

Balthali - Phulchoki Trekking

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Nagarkot-Dhulikhel-Balthali-Pulchowki trekking starts with a 2 hr drive to Nagarkot from Kathmandu. Located at 2195m altitude, Nagarkot is the most popular hill station in Nepal offering superb sunrise and sunset views along with a panorama of Himalayan ranges such as Everest, Langtang, Ganesh, and Jugal. The actual trekking begins from Nagarkot as you descend towards Dhulikhel past green hills and thatched settlements. Dhulikhel is famous for its Harisiddhi and Narayan temple, carved windows, cobbled streets which all reflect traditional Newari craftsmanship. The town is also a vantage point to capture the magnificent views of Mt. Annapurna (8091 m), Mt. Ganesh Himal (7429 m), Mt. Langtang (7234 m), Mt. Phuribichyachu (6637 m), Mt. Gaurishanker (7134 m), etc.

You will also visit Namo Buddha, one of the holiest Buddhist shrines, and pass Tamang Settlements before you reach Balthali village. Balthali (1730m) is a romantic rural village located at the junction of Roshi and Ladku Rivers surrounded by terraced hills and thatched houses.

Another 2.5 hrs walk from Balthali will reach you to Newar village of Panauti (1400m). Panauti is a religious town located at the confluence of the Roshi Khola and Pungamati Khola and is famous for Hindu temples of Indreshwar Mahadev Temple, Krishna Narayan Temple, and Brahmayani Temple.

Duration: 8 days

Price: \$760

Rating: 3 Star

Group Size: Minimum Pax - 2

Grade: Strenuous

Destination: Nepal

Activity: Trekking in Nepal

Region: Kathmandu Valley

Quick Facts

Trek Days: 4

Total Days in Nepal: 8

Maximum Elevation: 2770 meters

Trek Grade: Easy to Moderate

Accommodation: Lodge / Camping

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrive in Kathmandu

Arrive in Kathmandu, transfer to hotel and welcome dinner in the evening.

Day 2: Sigtseeing

Sightseeing in Kathmandu and preparation for the trek.

Day 3: Drive to Dhulikhel

Drive to Dhulikhel (1440m) by bus - 1h30 and commence trek to Namo Buddha (1750m) - 3h.

Day 4: Namo Budha - Panauti

Namo Budha - Panauti (1500m) - 3h.

Day 5: Panauti - Balthali

Panauti - Balthali (1500m) - 3h.

Day 6: Balthali - Godavari

Balthali - Godavari (1600m) via Phulchoki (2770m) - 7h. Drive to Kathmandu by bus - 1h30.

Day 7: Farewell

Free day and farewell dinner in the evening.

Day 8: Final departure

Depart to the airport.

Highlights:

- Visit the hill station of Nagarkot and Dhulikhel
- Observe splendid Himalayan peaks of Everest, Annapurna, Langtang
- Visit the Buddhist shrine of Namo Buddha and Hindu shrine of Panauti
- Observe Newari art and architecture

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