

Chulu West Peak Climbing

Duration: 21 Days



Overview

Trip Grade: Challenging	Max Altitude: 6,419m
Activity: Peak Climbing, Trekking	Group Size: Min 02 pax
Arrival On: Kathmandu, Nepal	Departure From: Kathmandu, Nepal
Meals: All meals during trek & breakfast in kathmandu	Accommodation: Stone Built Houses (tea houses) during trek

Located on the outskirts of the northern Manang village is the fabulous **Chulu West Peak** which has an estimated height of about 6,419 meters above sea level. Greatly considered as one of the most fascinating peaks to climb in Nepal, many climbers flock up in huge numbers to summit this outstanding west northern peak of Nepal to make their dreams come true. Clearly many expert mountaineers and peak climbers embrace their climbing experience of climbing Chulu West and consider it to be one of the finest peak in the world where one can receive immeasurable amount of thrilling adventure accompanied by never before seen views of the [Annapurna Ranges](#). Initially we are scheduled to head towards **Besisahar** which is a western town located just after the scenic lake city of **Pokhara**. With an early morning wake up call, we drive away from the Kathmandu city and reach Besisahar after a 7-8 hours drive through several hill towns, rivers and villages. Moving onward, we put our first steps into the heartland of Annapurna region and continue hiking up towards Dharapani village. After Dharapani village, our trail climbs further up to Chame village and Pisang village which later on moves us towards the direction of **Manang** village where arid landscape and windy atmosphere welcome us. Here in Manang as planned, we will be staying for one whole day to let our bodies adjust accordingly to the harsh conditions of these kinds of high altitude places. Without proper acclimatization, we won't be able to continue on with our trek. From this point onward, we march towards north and reach Chulu West Base Camp. Now we start our climb up to High Camp and then to Camp I before making a push to the summit of Chulu West Peak. The moment we reach the summit will be the biggest highlight of our entire journey and it shall be a moment worth remembering for the rest of one's life. After looking at the magnificent scenery atop from the summit, we shall now begin our descent down. Lastly, we now move to Jomsom via Phedi and Muktinath respectively before flying off to Pokhara city. Our 21 days Chulu West Peak Climbing requires climbers to have the physical and mental capacity to endure demanding walks high up to the northern Himalayan region. Additionally, we recommend April to mid May and early September to end of November as the best time to go for this peak climbing. For more queries and communication about the package: Please Contact, **Himalayan**

Holyland Treks and Expedition to join up on this incredible journey to summit the phenomenal Chulu West Peak of Nepal.



Itinerary

Day 1: International Arrival in Kathmandu and Transfer to Hotel 1,350m

Upon our arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) in Kathmandu, we will be warmly greeted by a representative from Himalayan Holyland Treks and Expedition. After completion of our custom formalities (Visa, etc), we pick up our luggage and look for our representative with Himalayan Holyland Treks and Expedition display board at the arrival gate. We will be then escorted to our hotel in Kathmandu. After check in, we can either take a rest or hang around in the city or visit Himalayan Holyland Treks and Expedition's office site. It all depends upon our interests and condition. In the evening, there will be a welcome dinner where you will experience excellent Nepalese cuisine which will also introduce you to the country's food culture.

Day 2: Kathmandu: Sightseeing and Trip Preparation day

Today after breakfast we start a guided tour to several of the most historical and spiritual attractions in Kathmandu. Some of these landmarks are considered World Heritage Sites; including the sacred Hindu temple of Pashupati Nath, the famous 'Monkey Temple' (Swayambhunath) and Buddhists shrine (Boudha Nath) which is one of the large Stupas in the world. At the noon, there will be a per-trip discussion where we can meet our trek leader and other team members. Himalayan Holyland Treks and Expedition briefs us regarding our trek as well as provides us opportunity to ask any questions we may have regarding our upcoming adventure. Overnight at Kathmandu. Included meals: Breakfast

Day 3: Drive Kathmandu to Syange/Jagat [1100m/3608 ft]: 8 hrs

We begin very early today as we need to go a long drive to reach at our trek starting point. After breakfast, we leave Kathmandu at around 7 am and nearly after 8-10 hours drive we reach Syange or Jagat (as per situation) via Besishahar. En route, we see more of countryside of Nepal that offers greenness, rivers, villages, farms and beautiful mountain sceneries. However, the condition of road is not equally fine in all portion of our drive today. The road up to Besishahar is coal-tarred road, whereas after Besishahar the road is dusty and coarse though we can easily overlook it as we watch the outstanding sceneries through the windowpane. Overnight stay at Syange/Jagat Guesthouse. Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 4: Trek Syange/Jagat to Dharapani [1,960m/6,430ft]: 7 hrs

Upon our breakfast, we start our journey today in a relax way. We enter Manang district after crossing a large bridge near Tal. The trail continues through barley, rice, potato fields and pine forests. After passing the village of Koto we will be at Dharapani, one of the big villages in the Manang valley. Overnight at Dharapani. Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 5: Dharapani-Chame [2,710m/8,911ft]: 6 hrs

Today, we negotiate a few steep forested ridges along with several landslides on route on the west. On the way to Chame, we encounter with the most sensational views of Lamjung Himal, Annapurna II, and Annapurna IV (7,525m/24,688ft). Small hot springs add relief on our long day hard trek. Chame is the administrative center of the Manang District. Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 6: Chame 1,350m; Pisang [3,300m/10,824ft]: 5 hrs

A steep and narrow path through a very dense forest will bring us to the dramatic curved rock face, rising 1500m from the river. As the trail opens up we get surrounded by majestic Himalayan Peaks. We find ourselves in U-shaped valley of Manang hanging between two giant snow peaks. After walking through these wonderful sites we reach at Pisang. Overnight at Lower Pisang. Included meals:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 7: Upper Pisang-Manang [3,500m/11,482ft]: 6 hrs; 7 hrs

There are two routes that we can follow today. If taken upper route (Himalayan Glacier recommends), i.e., the route through Upper Pisang via Geru, the sceneries will be outstanding. We feel like we are horizontally in front of the majestic peaks. The panoramic views of the mountain peaks, such as Annapurna, Pisang peak, and several others will definitely allure us. We notice a contrast with the landscape and vegetation from today onward. The cold and dry climate create a much harsher environment. We pay our memorable visit to Barge monastery, the largest in the entire district of Manang. Overnight in Manang. Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 8: Manang: Rest/ Exploration Day.

Today is the scheduled acclimatization day. It is not recommended to stay idle but a short walk to higher altitude will be better to get acclimatized with the altitude. Manang is a good place to do that as the next two days will be very challenging and tiring trek for us with rapid gain in altitude. We should never be confident with the altitude and always be cautious. Bhojo Gumpa or Gangapurna Lake is worth visiting sites from acclimatization point of view. We make an easy excursion to a little distance away to a village called Vraga, a small old village with a monastery. At this juncture, we also make our short visit to the Himalayan Rescue Association where we can get some ideas about Mountain Sickness. Overnight at Manang. Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 9: Manang to Leder [4200m/13,776ft]: 4 hrs; 5 hrs

From Manang, we continue through alpine landscapes with high altitude vegetation and forests. A gradual ascent takes us to Yak Kharka and then to our today's camp. Our today's camp area is most used as the alpine pasture by the local people. Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 10: Leder to Chulu West Base Camp [4900m/16,072ft]: 4 hrs; 5 hrs

Today, we continue our trekking from Leder to Chulu West Base Camp. From the Base Camp, we can enjoy the views of Annapurna Himalayas. We may also like to discover the surrounding areas. At this point, we will set up our camp for overnight stay. Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 11: Chulu West base camp to camp I [5100m/16,728ft]: 4 hrs; 5 hrs

From the Chulu Base Camp, we continue hiking towards Camp I. The route is not that technical. But it would be better to remember that we are climbing on high altitudes. At this juncture we relish the magnificent views of Annapurna and Dhaulagiri mountains including Manaslu, Gangapurna and Lamjung Himal. Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 12: Rest & Acclimatization at Camp I

Today will be the rest and acclimatization day at Camp I. While we rest at camp I, the climbing leaders and other staffs make way to Camp II and supply the equipment for the camp. Later, they return back to Camp I. We may rest and if interested walk around Camp I. Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 13: Camp I to Camp II [5,530m/18,143ft]: 4 hrs; 5 hrs

Today, we leave camp I and continue climbing the rock band to Camp II. The route is not that technical but we may have to use

ropes, crampon, and ice-axe. We set up Camp II at 5,530m /18,143ft. Some visitors also attempt the summit directly from Camp I. However, since the climb is relatively straightforward from the Camp II until the summit, we make an overnight stay at Camp II for proper rest and acclimatization. Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 14: Summit Chulu West [6419m/21,055ft] and back to Camp I: 9 – 10 hrs

It is our summit day, and it is going to be long day. Therefore, we would wake up much earlier today. Each moment we have to work hard through the icy high-altitude trail but the outstanding high Himalayan scenes are such tempting that our eyes love to watch more over the horizon than on our trail. After submit, we return back to Camp I. Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 15: Camp I to Leder: 5 – 6 hrs

From Camp I, our return path descends all the way to Leder. While descending, we enjoy the panoramic views of the Annapurnas and other peaks. We make our overnight stay at Leder and celebrate the summit of Chulu West Peak. Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 16: Contingency Day

There is no such guarantee that we can get quite a favorable weather on our planned day for the summit. So this day is used as a contingency in case if we are unable to summit the Chulu West Peak on the scheduled date due to bad weather condition or some other reasons. Sometimes somebody in the group may get some problems in acclimatizing well enough to make the ascent. Since the day can be used in that condition too. If the trip goes smoothly, we do not need this spare day. Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 17: Leder to Thorong Phedi [4450m/14,596ft]: 3 – 4 hrs

Today, we clean up the base camp and head for Thorong Phedi. It is going to be mostly an easy way walk downhill. However, we do not forget that we are still in high altitude area. Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 18: Thorong Phedi – Thorong Pass [5416m/17,765ft] – Muktinath [3,800/12,467ft]-Jomsom [2,715m/8,910ft]: 7 – 8 hrs trek and 2 hrs drive

At the beginning, we cross the famous high pass of Thorong La today. An early start is important to complete the mission. We reach Muktinath, an important pilgrimage site for both Hindus and Buddhist after crossing the pass. Muktinath hosts a Vishnu temple and a monastery nearby demonstrating the religions harmony in Nepal. For the Hindus, the region is a “Muktikhsetra” or the region of liberation or salvation. There are water spouts channeled for the stream running above the temple. We enjoy the tremendous stunning views of Dhaulagiri peak from Muktinath. From Muktinath, we continue back to Jomsom on a local bus. Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 19: Jomsom to Pokhara by flight

Upon the completion of morning breakfast, we check in the airport to fly back to Pokhara, a 30-min dramatic flight to Pokhara between gorge of the two huge mountains, Annapurna and Dhaulagiri. Upon arrival at Pokhara airport, our guide will escort us to the lakeside hotel. We utilize the rest afternoon for discovering the beautiful Pokhara valley leisurely. While walking along the bank of Fewa Lake one of the biggest lake of Nepal, we cannot stop admiring the state of Fish Tail Mountain reflecting in the lake. We can also take a boat around the Fewa Lake or just can take an hours’ walk to the World Peace Pagoda. At the evening, we engage on exploring around the lakeside. Included meals: Breakfast

Day 20: Drive back to Kathmandu: 6 & 7 hrs

Today upon our breakfast, we make a 200 kilometers drive back to Kathmandu from Pokhara. It will be better to hold on the left pane of the vehicle to enjoy the scenery through the route. Upon arrival in Kathmandu, we will be escorted to our hotel. There is nothing to do but trade emails with travel companions and organize the photos. We can spend the evening either leisurely or perhaps catch up on some last minute shopping. Finally, we celebrate dinner together with Himalayan Holyland Treks and Expedition staff. Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 21: Final Departure day

Our journey in Nepal comes to an end today! Himalayan Holyland Treks and Expedition escorts us to the airport for our flight time. Approximately 3 hours before our scheduled flight, a representative from Himalayan Holyland Treks and Expedition will escort us to the airport and bid farewell greetings. On our way to home, we will have plenty of time to plan our next adventure in the wonderful country like Nepal. Included meals: Breakfast



Cost Includes

- => Airport pickup and drop in a private vehicle.
- => Hotel accommodation in B/B basis in Kathmandu.
- => Hotel accommodation in B/B basis in Pokhara.
- => Tea house accommodation during the trek.
- => Tented accommodation during the climb.
- => Three times meal during the trek.
- => Farewell dinner in Kathmandu.
- => All the transportation as per the itinerary.
- => A professional English speaking, expert trekking/climbing guide.
- => Insurance/Salary for guide and porters.
- => Food and accommodation for guide and porters.
- => All necessary documents (Climbing Permits and TIMS).
- => Flight from Jomsom to Pokhara.
- => All government and local taxes.
- => Medical kit.
- => T-shirt from the company.
- => Trip map.
- => Trip completion certificate.

Cost Excludes

- => Visa for Nepal.
- => International flight to and from Kathmandu.
- => Lunch and Dinner in Kathmandu.
- => Travel and Evacuation insurance of clients.
- => Personal expenses: Shower, battery charge, bar bills, laundry.
- => Extra night accommodation in Kathmandu and Other destination in exception of itinerary.
- => Tips for guide and porters.