DESTINATION: MARDI HIMAL TREK

Mardi Himal Trek from *Kathmandu*

6 Days

— Starts at	— Ends at	— Season

OVERVIEW

The trip

The Mardi Himal trek from Kathmandu is a six-day teahouse trek that folds the Kathmandu to Pokhara transfers into the classic Mardi ridge walk beneath Machhapuchhre. After the drive to lakeside Pokhara you head to the roadhead at Kande and climb through Australian Camp and rhododendron forest to Forest Camp, then climb the next day past Low Camp and Badal Danda straight to the ridgeline High Camp at 3,580 metres. An early morning climb reaches the Upper Viewpoint at 4,200 metres for a close wall of Machhapuchhre, Mardi Himal, Annapurna South and Hiunchuli, before you descend to Siding and return to Pokhara and Kathmandu. It is graded moderate, walked on well-made trails with simple lodges each night, and stays far quieter than the classic Annapurna routes. This from-Kathmandu version includes the road transfers both ways, so it suits trekkers basing themselves in the capital.

HIGHLIGHTS

Trip highlights

The moments this trip is built around.

- Max altitude: 4,200 m at the Upper Viewpoint
- Difficulty: Moderate
- Best season: September to May
- Walking: about 4 to 6 hours a day

ITINERARY

Day-by-day itinerary

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

DAY 1 — Drive from Kathmandu to Pokhara

- Scenic 6 to 9 hour drive through river valleys and hills
- Check in at lakeside Pokhara and relax
- Optional 30-minute flight in place of the drive

DAY 2 — Drive to Kande and Trek to Forest Camp

- Short drive from Pokhara to the trailhead at Kande (1,770 m)
- Climb through Australian Camp (2,060 m) and Pothana into rhododendron forest
- Overnight at Forest Camp, also called Kokar, at about 2,550 m

DAY 3 — Trek from Forest Camp to High Camp

- A long climbing day from Forest Camp, straight past Low Camp without stopping the night
- Moss-hung oak and rhododendron forest gives way to the open ridge and views of Machhapuchhre
- Continue past Badal Danda (3,210 m) and its spring rhododendron
- Overnight at High Camp (3,580 m)

DAY 4 — Sunrise at the Upper Viewpoint and Descend to Low Camp

- Early climb along the narrowing ridge to the Upper Viewpoint at 4,200 m
- Close panorama of Machhapuchhre, Mardi Himal, Annapurna South and Hiunchuli
- Return to High Camp for breakfast, then descend to Low Camp

DAY 5 — Descend to Siding and Drive to Pokhara

- Descend through forest and farmland to Siding village
- Local jeep track down through terraced Gurung country
- Drive back to lakeside Pokhara for the night

DAY 6 — Drive to Kathmandu

- Return drive to Kathmandu, or an optional 30-minute flight
- Last views of the Annapurna range along the way
- The trip concludes on the return to Kathmandu

INCLUSIONS

What's included

Included

- Tourist bus, Kathmandu to Pokhara and back
- Two nights, 3-star hotel in Pokhara, with breakfast
- Car to Kande, shared jeep back from Siding
- Licensed guide on the four trek days
- Three teahouse nights, meals on the trail
- Annapurna Conservation Area Permit (ACAP)

Not included

- Private vehicle, Kathmandu to Pokhara and back
- Flight between Kathmandu and Pokhara instead of the drive
- Lunch on days 1, 5 and 6, dinners in Pokhara
- Travel insurance
- Tips and personal expenses

PACKAGE PRICING

Package pricing

Price per person for 1, 2 and 3 people. Ask us for any other group size.

PRICE

$433 / person

1 person	$610 / person
2 people	$455 / person
3 people	$433 / 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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PAYMENT SCHEDULE

1. **30% — at booking confirmation**
   This first payment confirms your dates and lets us secure permits, domestic flights, guides, porters and your teahouse or hotel nights. Bookings made 15 days or fewer before the start date are payable in full on confirmation.
2. **40% — 15 days before your trip starts**
   The second instalment is due 15 days before the trip starts. For a group of seven or more travellers it is due 30 days before instead.
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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Non-refundable services

Some costs are committed to third parties the moment they are issued and cannot be recovered, regardless of cancellation timing:

- **Trekking permits** — ACAP/national-park entry and restricted-area permits are issued in your name.
- **Domestic flight tickets** — Kathmandu–Lukla, Pokhara and similar sectors, once ticketed.
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- **Chartered helicopters**, peak-climbing royalties and pre-paid activities.
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- Unused services, early descents, early departures and voluntary trip curtailments.

Permits & domestic flights

Permits

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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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- Bank and transaction fees on both the original payment and the refund are borne by the traveller.

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