DESTINATION: OTHERS IN ANNAPURNA

North Annapurna Base Camp Trek from Pokhara

5 Days

5 days Duration	**Pokhara** Starts at	**Pokhara** Ends at
March to May and September to November Best season	**about 4,190 m at North Annapurna Base Camp** Max altitude	**Challenging** Difficulty
1 to 15 people Group size		

OVERVIEW

The trip

The North Annapurna Base Camp trek is a short, remote and demanding five-day camping route that climbs to about 4,190 metres directly below the north face of Annapurna I, the side the first climbers reached the summit from in 1950. From Pokhara you drive deep into Myagdi past Tatopani and Narchyang to the trailhead at Humkhola, then walk up through rhododendron forest and open alpine pasture to Basket Mela and the sacred glacial lake of Panchakunda before the final push to base camp. There are no teahouses on the upper trail, so nights are spent in tented camps that are already set up along the route, and you may share the route with only a handful of other trekkers. It is steep, the altitude comes quickly, and it rewards fit, experienced walkers who want the Annapurna Sanctuary without the crowds of the classic southern trail.

HIGHLIGHTS

Trip highlights

The moments this trip is built around.

- Max altitude: about 4,190 m at North Annapurna Base Camp
- Difficulty: Challenging
- Best season: March to May and September to November
- Walking: about 5 to 7 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 Pokhara to Humkhola via Tatopani

- Long mountain drive from Pokhara through Beni and the hot-spring village of Tatopani
- Continue on rough track past Narchyang to the trailhead at Humkhola, about 6 to 7 hours in all
- Overnight in a tented camp at Humkhola, around 2,890 m, already set up on the route

DAY 2 — Trek from Humkhola to Basket Mela

- Climb steadily through rhododendron and mixed forest into open pasture
- Roughly 6 to 7 hours of ascent on quiet, little-used trail
- Overnight in the tented camp at Basket Mela, around 3,650 m

DAY 3 — Trek from Basket Mela to Panchakunda Lake

- Ascend rocky and grassy alpine terrain with widening mountain views
- About 4 to 5 hours to the sacred glacial lake of Panchakunda, roughly 4,050 m
- Overnight in the tented camp beside the lake in a high alpine basin

DAY 4 — Panchakunda to North Annapurna Base Camp, then descend

- Short, steep final push of about 30 to 45 minutes to North Annapurna Base Camp, around 4,190 m
- Close views of the north face of Annapurna I, with Nilgiri, Tilicho Peak and Dhaulagiri beyond
- Retrace the route with a long descent back down towards Humkhola

DAY 5 — Drive from Tatopani back to Pokhara

- Descend the last of the trail and rejoin the road near Tatopani
- Return drive to Pokhara through the Kali Gandaki valley
- The trek concludes on arrival in Pokhara

INCLUSIONS

What's included

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- Private jeep, Pokhara to Humkhola and back
- Licensed guide on all five days
- Four nights in tented camps, with meals
- Annapurna Conservation Area Permit (ACAP)

Not included

- Tatopani hot springs entry, 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	$749 / person
2 people	$527 / person
3 people	$452 / person
4 people	$415 / person
5 people	$393 / person
6 people	$404 / person
7 people	$420 / person
8 people	$405 / person
9 people	$394 / person
10 people	$385 / person
11 people	$392 / person
12 people	$385 / person
13 people	$394 / person
14 people	$388 / person
15 people	$382 / 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.

LEGAL & POLICIES

Booking & cancellation

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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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- **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.
- **Entrance tickets** to parks, monuments and heritage sites, once issued.
- **Chartered helicopters**, peak-climbing royalties and pre-paid activities.
- **Special hotel rates** booked on non-refundable terms at your request.
- Unused services, early descents, early departures and voluntary trip curtailments.

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- Permits are issued by the relevant government authority and in your name; issuing them is not at our discretion.
- Permit and park fees are non-refundable once issued, including if you turn back on the trail.

Domestic flights

- Mountain sectors such as Lukla are weather-dependent. Delays and cancellations are common in cloud and are outside anyone's control.
- All cancellations and changes are subject to the airline's fare rules.
- Where a mountain flight is cancelled we will help you rebook or arrange an alternative, but Uncover Nepal is not liable for the delay itself or for onward connections you have booked separately.

How refunds are paid

- Cancellations must reach us in writing at contact@uncovernepal.com. The timeline above runs from the date we receive that email.
- 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

- Travellers who do not arrive for the trip are charged the full trip cost.
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