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Short Annapurna Circuit Trek - 12 Days

SHORT ANNAPURNA CIRCUIT TREK: A QUICK ESCAPE TO THE HIMALAYAS

The **Short Annapurna Circuit trek** is a revised itinerary of the traditional **Annapurna Circuit Trek**. It offers the same adventure and experience but within a shorter timeframe, allowing sufficient time for acclimatization. This package is ideal for those who aspire to complete the trek in a limited period while still having ample opportunity to appreciate the region's unspoiled nature, majestic mountains, and rich cultural diversity. The Annapurna Circuit trek is a stunning natural treasure, where you can experience a variety of vegetation ranging from the lower subtropical to the arctic zone. The scenery you encounter each day can feel completely different. Although the mountains may seem similar, the views from various vantage points are remarkably impressive and beyond what you might expect. Did you know that the Annapurna Circuit trek is considered one of the most famous treks globally? Yes, while the recent road developments have somewhat overshadowed it, attracting many trekkers, it remains a beautiful journey, with only a few small dusty trail sections to navigate.

The **Annapurna Circuit Trek**, spanning 12 days, features a detailed itinerary and package that guides you from your arrival to your departure. This journey provides an opportunity to explore the captivating and extraordinary Annapurna Circuit, which encircles the entire Annapurna region and takes you to the **Thorong La Pass at 5,416 meters**. Throughout the trek, you will experience a multitude of sights, including nature, varied terrain, valleys, waterfalls, rushing rivers, arid high-altitude areas, and cultural immersion. Beyond Manang, you will enjoy the majestic mountains, a pleasant atmosphere, and glaciers, complemented by stunning mountain vistas. Following your ascent over the Thorong La Pass, you will descend into Muktinath, where the arid landscape presents a fusion of cultural and natural wonders, featuring the magnificent Nilgiri and Dhaulagiri

ranges. In Muktinath, you will have the chance to explore the arid regions of Mustang and the Kali Gandaki Valley, after which you will take a jeep ride to Pokhara, traversing the world's deepest gorge and witnessing the beauty of villages, farms, dense forests, and lovely landscapes. The adventure wraps up in Kathmandu following a scenic flight from Pokhara. Reserve your spot for the **12-day luxury Annapurna Circuit Trek** with **Sherpa Nomad Trek Pvt. Ltd**., the leading company for this trek.

SHORT ANNAPURNA CIRCUIT TREK COST FOR 2026-2027

The pricing for the Short Annapurna Circuit Trek ranges from USD 1100 to USD 1400 per person for the luxury package provided by Sherpa Nomad Trek Pvt. Ltd, a top local company in Nepal. The trek's cost may fluctuate depending on group size, duration, service quality, package standard, and the season. Nevertheless, Sherpa Nomad Trek Pvt. Ltd. stands out as the best choice for the Annapurna Circuit trek, offering packages that are carefully crafted with an emphasis on safety and security. The 12-day package is regarded as the optimal short Annapurna Circuit Trek in Nepal, and trekking with us signifies opting for well-organized, thoughtfully designed packages that cater to everyone eager to explore nature's wonders. This package encompasses airport pickup, luxury hotels in Kathmandu and Pokhara, excellent accommodations in the mountains, a professional local guide, porter services, mountain meals, jeep transport from Kathmandu to Dharapani, jeep transport from Muktinath to Pokhara, a flight from Pokhara to Kathmandu, Wi-Fi, hot showers, and additional services as outlined in the inclusions and exclusions section. We invite solo travelers, small groups, and large groups; please be aware that solo travelers will face higher costs compared to those in small or large groups. The cost breakdown for the Annapurna Circuit Trek is as follows, based on group size:

- Book the Short Annapurna Circuit Trek for USD 1400 if you are traveling solo
- The Cost of the Short Annapurna Circuit Trek is USD 1200 per person for groups of 2-6 people
- The cost of the Short Annapurna Circuit Trek is USD 1100 per person for groups of 7-10 people

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MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SHORT ANNAPURNA CIRCUIT TREK

- Experience the Annapurna Circuit trek in a brief period and uncover the renowned trek.
- Enjoy a scenic drive from Kathmandu to Dharapani, where the trek begins.
- Discover the rich biodiversity along the varied climate and vegetation.
- Immerse yourself in the cultural heritage of the Gurung, Manangi, and Thakali communities.
- Marvel at the breathtaking mountain landscapes, rugged trails, and Himalayan vistas.
- Witness the stunning views of Annapurna II, Annapurna IV, Gangapurna, Pisang Peak, Chuli, Tilicho Lake, and more.
- Explore ancient monasteries, forts, glacial lakes, and charming ancient villages.
- Reach the Thorong La Pass at 5416m, the highest point of your journey.
- Observe the unique terrain of Mustang, the Dhaulagiri range, and the Muktinath Temple.
- Enjoy a scenic drive from Muktinath to Pokhara, experiencing diverse climates and stunning landscapes, and the deepest gorge flanked by the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri ranges.
- The 12-day Annapurna Circuit trek is a brief yet luxurious package that emphasizes high-quality service.
- Opt for Sherpa Nomad Trek Pvt. Ltd. for authenticity, reasonable pricing, safety, and security.
- Discover the stunning Himalayan landscapes with local experts through a comprehensive package.

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DETAILED ITINERARY

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

Today marks your arrival day in Nepal, and we will be there to pick you up from the airport. Our airport representative will greet you outside the arrival gate, holding a sign with your name. You will receive a warm welcome in line with Nepali traditional customs, including a flower garland, before we escort you to the Ramada Encore Thamel Hotel. After checking in, you can visit our office. If you require transportation, we will take you there. We will finalize your trip details, and then you will have free time to explore vibrant Thamel, enjoying its colorful sights and fragrant incense. This evening, you will enjoy dinner at a restaurant of your choice and spend the night in Thamel.

Day 2: Kathmandu to Dharapani (2000m) by Private Jeep: 7-8 hours

Embark on the famous Annapurna Circuit Trek with Sherpa Nomad Trek Pvt. Ltd. after breakfast around 8:00 AM. Your adventure kicks off at Hotel Ramada Encore in Kathmandu, leading to a picturesque drive to Dharapani, the classic trailhead for the Annapurna Circuit trek. This journey showcases the beauty of the countryside, quaint villages, river valleys, and rice terrace fields. While the drive is quite long, the private jeep allows you to stop wherever you prefer. You can enjoy lunch at a lovely location along the route, and after a 9-hour drive, you will reach Dharapani. After such a long journey, it's essential to take a break, relax, shower, and enjoy dinner before spending the night in Dharapani Village.

Day 3: Trek from Dharapani to Chame (2650m): 5-6 hours

Today marks the third day of our journey in Nepal, and we are set to begin our trek from Dharapani Village. According to our itinerary, we will trek from Dharapani to Chame (2,670m), a picturesque

route along the renowned Annapurna Circuit Trek. This segment covers roughly 15–16 km over 5–6 hours, following the stunning Marsyangdi River through charming mountain villages, verdant pine forests, and awe-inspiring Himalayan scenery. Along the way, we will pass through Bagarchhap, Danaque, Timang, Thanchowk, and Koto before arriving at Chame. You will have the opportunity to see apple orchards and lush gardens. The ascent towards Timang offers breathtaking panoramic views of Mount Manaslu, Annapurna II, Lamjung Himal, and the surrounding snow-capped peaks. Immerse yourself in the serene ambiance of traditional Gurung and Tibetan-influenced communities, adorned with colorful prayer flags, stone houses, waterfalls, and scenic valleys. After Koto, a delightful forest path leads us to Chame, the administrative center of Manang District, where you can unwind, explore the village, and enjoy the natural hot springs. We will spend the night in Chame village, the headquarters of the Manang district.

Day 4: Trek from Chame to Upper Pisang (3300m): 5-6 hours

The journey from Chame (2,670m) to Upper Pisang (3,300m) is among the most picturesque segments of the Annapurna Circuit Trek in Nepal. Spanning roughly 14–15 km over 5–6 hours, the path meanders alongside the stunning Marsyangdi River, passing through lush pine and fir forests, steep rocky cliffs, and traditional Himalayan villages. Typically, the trek begins from Chame around 7:30 am after breakfast, as the morning offers a refreshing and tranquil experience with the water. During the trek, you will encounter Bhratang (known for its apple farm), Dhikur Pokhari, and Lower Pisang before ascending towards Upper Pisang village. Marvel at the breathtaking views of the imposing Paungda Danda rock face, Annapurna II, Annapurna IV, and Pisang Peak. We will take a lunch break at Dhukur Pokhari. As you ascend, the scenery transitions from verdant forests to arid, rugged mountain landscapes. Upper Pisang is a charming traditional village characterized by Tibetan-influenced architecture, ancient monasteries, prayer flags, and stone houses. Its elevated position provides stunning Himalayan vistas and a wonderful chance to immerse yourself in the local mountain culture. Once we reach Upper Pisang, we will explore the village and its monasteries.

If you wish to witness the ritual activities in the gompa, you are welcome to participate. Afterward, we will return to the hotel for dinner and rest, enjoying a peaceful night in this serene mountain village.

Day 5: Trek from Pisang to Manang (3450m) via Ghyaru (3,730m): 6-7 hours

The journey from Upper Pisang to Manang, passing through Ghyaru and Ngawal, is among the most picturesque segments of the Annapurna Circuit Trek. Departing from Upper Pisang (3,300m), the path gently ascends to the verdant Lake before steadily climbing towards Ghyaru Village (3,670m), where you can enjoy breathtaking panoramic vistas of Annapurna II, III, IV, Gangapurna, and Pisang Peak. Ghyaru is a charming traditional village characterized by stone houses, ancient monasteries, and magnificent Himalayan landscapes. Proceed along the stunning upper trail to Ngawal Village (3,660m), taking in the awe-inspiring views of the Annapurna range and the expansive Manang Valley. Ngawal is another delightful settlement recognized for its traditional Tibetan-style architecture, colorful prayer flags, and serene mountain ambiance. After exploring Ngawal, you will gradually descend towards Braga Village, renowned for its historic monastery, before finally arriving at Manang (3,540m). This trek spans approximately 16–18 km and typically takes around 6–8 hours, depending on your walking speed and acclimatization breaks. You will find yourself in one of the most beautiful villages in Annapurna, surrounded by towering peaks.

Day 6: Rest Day in Manang: Option for Ice Lake Hike : 6-7 hours

Take a well-earned acclimatization day in Manang Village (3,540m) to allow your body to adapt to the rising altitude before you tackle Thorong La Pass. Following breakfast, embark on an exhilarating optional hike to Ice Lake (Kicho Tal, around 4,600m), which is considered one of the most rewarding detours on the Annapurna Circuit Trek. The path ascends steadily from Manang, leading you through stunning alpine scenery, rocky slopes, and yak pastures, while providing

breathtaking panoramic vistas of Annapurna II, III, IV, Gangapurna, Tilicho Peak, and the surrounding Himalayan range. The turquoise waters of Ice Lake, framed by striking snow-capped peaks, offer an unforgettable high-altitude experience and fantastic opportunities for photography. The round-trip hike typically takes about 6–8 hours, depending on your fitness level and pace. After soaking in the serene mountain landscape, make your way back down to Manang Village with care. If you prefer a more leisurely day, you can explore the village, visit the Himalayan Rescue Association, or indulge in local baked goods while enjoying the mountain views. Spend the night in Manang.

Day 7: Trek from Manang to Yak Kharka (4000m): 4-5 hours

The trek from Manang (3,540m) to Yak Kharka (4,050m) is a remarkable high-altitude adventure through the upper Marsyangdi Valley on the Annapurna Circuit Trek. After breakfast, you will set off from Manang and follow the gradually ascending trail to Tengi Manang (Upper Manang), taking in spectacular views of Annapurna III, Gangapurna, and the surrounding Himalayan peaks. The trail continues through the beautiful alpine landscape towards Gunsang Village (3,960m), a quaint traditional settlement surrounded by yak pastures and stunning mountain scenery. Along the way, you will navigate open hillsides, small streams, and grazing fields while experiencing the serene atmosphere of the Himalayan wilderness. After a brief rest at Gunsang, you will continue along the gentle uphill trail to Yak Kharka, a picturesque mountain settlement famous for its seasonal yak and sheep grazing pastures. The trek covers approximately 9 to 10 km and takes about 3 to 4 hours. This high-elevation trek is short yet breathtaking. You'll stay overnight at a local teahouse in Yak Kharka.

Day 8: Trek from Yak Kharka to Thorong Phedi (4450m): 4-5 hours

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The journey from Yak Kharka (4,050m) to Thorong La Phedi (4,450m) via Ledar Village (4,200m) is an extraordinary high-altitude experience on the Annapurna Circuit Trek. After having breakfast, depart from Yak Kharka and follow the gently ascending trail towards Ledar after crossing the suspension bridge, traversing stunning alpine scenery, rocky hills, and expansive grazing fields. Along the route, take in the awe-inspiring views of the Annapurna mountain range, Chulu peaks, and the surrounding snow-capped mountains. Upon arriving at Ledar Village, pause briefly before continuing on to Thorong Phedi, navigating a narrow mountain path above the Marsyangdi River. This path includes crossing suspension bridges and navigating steep rocky inclines, providing remarkable Himalayan vistas throughout the trek. Thorong Phedi serves as the last overnight stop before the demanding ascent of Thorong La Pass (5,416m). The trek spans approximately 7–8 km and typically takes about 4–5 hours. You will spend the night at a local teahouse in Thorong Phedi.

Day 9: Trek from Thorong Phedi to Muktinath Via Thorong La -5416m: 6-7 hours

Today marks the most adventurous and exhilarating day of the Annapurna Circuit trek. It begins early in the morning as we set off towards Thorong La Pass (5416m) via an ascending trail. The trek from Thorong La Phedi (4,450m) to Muktinath (3,760m) via Thorong La Pass (5,416m) is considered the most challenging yet rewarding segment of the Annapurna Circuit Trek. Starting before sunrise, we will follow the steep uphill path leading to the magnificent Thorong La Pass, one of the highest trekking passes in the world. The ascent typically takes about 4–6 hours, depending on your fitness level, weather conditions, and pace. Upon reaching the summit, take a moment to celebrate your remarkable achievement beneath the colorful prayer flags while soaking in the breathtaking panoramic views of the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri mountain ranges. After capturing photographs and relishing the stunning Himalayan scenery, we will begin the long descent towards Muktinath, traversing dramatic rocky landscapes and picturesque mountain valleys. Muktinath is a renowned pilgrimage site for both Hindus and Buddhists. The journey spans approximately 15–17 km and takes around 7–9 hours. We will spend the night in Muktinath.

Day 10: Drive from Muktinath to Pokhara by Jeep

After breakfast in Muktinath (3,760m), commence your scenic drive to Pokhara, taking in one of the most picturesque road journeys of the Annapurna Circuit Trek. The drive lasts approximately 6–7 hours, influenced by road and weather conditions. Along the way, you will navigate through the stunning Kali Gandaki Valley, passing by traditional Himalayan villages like Jharkot, Kagbeni, Jomsom, Marpha, Tukuche, Kalopani, and Tatopani. These charming villages provide fascinating insights into the traditional Mustang culture, featuring ancient monasteries, stone houses, apple orchards, and local lifestyles. Marvel at the breathtaking views of Nilgiri, Dhaulagiri, Annapurna, and the world's deepest gorge, the Kali Gandaki. As you descend, the arid, dramatic landscapes of Mustang gradually evolve into lush green hills, forests, waterfalls, and subtropical scenery. This scenic drive offers a splendid opportunity to discover the hidden beauty and cultural diversity of the classic Annapurna Circuit route. Upon your arrival in Pokhara, transfer to your hotel and enjoy a relaxing evening.

Day 11: Pokhara to Kathmandu by flight

Savor a leisurely morning in Pokhara following your remarkable Annapurna Circuit journey. Rise late, indulge in a relaxed breakfast, and take your time to appreciate the natural splendor of Pokhara Valley. You can relish the tranquil ambiance of Phewa Lake, take in the lush green hills surrounding you, or simply unwind at your hotel while enjoying stunning views of the Annapurna and Machhapuchhre mountain ranges. After lunch, head to Pokhara Domestic Airport for your picturesque flight to Kathmandu. During the roughly 25-minute journey, take in the breathtaking aerial vistas of Pokhara Valley, its beautiful lakes, the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas, rolling hills, and the captivating landscapes of Nepal. Upon your arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu, our representative will greet you and escort you to Hotel Ramada Encore in Thamel. Check in, relax, and savor your last evening in Nepal. Enjoy an overnight stay at Hotel Ramada

Encore, Kathmandu.

Day 12: Departure

Your amazing 12-day Annapurna Circuit Trek concludes today. After enjoying breakfast at your hotel in Kathmandu, take a moment to reflect on your time in Nepal and cherish the unforgettable memories of the stunning Himalayas, traditional mountain villages, picturesque landscapes, and the warm hospitality of the Nepalese people. From the scenic paths of the Annapurna region to the awe-inspiring crossing of Thorong La Pass (5,416m), this adventure has been filled with extraordinary experiences and accomplishments. At the designated time, our representative will meet you at the hotel and arrange a comfortable private transfer to Tribhuvan International Airport for your international departure. We sincerely appreciate your choice of Sherpa Nomad Trek Pvt. Ltd for your Annapurna adventure. It has been our pleasure to facilitate your journey, and we look forward to welcoming you back to Nepal for another unforgettable trekking or mountaineering experience. Wishing you a safe flight and a pleasant journey home!

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PRICE INCLUDES

- International Airport pick-up and drop-off service
- 2 nights Luxury Hotel Accommodation in Kathmandu at Hotel Ramada Encore
- Kathmandu to Dharapani by comfortable private Jeep
- All the logistical arrangements
- 9 nights Mountain Accommodation in a private Room at the best lodge as per 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, Hot shower, and charging facility
- 3 Cups of Tea or Coffee every day during the trek.
- Requires permits (TIMS & ACAP Fees)
- Gov Tax and Official Fees.
- Scenic drive from Muktinath to Pokhara after the trek is completed.
- Scenic flight from Pokhara to Kathmandu by Plane
- Trekking gear like a sleeping bag, map, and a duffel bag
- Farewell Dinner in Kathmandu
- Baggage storage service

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- Nepal Visa Fees (15 Days -30$ P/P, 30 Days -50$ P/P)
- Travel Insurance ideal for safe travel
- Drinks like (Drinking Water, Soft and Hard Drinks, and extra Tea or Coffee)
- Trekking gear
- Chitwan safari Tour: 2 nights/3 days at USD170 per person
- Tips for the Driver, Guide, and Porter
- Paragliding in Pokhara: 80$ P/P
- Trishuli River Rafting: 60$ per person
- Kathmandu Sightseeing at USD 80 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
- 2–3 long-sleeve hiking shirts
- 3 pieces 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 (-5°C to -15°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 Spike

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