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1. Khopra Ridge Trek

2. Overview

Introduction: The Khopra Ridge Trek, also known as Khopre Dhada Trek, offers a unique and less crowded adventure in the heart of the Annapurna Himalayas. Unlike the popular trekking routes, this trail takes you through…

3. Itinerary

Day 01: Arrival in Kathmandu via respective airlines and transfer to hotel

Altitude: 1400 meter | Meals: Breakfast/Dinner | Stay: Hotel

After a great flight landing at Kathmandu the only International Airport in the country, after going through immigration then check out. Where our representative or guide welcomes you adorn you with a traditional greeting of garland. All your baggage will be taken care and then a short drive takes you to the hotels, located in the main areas of Kathmandu city. On reaching respective hotels check into your lovely rooms and relax get refreshed from the Jet-Lag, and then meet your guides and other fellow members of the trek in the hotel foyer or lobby. Where our expert guide will provide you with full information about the trek to Khopra Ridge & Khair Lake. While briefing one may ask questions, our guide will take care of all the group from here onward till you depart from the country, after an enjoyable time in Nepal. Evening time depart from the hotel for group welcome dinner in a nice authentic Nepalese Restaurant, which will be a great introduction to get into Nepalese colorful culture. Where you will be entertained with folk dance and music of all parts of Nepal.

Day 02: Drive to Pokhara-06 hours and transfer to hotel

Altitude: 822 meter | Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel

To reach the start of our adventure, drive leads to Nepal Far Mid-West Himalaya, to reach beautiful Pokhara, the 2nd largest city after Kathmandu. Taking a private vehicle or in tourist coach that operates every morning for Pokhara. It also depends upon the size of a group. Drive heads past Kathmandu valley towards lower warm farm areas within interesting villages and towns to witness. As journey heads following Trisuli River for few hours. Then from Mugling Bazaar, our route diverts due west on leaving Trisuli River, a famous and popular river for rafting. An exciting drive continues overlooking the grand scenery of the country-side with Manaslu, Lamjung, and Annapurna Himalaya peaks. Then finally at Pokhara, transfer into a nice hotel, rest of the afternoon enjoy a walk around Fewa Lakeside where many hotels, restaurants, and shops are located. Pokhara, a renowned tourist destination blessed with natural beauty located on the lap of high Annapurna Himalaya range with calm Fewa and Begnas Lakes. (To reach Pokhara with options for a short scenic flight from Kathmandu of 30 minutes) the flight cost is 125 USD.

Day 03: Drive to Nayapul & Trek to Ghandruk

Altitude: 1940 meter | Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner | Stay: Teahouse

After a pleasant overnight and time around Pokhara, morning having breakfast depart from the hotel for a short scenic drive to reach the town of Nayapul. Where our week-long walk begins, following the main path through the nice village of Bhirethati, then reach Syauli Bazaar. From here climb on stone steps past several hamlets and farm terraces to

reach a large village in Ghandruk. One of major Gurung village, a hill tribe of Annapurna Himalaya, as well as famous Gorkha soldiers in British and Indian infantry. Traditionally a farmer and raising livestock, Ghandruk also a gateway to several trekking destinations of the Annapurna region. With time here explore the cultural village and its small museum with full information of Gurung tradition and custom.

Day 04: Trek to Dobato

Altitude: 3350 meter | Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner | Stay: Teahouse

Morning walk leads above Ghandruk village and then gradual walk into a forest, as climb starts up to Bhainse Kharka, a small place in the middle of woods. From here trek continues on a pleasant forest path to reach Tadapani, catch of the trail of Annapurna base camp trek, located amidst a lovely forest with grand views of Annapurna peaks. Tadapani offers stunning views of the Annapurna Himalaya range, having lunch then start the afternoon walk, heading into hidden trails away from mainstream trekking routes. As walk progress and then climb into forested areas to reach Dobato facing tremendous views of Annapurna range of peaks, a peaceful spot in the middle of the forest. A place with a simple and basic lodge for travelers, overnight in one of its lodge simple but clean rooms and limited food menu to order.

Day 05: Trek to Khopra Ridge(Khopra Danda)

Altitude: 3660 meter | Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner | Stay: Teahouse

On leaving Dobato, as altitude gains slowly leaving the tree lines behind after few hours of scenic walk and steep climb reaching at Khopra ridge for overnight stops. Khopra is situated on a high ridgeline with incredible close views of Mt. Dhaulagiri with Vara Shikar (Annapurna Fang), and Annapurna South, certainly a magnificent place to marvel at the beautiful scenery of the dramatic country landscape. Overnight in a nice simple guest-house or a lodge with a simple food menu, due to its remoteness, isolated from the rest of main villages and main trekking trails.

Day 06: At Khopra for hike to Khair Lake- 08 hrs

Altitude: 3660 meter | Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner | Stay: Teahouse

Second overnight at this wonderful spot in Khopra, after a good breakfast carrying pack-lunch, the start the long day hike to reach the holy lake of Khair at an altitude above 4, 500 m, leads to long-distance of 3-4 hours hike but worth the views of high snow-capped mountains. Walk follows a ridgeline close to Annapurna South and then heading north on a nice paved path to reach our major destination at Khair Lake, which is a small glacial pond. Regarded as a religious site where once a year festival held in August, as per Hindu Lunar calendar. Hundreds of local devotees and pilgrim visits to worship and prayer to Lord Shiva. As in Hindu belief mountains are an abode of Lord Shiva and other holy spirits. Visitors take bathe and a dip in the icy waters, as well sacrifice sheep and goats to mountain spirits, enjoy the tranquil surroundings enclosed by high peaks of Annapurna South and Vara-Shikar. After a lovely moment head back on the same route to Khopra ridge for an overnight stop.

Day 07: Trek to Sauta Village

Altitude: 2214 meter | Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner | Stay: Teahouse

Enjoying great times within the hidden area of Annapurna remote wilderness, from Khopra Ridge, an easy morning walk downhill to reach Sauta village facing great views of Dhaulagiri-Nilgiris with Annapurna Fang (Vara-Shikar). After few hours descend to reach a small farm settlement of Chistibung, and back into a forested area. After a short stop on this isolated spot, walk leads to long downhill to reach back Into the farm field for an overnight stop at Sauta village with views of Dhaulagiri Himalaya, from here onward the lodge is much better and up to tourist standard With a long list of food menus to enjoy.

Day 08: Trek to Ghorepani

Altitude: 2874 meter | Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner | Stay: Teahouse

Morning from Sauta village, walk leads on the main trail to join at Chitre village, where steep climb takes you into a beautiful forest of pine and rhododendron trees reach Ghorepani. Located at the bottom of famous Poon Hill amidst dense rhododendron woods facing fabulous views of Mt. Dhaulagiri, Annapurna South. Where all houses are painted blue that blends perfectly with their green surroundings. Ghorepani a popular trekking spot with many good lodges to stay, provides an excellent food menu to enjoy with friendly services of Poon people of Magar ethnic hill tribes of western Himalayas.

Day 09: Hike to Poon Hill(3, 210 m) for sunrise view to Nayapool and drive to Pokhara

Altitude: 822 meter | Meals: Breakfast/Lunch | Stay: Hotel

Early morning start an hour hike to Poon-Hill at 3,210 m and 10,531 feet high, offers stunning sunrise views over the 360-degree mountain range that includes Mt. Dhaulagiri, Mt. Manaslu to Annapurna extends far towards Ganesh Himal includes Mt. Machhapuchare “The Fish Tail”. After an enjoyable moment with exciting views of glorious snow-peaks with striking sunrise. Walk back to Ghorepani for breakfast, and continue the last day trek downhill to Tirkhedhunga village, Hile, and Birethati, The final walk of the adventure ends at a small farm village of Nayapul, after then few hour rides takes you to Pokhara for overnight stops by the famous and scenic Phewa Lake.

Day 10: Drive to Kathmandu

Altitude: 1400 meter | Meals: Breakfast/Dinner | Stay: Hotel

After breakfast, depart from Pokhara for an exciting and interesting drive to Kathmandu, as the journey heads on the main highway past many farm villages and towns. The drive follows the Trisuli River for some hour and then climbs to reach the suburb of Kathmandu valley. Finally, the ride heads down to enter the hustle, bustle city life of Kathmandu, and then transfer to your respective hotel. The rest of the afternoon free for individual activities and shopping souvenirs or enjoy rest with grand memories of the adventure on the high mountains of Annapurna Himalaya. . Evening group farewell dinner in a lovely Nepalese Restaurant with an introduction to Nepalese culture of various parts of Nepal with folk dance and music. (Flying options half-hour on-air to Kathmandu with a sweeping panorama of mountains) the flight costs are 125 USD from Pokhara to Kathmandu.

Day 11: Departure

Altitude: 1400 meter | Meals: Breakfast

Last day in Nepal, a country of great bio-diversity of cultures and landscapes with Himalayan wonders, as per your international flight time transfer to airport for final flight departure homeward bound, after a great mesmerizing experience on Khopra Ridge & Khair Lake Trekking.

5. Cost Includes

- Airport pickups and drops in a private transport
- Two Nights' accommodation at 3-star category hotel in Kathmandu with Breakfast
- Two Nights' accommodation at 3-star category hotel in Pokhara with Breakfast
- Six Nights' best available teahouse accommodation during the trek
- All meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) during the trek
- Farewell dinner with cultural program in Kathmandu

- Kathmandu to Pokhara to Kathmandu transportation for comfortable tourist Bus
- All ground transportation on a comfortable private vehicle as per the itinerary(Pokhara to Nayapul to Pokhara)
- An experienced, English-speaking, and government-licensed trekking Guide and Porter (2 trekkers: 1 porter)
- Staff costs including their salaries, insurance, equipment, food, and accommodation
- All necessary paperwork and trekking permits (ACAP, TIMS)
- Medical kit
- All government and local taxes

6. Cost Excludes

- Nepalese visa fee
- International flight to and from Kathmandu
- Lunch and dinner in Kathmandu
- Extra night accommodation in Kathmandu and Pokhara in case of early arrival, late departure, and early return from the mountain(due to any reason) than the scheduled itinerary
- Travel and rescue insurance
- Personal expenses (phone calls, laundry, bar bills, battery recharge, extra porters, bottle or boiled water, shower, etc.)
- Tips for guide(s), porter(s)

7. Equipment / Packing List

Packing List for the Khopra Ridge Trek

Most things are available at the tea house during the Khopra Ridge trek. Here are a few things that you need to take care of while packing for this trek.

Clothing:

- Trekking shirts (quick-dry)
- Warm fleece or insulated jacket
- Down jacket
- Waterproof and windproof jacket
- Trekking pants
- Thermal base layers
- Warm trousers
- Underwear
- Hiking socks
- Woolen socks
- Sun hat or cap
- Warm hat / beanie
- Buff or scarf
- Gloves (inner and outer)

Footwear

- Trekking boots
- Camp shoes / sandals
- Gaiters (optional)

Trekking Gear

- Backpack (40–60L)
- Daypack
- Trekking poles
- Sleeping bag
- Rain cover for backpack
- Dry bags or plastic bags

Personal Care & Hygiene

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Biodegradable soap
- Hand sanitizer
- Wet wipes
- Toilet paper
- Sunscreen
- Lip balm
- Moisturizer
- Quick-dry towel

Health & Safety

- Personal medications
- First aid kit
- Altitude sickness medication
- Pain relief medicine
- Water purification tablets or drops

Electronics

- Mobile phone
- Power bank
- Charging cables
- Headlamp or flashlight
- Spare batteries

Documents & Money

- Passport or ID
- Trekking permits
- Travel insurance documents
- Cash (Nepali Rupees)

Food & Snacks

- Energy bars
- Dry fruits

- Chocolates
- Electrolyte powders

Optional Items

- Sunglasses
- Camera
- Notebook and pen
- Earplugs
- Playing cards