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Annapurna Short Trek - 5 Days

Annapurna, a short five days trek, is the shortest trek in the Annapurna region, with magnificent views of the Himalayan ranges. Annapurna short trek is an easy trek ideal for family trekking with kids. The trek goes around the Pokhara Valley, trekking and hiking through the Australian camp and Sarangkot.

The rhododendron forest blossoms magnificently during spring, making the trek a pleasing journey. We walk through small villages inhabited by a variety of ethnic groups. Along the trail, we see eye-catching views of the Annapurna Himalayan ranges. Mt. Annapurna I, Mt. Machhapuchre, Mt. Dhaulagiri, and Mt. Nilgiri are some of the snow-capped mountains, among many others.

Annapurna's short five-day trek begins with a short mountain flight from Kathmandu to Pokhara, a scenic and adventurous city. Next, we drive from Pokhara to Phedi, where the adventure starts. From here, we head further towards the Australian camp passing the small but beautiful Dhampus Village and then cross Naudanda Village to reach Sarangkot, from where you can see the bird's eye view of scenic Pokhara Valley. Then, we trek down to beautiful Pokhara City. Finally, we fly back to Kathmandu, and this ends our trek.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ANNAPURNA SHORT TREK

If you want to do a beautiful but short trek in the Annapurna region, the Annapurna Short Trek is perfect. But if you want to do easy and longer treks, Ghorepani Poon Hill Trek and Annapurna Base Camp Trek can be your choice.

However, if you want treks besides the ones in the Annapurna region, we can organize many other standard short treks for you in the different areas of Nepal. Also, we can customize the Annapurna Short Trek as per your interest.

Write us your requirements, and we will get back to you!

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PRICE INCLUDES

- Airport and hotel transfers as per itinerary in private vehicle
- 2 nights' accommodation (twin sharing) in Kathmandu in a 4-star category hotel: Ramada Encore or similar
- Meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) during the trek
- Best available teahouse/lodge accommodation (twin sharing) during the trek
- Staff– one professional, knowledgeable and friendly English speaking trekking leader along with assistant guide (6 trekkers : 1 assistant guide) and porters (2 trekkers : 1 porter) including their food, accommodation, salary, equipment, transportation, and accidental insurance
- Kathmandu-Pokhara-Kathmandu round trip flight including departure taxes
- Duffel bag, sleeping bag, and down jacket for use during the trek
- Icicles Adventure T – shirt, trekking map and trip achievement certificate
- First aid kit
- TIMS and Annapurna Conservation Area Permit
- All government taxes & office service charge

PRICE EXCLUDES

- Nepal visa arrangement **(**more on Nepal Visa Information)
- International airfares
- Excess baggage charges
- Travel and rescue insurance
- Added night/s accommodation in Kathmandu or Pokhara because of early arrival, delayed departure, early return from mountain (due to any cause) than the programmed itinerary
- Lunch and dinner in Kathmandu or Pokhara (and also in the case of early return from mountain than the programmed itinerary)
- All kind of drinks (alcoholic/non-alcoholic)
- Personal expenses (such as phone calls, bar bills, laundry, battery recharge, bottle or boiled water, hot shower, extra porters, etc)
- Personal equipments and clothing
- Tips for guides and porters (tip is expected)

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ITINERARY IN DETAIL

Day 1: Arrive at Tribhuwan International Airport (TIA) Kathmandu

As you imagine your upcoming days in Nepal, your International flight lands in the Tribhuvan International Airport. After completing all the necessary airport formalities, you, along with your luggage, shall be greeted by a representative of the Icicles Adventure team.

With utmost care and heartfelt greeting, you shall be ushered towards a private vehicle that will transfer you to your hotel. After reaching your hotel, you can have a relaxing bath to rejuvenate your drained bodies. Later you can go out and make a short visit around the locality to observe the streets of Thamel.

Day 2: Fly Kathmandu to Pokhara(820m/2,690ft) and trek to Australian Camp (2100m/6890ft)

You shall wake up in the heartland of Kathmandu and have your breakfast before making your way to the domestic airport. We are now going to take a scenic flight of 30 minutes towards the western touristic hub of Pokhara city which provides mesmerizing mountain and hill scenery.

After landing at the Pokhara airport, we shall now take a drive to Phedi and then start our trekking experience from there onward. Initially, we are plan on hiking higher from the lower districts to reach the beautiful village of Dhampus and Pothana where traditional Nepalese culture and ethnicity still remains thrives beautifully amongst one of the loveliest regions in Nepal.

Going through we can see several terraced farmlands where rice and other food items are cultivated by the local communities. Shortly after having our lunch at Dhampus, we shall arrive at our final destination of Australian Camp which is a good place to observe incredible mountain vistas including the Mt. Machapuchare (Mt. Fishtail).

Day 3: Australian Camp to Sarangkot (1592m)

As of now, you must have enjoyed every bit of your stay at the Australian Camp and captured a wide-ranging variety of mountain pictures that you can cherish for your entire life. Experiencing this stunningly diverse place can be a dream come true for people with very little time in Nepal but wish to explore and encounter amazing natural and cultural diversity.

But now we have to make our way away from the Australian Camp to our next destination, known as Sarangkot. Mostly popular for being a hill viewpoint near Pokhara, trekkers and tourists alike can enjoy the enchanting Himalayan view while being able to see the iconic Phewa Lake shimmering down below along the city line of Pokhara. Traversing through, we now move from densely forested trekking trails and hike downhill towards Naudanda along a ridge line of a hill which consists of a diverse range of ethnic mixture for tourists to glance upon.

After trekking for nearly 6 hours, we will arrive at the stunning Sarangkot hill where during the nighttime, the lights of the sparkling city life of Pokhara along with the twinkling stars above make a dramatic setting for the eyes of trekkers.

Day 4: Trek to Pokhara and fly back to Kathmandu

It’s the final day of our trek where we now have to leave Sarangkot behind us and head towards Pokhara before the end of the day.

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Today's trek will be straightforward, with just 2 hours of walking. It is an easy-paced gentle downhill descent until we arrive at Pokhara, where tourism flourishes vibrantly through its clean and beautiful streets.

Upon reaching Pokhara, you shall be transferred to your hotel rooms along with your personal luggage, and while there, you can take some showers, rest for a bit and later enjoy some last-minute strolling around the city before flying back to the capital city of Kathmandu later the same day.

With a similar return, back to Kathmandu via a 30-minute flight, we arrive at the bustling Kathmandu city, and once there, you will be escorted to your respective hotel rooms for your last night in Kathmandu. Hence, we suggest doing some souvenir shopping before your departure tomorrow.

Day 5: Final Departure

It is day 5 and now we have reached the day when we have to say our final goodbye. After your breakfast, a representative of the Icicles Adventure team shall assist you in transferring to the Tribhuvan International Airport 3 hours prior to your upcoming flight departure.

If you wish to extend your travel experience in Nepal with us for some more days then we will gladly lend you a hand to help you make plans for your stay. If not then we hope that we were able to give you an experience worth remembering and wish you a safe flight back home.