

Overview

Mardi Himal trek is less crowded trekking route in the Annapurna conservation area. This trek offers best Himalaya's views of all the highest Peaks around the Annapurna Region. For 7 days we trek through the forest, above the tree-line and on up to high Camp highest altitude of 4,100M. We will explore the area of Mardi Himal and base camp of 4,500M in another day before we return to Low camp.

The awesome views of the majestic mountains groups can be seen on our route including Mardi Himal (5,588M), Fishtail, Annapurna South, Annapurna Range & Dhaulagiri. This hidden trek in the Annapurna regions would be the best optional trek for any adventure lovers who longing for some alternative new route trek in Annapurna. Mardi Himal is our access route and is the name given to the long raising ridge and its crest that form the south-westerly lower slope of Mount Machhapuchare.

Mardi Himal trek starts from 30 minute drive from Pokhara. In the beginning of our trek, we pass by very interesting Gurung Village like Dhampus, Potana and Deurali 2100m and also end the trek some particularly beautiful Village. Our trek Pass through dense pristine forest. So, Mardi Himal trek is known as very quiet and peaceful trek. We organize this trek with full camping supportive Sherpa Team.

Itinerary Details

Day 01 : Kathmandu (1300M/ 4265ft)

At Kathmandu international Airport, After Visa formalities complete, we have to come downstairs to collect Luggage and proceed to outside from terminal Building. Please check our Company Name board, Our Guide will be waiting with Guide Nepal Holidays display board at the arrival gate. Upon our arrival at Kathmandu international airport, we will be warmly welcome by our Airport representative guide with Silk scarves as per Sherpa customs. You will be transfer to hotel by Private Vehicle. Check in at Hotel, free welcome drinks tea/coffee or any cold drinks/Juices. Company Manager will meet you as per your prefer time & will provide detailed Plans and Briefing about the trip. At the Evening we will offer you welcome dinner at best authentic Nepali restaurant where you can enjoy the best Nepali food and cultural show. Dinner included overnight stay at best hotel in the Kathmandu.

Day 02 : Kathmandu-Pokhara (9,15M)

After Breakfast your day will start for sightseeing tour of 4 Popular UNESCO Heritage sites of Kathmandu Valley. Our first destination is Swoyambhunath. This place offers a majestic view of the entire Kathmandu valley. Stupa of Swoyambhunath epitomizes Buddhism. Your guide will enlighten you with detailed historical and cultural information about the place. After this you will visit Living goddess home and Kathmandu Durbar square. Locally this, Old royal palace area is called Basantapur Area or Hanuman dhoka Durbar Square. Our next sightseeing will be at Boudha nath (the biggest & Largest Buddhist Stupa in the World). In this Area, you will visit Buddhist Monastery and stop for

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lunch Break. If weather is clear you can see nearest Mountain of Kathmandu- Ganesh Himal from top of Restaurant. After Lunch, we will visit Hindus temple Pasupatinath and tour for today is finished. It normally takes 5-6 hours tour to visit all these 4 monuments within Kathmandu city. Drive to domestic Airport and Fly to Pokhara city (City with Lakes, caves, Mountains and Many more). After hotel checking, free at Evening.

Day 03 : Pokhara- Phedi- Deurali (1,990M/ 6,528ft)

We drive to Phedi Starting at an elevation of 1,130 meter, in a forest that is so overgrazed that it looks like a manicured municipal park we start climbing to Dhampus on the top of a ridge at 1700 meter. The route then enters a rhododendron forest and follows a trail paved with stones to the village of Pothana. From here, we have excellent views of Machhapuchare Mountain (6997m). Machha, meaning fish and puchhare meaning tail, except from this angle it looks more like the Matterhorn then resembling a fishtail. The trail climbs further on a stone paved route to Deurali atop a hill at 2,150 meter.

Day 04 : Trek To Forest Camp (Altitude 2,550m/6 Hrs Approx.)

Dawn should bring a spectacular sunrise: 'Fishtail' pink turning to gold, the more distant bare rock wall of Annapurna II still in shadow. Today we will start our 'secret trail' leaving tourists, other trekkers and even villagers behind. We enter an enchanted forest of birch, giant rhododendron, mountain oak, maple, hemlock and daphnie, camping in a small clearing far from the beaten trails. (B, L, D)

Day 05 : Trek To Low Camp (Altitude 3,400m/4.5 Hrs Approx.)

As we climb the flora has turned to classic 'cloud forest' with mosses and lichen, tree ferns and orchids hosted by the hardier trees. There are natural windows in the woods that look out onto thrilling panoramas – towards Hiunchuli and the knife-sharp traverse towards Annapurna South. Far below, to our left, we can see the Modi Khola Valley leading up into the Annapurna Sanctuary. We reach camp for lunch; for it is wise not to go too high too fast. Though still surrounded by forest, we have spectacular northerly views of the ever-closer 'Fishtail'. (B,L,D)

Day 06 : To High Camp (Altitude 4,100m/4 Hrs Approx.)

Just a short, steep climb and we are out of the forest. A ridge, now grassy and sometimes under snow, takes us up to High Camp which we shall reach at lunch time and where a second consecutive afternoon is spent acclimatizing and awestruck by the views. Annapurna South seems near enough to throw a rock at and Machhapuchare itself close enough to touch. (B,L,D)

Day 07 : Above High Camp Back To Lo Camp (Altitude 5,000m And Beyond/5 Hrs Approx.)

Our breakfast will be earlier than usual. Then with packed lunch we set off to reach our objective. Conditions being favorable, our party should reach up to 5,000m and only the crest of Mardi Himal itself separates us from the south face of Machhapuchare. The great ice fields and blue glaciers of the Sanctuary Wall lie below. Annapurna I, highest of all is beyond, and around us, and an arc from horizon to horizon, from Dhaulagiri to the Ganesh Himal, are a dozen or more glistening snow-bound giants. You are standing on a spot that has been your constant aim for days now. A place, a time, a view that is almost impossible to equal – and you've earned it. Whatever our achievement, by 1300 we need to descend, returning to the welcome steaming mug, the hot food, the shelter of Low Camp. (B, L, D)

Day 08 : To Siding Village (Altitude 1,750m/6-7hrs Approx.)

After a relaxed breakfast, tired bodies make an unhurried decent through the shade of the forest and out onto terraced fields, down 1600m in all. This is a different route down – down to the upper Mardi Khola, the torrent that has been the ice and snow of the Mardi Himal. Although remote and still away from all the much-used 'Tea-house' trekking routes, our expedition now takes on the mood of the arm valley and the friendly villages. Here we make our way along the banks of the Mardi Khola from the hill-side village of Siding, down through the lovely fields, past the simple farms and over the interesting bridges. There is no doubting this is indeed idyllic Nepali countryside. (B, L, D)

Day 09 : To Pokhara (Altitude 915m/6hrs Approx.)

So the Earth does have flat places! The path from Siding now follows the contour of the river valley gradually down between the pastures and through Tamang and Gurung villages. Further on the trail skirts an outcrop – there's the road, and there's our transport, and soon we're back in Pokhara at our Base Camp and a final celebratory dinner. End of Expedition (B,D) Day 10. Kathmandu- Pokhara Normally, you will fly back to Kathmandu late afternoon, since pokhara city is more convenient place than Kathmandu due to its natural beauty. Wander around Pokhara city and fly back to Kathmandu transfer to hotel (B)

Day 10 : Departure

Morning free for last Minute shopping or time as your own. Our driver and airport representative drive you to the airport in time for your flight back home. We ensure that you leave Kathmandu with cherishing memory and an experience of a lifetime.