of the old traditional culture, tradition, flora and fauna of the valley. Overnight stay at lodge.

#### **Day 19: Early morning flight to Pokhara-(25min flight)8,20m**

We pack our bags early in the morning and get ready for the Trans Himalayan flight to Pokhara. The flight transits between two high peaks Annapurna and Dhaulagiri and gives us a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the best views of the surrounding Himalayas. We have a full afternoon at Pokhara to enjoy its natural side and overnight stay at a hotel in pokhara. You can also take a 45 min flight back to Kathmandu at the same day connection from Jomsom if you do not have time to explore Pokhara Valley.

#### **Day 20: Drive to Kathmandu-1,350m**

Today we will have an early scenic drive back to Kathmandu from Pokhara. Free day in Kathmandu.

#### **Day 21: Warm Departure.**

After Breakfast transfer to the airport for your next destination.