Khopra community lodge Trekking (14 Days)



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Khopra Community Lodge Trekking offers an alternative to the famed Ghorepani-Poonhill climb in the Annapurna region. It is an off-the-beaten-path; remote trek with stunning vistas of the Annapurna, Dhaulagiri, and Nilgiri Himalayas, plus the community-managed trekking trails, and ethnic Magar culture.

The Khopra Danda Trek has three different trekking routes depending on where you start.

The first alternative is to hike to Ghandruk from Nayapool and then to Khopra via Tadapani, which is the shortest path.

The second alternative is to begin trekking from Beni (Galeshor), which is a 6-hour drive from Pokhara. The trek passes through the villages of Banskharka and Nangi before arriving to Mohare Danda (3660m), which provides an excellent view of the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri massifs.

The final option is to trek from Nayapool stopping over in the touristic villages of Ghorepani, Swanta and Upper Chistibang to finally reach Khopra.

The Khopra Ridge (3640m) offers incredible panoramas of Dhaulagiri (8167m), Annapurna (8091m), Machhapuchhare (6993m), Nilgiri South (6839m), and Hiuchuli (6441m). From here, you'll descend to Tatopani, a hot spring where you can relax and relieve any ache. The next day, you'll leave for Pokhara via Nayapul.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Initiative:

Trekkers can enjoy community development programmes in the area, including yak rearing and cross-breeding, cheese production, Nepali Lokta paper, plum jam, and handmade wool items, as part of the corporate social responsibility initiative. Adventure Thirdpole Treks is committed to supporting these community programmes by allocating a portion of its trekking revenue through our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Sustainable Tourism initiatives. We recommend all of our clients to choose Khopra Danda Trek.

Duration: 14 days

Price: $1330

Rating: 4 Star

Group Size: Minimum Pax - 2

Grade: Strenuous

Destination: Nepal

Activity: Trekking in Nepal

Region: Annapurna Region

Quick Facts

Trekking region : Annapurna

Total Days: 14 Days

Trek days: 10 Days

Starting point of trek: Nayapool

Ending point of trek: Tatopani / Hot Spring

Trek distance: Approx. 96 KM

Best season to trek: March to November (9 months)

Attractions: Close Mountain, landscape, remote villages and people

Mode of transportation : Airplane, Tourist Bus / Private Transport (Jeep, Car, Van)

Himalayan sights : Annapurna & Dhawalagiri

Accommodation: Hotel, Local Loges & Community Lodge

Trekking Grade: Medium

Highest access of the trek: 4620m – Khayer Lake / Khopra Danda - 3660m

Culture & races: Magar and Gurung Culture & races

Driving distance from KTM: Kathmandu – Pokhara - 200 KM Pokhara – Nayapool - 45 KM Pokhara Galeshor, Beni - 86 KM

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival in Kathmandu (1350m) O/N HOTEL (D)

On arrival in Kathmandu Airport, clear custom and apply for Nepal Visa (if required, USD25 + passport photo). Meet our company representative with a placard displaying your name and transfer to hotel in Kathmandu. If there is enough time in the afternoon, you can explore Thamel or surrounding sites. Evening welcome dinner.

Day 2: Cultural Sightseeing around Kathmandu city & Trekking preparation (B)

Today you will have a morning guided tour of two world heritage monuments, namely Boudhanath and Pashupatinath. Boudhanath is one of the most popular and biggest Buddhist stupas in the world, a magnet for Tibetan Buddhism. Not far away you will visit one of the holiest and venerated Hindu temple of Pashupatinath. The golden-roofed pagoda-style temple hosts numerous monuments, cremation site, a deer and monkey park, and an eastern classical music center.

Optional Trip: Mountain Flight in the morning which start from 6:40 to till 7:40. The flight offers you a bird's eye view of the magnificent landscape and Himalayan peaks including Mt. Everest

Day 3: Kathmandu-Pokhara (850m) O/N Hotel (BLD)

We leave for Pokhara after morning breakfast. You can either drive for 6-7 hours to Pokhara or take a 30 min scenic flight from Kathmandu to Pokhara. On arrival at Pokhara, meet with our guide and transfer to hotel. The day is free at leisure to explore Pokhara on your own.

Optional (Rafting) Trip to Pokhara: 3 hrs drives to Charaundi, the put-in point for Rafting on Trishuli River that ends at Kuringhat, then continue drive to Pokhara. Rafting cost extra 40 US$ per person.

Day 4: Drive from Pokhara - Nayapool and trek to Ghandruk (2012m, 5-6 hrs) O/N Local Lodge (BLD)

Morning drive for one and a half hour to Nayapool (1011m), our starting point for trekking. The trail steadily progresses along Modi Khola to Birethanti then gradually passes through paddy fields crisscrossed by road. Up ahead the muddy trail snakes through terraced hills via Sauli bazaar, a perfect lunch spot. Now the trek goes towards North up the Modi valley on an uphill journey until you reach Ghandruk. Settled by ethnic Gurung communities, the village is instantly recognized by slated roof houses, rhododendron trees on the backdrop of a score of majestic mountains including Annapurna South, Machhapuchhare and Hiunchuli, clearly visible in the morning.

Day 5: Trek from Ghandruk - Tadapani (2630m, 3-4 hours) O/N Local Lodge (BLD)

It will take at least 3-4 hours of a steady trek to reach Tadapani from Ghandruk. The trail passes through quiet rhododendron forest that reverberates with occasional singing and chirping of birds. The final section of this trek runs through the village of Bherikharka on a slightly uphill leg to Tadapani.

Day 6: Tadapani - Dobato (3426m) - Bayali Kharka (3492m) 6-7 hours - O/N Local Lodge (BLD)

The trail from Tadapani to Dobato has fewer trekkers, equally mesmerizing panorama of Dhaulagiri range including Kali Gandaki valley. There are no settlements or teahouses along the trail that inclines gradually. By late afternoon you will have reached Bayali

Kharka, a seasonal yak pasture. The pasture is a good viewpoint to watch spectacular peaks of Dhaulagiri range, as well as the sprawling valley of Kali Gandaki and Ghorepani.

Optional Hike to Mulde Peak:
Once you reach Dobato, you will see a trail that diverts west to Mulde Peak (3637m). Interested trekkers who would like to see more of wonderful Himalayan peaks can take a side trip to reach Mulde peak (3637m). It will take 30 min to reach the Mulde Peak and another 30 min to climb down. Mulde Peak offers a clear view of over two dozen mountain peaks including Annapurna, Dhaulagiri, Nilgiri, Lamjung Himal etc along with an equally breathtaking view of Phewa lake in Pokhara Valley.

Day 7: Bayali Kharka - Upper Chistibang (2990m, 3-4 hrs) - Khopra Danda / Kopra Ridge (3660m, 4-5 hrs) O/N Local Lodge (BLD)

The first section of the trail from Bayali Kharka to Upper Chistibang descends continuously passing through the thicked wooded area. The trail offers picturesque views of green hills and far away villages with a backdrop of beautiful snowcapped Himalayan peaks. At Upper Chistibang, originally called Dhankharka, you will stop for lunch to be served at a community lodge.

After leaving Upper Chistibang, the trail begins to climb steadily through alpine meadows to reach the isolated yak pasture known as Khopra Danda. Located above tree-line, Khopra Ridge is an excellent viewpoint and hosts Khopra Danda Community Lodge. You can go for a short walk down to lower part of Khopra which offers a breathtakingly close-up panorama of Mt Dhaulagiri, Nilgiri, Fang, and Annapurna South as well as the world's deepest gorge of Kali Gandaki down below.

Day 8: Day hiking to Khayer Lake (4620m, 10~11 hrs) O/N Community Lodge (BLD) - Tough adventure and difficult day

Get up early and have a warm breakfast. Since there are no teahouses along the way and around Khayer Lake, you will have to carry along a lunch pack. The trek immediately begins to ascend crossing nearby cliffs with stunning views of Himalayan mountains. The final part of the trek is particularly very steep until you reach Khayer lake. Dedicated to Goddess Barahini, the lake is ensconced deep into a hill just below the summit of Annapurna South. The lake is spread in an area of approximately 2 sq.km.

Note: Those trekkers who still have thirst for more adventure, we recommend this hike as an optional trip. This 10-11 hrs hike to Khayer Lake takes you to a relatively higher altitude with the added opportunity to explore holy lakes and glaciers in the mouth of Annapurna South. The total distance covered to Khayer Lake and back is approximately 25km. And for those who are not ready for this adventure can shorten their itinerary by dropping down to Paudwar.

Day 9: Khopra Danda - Paudwar (2000m, 4-5 hrs) O/N Local Lodge / home stay (BLD)

From Khopra Danda, the trek is entirely downhill all the way to Paudwar. Paudwar is a densely settled Magar village that also has a community operated cheese factory and local honey facility. You will have plenty of time to take a village tour, taste the cheese and honey and interact with locals. You can choose either a homestay or local lodge for overnight (subject to availability).

Day 10: Paudwar - Tatopani (1185m, 4-5 hrs) O/N Local Lodge (BLD)

Paudwar to Tatopani is a downhill walk through an unpaved road. Tatopani has a famous natural hot spring where you can relax and heal yourself.

Day 11: Drive from Tatopani to Pokhara - 5/6 hrs O/N Hotel (BLD)

After enjoying your breakfast, drive from Tatopani to Pokhara. Rest of day is free at leisure in Pokhara.

Day 12: Drive back to KTM - Alternatively you can drive to Lumbini or Chitwan National Park for Jungle safari (BL)

Day 13: Sight Seeing Bhaktapur (B)

Day 14: Fly back home

Finally do shopping or exploring in Kathmandu, You will realize there is much more to do in Nepal. If you have specific requests to see things not included, wish to contact professional peers in an informal setting, or pursue other ventures, let us know and we can easily add extra days to this itinerary to meet your needs. Late morning transfer to the airport for your onward flight or continuing on with other explorations in Nepal.

Highlights:

- Trek to Khopra Danda (3660m) and Khayer Lake (4660m)
- Off-the-beaten path and less crowded, community managed trekking trail
- Splendid Himalayan panorama of Annapurna, Dhaulagiri, Nilgiri and Machhapuchhare peaks
- Visit to ethnic Magar villages of Paudwar, Swanta, Nagi, Narchyang villages
- Directly supports community lodges, schools, and cottage industries like cheese factory, yak farms, handicraft etc

Cost Include:

- Airport / Hotel / Airport pick up & drop by private car / van
- Twin sharing accommodation on BB plan & single room for odd number at Hotel Blue Horizon or similar hotel in KTM - 4 nights
- Accommodation in local lodge during the trekking period
- Guided city tour in Katmandu by car / van for 2 days
- All meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) at tea houses during the trek to and from Kathmandu
- 1 government licensed English speaking Guide for every 10 trekkers during the trek to and from KTM
- 1 porters for every two trekkers to carry the luggage during the trek
- Domestic airfare where applicable as per the itinerary
- National Park or Conservation area entry permits for trekkers
- TIMS card (Trekker's Information Management System) for trekkers
- Tax, VAT, official expanses and company profit
- Welcome and farewell dinner
- Rest of the land transport as per the itinerary
- All Government and local taxes
- First aid kit comprehensive
- Salary, allowances, equipment, clothing & insurance for all field staff including porters
- Trekking map for each trekkers

Cost exclude:

- Lunch and dinner while in Kathmandu
- Your personal travel insurance and medical evacuation in case of emergency (compulsory)
- International airfare and airport taxes
- Excess baggage charges while domestic flight, hot shower, battery charge (during the trek), telephone etc.
- Nepal entry visa fee (US$ 30 per person) you obtain a visa easily upon your arrival at Tribhuwan International Airport in Kathmandu
- Alcoholic beverages, hot and cold drinks, bottle and boiled water, laundry and hot shower in trekking lodge
- Tips and gratuities for trekking staff and driver
- Sightseeing/Monuments entrance fees in Kathmandu
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned on Price Includes section
- Personal gears & clothing (available on hire)
- Expenses incurred due to accidents, landslide, strikes, political unrest, etc..

- Entrance fees during the cultural sightseeing in city.
- Expenses incurred in emergency evacuation/road block due to any reason, table drinks, snacks while walking
- Service other then mentioned on above as "Your price includes" topic

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