

Trip Name : Royal Trek

Starting Point	Drive in Pokhara-Bijayapur
Ending Point	Drive out Begnas Lake-Pokhara
Type	HomeStay Trek
Grade	Easy
Duration	6 Days
Daily Walk	4-5 hours
People in Group	Minimum 1 and Maximum 12
Best Time	March to mid-May and September to November
Max. Elevation	1730 mt.

Trip Highlights:

- The spectacular views of Fishtail and Annapurna Himal
- Home Stays trekking facility
- Rhododendron forest
- Various species of flora and fauna
- Mixed indigenous lifestyles
- The great countryside, terrace farming and mountain landscapes

Trip Details:

The Royal trek got its name when Prince Charles and his 90 person's entourage had explored this route in the early eighties. This is one of the short and easy treks available near Pokhara that goes through the foothills of Annapurnas and ends at Begnas Lake. Trekking through the Royal trail provides an opportunity to experience the diverse cultures of the people that inhabit in the region. The Royal trek offers spectacular mountain views complimented by a panorama of hillside terraces and the magnificent Annapurna Himalayan range. The Royal trek ends at the scenic Begnas Lake about 15km west of Pokhara City. This short trekking can be done on home-stay style enjoying the traditional lifestyles of the tribes whose ancient religious practices and traditions have remained unchanged for thousands of years. This trip is ideally designed for easy and short time trekkers who will definitely have an unforgettable trekking holiday.

Weather in the Annapurna region:

Trekking in Annapurna region is the best in spring (March to mid May) and autumn (Sept to Nov). The days are sunny and warm but the nights are cold and can fall to freezing in higher elevations. However, trekking in winter (Dec, Jan, Feb) is also possible in some parts of the Annapurna region. The only issue is cold and might be a problem due to ice/snow blockade on the high passes. The Annapurna region gets busier in spring and autumn but monsoon and winter are quieter. Royal trekking is an all time trek with home stay facility.

Experience Required:

We have categorized Royal trekking as easy trek and are suitable for passionate trekkers who are ready to walk at least 4-5 hours each day. Regular exercising and jogging for some weeks prior to the trip is a good idea to enhance your strength and stability. If you have any previous hiking experience, that would be an asset. It is important that you consult with your doctor before making decision for this trek if you have any medical problems in the history. Participants with pre-existing medical conditions such as heart, lungs or any other serious disease should inform Trekking Encounters before booking the trek.

How We Make This Trip Responsible?

Trekking Encounters promotes Responsible Tourism and strictly follows the responsible travel guide lines.

Cost Includes:

- All kind of trekking permits
- A City Hotel in Pokhara for two nights
- Three meals (B/L/D) a day on trekking available at Village Kitchens
- Accommodations at Village Homes (Home Stay) in the mountains
- An English speaking Trekking Guide
- A porter shared between two trekkers
- Staff insurance, salary, food, accommodation and their transportation
- Land transportation before and after the trek in Pokhara by private vehicle
- Kathmandu-Pokhara-Kathmandu overland transfers by Tourist bus [*Private vehicle or flights available on request and extra*]
- First aid kit box
- Emergency co-operation service

Complimentary:

- A Trekking Encounters T-shirt
- A farewell Nepali dinner with live culture program

Cost Excludes:

- Hotel and meals in Kathmandu, meals in Pokhara
- Bar and beverages bills, bottled water
- Nature of personal expenses
- Personal cloths and equipment such as sleeping bag, jacket, boots etc.
- Insurance for accidental, medical and evacuation
- Tips to the staff
- International Airfare and Taxes

Add-Ons:

Kathmandu City Tour

Activity: Cultural tour to the World Heritage Sites.

Major sites: Swoyambhunath, Boudhanath, Pashupatinath, Kathmandu/Patan/Bhaktapur Durbar Square and Changuarayan Temple.

Duration: Full/Half day.

Frequency: Tour can be organized in any day and at your suitable time.

Cost: US\$ 50 per person. Group discounts available.

Ground transfer: Included by a private vehicle as per group size (Car/Van/Bus).

Guide: English Speaking City Tour Guide included. Additional language Guides are also available on demand.

Meals: Not included.

Entrance fee: Applicable and not included.

Mt. Everest Flight

Activity: Mount Everest sightseeing flight.

Duration: One hour.

Frequency: Everyday in the morning between 6am to 9am.

Cost: US\$ 224 per person. Group discounts available.

Ground transfer: Included by a private vehicle. Two persons minimum needed.

Airport tax: Included.

Airline: Buddha Air, Simrik Airlines and Yeti Airlines.

Jungle Safari in Chitwan National Park

Activities: Jungle safari on elephant-back, jungle walk, canoe ride, jeep drive, experience of Tharu culture.

Accommodation: Resorts, Hotels and Lodges.

Transportation: Private Car included (Kathmandu/Pokhara-Kathmandu).

Meals: Included.

Duration: 3 days and 2 nights.

Cost: Starts from US\$ 225 per person.

Jungle Safari in Bardia National Park

Activities: Jungle safari on elephant-back, jungle walk, boat ride, jeep drive.

Accommodation: Jungle lodges.

Transportation: Not included.

Meals: Included.

Duration: 4 days and 3 nights.

Cost: Starts from US\$ 475 per person.

Bird Watching in Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve

Activities: Bird watching, boat ride and wildlife viewing on jeep drive.

Accommodation: Resorts, Tented camps.

Transportation: Not included.

Meals: Included.

Duration: 3 days and 2 nights.

Cost: Starts from US\$ 480 per person.

Rafting in Nepal

Trishuli River: 2/3 Class – 1 Day – 17 Kilometers – Cost starts from US\$ 30 per person.

Seti River: 3 Class – 2 Days – 32 Kilometers – Cost starts from US\$ 80 per person.

KaliGandaki River: 4 Class – 3 Days – 56 Kilometers – Cost starts from US\$ 140 per person.

BhoteKoshi River: 4/5 Class – 2 Days – 18 Kilometers – Cost starts from US\$ 85 per person.

- **Cost includes:** Top quality Rafting equipment, Highly trained Crew, Well organized camping, Hygienic food.

- **Transportation:** Bus transportation included and depends.

Bungy Jumping / Canyoning / Paragliding / Ultralight Flight

We can check and deliver information and cost as per your interest received for Bungy Jumping, Canyoning, Paragliding and Ultralight Flight. Bungy and Canyoning can also be customized together.

Shopping Tours

Package available on demand.

Shopping items: Pashmina items, Paubha/Thangka, Woolen Carpets, Root Art, Ceramics, Shaligram (Holy Rocks), Masks of deities, Khukuri, Tea, Spices, Garments and Knitwear, Musical Instruments and Music, Glass Ornaments, Jewelry and Gems, Metal Wares, Sculptures, Wood Carvings, Rudraksha (Rosary), Incense, Natural Buttons, Fiber Products, Wood Game Boards, Fancy Hats, Bamboo Crafts, Bags and Accessories, Leather Articles, Lokta Paper and items made by Lokta, Nepali Dolls, Home Decors, Books and Maps and innumerable other unique items which are found nowhere else.

Trip Itinerary:

Day 01 : Drive/fly from Kathmandu to Pokhara (884m/2,900ft).

Today we have a 200km (124 miles) drive (6-7 hours by bus or car) from Kathmandu to Pokhara. This is a scenic drive along the bank of the Trishuli River with great country side. Alternatively one can also fly between Kathmandu and Pokhara.

Day 02 : Drive Pokhara to Bijayapur Khola and trek to Kalikasthan (1,370m/4,494ft).

We drive to Bijayapur Khola and start the trek near the army camp on the Prithvi Highway. We walk on the flat area of rice fields before climbing the ridge to the village of Kalikasthan. Home stay facility is available at Kalikasthan. Trekking time 4-5 hours.

Day 03 : Trek Kalikasthan to Syaklung (1,730m/5,676ft).

Today we follow the trail through the forested ridge via the villages of Thulokot to Mati Thana and ascend to Naudanda, Lipini and finally reach Syaklung with great views of Annapurna and Lamjung Himal. Home Stay accommodation is available at Syaklung. Trekking time 4-5 hours.

Day 04 : Trek Syaklung to Chisopani/Chisapani (1,630m/5,348ft).

Today we descend to the valley floor then ascend to reach to the attractive Gurung village of Chisopani. Chisopani offers great panoramic views of Annapurna Himalayas. Home stay accommodation is available at Chisopani or Chisapani which literally means 'Cold water'. Trekking time 4-5 hours.

Day 05 : Trek Chisapani to Begnas Lake and drive to Pokhara.

Today's trek involves a leisurely stroll along the ridge that separates Rupa Tal (Lake) and Begnas Tal (Lake). We finally reach on the valley floor at Begnas Bazaar where we board our transport to Pokhara, Nepal's biggest tourist town. It has all the facilities and places of interest that one could possibly want and it is situated on the eastern shore of the gorgeous Phewa Tal (Fewa Lake) and the skyline is dominated by the perfect pyramid of Mount Machhapuchhare (6,997m/22,957ft). Trekking time 3-4 hours.

Day 06 : Drive/fly from Pokhara to Kathmandu.

We are more relaxed in Pokhara with the beautiful morning and later we drive or fly back to Kathmandu. Regular tourist buses leave at 7am.

Option available for extending your trip with Jungle Safari adventure, white water rafting or a trip of

your choice.