

Machhapuchhre Model Trek

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Duration

10

Max. Altitude

3,682 m (12,080 ft)

Difficulty

Easy

Group Size

1-14

Per Person Cost

USD 775

Transport

Bus, Car, Jeep

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Starts At

Kathmandu

Ends At

Kathmandu

Accommodation

Hotel & Homestay/Tent

Highlights

- A freshly open trail that offers one of the best views of Mt. Fishtail
- Camping among the best mountain views and meadows
- Less crowded trail compared to other Annapurna treks
- Easy to Moderate trek near Pokhara
- Explore the Ethnic People of Gurung and Magar
- Many traditional villages to explore
- Amazing view from Korchan

Overview

As one of the newest treks in the [Annapurna region](#), the Machhapuchhre Model trek is one of the best treks if you want to explore a previously unexplored area with less crowded trails. Obviously, the Machhapuchhre Model Trek will take you through numerous excellent viewpoints for the Macchapuchhre Himal known as Mt. Fishtail. Besides this, you will also get excellent sights of Himchuli, Mardi Himal and

the Annapurna Mountain ranges. The trek takes you through many villages where you can explore the local culture and lifestyle as well.

Mt. Fishtail, named after its peak resembling the tail of a fish lies at an altitude of 6,993m above sea level. It is probably one of the most famous mountains in Nepal after Mt. Everest. The view of Mt. Fishtail in Fewa lake in Pokhara is legendary. This trek will take you to see this mountain from up close. Macchapuchhre is one of the unclimbed peaks in the world. The mountain is revered for its relationship with the Hindu God Shiva also.

The trek itself will have you sleeping in small teahouses and camping also. We will reach a maximum elevation of 3700m at a place called Korchan and you will be expected to hike between 5 and 7 hours a day. Hikers on the new path will be treated to stunning panoramas of the surrounding landscape, including mountains, valleys, streams, lush vegetation, dense forests, and a plethora of bird species. This one-of-a-kind hiking trail also provides a fascinating peek into the traditional culture of the area's inhabitants.

Thus, if you want to explore a relatively new trek in Nepal this trek is perfect. It can act as a suitable substitute for the many other more popular treks in the Annapurna region without the crowd. The Western Regional Chapter of TAAN in Pokhara conceived and built the Machhapuchhre Model Trekking Trail.

Itinerary

Day 01: Arrival in Kathmandu and Transfer to your hotel (1,400m.)

When you've finished with the visa work and pass immigration at the airport, a representative from Glorious Himalaya will be waiting to welcome you. From here you will be escorted to your hotel via private vehicle. As you arrive at the hotel, we will assist you with check-in. Once you've had a chance to rest, you head out to explore the neighborhood around your hotel. If you are tired, you may want to turn in early and get some shut-eye.

Day 02: Drive from Kathmandu to Pokhara (800m.) - 7 hrs drive

We will leave the hotel shortly after breakfast to travel to Pokhara. Daily departures to Pokhara are done by tourist buses. However, flights and private vehicles can be arranged if you wish for an additional fee. From Kathmandu, you may enjoy breathtaking views of the middle hills of Nepal as you drive to Pokhara along the Prithvi Highway.

After lunch at Malekhu, we still have around 3-4 hours more to go to reach Pokhara. Our hotel will be near the Pokhara Lakeside, where scenic viewpoints exist. If you reach early, you can even go for a visit to the Tal Barahi lake via boating. If you go via flight, more sightseeing around Davis Falls may be in order. Stay in the hotel near Lakeside for the evening.

Day 03: Drive to Hyamja and trek to Hile (2,160m.) - 6 hrs walk

Today after breakfast, we take a short drive to Hyamja in a private car. From Hyamja, the trek officially begins. The trek itself is a short one, making for a gentle start to the journey. Following the trail, you will see magnificent views of the western Himalayas like Annapurna and Macchapuchre and you will also get to see Lamjung Himal peeking here and there.

After around 2.5 to 3 hours of trekking, we reach Ghachok. Here we grab lunch and refreshments. After a good refueling, we start back on the trail. After another 3 hours of walking, we reach Hile Kharka where we set up camp and stay for the night.

Day 04: Trek to Khumai Danda (3,245m.) - 6 hrs walk

We start our trek today after an early breakfast. Leaving Hile Kharka behind us, we proceed towards Khumai Danda. As we climb to even higher altitudes, we'll have more opportunities to experience the verdant landscape here. As we make our way over the ridges toward Samsur Deurali, we keep an eye out for the various species of flora and fauna that call this area home.

The vistas in all directions are stunning from up here. Dhaulagiri, Annapurna, and Fishtail are all visible from here. Walk across a few roaring streams and take in the scenic views of the rapids below you. Camp out in Khumai Danda for the night, featuring a breathtaking panorama of Machhapuchhre.

Day 05: Exploration day. Hike to Korchan for mountains views (3,700m.) - 4-5 hrs hike

We wake up early today to see the wonderful sunrise on Macchapuchre. After breakfast, we start on our day hike. We have to take packed lunch today as we are visiting the Korchan hill. From atop the Korchan, you may take in a breathtaking panorama. In your immediate visual field, you'll notice the snow-capped peaks of Annapurna, Mt. Mardi, Mt. Fishtail, and more.

The vista from this breathtaking vantage point will fill your photographs and remain set in your mind forever. At the peak, we can have our lunch and spend some more time, but eventually, we'll have to start making our way back to Khumai Danda.

Day 06: Trek to Mirsha Village (1,480m.) - 5/6 hrs walk

Today we begin our downward descent back. After an early breakfast, we start descending leisurely following the trail. We pass through a number of villages, especially Gurung villages which you can explore to know more about the Gurung Culture. As we get back to Mirsha village, we can enjoy the local cuisine of the Gurung people and talk to them. There are also homestay facilities however it is best we set up camp and stay in for the night.

Day 07: Trek to Ghachok (1,250m.) - 5/6 hrs walk

Today, after breakfast we continue downhill. The pace today is very easy. En route is Tatopani, which

literally means hot water. This is a natural hot spring where we can rest and relax our sore muscles. After the relaxing bath, we continue walking down to Ghachok village. This is our last day staying out on the trek. We can stay at a local accommodating guesthouse here as Ghachok is a relatively large village with clean accommodations. If you so prefer you can choose to still stay in tents also. The local food here is also good to try.

Day 08: Trek back to Hyamja and drive back to Pokhara (800m.) - 2/3 hrs walk

We begin the final day after breakfast as we take an easy downhill stroll back to Hyamja. Even with an easy pace, we won't be trekking for more than 3 hours. The final trekking route is also scenic with the Annapurna mountain range and Macchapuchhre range being nice to view. This will be our last sight of these massifs away from Pokhara. As we reach Hyamja, we are picked up via private vehicle and we take a less than 40-minute drive back to our hotel in Pokhara. We can celebrate the completion of our trip today.

Day 09: Drive back to Kathmandu (1,400m.) - 7 hrs drive

Sadness and joy accompany us as we travel back to Kathmandu from Pokhara after completing the Maccchapuchhre Model Trek. We're relieved to have reached the end of the incredible journey, but disappointed that it's done. We retrace our steps along the Prithvi Highway, the road we came in on.

Once we've had lunch in either Muglin or Malekhu, we'll continue back to Kathmandu. After packing for tomorrow's departure, we can finally relax in our hotel rooms and toast our accomplishment. Your time in Nepal can be extended if you so choose.

Day 10: Departure from Nepal

The morning of our last day in Kathmandu, after breakfast, our vehicle and escort will be waiting to take us to the airport, three hours before our flight back home. Meeting you has been a real pleasure here at Glorious Himalaya, and when you return home safely, we will think fondly of the time we shared. The best of luck in your journey!! Perhaps one day we'll cross paths again...

Trip Includes

- Airport transfers by private vehicles as per the itinerary.
- 2 nights of twin-sharing hotel accommodations in Kathmandu inclusive of breakfast.
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- 5 nights of twin-sharing local homestay/camping accommodations in the mountain regions inclusive of full board meals.
- Full board meals every day while on the trek. (breakfast, lunch & dinner)

- Experienced and certified trekking guide for the trek.
- Supporting porters to carry your luggage and essential gear throughout the trek. (1 porter for 2 guests)
- Tourist bus transportations. (Kathmandu-Pokhara-Kathmandu)
- Private car/jeep/van transports from Pokhara to Hyamja and from Hyamja to Pokhara.
- First aid medical kits for the trek.
- Provide waterproof company duffel bags for your luggage while on the trek.
- Farewell dinner in Kathmandu after the trek.

Trip Exclude

- International airfares and Nepal travel visa fees.
- Tips to the guide and porters.
- Any kinds of cold and alcoholic drinks.
- Lunch and dinner in Kathmandu and Pokhara.
- Any other personal expenses which is not mentioned in our include section.

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