



## The Khopra danda trek

<b>Trip code</b>	0
<b>Package name</b>	The Khopra danda trek
<b>Duration</b>	7
<b>Max. elevation</b>	3660 m
<b>Level</b>	MODERATE
<b>Transportation</b>	All ground transportation and domestic flight as per itinerary
<b>Accommodation</b>	3*** Hotel in Kathmandu and Lodge / Tea House twin sharing bed basis during the trek
<b>Starts at</b>	Pokhara
<b>Ends at</b>	Pokhara
<b>Trip route</b>	Pokhara - Ghandruk - Nayapul - Tadapani - Bayli Kharka - Swanta - Khopra Danda - Swanta - Ghorepani - Nayapul - Pokhara
<b>Cost</b>	USD 0 per person

## Highlights

- Stunning views of Annapurna South, Hiunchuli, Gangapurna, and Mt. Dhaulagiri, and other magnificent peaks in the Annapurna range.
- Sweeping panoramas of the Pokhara valley and Phewa Lake.
- Immerse yourself in the vibrant culture and traditions of the Gurung and Magar communities.
- Wander through enchanting forests teeming with rhododendrons, oaks, and pines.
- Explore adventurous trails that are off the beaten path.
- Visit the revered Khayer Lake, a site of spiritual importance.
- Experience 360-degree views from Khopra Danda/Ridge.

## Overview

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Khopra Danda is an underrated trek in the Annapurna region that has been open for five years but remains largely undiscovered by many trekkers. While iconic routes like Everest Base Camp and the Annapurna Circuit draw the most attention, Khopra Danda offers a distinctive experience with fewer tea houses and a serene atmosphere.

Rugged Trails Nepal's short trek to Khopra Danda starts and ends in Pokhara. With popular routes like Ghorepani and Muktinath affected by road construction, Khopra Danda and Mohare Danda present excellent alternatives for those looking to enjoy Nepal's natural beauty.

This trek showcases breathtaking views of the Himalayas, including Mt. Nilgiri, Dhaulagiri, Annapurna, Machhapuchhre etc. In spring, you'll wander through vibrant rhododendron forests and might even spot local wildlife. One of the trek's highlights is Khayar Lake, located at 4,827 meters. Autumn also offers stunning landscapes with picturesque paddy and millet fields. Throughout summer, monsoon, and autumn, you can see yaks grazing in the hills, while Ghorepani is famous for its spectacular sunrises and sunsets.

The 7 day short Khopra Danda Trek begins with a drive from Pokhara to Ghandruk village, allowing us to skip a day of walking along a dusty road from Nayapul. Instead, we'll enjoy a jeep ride to Ghandruk and then start trekking to Tadapani. The rugged drive brings an exciting thrill. From Tadapani, we'll follow a well-defined trekking route through Bayeli Kharka, Swanta, Khopra Danda, Swanta, Ghorepani, and Ulleri before returning to Pokhara by vehicle.

For those interested in a more extensive trek package starting and ending in Kathmandu, we also offer a longer itinerary. We need one working day to arrange permits for the short Khopra Danda trek. Groups looking for better pricing and service are encouraged to book in advance. This trek is available year-round, though trips may be suspended during heavy snowfall in mid-winter.

## Trip Itinerary

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### **Day 1 : Flight to Pokhara and drive to Ghandruk (1940 M) 6,365 ft and Trek To Tadapani.**

Early morning we will catch up an early flight to Pokhara. We'll drive from Pokhara to Ghandruk village, where we'll take a short walk to explore the local villages and museums. After lunch in Ghandruk, we'll trek to Tadapani, walking through beautiful oak and rhododendron forests. Along the way, you'll be treated to stunning views of Machhapuchhare (Fishtail), Annapurna South, Annapurna II, Annapurna III, Annapurna IV, and Lamjung Himal. We'll spend the night in Tadapani.

### **Day 2 : Tadapani to Bayeli Kharka**

If you want to experience the sunrise, be sure to step outside your room early in the morning. You'll be treated to a breathtaking view while breakfast is being prepared. After packing your bags and

enjoying your meal, we'll set off for our next destination, Bayeli Kharka. Our trek will take us through lovely rhododendron forests on a gentle four-hour walk to a viewpoint with stunning views of the Annapurna range. Once we arrive, we'll order lunch and savor delicious meals against the backdrop of the majestic Himalayas. After lunch, we'll spend the night in Bayeli, which is just an hour's trek away. You won't be disappointed, as this spot offers spectacular views of Mt. Dhaulagiri, the world's seventh-highest mountain.

### **Day 3 : Bayli Kharka Trek To Khopra Danda**

The trek will begin with a descent to Chhsitibang Village before climbing up to Khopra Ridge. Along the way, we may encounter pheasants (Nepal's national bird), yaks grazing in the alpine meadows, and Himalayan Tahr. From the ridge, you'll be treated to breathtaking views of Mt. Dhaulagiri, Annapurna I, Annapurna South, Tukucho Peak, Dhampus Peak, Mt. Nilgiri, and other magnificent, snow-covered peaks.

### **Day 4 : Trekking to Khayer Lake and Hike around Khopra Danda**

The day at Khopra Ridge involves immersing in stunning surroundings and hiking in the area. A trek of a few hours leads to Khayer Lake, a beautiful lake nestled among the mountains. From there, breathtaking views of the Himalayas, including Annapurna South, Dhaulagiri, and Nilgiri, can be enjoyed. The rest of the day offers opportunities to interact with locals and explore their rich culture and traditions. The evening will be in a cozy and welcoming tea house.

### **Day 5 : Trek to Swanta Village**

After exploring Khopra Ridge, the journey continues on the 5th day with a descent to Swanta Village. The trek takes about an hour to reach Upper Chistbung Village. Continuing downhill, the trail crosses potato and barley farms, along with charming villages, before arriving at Swanta Village. The remainder of the day offers opportunities to discover the village, learn about the Magar people, and experience their way of life.

### **Day 6 : Trekking from Swanta village to Ghorepani**

Another exciting day of hiking awaits, as the journey leads to Ghorepani, renowned for its stunning mountain views and breathtaking sunsets and sunrises. After breakfast, the trek begins with a walk to Chitre Village, following the main trail to Ghorepani. From Ghorepani, magnificent views of Dhaulagiri, Fishtail, Annapurna South, Annapurna I, and other peaks can be enjoyed. For those interested in catching the sunset at Poonhill, the guide will lead the way from Ghorepani. However, the main visit will be in the morning to witness the sunrise. Enjoy the final mountain dinner at Ghorepani, with an overnight stay in the lodges.

### **Day 7 : Trekking to Poon Hill, trek down to Nayapul and drive to Pokhara**

Poon Hill is famous for its stunning sunrise views of the majestic Himalayan Mountains. From this vantage point, you'll be treated to breathtaking sights of the Annapurna Range, which features remarkable peaks such as Dhaulagiri (8167m), Annapurna I (8091m), Annapurna II (7937m), Annapurna III (7855m), Annapurna IV (7525m), Annapurna South (7219m), Nilgiri (6940m),

Tukuche (6920m), Varaha Shikhar (7847m), and Lamjung Himal (6931m). After capturing some memorable photos, we'll head back to Ghorepani for breakfast before making our way to Nayapul and then driving to Pokhara.

## Inclusions

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### What is included?

- 3 Nights, 3\*\*\*hotel accommodation in Kathmandu with bed and breakfast (twin sharing basis).
- A Guided sightseeing tour (Pashupatinath Temple and Boudhanath Stupa).
- 12 Nights, Accommodation in teahouses or lodges twin sharing bed basis during the trek.
- All meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) with cup of hot drinks during the trek.
- Flight ticket to Lukla from Kathmandu or Ramechhap and return to Kathmandu including airport transfer to domestic airport.
- Trekking permits and TIMS (Trekking Information Management System) card.
- An experienced and licensed trekking guide or Mountain Leader.
- A porter from Lukla, we will be providing one porter for two people (Maximum weight carried by one porter is a total of 25 kg.)
- Sagarmatha National Park entrance fee & Khumbu Rural municipality fee.
- Accommodation, meals, insurance, equipment, and allowances of guide and porter.
- Airfare of guide for Kathmandu / Lukla / Kathmandu.
- Government taxes and service charges.
- Farewell dinner with cultural dance.

### What isn't included?

- International airfare to and from Kathmandu.
- Nepal entry visa fees.
- Sightseeing Entrance fee
- Personal travel insurance (covering medical, evacuation, and trip cancellation).
- Extra accommodation and meals in Kathmandu (beyond the itinerary).
- Any other activities not mentioned above, (We are happy to arrange this on your request)
- Personal expenses, such as laundry, phone calls, internet access, etc.
- Bottled drinks (mineral water, cold drinks, and alcoholic drinks).
- Additional porters or services if needed.
- Tips for guides, porters, and other staff.
- Any expenses arising due to unforeseen circumstances, such as flight delays, natural disasters, political unrest, etc.

### Complimentary