DESTINATION: OTHERS IN ANNAPURNA

Khopra Danda and Khayar Lake Trek

8 Days

8 days Duration	**Pokhara** Starts at	**Pokhara** Ends at	
March to May, October to November Best season	**4,500 to 4,700 m at Khayar Lake** Max altitude	**Moderate to challenging** Difficulty	
1 to 14 people Group size			

OVERVIEW

The trip

This Khopra Danda trek is an eight-day loop from Pokhara that leaves the busy Annapurna trails for a high ridge facing Dhaulagiri and the Annapurna range. You drive early to the Gurung village of Ghandruk and walk on to Tadapani the same day, then through forest to Dobato, and climb to the Mulde viewpoint before dropping to Chistibung. From there you reach Khopra Danda, at 3,660 m, where a community lodge looks straight across at Dhaulagiri, and spend a full day walking up to Khayar Lake, a sacred lake below Annapurna South. The route then descends through the village of Swanta to Ghorepani, and you finish with sunrise on Poon Hill before returning to Pokhara. It suits fit walkers with some hiking experience who want big views and quiet trails without a very high pass.

HIGHLIGHTS

Trip highlights

The moments this trip is built around.

- Max altitude: 4,500 to 4,700 m at Khayar Lake
- Difficulty: Moderate to challenging
- Best season: March to May, October to November
- Walking: 3 to 7 hours; lake day 7 to 9

ITINERARY

Day-by-day itinerary

Your day-by-day plan. Everything is customizable — add nights, swap activities, or change hotels.

1 Drive from Pokhara to Ghandruk and Trek to Tadapani

- Early drive of around 2 hours from Pokhara to the road below Ghandruk
- Walk up through Ghandruk, a large Gurung village
- Climb on stone steps through terraces into rhododendron forest
- Overnight in a Tadapani teahouse, a small lodge settlement in the forest

2 Trek from Tadapani to Dobato

- Leave the main trail and head north into quieter forest, 5 to 6 hours on foot
- Few lodges and few other trekkers from here on
- Climb to Dobato, a small clearing at about 3,420 m
- Overnight in a simple lodge, with an early night for the viewpoint

3 Mulde Viewpoint and Trek to Chistibung

- Early climb of about 45 minutes to Mulde viewpoint at 3,637 m for sunrise
- Views of Dhaulagiri, Annapurna South, Hiunchuli, Machhapuchhre and Annapurna III when clear
- Back to Dobato for breakfast, then 6 to 7 hours through forest and across ridges
- Overnight at Chistibung, at about 3,000 m

4 Trek from Chistibung to Khopra Danda

- Shorter climb of 3 to 4 hours above the tree line
- Arrive at Khopra Danda, 3,660 m, on an open ridge facing Dhaulagiri
- Rest and acclimatise for the rest of the day before the lake day
- Overnight in the Khopra community lodge

5 Day Hike to Khayar Lake and Return to Khopra

- Early start for the round trip to Khayar Lake, 7 to 9 hours on foot
- Steady climb on a high, exposed trail below Annapurna South
- The lake and its small Barahi temple, sacred to local Magar and Gurung communities
- Return to Khopra for a second night in the community lodge

6 Trek from Khopra Danda to Swanta

- Long descent of 5 to 7 hours from the ridge back into forest
- Last wide views of Dhaulagiri and the Kali Gandaki side of the range
- Arrive at Swanta, a farming village below the forest
- Overnight in a village lodge or homestay

7 Trek from Swanta to Ghorepani

- Climb of about 6 hours through fields and rhododendron forest
- Rejoin the main Poon Hill trail and its busier teahouses
- Arrive at Ghorepani, the lodge village below Poon Hill, at about 2,860 m
- Overnight in a Ghorepani teahouse

8 Poon Hill Sunrise and Return to Pokhara

- Pre-dawn climb of 45 to 60 minutes to Poon Hill at 3,210 m
- Sunrise over Dhaulagiri, Annapurna South, and Machhapuchhre when the sky is clear
- Breakfast in Ghorepani, then walk down to the jeep road at Banthanti or Ulleri
- Jeep of 3 to 4 hours back to Pokhara, where the trip ends

INCLUSIONS

What's included

Included

- Private jeep, Pokhara to Ghandruk and back
- Licensed guide on all eight days
- Seven lodge nights, meals on the trail
- Annapurna Conservation Area Permit (ACAP)

Not included

- Lunch on day 8, drinks and snacks
- Travel insurance
- Tips and personal expenses

PACKAGE PRICING

Package pricing

Price per person for every group size we price. Bigger group? Ask us and we will price it.

GROUP SIZE	PRICE PER PERSON
1 person	$929 / person
2 people	$682 / person
3 people	$600 / person
4 people	$559 / person
5 people	$534 / person
6 people	$556 / person
7 people	$537 / person
8 people	$543 / person
9 people	$531 / person
10 people	$521 / person
11 people	$533 / person
12 people	$525 / person
13 people	$518 / person
14 people	$512 / person

Prices are per person, in US dollars. No card fee · no hidden costs. What each price includes and excludes is in the What's included section above.

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3. **Balance — 2–3 days before departure**
   Anything still outstanding is settled 2–3 days before departure, or at your pre-trip meeting in Kathmandu.

REFUND TIMELINE (CANCELLATION)

30 days or more	FULL REFUND
15–29 days	25% FEE
8–14 days	50% FEE
7 days or less	NO REFUND

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- Mountain sectors such as Lukla are weather-dependent. Delays and cancellations are common in cloud and are outside anyone's control.
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- We process your refund within 4 to 7 working days of our acknowledgement.
- Money is returned by the original payment method and in the original currency. Your bank may take a few more days to show it.
- When you cancel, bank and transaction fees on both the original payment and the refund are borne by the traveller. If we cannot run the dates we confirmed with you, we refund every cent you paid, fees included.

No-show & early departure

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- Leaving a trip early, and any service you choose not to use, is charged in full and is not refunded.

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