

# 15 Days Incredible Mardi Himal Trek



## Overview

Mardi Himal Trekking is a wilderness and a remote area trekking in Annapurna Region trekking in Nepal offered by Himalayan Social Journey. The rugged terrain and off the beaten trail takes us to the Base Camp of Mardi Himal which offers us breathtaking views of Mardi Himal, Machhapuchhre (Fishtail), and Annapurna Massif. This less crowded trekking trail in Annapurna Region is the first preference of the naturalists and wilderness lovers.

The hidden gem in Annapurna region trekking, Mardi Himal trekking is hiking through magical rhododendron experiencing country ethnic groups and their way of life. The picturesque settlement of ethnic groups, winding trails, cascading natural waterfalls, vegetations, terraced fields are major highlights of this trekking. This trekking tends to be more beautiful during March and April since the entire hills are blanketed with flowering rhododendron. The views are so stunning.

## Journey

Mardi Himal Trekking commences from Pokhara after our flight or drive from Kathmandu to Pokhara. Our first trek is to the Forest Camp. From there, we hike all the way up to the Badal Danda through lush rhododendron and beautiful terraced fields and settlements. It is also a popular vantage point to witness beautiful Machhapuchhre and the entire Annapurna range. The trail then ascends up to the High Camp of magnificent Mardi Himal. Our 5-6 hours climb takes us to Mardi Himal Base Camp from where we can witness mighty Mardi Himal, alluring Machhapuchhre, Annapurna South, Gangapurna, Himchuli, and many other snow-fed peaks in the skyline.

## Highlights of the Trek

- Moderate trek in the majestic Himalaya Annapurna's foothill
- Stunning View Mount Dhaulagiri and Annapurna ranges
- Trek through Rhododendron and Oak Forest
- Sightseeing tour in Kathmandu and Pokhara Valley
- Share the inspiring knowledge with Nepalese people and

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- Makes a terrific gift to the adventure-seeking person in your life
- Experienced local guide bestows knowledge on Nepali culture and traditions
- Meditate and participate in yoga classes.
- Visit different world heritage sites
- Scenery beauty of Annapurna
- Jungle safari in Chitwan National Park

# Outline Itinerary ( 15 Days )

## Day 1 : Your arrival to the Kathmandu

Your arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport and transfer to Hotel. Orientation in the evening at around 5 PM. In the evening welcome dinner at Hotel.

**Max Altitude** Kathmandu (1,400 m)

**Overnight** Himalayan Suite Hotel

**Meal** Dinner included

## Day 2 : Kathmandu Sightseeing Tour

After breakfast guided sightseeing tour in Kathmandu (Swoyambhu, Boudhanath, Patan Durbar Square, and Patan Durbar Square) by private vehicle.

**Max Altitude** Kathmandu (1,400 m)

**Duration** 5-6 hrs

**Overnight** Himalayan Suite Hotel

**Meal** Breakfast included

## Day 3 : Rafting at Charaudi

Kathmandu to approx. 3 hours' drive by tourist bus to rafting starting point Charaudi 85 KM and raft for about 3-4 hours.

**Max Altitude** Charaudi (492 m)

**Duration** Rafting (3-4 hrs), Drive (2-3 hrs)

**Overnight** Riverside Resort

**Meal** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

## Day 4 : Drive to Pothana via Pokhara

After breakfast drive to Pokhara for 6-7 hours by tourist bus and drive to Pothana (2100M) approx. 2 hrs by private vehicle (Jeep / Bus).

**Max Altitude** Pokhara (1700 m)

**Duration** 5-6 hrs

**Overnight** Guesthouse

**Meal** Breakfast included

## Day 5 : Trek to Forest Camp

This day provides a steep climb through the Rhododendron, birch, oak, maple, hemlock, and daphnia for most of the day, all of which are the high glaciers at a distance from one of the highest Himalaya peaks- South-Annapurna. Occasionally we will get glimpses of the rich wildlife; many of us live in this thick forest, including leopards, goats, monkeys, and many bird species. If you go up to the Low Camp from the hills, then with its top in form of a fishtail, the holy Machepuchere rises before you, its lower sides covered by the Mardi-Himal ridge now evident as a mountain different from the Fishtail range.

**Max Altitude** Forest Camp (8,530 m)

**Duration** 5-6 hrs

**Overnight** Forest Camp Guest House

**Meal** Breakfast included

## Day 6 : Trek to Badal Danda

Trek to Badal Danda approx. 5 hrs. The view of Mt Fishtail and Mardi Himal appears far better. You would be walking mostly from the grasslands. The vision of lower Himalayan layers and the soft valley toward the south takes you back to a bright blue sky.

**Max Altitude** Badal Danda (3,210 m)

**Duration** 5 hrs

**Overnight** Badal Danda Guest House /Lucky View Guest House

**Meal** Breakfast included

## Day 7 : Trek to High Camp

We will start on the Mardi Himal top, leaving the Badal Danda, for 4-5 hours walking. We walk incredibly high to Mardi's edge with a magnificent view of the Mardi Himal and the Machapuchhre. After 1.5 hours we can get to the Middle Camp via Rhododendron timberlands. The tree lines tend to be narrower and the field is mostly made up of shrubs with restricted pathway rhododendron. We also see "Daphne" (National bird of Nepal) on our way to a camp if you are lucky enough. We're heading up to the high house, the last target of the day.

**Max Altitude** High Camp (3,580 m)

**Duration** 5-6 hrs

**Overnight** Hotel Namaste /Hotel Trekker's Paradise

**Meal** Breakfast included

## Day 8 : Hike to Mardi Base Camp

We walk towards the High Camp at the beginning of the day early in the morning, after getting breakfast, to our main destination-the Mardi Base Camp-at last. The Mardi Base Camp takes about 5 hours. At the base camp, we will enjoy the breathtaking scenery of the tropical flora

and fauna and snowy mountains. We are going to spend some time visiting the glamorous Himalayas and the mountainous mountains.

**Max Altitude** Mardi Base Camp (4,500m)

**Duration** 5-6 hrs

**Overnight** Low Camp Guest House / Sunrise Guest House

**Meal** Breakfast included

## Day 9 : Trek to Siding Village / Kalimati

We will spend some time there exploring the gleaming Himalayas and snowy landscape. After spending some great time enjoying the beautiful scenes of Himalayas and capturing some beautiful memories and trek to Siding Village / Kalimati approx. 5 hrs (1,885 m). A very steep and dangerous drop takes 4 hours on the road. The rough trail takes you to the beautiful traditional Siding village where you spend the night.

**Max Altitude** Siding Village (1,885 m)

**Duration** 5-6 hrs

**Overnight** Eco Lodge

**Meal** Breakfast included

## Day 10 : Drive to Pokhara

Drive to Pokhara via Jeep.



**Max Altitude** Pokhara (882 m)

**Duration** 5-6 hrs

**Overnight** Hotel Lake Star

**Meal** Breakfast included

## Day 11 : Sightseeing tour in Pokhara

After breakfast Sightseeing tour in Pokhara or boating in Phewa lake for an hour and hiking to Peace Pagoda.

**Max Altitude** Pokhara (882 m)

**Duration** 5-6 hrs

**Overnight** Hotel Lake Star

**Meal** Breakfast included

## Day 12 : Drive to Chitwan

After breakfast and drive to Chitwan approx. 4 hours by tourist bus, transfer to hotel, Welcome drinks, Evening walk, and Tharu cultural show.

**Max Altitude** Chitwan (415 m)

**Duration** 4-5 hrs

**Overnight** Hotel Seven Star

**Meal** Breakfast, Lunch, and dinner included

## Day 13 : Jungle Safari at Chitwan

After breakfast, Elephant Safari, Canoeing, Visit Elephant breeding center, Elephant bath, Tharu dance, dinner.

**Max Altitude** Chitwan (415 m)

**Duration** 5-6 hrs



**Overnight** Hotel Seven Star

**Meal** Breakfast, Lunch, and dinner included

## Day 14 : Drive back to Kathmandu

Early Morning Bird watching and drive back to Kathmandu 4-5 hour's drive or flight. (Flight is optional). Evening Farewell Dinner.

**Max Altitude** Kathmandu (1,400 m)

**Duration** 4-5 hrs

**Overnight** Himalayan Suite Hotel

**Meal** Breakfast included

## Day 15 : Your Departure

After breakfast, transfer to airport for your departure. Or extend your stay. (B)

**Meal** Breakfast included

## Include / Exclude

- Airport pickup & drop
- Accommodation at Himalayan Suite Hotel in Kathmandu, Hotel Lake Star in Pokhara and in Chitwan (Hotel Sevenstar) & in rafting River Side Resort in tented camp in twin sharing bed and breakfast basis
- Simple accommodation (run by the local family) with attached bathroom in the lodge with breakfast during the trek in twin-sharing basis.
- Necessary permit, TIMS, and National Park fees
- Rafting in Trishuli River
- Necessary rafting equipment (Helmet, life jacket, and Paddle)
- Trekking equipment during the trek [Sleeping Bag, duffle bag if necessary]
- Sightseeing tour at Kathmandu and in Pokhara by private vehicle
- Welcome dinner
- All meals as per the program in Chitwan
- Transportation by Deluxe tourist Coach Kathmandu – Charaudi (Rafting Starting point) -Pokhara- Chitwan -Kathmandu and by private vehicle Pokhara-Pothana-Khanepani / Lungde -Pokhara
- Meals, accommodation insurance, and other expenses of the trekking crew (guide and porters) 2 people will have one porter and highly experienced English speaking guide
- All Government taxes, VAT, and service charge.
- Accommodation at Himalayan Suite Hotel in Kathmandu, Mount Kailash Resort in Pokhara and Green Park Resort in Chitwan & last night in Kathmandu at Gokarna Forest Resort/Hyatt Place Kathmandu including breakfast in twin sharing basis. (Luxurious option)
- Lunch and dinner in Kathmandu, Pokhara and during trekking days (Meal cost about \$4 to \$7 depending on what and where you eat)
- Flight (Pokhara-Chitwan: USD \$90 PP for one way and Chitwan-Kathmandu: USD 115 PP one way) Sightseeing entry fees, NPR 250 (Syambhunath) +400 (Boudhanath) +1000 (Patan durbar square),

- Your Travel Insurance
- All activities in Chitwan



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