Khopra Ridge Khair Lake Trek

Nepal / Annapurna Region | Trekking package



Your journey at a glance

Duration: 15 days

Trip grade: Moderate+

Maximum altitude: 4830 m

Best season: March–May & September–November

Group size: 1 - 20

Route: Kathmandu - Kathmandu

Price from: USD 1,800.00 per adult

Accommodation: Deluxe hotels in Kathmandu and Pokhara; tea houses and community lodges during the trek.

Transportation: Kathmandu–Pokhara flights, road transfers to Kande and between Nayapul and Pokhara, and Pokhara–Kathmandu flight.

Meals: Meals as listed in the itinerary and included services.

Package overview

Khopra Ridge Khair Lake Trek is an alternative trekking route in the Annapurna region. Also known as Khair Lake Trek, the route reaches the viewpoint at Ghorepani Poon Hill (3,210 m), follows the front of Annapurna South and Hiunchuli to Khopra Danda (3,660 m), and includes a day hike to Khair Lake (4,500 m as stated in the overview). The route then descends through Narchyang Magar village to Tatopani, where the natural hot spring can be enjoyed, before continuing towards Pokhara.
The trek passes through rhododendron forest and community-based guest houses, with views of the Annapurna region and opportunities to experience local Magar culture. March, April and May are described as colourful months for the rhododendron forest.

Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 - Arrival in Kathmandu

Arrive at Kathmandu airport and transfer to the hotel (1,350 m). Attend the trekking briefing in the evening, followed by a welcome dinner at a Nepalese cultural restaurant.

Meals: Dinner
Accommodation: Hotel
Altitude: 1,350 m

Day 2 - Kathmandu sightseeing and trek preparation

After breakfast, visit Pashupatinath, Boudhanath and Swayambhunath temples. After lunch, prepare for the trek.

Meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: Hotel

Day 3 - Fly to Pokhara, drive to Kande and trek to Australian Camp

Fly from Kathmandu to Pokhara (800 m), enjoying views of the Langtang, Ganesh Himal, Manaslu, Annapurna and Dhaulagiri ranges. Drive 22 km to Kande and trek to Australian Camp (1,900 m), with panoramic views of the mountains and Pokhara Valley.

Accommodation: Lodge
Altitude: 1,900 m

Travel time: Kathmandu–Pokhara flight; 22 km drive to Kande
Walking / trekking: About 2 hours

Day 4 - Trek from Australian Camp to Landruk

Trek from Australian Camp to Landruk (1,650 m). The trail ascends for about an hour to Deurali (2,100 m) through oak and mixed forest, then descends to Tolkha and continues to Landruk, a village inhabited mostly by Gurung people and also by Brahmins.

Accommodation: Lodge
Altitude: 2,100 m on route
Walking / trekking: About 4 hours

Day 5 - Trek to Ghandruk

Follow the trail through terraced fields and settlements, descend to Modi Khola, cross the iron bridge and climb to Ghandruk. The village has lodges, a Gurung museum and traditional stone-roofed houses, with views of Annapurna South, Hiunchuli, Annapurna III, Glacier Dome and Machhapuchhre.

Accommodation: Lodge

Day 6 - Trek from Ghandruk to Tadapani

Leave the terraced fields of Ghandruk and follow a zigzag trail through rhododendron and magnolia forest. Pass waterfalls and continue to Tadapani, a viewpoint for Annapurna South, Hiunchuli and Machhapuchhre.

Accommodation: Guest house / tea house
Walking / trekking: About 5 hours

Day 7 - Trek from Tadapani to Baili Kharka

Leave the main trail towards Ghorepani and follow a less-used route through rhododendron forest. Climb gradually above the tree line, then continue through open countryside and descend through rhododendron to Bhaisi Kharka.

Accommodation: Guest house / tea house
Walking / trekking: About 6 hours

Day 8 - Trek from Bhaisi Kharka to Khopra Ridge

Descend through open ground and Himalayan forest to the pastures of Lower Chistibung. Continue through forest and alpine landscape to Khopra Ridge. The ridge offers views of Dhaulagiri, the Annapurnas, Annapurna Fang, Annapurna South, Tukuche Peak and Nilgiri.

Accommodation: Guest house
Altitude: 3,700 m
Walking / trekking: About 7 hours

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Day 9 - Excursion to Khair Lake

Make a day hike from Khopra Ridge to Khair Lake. Climb gradually to High Camp, then continue more steeply to the sacred lake and shrines visited by Hindu pilgrims during the Bhadau Purnima Festival. Return to Khopra Ridge.

Accommodation: Guest house
Altitude: 4,830 m
Walking / trekking: 8–10 hours

Day 10 - Trek from Khopra Ridge to Swatha

Descend to Chistibung and continue through rhododendron and oak forest, passing villagers and shepherds, to Swatha village.

Accommodation: Guest house
Walking / trekking: About 5 hours

Day 11 - Trek from Swatha to Ghorepani

Walk to Chitre and join the old Tibetan route. Continue through rhododendron and oak forest to Ghorepani, with views of Dhaulagiri, Annapurna and Machhapuchhre.

Accommodation: Guest house / tea house
Walking / trekking: About 4 hours

Day 12 - Trek from Ghorepani to Tirkhedhunga via Poon Hill

Climb to Poon Hill (3,220 m as stated in the itinerary) for sunrise views of Dhaulagiri, the Annapurnas, Tukuche Peak and Machhapuchhre. Return to Ghorepani for breakfast and descend through rhododendron and oak forest via Ulleri to Tirkhedhunga.

Meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: Guest house
Altitude: 3,220 m at Poon Hill
Walking / trekking: About 5 hours

Day 13 - Trek to Nayapul and drive to Pokhara

Descend along the Bhurungdi Khola to Birethanti and continue to Nayapul. Drive to Pokhara. The afternoon is free, with the supplied description mentioning boating on Phewa Lake and sunset views.

Accommodation: Hotel in Pokhara
Travel time: About 2 hours drive
Walking / trekking: About 2 hours walking

Day 14 - Fly from Pokhara to Kathmandu

After breakfast, fly from Pokhara to Kathmandu, transfer to the hotel and enjoy free time. Farewell dinner in the evening.

Meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: Hotel in Kathmandu

Day 15 - Departure

After breakfast, transfer for departure. The trip concludes.

Meals: Breakfast

What is included

- Airport pick-up and drop-off.

- Three nights of deluxe hotel accommodation in Kathmandu and one night in Pokhara, on a twin-sharing bed-and-breakfast basis.

- Kathmandu–Pokhara flight tickets.

- Ground transportation required by the itinerary.

- Necessary permits and entrance fees.

- Professional trekking guide.

- Porter services, including porter expenses, insurance and equipment.

- Accommodation at lodges along the route.

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner with tea and coffee as listed.

What is excluded

- Beverages.

- Tips.

- Travel and medical insurance.

- Personal and natural expenses.

- Lunch and dinner in Kathmandu and Pokhara.

Plan your journey

Prices, itinerary and availability may change. Contact our team to confirm travel dates, inclusions and final pricing.

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