

Everest Base Camp Trek via Jiri

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Duration

22

Max. Altitude

5,545m

Difficulty

Moderate

Group Size

2+ pax

Per Person Cost

USD 1500

Transport

Place, Car, Jeep

Meals

Breakfast in Kathmandu

Starts At

Kathmandu

End

Kathmandu

Accommodation

Hotel and Local Lodges

Overview

Everest Base Camp Trek via Jiri is a classic route that was followed by Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay Sherpa during their first summit of Everest in the 1954 expedition's history. Most trekkers on this venture to EBC through Jiri will surely like what they see of the landscapes on the way to EBC in comparison to the route via Lukla airport.

This is a wonderful hike through natural settings laden with pretty villages & rich culture. This trip involves a lot of hiking that's pretty moderate to challenging, but you'll like this outdoor vacation that offers an assortment of features that begin from the moment we reach Jiri & hit the trails to Junbesi & onwards to Nunthala, Jorsalle & [Namche](#).

The [Everest region](#) is home to some of the highest peaks on the earth, but there's much more to all this; the Sherpas who settled here hundreds of years ago shaped them out a way of life under the towering peaks which they believe is home to the Gods, and to hike through their villages early in the morning & see them burn junipers to drive away evil spirits with the shining silver-grey peaks that surround them is an experience you don't want to forget.

Jiri is a lovely place to spend some time before heading up to base camp; known as the 'Switzerland' of [Nepal](#) displays some exotic landscapes is surely better than the paths that head up to the Everest region,

despite the rugged trails on this route which gives us thrills of a different kind than the path we use through Lukla.

We do have to negotiate the heights, plod through punishing roads and deal with the mean climate of the Everest region. But, the paybacks you get here are worth the go. We get masterful views of towering mountain peaks including the world's highest one [Mt Everest](#) (8848m) along with Mt. Lhotse, Mt Makalu, and Mt Cho Oyu along with some other peaks. You can walk through beautiful rhododendron forests, waterfalls, and rivers and enjoy the beautiful landscapes while visiting some interesting monasteries.

The culture here of the [local Sherpa](#) folks is interesting to learn about because it's these climbers who mostly escort us throughout the Himalayas. We enjoy all of this till we culminate at Everest base camp but then just as important is our peaking out at [Kalapathar](#), the highest point at 5,545m of our Jiri [EBC trip](#) where the views leave us panting for breath; & then we make our way back slowly to Kathmandu & a warm soft bed.

Itinerary

Day 01: Arrival in Kathmandu and transfer to the hotel (1,400m)

After your arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport in medieval and modernized Kathmandu, you will be warmly greeted by our office representative and transferred to the hotel. After check-in and some refreshments, our senior sherpa guide will come to meet you and give you a brief orientation about Everest Base Camp Trek via Jiri. You can then go for a stroll down the street to get familiar with the neighborhood, have supper and go to bed. This is your first overnight in the valley of temples and cows, probably the most in the world.

Day 02: Kathmandu valley sightseeing tour

The capital city of Nepal, Kathmandu, being the historical and cultural heart of the country, is a popular destination for tourists, trekkers and other types of adventure seekers. The city is a marvelous amalgamation of Hinduism, Tibetan Buddhism, and Western cultures and influences. Patan and Bhaktapur are its two major neighboring cities. These two cities, like Kathmandu, have a rich historical, cultural and religious legacy which is reflected in the many temples, monuments, and artifacts that they contain. You will be taken on a half-day guided tour of Kathmandu and Bhaktapur cities. In Kathmandu, you will be visiting Pashupatinath, the most famous and revered Hindu shrine in the country; Boudhanath, the largest Buddhist stupa in Nepal, Soyambhunath, which contains both Buddhist and Hindu shrines and stands as testimony to the religious harmony that exists in the country; and the 15th-century 55-window palace in Bhaktapur. An orientation session for the trek, which commences the following day, will be organized in the evening.

Day 03: Drive to Jiri (1,950m) - 10 hrs drive

After breakfast, we begin a scenic drive along the highway via Dhulikhel, Dolalghat, Charikot and

Tamakoshi River, exploring the attractive Nepali countryside. Overnight at the local guesthouse.

Day 04: Trek to Deurali (2,710m) - 6 hrs walk

After having breakfast, we head for Deurali. We begin our trek with a climb to the top of a hillock (2400m). Then the trail drops down to Shivalaya (1800m). After Shivalaya, we will make another climb to Sangbadanda (2150m) and Kosaribas (2500m) and then finally up to Deurali. Overnight at the local guesthouse.

Day 05: Trek to Sete (2,520m) - 7 hrs walk

We begin our day by passing through some streams ahead as we reach Likhu Khola Valley. Crossing over the second suspension bridge, we ascend the ridge to settle Kenja. The trail to Lamajura La pass begins from here. Snow clad peaks are visible as we ascend. Some hours of hard climbing takes us to Chimbu. Taking the right trail we continue about 2 hours to get to Sete. Overnight at the local guesthouse.

Day 06: Trek to Juni-Benshi (2,675m) - 7 hrs

We take an uphill climb to Lamajura La through forests of pine, magnolia, maple, birch, and rhododendrons. Pass by the villages of Dagchu and Goyem, we reach the highest point between Jiri and Namche Bazaar at Lamajura La pass at 3530 meters covered with prayer flags, which offers a panoramic view of the surrounding green mountains. We descend the pass to Tragdobuk and Junbesi. We spend the afternoon here exploring the most delightful village (Junbesi). Overnight at the local guesthouse in Junbesi.

Day 07: Trek to Nunthala (2,220m) - 7 hrs walk

We cross the stream beyond Junbesi and climb up the forest slope and after an hour's trek; the mesmerizing views of the Himalayan Mountains appear before our eyes. The visible mountains include Everest, Lhotse, Nuptse, Makalu, Thamserku, Mera Peak, and many other high mountains. This is the first view of Everest on this trek; lower peaks look higher due to being closer than the distant 8,000er mountains. We continue the trail to Salung and descend to Ringmo Khola. We ascend to Ringmo, cross the Trakshindo La pass and after another hour's descend through conifer and rhododendron forests, and terraced fields, we finally arrive at Nunthala. Overnight at the local guesthouse in Nunthala.

Day 08: Trek to Gomba Danda (Khari khola) (2,190m) - 6/7 hrs walk

After having breakfast, we will continue the trail going down to the Dudh Koshi River. The trail goes through rice fields, several Sherpa villages, and forests, and we reach Khari Khola. After an hour's climb from Khari Khola, we will finally arrive at Gumba Danda. Overnight at the local guesthouse.

Day 09: Trek to Surke (2,290m) - 7/8 hrs walk

We start our day with an ascending to Puiyan. The trail goes through Sherpa villages and a forest where we can see monkeys frolicking on the trees, after passing a narrow Gorge for about an hour we will be at Puiyan. We will have lunch at Puiyan, and then descend to Surke. Overnight at the local guest house.

Day 10: Trek to Jorsalle (2740m) - 6 hrs walk

Following the Dudh Koshi River, we will set off for Chheplung from where we head up the valley. We can even visit Sagamatha National Park which is on the way. We continue our journey through upstream along the pleasant river bank. Overnight at the local guest house.

Day 11: Trek to Namche (3,440m) - 4 hrs walk

The trail today goes upstream along the river bank to the junction of Bhote Koshi River and Dudh Koshi River. We will also cross Sir Hillary's bridge. Then we will ascend to Namche Bazaar. On the way, it gives us a chance for some incredible photographic opportunities as the peaks of Everest (8848m), Lhotse (8511m), Nuptse (7879m), Ama Dablam (6856m) and Taweche (6542m) come into view for the first time of the trip. Overnight at the local guest house.

Day 12: Acclimatization Day (3,440m)

Namche is tucked away between two ridges amidst the giant peaks of the Khumbu and has an abundance of lodges, tea shops, and souvenir shops. It is an ideal place to spend a day, acclimatizing to the new altitude before heading off towards Syangboche. To acclimatize, you visit Khunde Hospital set-up by Sir Edmund Hillary or take a one hour walk up to the Everest View Hotel above Namche for the sunset view of Ama Dablam, Nuptse, Lhotse, and Everest. We then go to Khumjung where we visit a school established by Hillary. We begin our hike after enjoying lunch; bypassing the route of Khimde. There are also good views from the National Park Centre and Museum just above the town. After going through our acclimatization drills, we head down to our lodge for some beers & good sleep. Overnight at the local guesthouse in Namche.

Day 13: Trek to Tengboche (3,860m) - 5 hrs walk

After breakfast in Namche, we start our trek towards Tengboche enjoying the superb view of Mt. Everest, Nuptse, Lhotse, Ama Dablam and close up view of Thamserku. Our trek follows on the gradual trail with few ups and downs overlooking magnificent view of the great Himalaya. Along the way, we can spot wild lives like pheasant, musk deer, or a herd of Himalayan Thar. The trail goes gradually down up to Kyangjuma. The path eventually reaches Sanasa which is the major trail junction to Gokyo valley and Everest Base Camp. The track then follows through the pine forests and after we cross the prayer flags festooned bridge over Dudh Kosi River, we reach Phunki Tenga, a small settlement with a couple of teahouses and a small army post amidst the alpine woods. After having a relaxed lunch at Phunki Tenga we then have a little tough climb steep up through the pine forests while before we reach Tengboche. Tengboche is a great place for close up views of Ama-Dablam, Nuptse, and Everest and it has the biggest

Buddhist Monastery all over in Khumbu region. Overnight stay at the local lodge in Tengboche.

Day 14: Trek to Pheriche (4,410m) - 5 hrs walk

We descend downhill through a forest, cross the Imja Khola and climb steadily to the village of Pangboche. This village is directly opposite Ama Dablam [6,856 m], and has exceptional views of the mountain, with the gumpa, mani walls and scattered pine trees in the foreground. A further two hours walk brings us to Pheriche where we bunk out for the night. Stay overnight at the local guesthouse.

Day 15: Rest Day (Optional climb to Kailash Danda or hike to Chhukung valley)

Nagarjun is a hill located on the lands of the Chhukung valley directly above Dingboche. After breakfast, we will head to Nagarjun. It may take about 5 hrs to reach Nagarjun. From Nagarjun we can get beautiful views of Lobuche East, Lobuche West, Lobuche peak, Thamserku, Kangtega and Amadablam. We could even see Makalu, the world's fifth highest mountain. We will then descend back to Pheriche. Overnight at the local guesthouse.

Day 16: Trek to Lobuche (4,990m) - 5 hrs walk

We continue up the wide valley beneath the impressive peaks of Cholatse and Tawache on the left. We then turn right and take a steep climb towards the foot of the Khumbu Glacier. The tea house at Duglha is a good spot to have lunch. The trail zigzags up through the boulders of the glacier's terminal moraine. At the top of this climb, there are many stone cairns, built as memorials to the many Sherpas who have died while climbing Mt Everest. The path then climbs gently along the glacier, to eventually reach the cluster of houses at Lobuche. We set for a good night's sleep at the local guesthouse in Lobuche.

Day 17: Trek to Everest Base Camp (5,364m) and back to Gorakshep (5,140m) - 8 hrs walk

Today it's a long and gritty day. After a hot breakfast at our lodge, we climb through meadows and moraine stones steps to reach Gorakshep, by either climbing to Kala Patthar or continue heading to Everest base camp. We suggest that you make a beeline for the Everest base camp. By the way, from Everest base camp we do not see Mount Everest. However, from Kala Patthar, we get to see the entire south face of Mt. Everest and well-known peaks nearby; this also includes great sights of the skyline of the Tibet plateau. Overnight at the height of (5,364) in our lodge.

Day 18: Early morning hike to Kalapatthar (5,545m) and trek to Pheriche (4,410m) - 7 hrs walk

After some early morning tea/coffee, we have the option to climb Kalapatthar at (5545m.) and enjoy a spectacular sunrise view. From Kalapatthar you can have a panoramic view of Mt. Everest and many

other mountain peaks that include a host of famous ones: Mt. Pumori, Mt. Lingtren, Mt. Khumbetse, Mt. Nuptse, and Mt. Lhotse, Mt. Ama Dablam, Mt. Thamserku, and many more huge peaks. Yaks are normally regarded as four-legged porters in this area due to its tough terrain which would be difficult for human porters. The town of Pheriche is also known as a highly windy town. Hereabouts, you can see the perpendicular walls of Cholatse and Tawache. The Himalayan Rescue Association Aid Post is also located here and foreign volunteer doctors provide medical treatment to trekkers as well as local people in this area. We stay overnight at the local lodge.

Day 19: Trek to Namche (3,440m) - 6 hrs walk

We retrace our steps with a Trek back to Namche about 6 hours from Pheriche and do an overnight at the bustling & hustling village town of Namche with full board meals (Breakfast/Dinner/Lunch). We chill out here with some beers and enjoy some relevant comfort. Overnight at the local lodge in Namche.

Day 20: Trek to back Lukla (2,800m) - 7 hrs walk

This is our last day on these lovely mountains that has been home to us all of these days. We continue to backtrack our hike towards Lukla along the Dudh Koshi River which is about 7 hours from Namche and do an overnight at the local guesthouse in Lukla.

Day 21: Flight back to Kathmandu (1400m) - 45 minutes flight

Most flights from Lukla to Kathmandu are schedule early morning to avoid the strong winds. It's a scenic flight from Lukla to Kathmandu for about forty-five minutes. We touch down at Kathmandu and transferred to our hotel. Please note, sometimes the flight can be delayed or canceled in the mountain regions of this type due to inclement weather and other unpredictable reasons beyond our control. Our guests are expected to be patient.

Day 22: Departure Day

After breakfast and our last day in Kathmandu, our vehicle and escorts will be on standby to drop you to the international airport three hours before our scheduled flight back home. At Glorious Adventure, meeting you has been a great honor and we pray for your Safe journey home and will reflect on the wonderful times we spent together. Bon Voyage!!! We hope to see you again someday...

Trip Includes

- All the airport pick-ups and drop-offs are by private vehicles.
- 3 nights of 3-star standard hotel accommodation in Kathmandu city inclusive of breakfast.
- 18 nights of twin-sharing local lodges accommodations while on the trek.

- One day Kathmandu sightseeing tour guided by a city tour guide with private transport.
- An experienced and certified trekking guide for the trek.
- Supporting porters to carry your belongings while on the trek. (1 porter for 2 guests)
- Domestic airfare (Lukla to Kathmandu) including airport taxes.
- All the necessary paper works and trekking permits for the trek.
- Long-range ground transport by local jeep/bus. (Kathmandu to Jiri)
- Full board meals during the trek (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner).
- Rain protection duffel bag and sleeping bag to use for the trek. (provided on request)
- A comprehensive first aid medical kit and an oximeter to check your pulse and oxygen level while on the trek.
- Trip achievement certificate after successful trip completion.
- All government taxes and company service charges.
- In the end, we offer a Nepalese cuisine farewell dinner in Kathmandu with a cultural dance performance.
- Pre-meeting at Kathmandu before the trek.

Trip Exclude

- International airfares and Nepal entry visa.
- Your personal entrance fees for Kathmandu sightseeing.
- Your extra expenses such as the use of WIFI, hot shower, and battery charging while on the trek.
- Extra hotel nights accommodation in Kathmandu or in Lukla if other than the scheduled itinerary
- Your travel insurance.
- Gratitude to trekking guides and porters.
- Porters are available at an extra price.
- Excess baggage of more than 10 kg for the domestic flight. (Lukla to Kathmandu)

Checklist

Trekking Gear Checklist

Head

- Bandana or headscarf, also useful for dusty conditions.
- Warm hat that covers your ears (wool or synthetic)
- Headlamp with extra batteries and bulbs.
- Sunglasses with UV protection
- Prescription sunglasses (if required)

Upper Body

- Polypropylene shirts (1 half sleeve and 2 long sleeves)
- Light and expedition weight thermal tops.

- Fleece wind-stopper jacket or pullover.
- Waterproof shell jacket (preferably breathable fabric)
- Down jacket
- Gore-Tex jacket with hood, waterproof and breathable

Hands

- 1 pair of lightweight poly-liner gloves.
- 1 pair of lightweight wool or fleece gloves.
- 1 pair of mittens, consists of 1 Gore-Tex over mitt matched with a very warm polar-fleece mitt liner (seasonal)

Lower Body

- Non-cotton underwear briefs.
- 1 pair of hiking shorts.
- 1 pair of hiking trousers.
- 1 pair of lightweight thermal bottoms (seasonal)
- 1 pair of fleece or woolen trousers
- 1 pair of waterproof shell pants, breathable fabric

Feet

- 2 pairs of thin, lightweight inner socks.
- 2 pairs of heavy poly or wool socks.
- 1 pair of hiking boots with spare laces (sturdy, soles, water resistant, ankle support, "broken in")
- 1 pair of trainer or running shoes/sandals
- Cotton socks (optional)
- Gaiters (winter only), optional, "low" ankle high version

Sleeping

- 1 sleeping bag (-20 degrees)
- Fleece sleeping bag liner (optional)

Rucksack and Travel Bags

- 1 medium rucksack (50-70 liters/3000-4500 cubic inches, can be used for an airplane carryon)
- 1 large duffel bag
- A small daypack/backpack for carrying your valuables should have good shoulder padding
- Small padlocks for duffel-kit bags
- 2 large waterproof rucksack covers (optional)

Medical

- Small, personal first-aid kit. (Simple and light)
- Aspirin, first-aid tape, and plasters (Band-Aids)
- 1 skin-blister repair kit
- Anti-diarrhea pills

- Anti-headache pills
- Cough and/or cold medicine
- Anti-altitude sickness pills: Diamox or Acetylzolamide
- Stomach antibiotic: Ciprofloxacin, etc. Do not bring sleeping pills as they are a respiratory depressant.
- Water purification tablets or water filter.
- 1 set of earplugs
- Extra pair of prescription glasses, contact lens supplies.

Practical Items

- 1 small roll of repair tape, 1 sewing-repair kit
- 1 cigarette lighters, 1 small box of matches
- 1 compass or GPS (optional)
- 1 alarm clock/watch
- 1 digital camera with extra cards and batteries
- Large Ziplocs
- 2 water bottles (1 ltrs. each)
- 1 small folding knife
- Binoculars (optional)
- 4 large, waterproof, disposable rubbish sacks.

Toiletries

- 1 medium-sized quick-drying towel
- Toothbrush/paste (preferably biodegradable)
- Multi-purpose soap (preferably biodegradable)
- Deodorants
- Nail clippers
- Face and body moisturizer
- Female hygiene products
- Small mirror

Personal Hygiene

- Wet wipes (baby wipes)
- Tissue/toilet roll
- Anti-bacterial hand wash

Extras/Luxuries

- Reading books
- Trail map/guide book
- Journal and pen
- iPod
- Travel game i.e. chess, backgammon, scrabble, playing cards (to help you pass the time at teahouses or camps)
- 1 modest swimsuit
- Voltage converter
- Plug adapter (2 round pegs to 2 flat pegs)

- Lightweight pillowcase (in case if your teahouses do not provide you)

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