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Khopra Danda Trek - 12 Days

KHOPRA DANDA TREK: OFF THE BEATEN PATH OF ANNAPURNA

The **Khopra Danda Trek** is an exhilarating and fulfilling journey off the beaten path in Annapurna. This newly opened trail offers profound cultural and natural experiences. If you are looking for an alternative to the routes of the **Annapurna Base Camp Trek**? **Mohare and Khopra Danda Trek** is an ideal route for more peaceful trip seekers. The Khopra Danda Trek showcases breathtaking mountain views through untouched and unexplored landscapes. The **Khopra Danda Trek** serves as an alternative, wilder route to the **Annapurna Base Camp Trek,** promising an unforgettable adventure for nature enthusiasts and thrill-seekers alike. Khopra Danda Trek is one of the lesser-known trekking routes in the Annapurna region, offering a blend of cultural, spiritual, and natural harmony. This complete journey provides breathtaking views of the soaring peaks of the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri ranges, along with the cultural significance of the Gurung and Magar communities. If you wish to explore the pristine alpine lake known as Khayar Lake, which stands at 4660m, you will encounter profound cultural importance.

It is believed that bathing in the lake's waters can cleanse your sins and bestow blessings from Mother Nature. Locals regard nature as divine, making this site a popular pilgrimage destination and an ideal spot for adventure seekers. The trek takes you through beautiful landscapes, magnificent mountain views, refreshing breezes, and an atmosphere filled with positive energy. The Khopra Danda Trek, enriched with nature, culture, mountains, and diverse flora and fauna, is one of the most adventurous experiences in Nepal. Join Sherpa Nomad to book your Khopra Danda adventure and enjoy a complete experience without any fear. This trek is of moderate difficulty, involving ascents and descents, elevation gain, and less-developed trails, so a reasonable level of fitness is required to manage the physical demands.

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If you are seeking an authentic adventure in the Annapurna region that avoids the congested trekking routes such as the Annapurna Base Camp Trek, Ghorepani Poon Hill Trek, and Mardi Himal Trek, the 12-day Khopra Danda Trek represents an excellent choice. This trek offers a serene experience, breathtaking mountain vistas, and the opportunity to visit Khayar Lake, a remarkable alpine lake with significant cultural and spiritual importance. This 12-day package provides greater flexibility and comfort, guided by experienced Sherpa guides. The optimal trekking periods are autumn and spring, while winter and rainy seasons are considered off-season. The trail features challenging terrain with steep ascents and descents that demand a reasonable level of fitness; however, prior trekking experience is not required.

THE COST OF THE KHOPRA DANDA TREK FOR 2026-2027

The Khopra Danda Trek costs between USD 900 and USD 1,200 per person, with pricing influenced by several important factors, including group size, trek duration, service level, comfort preferences, and safety standards. Multiple package options are available to suit different budgets and requirements. Sherpa Nomad Trek, a local expert company, specializes in providing flexible, comfortable, and luxury experiences at reasonable prices while maintaining rigorous safety protocols. We customize packages according to your preferences, ranging from budget-friendly to luxury options. Our comprehensive 12-day Khopra Danda Trek package includes airport transfers, luxury accommodations in Kathmandu and Pokhara, mountain meals, lodging, professional guides, porters, necessary permits, and flights between Kathmandu and Pokhara. We accommodate solo travelers, couples, colleagues, small groups, and large groups based on your preferences. Pricing varies according to group size and package inclusions:

- Solo travelers book the Khopra Danda Trek at USD 1,200
- Groups of 2-6 people pay USD 1100 per person
- Groups of 7-10 people pay USD 1000 per person

And Larger groups receive customized rates. Please contact Sherpa Nomad Trek to discuss your specific needs and receive a tailored quote.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF THE KHOPRA DANDA TREK

- Take in stunning vistas of Dhaulagiri, Annapurna South, Nilgiri, and various other Himalayan summits.
- Witness a magnificent sunrise illuminating the snow-clad Himalayan peaks.
- Trek to the picturesque alpine lake situated at around 4,600–4,660 meters below Annapurna South.
- Experience one of Nepal's renowned sunrise viewpoints in Poon Hill (3210m).
- Revel in breathtaking panoramic views of the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri ranges from the Mulde viewpoint.
- Discover genuine mountain communities of Gurung and Magar while enjoying their warm hospitality.
- Stroll through vibrant forests, particularly stunning in spring when illuminated by rhododendron blooms.
- Appreciate serene mountain landscapes enveloped by lush forests.
- Uncover remarkable Himalayan vistas away from the crowded trekking paths.
- Enjoy the beauty of alpine meadows and secluded mountain terrains.
- Traverse tranquil yak grazing fields and high-altitude grasslands.
- Stay and support local communities by choosing village-operated accommodations.
- Experience a more tranquil Himalayan journey compared to the well-trodden Annapurna Base Camp and Poon Hill trails.
- Encounter a diverse range of environments, from lush woodlands and traditional villages to alpine ridges and awe-inspiring mountain views.

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DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Kathmandu (1350m): Transfer to Hotel in Kathmandu

Welcome to Nepal, a country rich in natural beauty and cultural heritage. Renowned as one of the world's premier destinations for adventure and exploration, Nepal offers remarkable natural diversity, abundant flora and fauna, and warm, welcoming people. We are delighted to greet you upon your arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport. A representative from the respected local agency Sherpa Nomad Trek Pvt. Ltd. will meet you at the arrival gate, holding a sign with the company and client names, and welcome you with a traditional Nepali flower garland before you board your vehicle. You will then be transferred to the Ramada Encore Hotel in Thamel. At your convenience, you may visit our office to finalize your trip arrangements. Enjoy free time exploring vibrant Thamel before spending the night at the luxury hotel.

Day 2: Kathmandu to Pokhara by flight

Today is the second day of the Khopra Danda Trek, an off-the-beaten-path journey in the Annapurna region, known for its peaceful atmosphere and scenic, unspoiled trails. Enjoy breakfast at the Ramada Hotel. After breakfast, we will transfer you to the airport for your flight to Pokhara. Please arrive at the airport one hour before departure, which is sufficient time for a domestic flight. The scenic flight to Pokhara takes approximately 30 minutes and offers wonderful views of the mountain range. Upon arrival in Pokhara, transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to explore this beautiful lakeside city. Before beginning the Khopra Danda Trek, you have a full day in Pokhara, with plenty of activities to choose from, including paragliding, rafting, boating, sightseeing, hiking, ultralight flights, and bungee jumping. Spend the night at Hotel Middle Path or a similar hotel in Pokhara, a well-known accommodation in the city.

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Day 3: **Pokhara to Syauli Bazar and Trek to Tadapani (2650m) via Ghandruk (2000m): 5-6 hours**

Day 4: **Trek from Tadapani to Dobato (3350m): 5-6 hours**

Day 5: **Trek from Dobato to Chistibung (2,975m): 5-6 hours**

Day 6: **Trek from Chistibung to Khopra Danda (3660m): 3-4 hours**

Day 7: **Hiking from Khopra to Khayar Lake (4600m): 6-7 hours**

Day 8: **Trek from Khopra Danda to Swanta Village (2200m): 6-7 hours**

Day 9: **Trek from Swanta Village to Ghorepani (2868m):5 hours**

Day 10: **Trek from Ghorepani to Hile via Poon Hill (3210m) and Drive back to Pokhara**

Day 11: **Pokhara to Kathmandu by flight and free day in Kathmandu**

Day 12: **Departure**

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PRICE INCLUDES

- International Airport Pick-up & Airport Drop-off
- 2 nights Hotel, 4-star Accommodation in Kathmandu at Ramada Encore with Breakfast
- Flight Between Kathmandu and Pokhara by Plane
- 2 nights Hotel in Pokhara at Middle Path Hotel with Breakfast
- Pokhara to Syuli Bazar by Car/ Jeep/ Minibus as per the Group size
- All the logistical arrangements
- 7 Nights of Mountain Accommodation in a private Room at the best lodge, subject to availability.
- Mountain Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner)
- A professional English-speaking local guide
- 2 Guests: 1 Porter to carry your heavy backpack.
- Fresh Organic fruit, nuts, and energy bars every day on the trek
- Wifi, a hot shower, and a charging facility
- 3 Cups of Tea or Coffee every day during the trekking.
- Requires permits (TIMS & ACAP Fees)
- Gov Tax and Official Fees.
- Drive back to Pokhara by Car, Jeep, or Minibus as per the Group size
- Trekking gear like a sleeping bag, map, and a duffel bag
- Farewell Dinner in Kathmandu after the Trek

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- Nepal Visa Fees (15 Days -30$ P/P, 30 Days -50$ P/P)
- Travel Insurance: It is very important for emergency cases
- Drinks like (Drinking Water, Soft and Hard Drinks, and extra Tea or Coffee)
- Trekking Gears and personal items
- Chitwan safari Tour: 2 nights/3 days at USD170 per person
- Tips for the Driver, Guide, and Porter
- Paragliding in Pokhara: 80$ P/P
- Seti River Rafting: 60$ per person
- Kathmandu sightseeing: 80$ per person
- Pokhara extra night hotel: 50$ for single and 60$ for double/twin per extra night
- Extra Day in the Mountain: USD 70 per person
- Extra Night in Kathmandu: 90$ for single & 110$ for double/twin per extra night
- Mount Everest flight: 220$ per person

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EQUIPMENT & GEAR

Backpack

- 20–30 L daypack and Rain cover
- Dry bags or zip-lock bags for electronics and clothes

Clothing

- 2–3 moisture-wicking T-shirts
- 1–2 long-sleeve hiking shirts
- 2 pairs of trekking pants
- Thermal top and bottom (for cold mornings/nights)
- Fleece jacket & Lightweight down jacket
- Waterproof and windproof jacket
- Waterproof pants (especially during the monsoon)
- 2–3 pairs of quick-dry underwear
- 2–3 pairs of trekking socks
- Warm sleeping socks

Footwear

- Broken-in waterproof trekking boots
- Lightweight sandals or camp shoes
- Optional gaiters (rainy or snowy season)

Head & Hands

- Sun hat or cap & Warm beanie

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- Buff or neck gaiter & Lightweight gloves

Sun Protection

- UV-protection sunglasses
- Sunscreen (SPF 30+)
- Lip balm with SPF

Sleeping

- Sleeping bag (0°C to -5°C is sufficient for most seasons; many teahouses provide blankets)
- Sleeping bag liner (optional)

Water & Food

- Reusable water bottles (1.5–2 L total)/Thermos
- Water purification tablets or a filter
- Energy bars, nuts, or trail snacks

First Aid & Toiletries

- Personal medications, Blister treatment (e.g., Compeed or moleskin)
- Pain reliever, Bandages, and antiseptic wipes
- Toothbrush and toothpaste, Hand sanitizer
- Wet wipes, Quick-dry towel & toilet paper

Electronics

- Headlamp with spare batteries
- Power bank (10,000–20,000 mAh)
- Phone charger & Camera (optional)

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Trekking Accessories

- Trekking poles (highly recommended for the long stair sections)
- Pocket knife (optional)
- Notebook or guidebook (optional)
- Micro Spikes

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