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## Khopra Adventure Trek



Khopra Adventure trek is one of the awesome rural trek newly open trail in Annapurna region. This trek is suitable for all opinioned trekkers. Also this route is connected with Annapurna base camp. The way to Khopra trek diverts from the main trekking trail of Ghorepani. The path goes through deeply lush thick pine, oak, rhododendron and bamboo forest with magnificent views of Himalayan panorama which includes Mt. Dhaulagiri, Annapurna (I, II, III and south), Hiunchuli, Machhapuchhare, Lamjung Himal, and Nilgiri. Another attraction is the holy Kaire Lake which requires a little wandering away from the Khopra Danda. We leave main trail after Tadapani. This trip can be done as a special adventure hike up to Khayar Lake (4600m) the highest point. The best views of snowcapped peaks and landscapes and complete unique heritage and culture. This trek is perfect for those people who want to walk non-touristic trekking in Annapurna region.

### Trip Itinerary:

#### Khopra Adventure Trek:

Day 01: Arrive in Kathmandu (1350m.)

We receive you at the Tribhuvan international airport, Kathmandu. Then you transfer to the hotel. Overnight at hotel.

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## Day 02: Kathmandu Sightseeing

**Pashupatinath Temple:**It is a Hindu temple devoted to Lord Shiva, located beside the Bagmati River. It is one of the most significant temples for the Hindu devotees around the world and the UNESCO site. The golden pagoda style temple is richly carved with silver doors. On the day of Shivaratri, a big fair is held around the month of February/March.

**Boudhanath Stupa:**One of the biggest Stupas in the world is located on the east in Kathmandu. It stands with four pairs of eyes in the four prime direction, keeping watch for virtuous behavior and human success. King Man Deva at the advice of the Goddess Mani Jogini had built this remarkable Stupa. The Stupa resembles the Mahayana philosophy.

## Day 03: Drive/ Flight to Pokhara (840m.) flight 30 min and drive 5-6 hours

In the morning, we take a scenic flight from Kathmandu to Pokhara for half an hour. Sitting on the right, the view of Langtang and Annapurna can be seen. There is also an option of the drive through Prithvi Highway which takes 7 hrs. The picturesque landscape and hilly gorges can be explored. Leaving Pokhara, we check in Hotel and fresh. After some rest we walk around the Lake at evening.

## Day 04: Drive to Nayapul (1010m) and Trek to Ghandruk (2000m.) 1 hour drive and 5 hours walk

After breakfast at hotel in pokhara we will be transferred by road by private bus to the starting point of our trek. You will walk through the busy trading post of nayapul. Firstly you will cross a small stream via suspension bridge and continue walk to Birethanti. At Birethanti your trekking permits will be checked at the Annapurna Conservation Check Post. You will continue to hike following the Modi Khola upstream, passing through settlements inhabited by the Chettris and Brahmins. Soon you will reach the small hamlet of Shyauli Bazaar where you will stop for the lunch. After lunch you will start the climb to Ghandruk. The trail gradually climbs out of Shyauli, and you will cross a steel suspension bridge. From here the trail climbs more steeply up stone steps through settlements of Kimche and Chane, where one can see beautiful scenery and village life. From the small village of Chane the trail traverses and then climbs up to the village of Ghandruk, where you will stop for lunch and spend the night. Ghandruk is one of the biggest Gurung villages in the area, the difference in the Gurung lifestyle here to that of their neighbors in the lower areas is very apparent. Ghandruk is well known for the number of its men folk who have served in the British Gurkha regiments.

#### Day 05: Trek to Tadapani (2710m.) 4 hours walk

Another day, after breakfasts ascend ahead Tadapani. From here we continue upwards through Deurali, the walk will be easier now that you've found your trekking legs! Leaving the terraced hillsides and the village of Ghandruk behind and you will enter oak and rhododendron forest. The Rhododendron is Nepal's national flower and when they bloom, the forests turn into gardens of dazzling red flowers when seen from the air or from afar. After trekking over a small pass we reach Tadapani where we get to enjoy excellent views of Machhapuchhre, Annapurna and Hiunchuli mountains. There are many Tibetans in the village who sell things for the tourists to take back home as a souvenirs. Overnight at tea house.

#### Day 06: Trek to Bayli Kharka (3450m.) 5 hours walk

After tadapani, you will leave the main trail for next five days we will walk in a more remote area on the Annapurna region. We begin our trek by entering into the beautiful rhododendron and oak forest on upward trail. Then after small decent we continue climb gradual and soon you will emerge above the tree line to superb views of the Annapurna range. You will take lunch on the way and then continue to climb gradually we cross several pass, where the trail descends through rhododendron to an open clearing known as Bayli Kharka, and the lodge. From the lodge, we enjoy great views of Dhaulagiri which is the seventh highest mountain in the world. Overnight at Bateli Kharka.

#### Day 07: Trek to Chistibung (2975m.) 3-4 hours walk

After breakfast, this morning you will descend through open ground and beautiful forest to reach the pastures of Lower Chistibung, where you will have lunch. After lunch you will continue to walk through forest, ascending gradually through a forest before reaching upper Chistibung and temporary herder's settlement, where you will stay in the small community lodge. We have contributed to the construction of these lodges, part of a series of projects to design to aid the local community. Stay overnight at Lodge/Home-Stay.

#### Day 08: Trek to Khopra Ridge (3660m.) 3-4 hours walk

We embark on a steady climb that carries you above the tree line through alpine meadows and pastures to reach Khopra. As we approach khopra Ridge. This area is noted for wildlife, so you should keep your eyes open for Himalayan thar and Danfe pheasant.

This extraordinary panorama includes Annapurna South, towering directly above you, with Fang and Nilgiri prominent to the north. Across the depths of the Kali Gandakhi Valley, the Dhaulagiri Himal dominates the entire western skyline. The Kopra Community Lodge is the highlight of our work in the region. Stay overnight at Lodge.

#### Day 09: Khopra excursion trip (maximum 4600m hike)

Today we can take a beautiful day's hiking trip to Khayar Lake at 4600m. where we attain excellent view of the mountains. This, however, is not recommended for every trekker, because it is a very long way to trek to the lake and come back the same way to Khopra. It takes a minimum of 7 to 8 hours as a round trip. Khayar Lake is very famous for Hindu belief on the occasion of Janai Purnima, around the full moon of July-August the high caste men, Brahmin and Kshetri, must change the janai, which they wear looped over their left shoulder. There they garland a statue of Shiva and throw coins at a temple and into the lake and it would be fantastic to take the Khayar lake trip. The views of nature's beauty are mesmerizing! Who do not want to walk all the way to the lake, we arrange also half day walk around khopra dada. Overnight at lodge.

#### Day 10: Trek to Swanta (2400m.) 6-7 hours walk

AfterKopra you will descend off the hillside and continue downhill on steep trail. You will retrace the route back to Chistibung. You will then head to the village of Swanta, where you will stay overnight. Along the way we get more views of Dhaulagiri with lovely terraced fields and traditional houses in the village. We will explore local school and nearby area and have supported the local school over the years, and there is time to pay a quick visit and Stay overnight at Lodge.

#### Day 11: Trek to Ulleri (2070m.) 5-6 hours walk

From swanta the trail descend through the crop fields to a small river, which we will cross and pass along the site of water mill to suspension bridge. We will upward to Chitre village where we will join the main trekking trail at Ghorepani village. After that we will down through rhododendron forest to Nangethanti. Trail continues to Ulleri village. Overnight at lodge.

#### Day 12: Trek to Nayapul (1010m.) and Drive back to Pokhara (840m), 4 hours walk and 1 hour drive.

On our way to nayapul we will take steeply down through stone steps to Bhunungi khola.

We will cross the suspension bridge and reach Tikhedhunga. After that we continue our trek lower down further to Birethanti we will exit our permit here and 20 minutes' walk to reach Nayapul. We will take an hour of drive back to hotel in Pokhara. Overnight at hotel in pokhara.

#### Day 13: Drive to Kathmandu (5-6 hour Drive)

We are leaving for Kathmandu from Pokhara today. It is again pretty long drive by a tourist bus. In the beginning, we get amused by the Marshyangdi river valley and its surrounding scenarios and of the Trishuli river valley in the second part. After reaching Kathmandu, you transfer to the hotel. Enjoy the evening as you wish. Overnight at hotel.

#### Day 14: Departure

Transfer you at the airport for your final departure.

#### Option Khopra Route Trek Itinerary

#### Day 1 - Galeshwor to Banskharka.

Drive 3 hours early in the morning by reserved transport from Pokhara to Galeshwor after breakfast and have a lunch at River Side Hotel. 3 to 4 hours walk after a lunch. This is a beautiful Magar village in the middle of orange farm crossed by streams. Banskharka has a long history of mandarins, oranges and honey production, which you might learn about and taste in your visit. Banskharka village is situated at 1526 M above the sea level. You should eat dinner and breakfast at community dining and sleep at villagers' house. This one is the combination of lodge and home stay. Free WiFi at Community Dining if the power is available.

#### Day 2 -Banskharka to Nangi

Nangi village is the birth place of Dr Mahabir Pun who is the concept creator of all these concept and projects. It may take 6 to 7 hours to get to Nangi village situated at 2330m, should stay at Nangi Community Lodge with neat and clean environment in Nangi. This village has different Community Projects to generates income for community support and environment preservation like Fish Farming, Community based school, Shiitake mushroom

farming, Handmade Lokta paper Making Project, Women's clinic and Forestry nursery.

If you stay one more night then you can visit all the projects and do village tour as well. Hot shower is provided at the lodge. Free WiFi at Community Lodge if the power is available.

### Day 3 -Nangi to Mohare

It may take 8 hours walk from Nangi to Mohare Danda. Mohare Community Lodge stands above deep gorges and valleys on the verge of a steep ridge at 3360m. Here our spacious comfortable Mohare Community Lodge offers an exclusive and pristine view of a mountains range: Dhaulagiri range (Dhampus peak, Tukucho peak, Dhaulagiri-1, Dhaulagiri-2, Dhaulagiri-3, Dhaulagiri-4, Dhaulagiri-5 and Gurja peak even Phewa Lake), Annapurna range (Nilgiri south, Baraha Shikhar, Annapurna-1, Annapurna South, Himchuli, Annapurna-3, Gangapurna, Machhapuchchhre (Fishtail), Mardi Himal, Annapurna-4, Annapurna-2 and Lamjung Himal) and Manaslu range (Peak 29, Himalchuli, Gorkha himal, Bouddha Himal and Ganesh Himal). Dhaulagiri is the 7th and Annapurna is the 10th highest in the world. This is a perfect place for sunrise and sunset views. We have started Cross Breeding Project in Mohare Danda. 24-hour Free WiFi facility available.

### Day 4 - Mohare to Dandakharka

In the middle of a stunning Rhododendron forest crossed by spring streams, Dandakharka Community Lodge is one of the quietest spots on the trail - yet just a short walk from local buffalo farms that worth to visit. Trekkers have to walk through the different species of forest like Pinus pindrow, Rhododendron. Dandakharka is situated at 2820 M. Free WiFi is available.

### Day 5 - Dandakharka to Tikot village.

Tikot is 6 hours walk from Dandakharka. You have to eat dinner and breakfast at Tikot Community Dining and go to villagers' home to sleep. It is situated at 2250 M. Perhaps one of the most beautiful villages in Nepal. Tikot rests on one side of a smooth ridge in front of the Annapurna and right above the Kali Gandaki. The settlement of this villagers is Pun Magar village

### Day - 6 - Tikot village to Khibang village

It is 4 hours walk from Tikot village. You have to walk up and down all the way.

Approximately altitude is 2060 M. Typical Magar village and community tea farm.

Day 6 – Khibang village to Swanta village.

It takes 3 hours walk passing the main touristy trail to Ghorepani. Swanta village is at 2270 M above the sea level. Standing at the bottom of the Annapurna South, along a green valley. Swanta is the perfect place to rest before trekking up to Khopra. Also, the community lodge offers some of the best food you might find in your visit to Nepal. You have hot shower facility in Swanta village.

Day 7 – Swanta village to Dhankharka (chhistibung):

You get there after 4 hours walk steep up the hill. There is Dhankharka Community Lodge. We should stop one night there because we should acclimatise ourselves. It is situated at 3026 M above the sea level. If you want to take a hot shower, the lodges provide a hot bucket shower.

Day 8 - Dhankharka to Khopra Danda.

With no doubt, one of the most impressive views anyone can experience of the Himalayas. Khopra is an isolated spot that literally stands on one side of Annapurna South at 3660m, above tree-line, higher than clouds and the planes that pass by between Pokhara and Jomsom. You can see the deepest gorge in the world. Stay at community lodge.

Day 9 – Khopra Danda to Paudwar village

A beautiful lively Magar village, houses and the community cheese factory. Visit the factory, learn about the process and enjoy a cheese tasting evening with local honey after a long trek. Stay at home stay. Approximately altitude is 2000 M.

Day 10 – Paudwar village to Narchyang village.

A beautiful village that located by Kali Gandaki. In Narchyang you can find one of the most famous local Raksi breweries (a local alcohol drink made from millet). In addition, you can soak your tired body in the natural hot spring at Tatopani which has been used for hundreds of years for its medical value, it might be enjoyed all year round.

Or

Day 10 - Paudwar to Tatopani :

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Enjoy at Natural hot spring.

Day 11 - Drive by bus or reserved transport from Tatopani to Pokhara.

## Cost Details:

Namaste ! Please kindly contact us by Email or directly in phone. Thank you.

## Cost Includes:

- + Airport Pick up and drop.
- + Guide and Helpers (porters) assistance, according to the group size.
- + All food (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.)
- + Tea house/lodge/homestay accommodation also tent trek if you require
- + Hot drinks (Tea and coffee) 3 times a day.
- + All land transportation.
- + KTM-PKR flight ticket if you book already.
- + Permits/TIMS (Trekking information Management System) card.
- + Annapurna Conservation Area entry Permit.
- + All food, drinks, Lodge, salary, Insurance, all transport for guide, and porters.
- + Hotel with BB plan in Kathmandu and Pokhara.
- + Sightseeing tours with monument entry fees in Kathmandu.
- + All government taxes.

## Cost Excludes:

1. Personal equipment for trekking
2. Personal Insurance for travel to Nepal
3. Lunch & dinner in Kathmandu
3. Emergency Rescue evacuation during the trek incase needed
4. Personal expenses
5. Tipping (Tips) for guide & porter



6. Bar bills, Beverage and mineral water during the trek.

7. The cost not mentioned in cost includes



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