

Kaldhara Marga, Thamel, Kathmandu, Nepal

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### Khopra Danda Trek Duration: 12 days Days



#### Overview

| Trip Grade: Moderate                                  | Max Altitude: 3,660m                                       |
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| Activity: Trekking                                    | Group Size: 02-12 People                                   |
| Arrival On: Kathmandu, Nepal                          | Departure From: Kathmandu, Nepal                           |
| Meals: All meals during trek & breakfast in kathmandu | Accommodation: Stone Built Houses (tea houses) during trek |

Seemingly the stunning Khopra Danda which is one of the best viewpoints located inside Annapurna regions is also a very popular touristic destination for trekkers and tourists wanting to see more in the fabulous Annapurna region. Offering incredible views of the great white Himalayan massifs, a trek to Khopra Danda or the Khopra Ridge is truly a spectacle worth visiting too. Commencing from the spectacular capital city of Kathmandu, trekkers move in towards the scenic lake city of Pokhara which in terms of natural beauty is filled with immense captivating features including the popular Phewa Lake alongside the beautiful snow-capped mountains. Top begin our 13-day Khopra Danda trek, we shall arrive at Pokhara and then move towards Nayapul by a drive in a private tourist vehicle. Further on, we start heading towards Ulleri village (1960m) the same day which lets us experience the first-hand nature of walking in the lowlands of the Himalayan mountains. Now from Ulleri, our trail takes us even higher to the picturesque village of Ghorepani where trekkers can get tantalizing mountain scenery accompanied by the cultural experiences of diverse local ethnic communities. Diverting ourselves away from the main trail of Annapurna base camp, we shall march towards Swanta village and later on to Dhankharka (3026m). After Dhankharka, we are to head for Khopra Danda which will be done on the eighth day of our trek. Upon reaching Khopra Danda, you can hike up to the fascinating bewildered site of Khopra Ridge where a joyously magnificent view of several Himalayan mountain ranges awaits you. These are the views which make the arduous journey to the highly elevated regions worthwhile. Later after enjoying the pure magnificence of panoramic views, we start descending our way down to Dobato village (3420m) and then make an 8-hour long journey to Ghandruk village (1940m) which is a very popular village en-route to Poon Hill. All that is left to do now, is to take some final steps towards Nayapul and drive back to the touristic paradise of Pokhara city where you can rest your exhausted souls. Re-energized we head back to the capital city and end our Khopra Danda Trek there officially. People with a moderate amount of physical fitness can be a part of our Khopra Danda trek as it doesn't take too long to complete. It is also mostly recommended to trekkers who love off the beaten trails which lack the distressing huge masses of other foreigners. We



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additionally suggest March to end of May and beginning of September to end of November as the prime seasonal months for a trek here. Contact, **Himalayan Holyland Treks & Expedition** today and discover the quaintly hidden Khopra Danda in the Annapurna region with our expert trekking staffs.

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### **Itinerary**

#### Day 01: Arrive at Tribhuwan International Airport (TIA) Kathmandu(1350m)

You are welcomed by our team staff members and then transferred to the booked hotel. A After a refreshment break, our representative will briefly explain the program. Overnight at hotel at B/B basis program.

### Day 02: Kathmandu Valley full day Sightseeing

This is a day for sightseeing world heritage sites in the Kathmandu Valley including, Kathmandu Darbar Square, Swayambhunath Temple and Patan durbar square. Overnight at the hotel at same program. B/B

### Day 03: Kathmandu to Pokhara (850m) Duration: 7 hrs by Ac tourist bus-210km

After the breakfast, we leave for the long drive to Pokhara, the second largest city in Nepal. The scenery along the road is dramatic and you will see rivers, valleys, cascading rice terraces and rocky gorges. Upon arrival, we will check in to the hotel. In the evening, you can enjoy leisure boating on the scenic Fewa Lake and see the magnificent reflection of Mount Machhapuchhre and the Annapurna Range in the crystal clear water of the Lake (a wonderful photo opportunity!) Â Overnight at the hotel, B/B

### Day 04: Pokhara - Nayapul and trek to Ulleri (1960m) Duration: 6hrs

After breakfast, we will drive to Naya Pul (42km) by car (1h30) via the village of Lumle. We start trek to Birethanti, a beautiful town nearby the river(Modi Khola). The trail follows the main street of Birethanti, going on through bamboo forests and passing a waterfall and swimming hole. The trail continues to Ramghai where you will have lunch. After lunch, we will climb gradually up the side of the valley, reaching Tikhe Dhunga. We continue our walk crossing suspension bridge in Tikhedhunga and climb up to Ulleri .Overnight at guesthouse. B/L/D

## Day 05: Ulleri to Ghorepani (2800m) Duration: 5h30 hrs

From Ulleri the trail slightly goes up to Banthanti and we will walk through the forest looking at the beautiful view of surrounding hills and Mt. Machhapuchhre. The trail then crosses two sparkling streams before making a short, final climb to Nangethanti where we stop for lunch. After lunch we walk about 1.5h to reach the Ghorepani village.

Thanti is a Nepali word meaning "rest house―. In the winter,sometimes the trail can be covered with snow. From Nangethanti we will climb to Ghorepani(2800m), this is a Magar village specially Pun Magar, a sub –ethnic group within Magar ethnicity. From here we can see the spectacular panorama of Dhaulagiri (8167m),Nilgiri (6940m), Annapurna I (8091m), Annapurna South(7219m),Hiunchuli (6441m) and Tarke Kang (7193m). Overnight at guesthouse. B/L/D

### Day 6: Ghorepani to Swanta(2270m)6/7hrs

This morning, we will get up before dawn to climb up to Poon Hill. From here we see superb view of the sunrise over the panoramic vista of the Himalayas, including Mt. Dhaulagiri, Annapurna I, Annapurna South, Fishtail, himchuli, Thapa Peak, Dhampus Peak, Tukuche peak, Baraha sikhar etc. After Poonhill, we will return to Ghorepani. Soon after a hot breakfast, we trek down to Chitre(2390m) which is a village of Magar ethnic group. You will still have a view of Annapurna south, Nilgiri South, Tukuche Peak, Dhaulagiri range from here. After a such wonderful short pause with a view, we continue our trail to the Swanta. Overnight at hotel. B/L/D



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### Day 7: Swanta to Dhankharka (3026m)4/5hrs

Today, we walk up to Dhankharka passing some rhododendron forest and tea houses. After the breakfast we trek to Khopra Danda(2930m) then to Ratmate(2930m) where we can have a tea break.

After the tea break, we follow our trail to today's destination Dhankharka via Sistibang(3016m). Overnight at hotel. B/L/D

#### Day 8: Dhankharka to Khopra Danda (3660m)4/5hrs

After the breakfast, our trail today begins with about 3 hours uphill for such an amazing view of Dhaulagiri from close distance, Tukuche peak, Nilgiri, Annapurna south, Baraha chuli(fang) from the top of Khopra Danda. While walking with some uphill, you may have chance to see some wildlife such as blue sheep, wild monkey, deer and national bird of Nepal Impeyan Monal or known as Impeyan Pheasant. This day will a very memorable day to this trek for such a panoramic Himalayas. Overnight at hotel. B/L/D

Another overnight stay can be a good option too that takes you to visit Khayer Barah Temple and its surroundings.

### Day 9: Khopra Danda(3660m) to Dobato(3420m) 6/7hrs

Today, our walk goes up to Dobato walking about 7 hours through rhododendron forest. The trail is little bit rough and narrow but there are two ways so we can choose the route by river. It is because the route is shorter and less difficult.

Before lunch at Bayeli, we walk uphill crossing the wooden bridge and on the way we may see some wild animals. The trail after Bayeli is up and down hill approximately 1h30 m walk to reach Dobato which is also known as Bhaisi Kharka. You can enjoy the amazing mountain view from here. Overnight at hotel. B/L/D

Note: if weather is good, we can trek to Muldai view point for amazing sunset view. It is 45 minutes uphill trek and we can see many mountains such as Annapurna range, Dhaulagiri range, Nilgiri, Lamjung Himal range etc.In a clear day, we can see Pokhara valley and beautiful Phewa lake. After talking some photograph, we trek down to the hotel for 30 minutes.

### Day 10: Dobato(3420m) to ghandruk(1940m) 8hrs

Early in the morning we wake up and trek to Muldai hill view point (3637m) for the best panoramic view of the mountain in this entire Annapurna conservation Area. We can see many beautiful mountains from here .after such amazing mountain view and photo shoots, we back down to Dobato and enjoy breakfast. After the breakfast, we trek to Ghandruk via Tadapani(2630m).

Our lunch will at Tadapani from where we can see the mountains like Annapurna south, Hinchuli, Fishtail, Gangapurna, Mardi Himal etc. Then we walk down to Ghandruk, the famous Gurung village where we can visit Gurung Cultural museum and their traditional village.

#### Day 11: Ghandruk to Nayapul to Pokhara(850m)

We walk about 4hrs to Nayapul and 1h30 drive to Pokhara by car. We walk down about 2h enjoying the view of Landruk Village another Gurung village in the front. We pass few villages, people walking up and grazing animals on the way. We can also see waterfall after Syaulibazar from where our trail is flat along the Modi River. We will have lunch at Birethanti where we will be checked out from ACAP area and take car from Nayapul to Pokhara.

This drive is a scenic drive passing Lumle (the most rainfall area in Nepal), Kande and Naudada. From Naudada, the Himalayan



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range and beautiful Dhampus village can be seen. We can enjoy walking around Phewa lake and Pokhara city in the evening. Overnight at hotel. B/B

### Day 12: Pokhara to Kathmandu(1350m)

7 h drive by A/C tourist bus. We will have a farewell dinner in a Nepali restaurant. Overnight at hotel. B/B

Day 13: Departure

Final departure day.

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#### Cost Includes

- => Airport pickup and drop in a private vehicle
- => Hotel accommodation in Kathmandu and Pokhara in B/B basis
- => Tea house accommodation during the trek
- => Three times meal during the trek
- => Hot soup in the high places
- => Farewell dinner in Kathmandu
- => All the transportation as per the itinerary
- => A professional guide for trek and sightseeing
- => Porter service(2 trekkers : 1 porter)
- => Insurance for guide and porters
- => Food and accommodation for guide and porters
- => All necessary documents(Permits and TIMS)
- => All government and local taxes
- => Medical kit
- => Trip completion certificate
- => Trekking map as itinerary and
- => T-shirt from the company

### Cost Excludes

- => Visa for Nepal.
- => International flight to and from Kathmandu
- => Lunch and dinner in Kathmandu and Pokhara
- => Travel and rescue insurance of clients
- => Personal expenses: shower and battery charge during trek and bar bills,cold drinks, laundry
- => Extra night accommodation in Kathmandu and Pokhara in exception of itinerary
- => Tips for guide and porters



