



## Khudi Pokhara Trek

<b>Trip code</b>	
<b>Package name</b>	Khudi Pokhara Trek
<b>Duration</b>	6
<b>Max. elevation</b>	2200 m
<b>Level</b>	EASY
<b>Transportation</b>	Private car for transportation
<b>Accommodation</b>	Lodge + Homestay twin sharing bed basis during the trek
<b>Starts at</b>	Kathmandu/Pokhara
<b>Ends at</b>	Kathmandu/Pokhara
<b>Trip route</b>	Pokhara - Khudi - Ghale Gaun - Baglungpani - Laxmi Bazar - Pokhara
<b>Cost</b>	USD 560 per person

## Highlights

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- Ghalegaun & Baglungpani village exploration.
- Birdwatcher's paradise, Buddhist Monasteries and local markets of Khudi.
- Gurung Cultural program where locals perform with their traditional songs.

## Overview

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**Khudi Pokhara trek is a short & easy to do, wildlife and cultural trek between picturesque Gurung villages nestling in Nepal's Himalayan foothills near Pokhara. The fantastic view from the villages stretches from Buddha Himal, Himalchuli and Manaslu to the north east Mt. Lamjung and Annapurna II to the north and Mt. Machhapuchhre and Annapurna South to the North West. This trek is ideal for those person who have limited period of time and wants to**

## **explore the traditional culture and customs of Nepal along with the natural trails.**

Khudi Pokhara trek is situated in northern central part of Nepal. Khudi in Lamjung District is a major gateway to the Annapurna region, a famous trekking destination at the top of two hills. This place is a wonderful experience – with an early mornings mists, Midim Rivers, rhododendrons, the chirping sound of the birds, forests, awesome waterfalls etc. One is completely at home with nature during this trek.

The beautiful villages of Ghalegaun and Ghanpokhara lies towards the north west of Khudi at the top of the nearby hills. Ghalegaun and Ghanpokhara are mainly Gurung settlements nestled amidst mountains, rivers, streams, waterfalls and green forests. Accommodation is offered at community run home stays in Ghale gaun and Ghanpokhara and other villages. Visitors have a chance to have a closer look at Gurung lifestyle by staying in their homes, sharing their home – cooked food and interacting with them as family guests. Food offered here is wholesome and organic, usually rice, lentils, homemade buckwheat and millet bread, local vegetables and most served with Pa (local millet alcohol). Visitors go to their allocated home for meals and to rest. The home stay experience is complemented by cultural shows performed by community members on request of visitors. The special feature of this village is that the Himalayas can be seen from every home.

We start our journey with a scenic drive from Kathmandu to Khudi which takes about 6 – 7 hours by private vehicle. At first, we drive to Besisahar followed by Trishuli River throughout the highway. Then further driving for one hour takes us to Khudi. Khudi is a beautiful village surrounded by the dense forest and Marshyangdi River on the side. After spending one night in this beautiful village, next day we start our trek to Ghale gaun. The approach to Khudi is a wonderful experience in itself as it passes through rhododendrons blossoming along the way amidst the chirping of birds and wild insects. The trekking route passes through dense jungle and villages and impressive waterfalls. Ghale gaun is famous for the typical Gurung settlement of this region promoting unique village tourism and practicing community based hospitality. After having an additional exploration day in this village, we trek to Ghanpokhara and further to Baglungpani on the next day of our trek. In Ghanpokhara, you can also visit the honey hunting sights. Upon your request, Nature Trail Travels & Tours will be pleased to organize the same for you. Commencing trek from Baglungpani, we will reach Laxmi Bazaar after 5/6 hours of walk. At evening, you can explore the town and wake up early in the morning for trekking up to Begnas Lake. The walk is very easy and pleasant on this day. You can get refreshed by having a boat ride in Begnas Lake after your arrival then. Then one of the representatives of Nature Trail Travels & Tours will be there to pick you up and drive you to the hotel of Pokhara. The next day you will be driven to Kathmandu with the beautiful memories you have spend through the entire trekking days.

## **Trip Itinerary**

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### **Day 1 : Drive to Khudi (790 m) – 6/7 hours drive**

We start our journey with a scenic drive from Kathmandu to Besisahar and further up to Khudi. We drive along the highway from Kathmandu to Besisahar with a Trishuli River flowing on our

right side until Muglin. After crossing Muglin, Marshyangdi River follows us passing several Gurung, Magar and other caste village to reach District Head Quarter of Lamjung called Besisahar. Further drive one hour to reach Khudi. The trail passes through the beautiful forest, with chances to see some of the wildlife's. It is also famous for bird watching so you may have views of beautiful birds. It really can be a birdwatcher's paradise. After arrival, visit Buddhist Monasteries and local markets of Khudi. Overnight stay at hotel in Khudi.

### **Day 2 : Trek Khudi to Ghalegaun (1540 m) – 4/5 hours walk**

Our trek begins toward northwest of Khudi along the bank of the river. It is beautiful walk through the fertile field, villages, forest and many waterfalls along the way. The trail is not frequently visited by foreigner. After a short ascent, you will reach Ghale gaun village which is nice settlement of Gurung. Gurung's are the major ethnic group of Nepal. At evening spend your time walking around the village and over night at home stay.

### **Day 3 : Ghalegaun village exploration day**

Today you will have two options, either rest or explore around the village. Ghale gaun is located east of Marshyangdi River, between Gorkha and Lamjung district. This place offers superb breathtaking view of majestic western Himalayas including Machhapuchhre, Buddha Himal, Himchuli and many more peaks.

Wake up early in the morning for beautiful view of sunrise and mountains and breakfast with the homely environment of Gurung family. After having breakfast, walk around the village to explore their traditional lifestyle, culture, religion as well as theirs living standard. At evening, after dinner villager perform Gurung Cultural program where locals perform with their traditional songs with handmade dress gathering all villagers like: Ghatu, Ghyabru, Krishnacharitra, Jhakri/Lama etc. Overnight at Ghale gaun.

### **Day 4 : Trek Ghalegaun to Baglungpani (1600 m) – 4/5 hours walk**

Commencing trek from Ghale gaun, we further walk through a fertile land and cross some traditional village. The roads are very zik zak types until Ghan Pokhara. Ghanpokhara is a model village for experiencing the typical culture and lifestyles of Ghale and Gurung people and has the amazing moment enjoying the village lifestyle with amazing views of mountains which gives you life time experience. The village is pre dominantly habited by Gurung of this region. You can also visit honey hunting place here.

Then we further walk to Baglungpani (1600 m) continuously for 4/5 hours. We will stay overnight at Baglungpani.

### **Day 5 : Baglungpani to Laxmi Bazaar (1345 m) – 5/6 hours walk**

On this day, we commence our trek leaving beautiful village Baglungpani to trek typical mix village of Laxmi Bazaar. Laxmi Bazaar is a nice small town which lies 1345 meters above sea level. After walking for about 5/6 hours, we reach Laxmi Bazaar. At evening you could either explore the town or just relax. We spend our overnight at one of the lodge of Laxmi Bazaar.

## **Day 6 : Trek to Begnas Lake-Pokhara (830 m) – 3 hours walk and 1 hour walk**

On the very last day of our trek, we wake up for the morning views. After breakfast, we walk for about 90 minutes until we reach beautiful Begnas Lake. Begnas Lake is a fresh water lake for about 10 km away from Pokhara main city. The Begnas lake area has a number of swampy areas around it, many of which have been converted to paddy fields day by day.

After leaving the highway, a narrow road runs through a dead flat terrain of rice fields towards the hills that nestle the lakes. You can have a boat ride too. Then we drive towards Pokhara which will take about 30 minutes from the lake. Free time in Pokhara for self exploration. You will stay overnight at one of the hotels in Pokhara.

## **Inclusions**

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### **What is included?**

- Transportation for private vehicals ( starting point to End ) Pokhara - Pokhara.
- Trekking permits and TIMS (Trekking Information Management System) card.
- Experienced and licensed trekking guide.
- Porter service to carry your luggage (one porter for every two trekkers).
- Accommodation in teahouses or lodges during the trek.
- All meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) during the trek.
- Safe drinking water throughout the trek.
- Annapurna Conservation permit fee
- Basic first aid kit.
- Emergency evacuation arrangements (helicopter rescue, if needed).
- Government taxes and service charges.

### **What isn't included?**

- International airfare to and from Kathmandu.
- Accommodation in kathmandu/Pokhara
- Nepal entry visa fees.

Personal travel insurance (covering medical, evacuation, and trip cancellation).

Extra accommodation and meals in Kathmandu (beyond the itinerary).

Extra activities or sightseeing not mentioned in the itinerary.

Personal expenses, such as laundry, phone calls, internet access, etc.

Additional porters or services if needed.

Tips for guides, porters, and other staff (tipping is customary in Nepal).

## **Complimentary**