

Annapurna Base Camp Heli Return Trek

Duration: 9 Days

Starts At: Kathmandu

Grade: Moderate

Accommodation: Hotel And Guest House

Transport: Car, Jeep, Plane, Helicopter

Altitude: 4230

Ends At: Kathmandu

Group Size: Min : 2 Pax

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Highlights

- Fly to the tourist hub of Nepal – Pokhara with enchanting views of mountains parallel to us throughout the flight
- Traverse through a scenic path enhanced with verdant valleys, lush hills and charming villages in the backdrop of beautiful Himalayas.
- Witness the glorious sunrise over the snowcapped peaks from Poonhill
- Magnificent views of mountains like Mt. Annapurna, Mt. Macchapucchre, Mt. Hiunchuli, Mt. Nilgiri, etc.
- Annapurna Conservation Area and Annapurna Sanctuary
- Helicopter ride over the Annapurna region.

Overview

Annapurna Base Camp Helicopter Return Trek is an excellent substitute for the standard Annapurna Base Camp Trek. Unlike other tours and treks, Annapurna Base Camp Helicopter Return Trek is a superb combo of trekking and heli tour activity. It is an exciting journey where you can admire the glory of the Annapurna region from very close. The lush landscapes, hills, valleys, forests, and lakes in the backdrop of the beautiful Annapurna massif makes Annapurna region is a natural paradise. And, Annapurna Base Camp Helicopter Tour allows you to experience the natural ecstasy of this place live. Immerse into the diverse biodiversity and rich ecosystem of Annapurna Conservation Area as Annapurna Base Camp Heli Return Trek by Glorious Himalaya Trekking is here to connect you with the mesmerizing enigma of Annapurna panorama and Annapurna region as a whole. Follow the scenic trail to Annapurna Base Camp; a trail that is considered as one of the best trekking routes in Nepal.

Trekking to Annapurna Base Camp and accomplishing the entire trek requires a commitment of at least 14 days. Also, one should be able to walk to the base camp and back for at least 11 days. If you are amongst those, who are in the constraint of time or physically not so active or would prefer an easy way out to Annapurna Base Camp, then Annapurna Base Camp Heli Return Trek could be an ideal travel package for you. You can experience both – the adventure of trekking and the thrill of flying over the Annapurna region to get an aerial view of almost every attraction in the Annapurna region.

Annapurna Base Camp Helicopter Return Trek initiates from the picturesque city of Pokhara. The trail follows a scenic path along the foothills of Annapurna. It passes various charming ethnic villages, farmlands, hills, and forests along the way to Annapurna Base Camp. The route takes you to Ghorepani and Poonhill. Ghorepani is an appealing Gurung village which offers fascinating views of Annapurna in the background. Likewise, Poonhill is a popular viewpoint that offers some mesmerizing views of the sunrise amidst the snow-clad peaks in Annapurna panorama. The trail further passes some villages like Deurali and Sinwa to Annapurna Base Camp where one can rejoice the towering peaks of mountains rising high one over the other. Annapurna Base Camp, also known as Annapurna Sanctuary is truly a reviving place to be at. One can spend hours admiring and acknowledging the glory of this place. Finally, Annapurna Base Camp Heli Tour concludes with a Heli ride back to Pokhara. The wilderness of mountains along with the charm of hills, valleys, lakes, and forests that one can witness during the helicopter tour is indeed a lifetime memory.

So, are you ready to immerse into the magnificence of the Annapurna region? Opt for Annapurna Base Camp Helicopter Return Trek with Glorious Himalaya Trekking! It is an opportunity to enjoy the dramatic views of verdant valleys, lush hills along with the grandeur of Mt. Annapurna, the tenth highest mountain in the world accompanied by various other peaks in the region like Mt. Macchapucchre, Mt. Nilgiri, Mt. Hiunchuli and many more. The best time for this tour can be anytime between March to May and September to November.

Itinerary

Day 01: Arrival in Kathmandu

Welcome to the country of the Everest! A representative from our team will pick you up at the airport and drive you to a hotel in Kathmandu. Check in to the hotel. The representative will brief you on the plans ahead. The rest of the time is on your own. Tonight at the hotel in Kathmandu.

Day 2: Fly to Pokhara/ Drive to Nayapul and trek to Tikhedhunga

After breakfast, we head towards the domestic terminal of Kathmandu airport to catch an early flight to Pokhara. Upon arrival, you will be driven to Nayapul which is just half an hour's drive from the Pokhara airport. Nayapul is the starting point of the trekking journey to Annapurna Base Camp. From Nayapul, we follow a well-paved and easy trail along the charming villages and lush environment to head towards Tikhedhunga. We pass fertile land along the terraced farmlands and dense lush forests to the north bank of Bhurungdi Khola. We follow the river and climb up the valley to Hile. From Hile, we make a short climb up to Tikhedhunga. Stay tonight at Tikhedhunga.

Day 3: Trek to Ghorepani

After breakfast in Tikhedhunga, we continue with our trek towards Ghorepani. We climb up steep along with a long series of stone-paved staircases to Ulleri. Ulleri is a large Magar settlement area in the region. The climb up to Ulleri can be quite difficult and tiring, but the walk is worth it. We will be rewarded with some magnificent views of mountains like Annapurna, Macchapucchre, and Hiunchuli. From Ulleri, we further climb up along a forested area where we can encounter some wild animals like monkeys, boars, etc, and many species of birds flying freely in the sky. We can also see some mesmerizing springs and rivers that add to the beauty of the trail. We pass Naghethanti and climb up until we open up to the village of Ghorepani. Ghorepani is truly a natural paradise inhabited by people of the Gurung community. Here, we can enjoy a night stay in some authentic guesthouses in the backdrop of beautiful Himalayas. From Ghorepani, the mountains like Annapurna, Dhaulagiri, Macchapucchre, Nilgiri, Tukucho, etc. are distinctly visible. Tonight at Ghorepani.

Day 4: Hike to Poonhill and trek to Tadapani

It's a great start of the day! We wake up early and walk up towards Poonhill to catch the mesmerizing views of the sunrise over the majestic snow-clad mountains. Watching the golden rays of sun fall over the white snow-clad mountains is truly a heavenly experience. The pristine air, birds chirp, and wilderness of mountains bring positive vibes to your soul which is a plus point of your walk towards Poonhill. One can have brilliant views of more than 32 different peaks in Annapurna range from here which includes popular peaks like Annapurna, Dhaulagiri, Nilgiri, and many more. From Poonhill, we return back to the guesthouse for breakfast and continue with our walk along the trail to Tadapani. Tonight at Tadapani.

Day 5: Trek to Sinwa

We leave Tadapani and follow the trail that goes steep downhill towards Khimrong Khola. The trail is full of magnificent views of lush rhododendron forests and mountains. As we reach the bank of Khimrong river, we cross a bridge over the river and walk for around three hours to Chomorong. On the way, we pass many interesting villages and people. Chomorong is an ideal place to get an undisturbed view of Macchapucchre Himal and Annapurna Himal. From Chomorong, we descend for a while and start ascending up until we open up to the village of Sinwa. Stay overnight at Sinwa.

Trek 6: Trek to Deurali

Moving ahead, we follow the trail that traverses through the dense rhododendron and bamboo forests today. It can be an opportunity to encounter some amazing species of wildlife amidst the dense jungles of the Annapurna Conservation area. We move out of Sinwa and head to Dovan. We then cross two small streams on our way to climb up to the Hinku cave (an overhanging rock-like formation). From Hinku cave, we make a final ascent to Deurali. Deurali is our stopping point for the day. Overnight at Deurali.

Trek 7: Trek to Annapurna Base Camp

You must really be excited about the day as you will be headed to Annapurna Base Camp today. We follow a trail that gently climbs up through a narrow gorge along the Modi Khola glacier valley. We pass forests and other amazing landscapes to make our way to Macchapucchre Base Camp. It is not a real base camp as Macchapucchre Himal is not allowed for climbing purposes. Though not a base camp, Macchapucchre Base Camp offers a 360-degree view of mountains in Annapurna panorama. We will be blessed with some incredible views of Mt. Hiunchuli, Mt. Annapurna, Mt. Gangapurna, Khaangar Kang, Annapurna III, Macchapucchre Himal, and many more. Further, the trail climbs up to Annapurna Base Camp from where we will be rewarded with some inspiring views of snow-clad mountains in Annapurna massif. The views of mountains from Annapurna Base Camp is even more close and clear. Annapurna Base Camp is also referred to as Annapurna Sanctuary as it is surrounded by mountains under the conservation area. Tonight at Annapurna Base Camp

Trek 8: Heli ride to Pokhara and fly back to Kathmandu

It is one of the best days of the Annapurna Base Camp Helicopter Tour. After a wonderful start of the day with a delicious breakfast in the guesthouse accompanied by amazing closeup views of mountains all around, we set out for a helicopter ride around the Annapurna back to Pokhara city. The flight takes us around the Annapurna region and allows us to relish the glories of lush hills, valleys, mountains, and villages all around. One can have an aerial view of mountains, lakes, Annapurna conservation area, and Pokhara valley. Moreover, the flight takes us close to the mountains in the Annapurna region especially Mt. Annapurna with other neighboring peaks. As the helicopter flies back to Pokhara, we can get some amazing sights of villages, forests and lush hills. The beautiful Begnas Lake, Phewa Lake, and Rupa Tal looks amazing from above. As the helicopter brings us down to Pokhara, we catch a flight that brings us back to Kathmandu. You will then be driven to your hotel in Kathmandu for an overnight stay. Enjoy the rest of the time on your own.

Trek 9 Departure from Nepal

After a wonderful trek to Annapurna Base Camp and heli ride back to Pokhara, we conclude our trip with a flight back to Kathmandu. Now, it's time to bid you goodbye!

Today, you will be escorted to the departure terminal of the airport before three hours of your scheduled flight. Best wishes for your journey ahead and we hope to serve you again!

Trip Includes:

- All the domestic and international airport and hotel shuttle by private car/jeep.
- 2 nights of hotel accommodations in Kathmandu city inclusive breakfast.
- 2 nights of hotel accommodations in Pokhara city inclusive breakfast.
- Both way domestic flights. (Kathmandu to Pokhara and Pokhara to Kathmandu)
- Private helicopter ride from Annapurna Base Camp to Pokhara.
- Full board meals during the trek. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- Local lodges accommodations during the trek.
- Professional English speaking trekking guide for the trek.
- Supporting porters to carry your loads during the trek. (1 porter for 2 people)
- All the essential trekking permits and entrance fees for the trekking.
- First aid medical kits for the trek.
- Appreciation certificate after trip completion in Kathmandu.
- Farewell dinner in Kathmandu at a typical local restaurant with a cultural dance performance.

Trip Exclude:

- International flights and Nepal travel visa.
- Any alcoholic and cold drinks during the trek.
- Lunch and dinner in Kathmandu and Pokhara hotel.
- Your personal expenses such as hot shower, charging and use of WIFI during the trek.
- Tips to the trekking guide and porters.
- Any other extra expenses which are other than in our include section.