

## Mardi Himal Climbing

<b>Trip code</b>	
<b>Package name</b>	Mardi Himal Climbing
<b>Duration</b>	12
<b>Max. elevation</b>	5553 m
<b>Level</b>	DIFFICULT
<b>Transportation</b>	Pokhara - Kande , Sidding - Pokhara drive by private Jeep.&nbsp;
<b>Accommodation</b>	Hotel & Lodge and Tented twin sharing bed basis during the Trek and Climbing .
<b>Starts at</b>	Pokhara
<b>Ends at</b>	Pokhara
<b>Trip route</b>	Pokhara - Kande - Pothana - Forest Camp - Middle camp - High camp - Base Camp - Mardi Summit - High camp - Middle Camp - Sidding - Pokhara .
<b>Cost</b>	USD 1,680 per person

## Highlights

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Explore Pokhara Lakeside and Boating in Fewa Lake

Acclimatization Day and to and fro from the Mardi Himal Summit in 16 days

Closer view of enthralling Mt. Machhapuchhre and Mardi Himal

Hospitality of locals

Pass on through the beautiful landscape and the forest of Rhododendron

Impressive views of Himchuli, Annapurna I, Gangapurna, Annapurna III, Annapurna, Machhapuchhre, etc.

## Overview

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Mardi Himal is a stunning peak situated in the Annapurna region of Nepal. Standing at an elevation of 5,587 meters (18,330 feet), it offers a thrilling and rewarding climbing experience for mountaineers seeking adventure and breathtaking views. Mardi Himal peak climbing is a relatively new addition to Nepal's climbing scene and provides a unique opportunity to explore a less crowded and pristine mountain.

The journey to Mardi Himal begins with a scenic drive or flight from Kathmandu to Pokhara, a beautiful lakeside city and the gateway to the Annapurna region. After making necessary preparations and obtaining permits, climbers start their trek from Kande or Phedi, depending on the chosen route.

The trek to Mardi Himal takes climbers through lush forests, terraced farmlands, and traditional villages. The trail gradually ascends, allowing for proper acclimatization and offering breathtaking views of the surrounding valleys and snow-capped peaks. Along the way, climbers pass through quaint villages like Pothana and Deurali, where they can experience the warm hospitality of the local Gurung community.

As the trek progresses, the landscape changes, and climbers enter alpine zones characterized by rhododendron forests and high-altitude vegetation. The trail leads to Low Camp (3,150 meters/10,334 feet) and then to High Camp (3,550 meters/11,647 feet), where climbers spend the night before attempting the summit.

The ascent to the summit of Mardi Himal is a challenging yet rewarding endeavor. Climbers embark on a steep and technical climb, navigating through rocky terrain, snow slopes, and potentially icy sections. Proper mountaineering equipment such as crampons, ice axes, ropes, and harnesses are essential for safety and progress.

As climbers ascend towards the summit, they are greeted with awe-inspiring panoramic views of the Annapurna massif, including Annapurna I, Annapurna South, Hiunchuli, Machhapuchhre (Fishtail), and other surrounding peaks. The feeling of accomplishment and the majestic scenery make reaching the summit a truly unforgettable experience.

After reaching the summit of Mardi Himal, climbers descend back to High Camp and continue their trek back to Pokhara, following the same route or exploring alternative paths. The return journey allows climbers to reflect on their achievements and soak in the beauty of the Annapurna region once again.

Mardi Himal peak climbing is typically conducted during the spring (March to May) and autumn (September to November) seasons when the weather conditions are favorable for climbing. Prior trekking experience and a good level of physical fitness are recommended to undertake this challenging adventure.

## **Trip Itinerary**

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### **Day 1 : Drive from Pokhara to Kande and trek to Pothana (1950 m) – approx 5 hrs walk**

Our journey begins with a 45 minutes drive from Pokhara to Kande which is the starting point. The trail is good, first slowly up, then a bit steeper to Australian Camp (2060m – About one hour), then after that slightly downhill to Pothana (1950m). You have to climb up the stone stairs passing through terraced cultivated fields, settlements and forests taking you to Pothana where you will have great mountain views of the Annapurna Range . Overnight at normal tea house or lodge.

### **Day 2 : Trek from Pothana to Forest Camp ( 2500m ) - 6 hrs walk**

On the following day, we walk on the plain way for around one hour then there is a right turn in Deurali sign posted “Forest Camp” the trail is through Pine forest. The Forest is covered with the most unique flower called Rhododendron. At first, we have to walk up undulating on the top of a ridge, there is a section just over half way where the trail drops steeply and then slowly gains height and then back onto the ridge and into Forest Camp.

### **Day 3 : Trek from Forest Camp to Middle Camp 3110m - 6 hrs**

Leaving forest camp, we trek towards Low camp for lunch. Initially, the trail is quite steep leaving Forest Camp but soon gets less steep as we get towards the ridge. We can see the most amazing and clear view of Mt. Fishtail here. After about 6 hours walk, we reach middle camp where we will spend our overnight.

### **Day 4 : Trek from Middle camp to High Camp (3580m) , Pre climbing training at High Camp - 3 hrs walk**

From Middle camp, our trail passes through the hilly ridge ways again. The trees soon start to get smaller and after about one hours trekking broke out of the jungle and onto the open ridge with spectacular views of Machhapuchhre ahead and Annapurna South to our left. In between the journey of middle camp and High Camp there is a place called View Point where you can see various snow-capped mountains and villages like South Annapurna, Himchuli, Chhomrong Village, Ghandruk Village, Mt. Fishtail, Annapurna region, flora and fauna, beautiful village view, alpine forest, Gurung and Thakali culture, eco friendly villager as well as the least touristy trek. We will be walking around 3 hours through a series of steep, rocky climbs separated by leisurely walk through lush, green, High Mountain before reaching High Camp.

After 3 hours trek we reach in High camp and make lunch, then we following for pre climbing training with our instructor. Our Guide / instructor will teach you some methods/techniques for climb and brief you on details.

### **Day 5 : Acclimatization Day , Hike to Mardi base camp 4500m - 5 hrs walk**

Commencing trek from High camp, we climb up about 5 hours to Mardi Himal Base Camp which offers spectacular views of the entire Annapurna Range. It is also possible to return to high camp in around 5 hours which make it a long day walk. There is also a viewpoint approx half way where imaging view can be seen.

After reaching at Mardi base Camp, we make lunch at Camp(the food is prepared by our staff in Mardi Base Camp). then we back down to high camp for the night.

### **Day 6 : Trek to Mardi Himal 4500m - 3/4hrs walk**

You ascend steeply towards the col between the East Face of Mardi Himal and the connecting ridge of Machhapuchhre. From camp, you reach a snow color leading to the col with a steep section of perhaps 45 degrees. At the col further steep snow slopes lead to the summit of Mardi Himal (5587m). After enjoying your hard-earned climb, you then descend by the same route to the Base Camp.

### **Day 9 : Summit day - climb from High Camp to Mardi Himal Summit (5,587 meters/18,330 feet), then descend to High Camp or Low Camp.**

As instructed by our guide, if the weather is perfect then early about 2/3 AM we wake up and have breakfast then ready to leave to achieve our dream on the top of the summit (5587m). This climb is of little technical difficulty, where route finding and effort are the major problems. Late in the day, this might present avalanche danger under fresh snow conditions. Today the main highlight day, hard day , Long day, ready to achieve the dream.

Our expert climbing supporter fixing the rope line before the group leaving base camp.

### **Day 10 : Contingency day for unfavorable weather or unforeseen circumstances.**

This day we must keep for the reserve day for the unforeseen condition as weather problems or weaknesses then you can take this day as your reserve day.

### **Day 11 : Trek to middle Camp 3150m - 3 hrs walk**

Wake up early in the morning to have the most precious Sunrise view. Have your breakfast at High camp and descend towards Middle camp.

### **Day 12 : Trek from Siding Village to and drive back to Pokhara. 4 hrs walk / 4 hrs drive**

Wake up early in the morning to have the most precious Sunrise view. Have your breakfast at High camp and descend towards Siding village for Lunch. Siding is a simple traditional local village. Walking back straight descend to the same fine forest you can again see the beautiful red Rhododendron forest. After Lunch at Siding, we drive to Pokhara by Jeep for 4 hrs.

## **Inclusions**

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### **What is included?**

Trekking Lodge/teahouse and tented accommodation during trekking and climbing session.

Professional Trekking Guide and 2 guests 1 Trekking Porter.

Very Professional Climbing Guide and Crews.

Trekking staff foods, accommodations, salary, insurance.

All meal (Lunch, dinner and Breakfast) during the Trek with 3 tea/coffee every single day

Trekking Permits & Climbing Permit.

Assistant Cook and Transportation: Trekking assistant cook and necessary kitchen helper on the basis of Member and they carry of camping equipment and tent from lobuche,

Camping Equipment Utensils: EPI Gas, Gas stove or fuel stove for cooking, fuel or Kerosene oil, cooking pots, mattress, walkie talkie (talkback) etc.

Staff salary and allowance: climbing staffs and porters daily:  
wages/equipment/food/clothing/insurance

High Altitude Tents: North Face Dome Tent Space for two pax. Wall/cabin tent for dining and kitchen, etc.

Base camp Lodging & Foodservice: chocolate and Three Meals (Breakfast, Lunch and dinner) a day for members and staff.

Drinks and Beverages for climbing: Tea with cookies and hot drinking water during the climbing period and Hot Washing water in case required.

Fixing Gear: fix rope, main rope, snow bar, ice crew, rock pitons as well as Heli Rescue/charter Arrangement.

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

Any accomodation in Pokhara.

Any packed food/snacks, aerated drinks, energy drinks, mineral water, alcohol, cigarettes, chocolates, health bars.

Items of personal nature - laundry expenses, tips.

Rescues, repatriation, medicines, medical tests, and hospitalization expenses.

Medical insurance and emergency rescue evacuation if required.

Travel insurance and helicopter rescue.

Airfare of international flights.

Nepal entry visa fee (easy to obtain the visa on arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport – Kathmandu). \$25 USD for 15-day visa.

Personal climbing gear.

Tips, gifts, souvenirs.

Tips for the guide, porter, and driver (tipping is expected)

### **Complimentary**