

Mardi Base Camp Trek



Overview

Mardi Himal trekking, offered by Himalayan Social Journey, unveils a pristine wilderness in Nepal's Annapurna region. Traversing rugged terrain, the trail culminates at Mardi Himal Base Camp, offering breathtaking vistas of Mardi Himal, Macchapuchre and Annapurna range. Nature aficionados favor this secluded route for its unspoiled beauty amidst the Annapurna's splendor.

Mardi Himal treks offers a captivating journey through enchanting rhododendron forests and encounters with diverse ethnic communities, unveiling their rich way of life. Tucked away in the Annapurna region, this trek unveils picturesque villages adorned with winding roads, natural waterfalls, lush trees and terraced landscapes. March and April, in particular, present an exquisite spectacle as the hills are adorned with blooming rhododendrons, creating breathtaking vistas that truly captivate the senses.

Highlights

- Moderate trek in the majestic Himalaya Annapurna's foothill
- Stunning View Mount Dhaulagiri (8,167m) and Annapurna I ranges (8,091m)
- Trek through Rhododendron and Oak Forest
- Makes a terrific gift to the adventure-seeking person in your life
- Experienced local guide bestows knowledge on Nepali culture and traditions

Journey

Mardi Himal Trekking commences from Pokhara after our flight or drive from Kathmandu to Pokhara. Our first trek is to the Low Camp. From there, we hike all the way up to the High Camp of magnificent Mardi Himal through lush rhododendron and beautiful terraced fields and settlements. 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.

Outline Itinerary (7 Days)

Day 1 : Drive to Pokhara and to Pothana

To drive from Pokhara to Pothana, we typically follow the Prithivi Highway until reaching the village of Phedi. From Phedi, we'll need to take a smaller road that leads up to Dhampus, and then to Pothana. It's a scenic route with beautiful views of the Annapurna range.

Max Altitude Pothana (2,100 m)

Duration Drive (2 hrs)

Overnight Guesthouse

Day 2 : Trek to Low 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. Trek to Low Camp from the hills, then with its top in form of a fishtail, the holy Machhapuchhre rises before you, its lower sides covered by the Mardi-Himal ridge now evident as a mountain different from the Fishtail range.

Max Altitude Low Camp (2,500 m)

Duration 5-6 hrs

Overnight Guest House

Meal Breakfast included

Day 3 : 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 can 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 Guest House

Meal Breakfast included

Day 4 : Hike to Mardi Base Camp via Viewpoint

We walk towards the View Point at the beginning of the day early in the morning leading 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 and then, trek back to Badal Danda.

Max Altitude Mardi Base Camp (4,500 m)

Duration 5-6 hrs

Overnight Guest House

Meal Breakfast included

Day 5 : Trek to Siding Village or 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 or 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 Guest House

Meal Breakfast included

Day 6 : Drive to Pokhara

The drive back to Pokhara from Siding village offers stunning natural scenery, with the lush greenery of the hillsides, the serene lakes and the majestic mountains. We will pass through picturesque landscapes, quaint villages, and possibly encounter local wildlife along the way. Be sure to take time to soak in the beauty of the surroundings and may be even make some stops to explore hidden gems along the route.

Max Altitude Pokhara (822 m)

Duration 5-6 hrs

Overnight Hotel Lake Star

Meal Breakfast included

Day 7 : Drive Back to Kathmandu

After breakfast, we'll be prepared to journey back to Kathmandu. The most convenient and fastest way to travel from Pokhara to Kathmandu is by flight, which takes around 25-30 minutes. Alternatively we can take a bus, which typically takes around 6-8 hours depending on the traffic and road conditions.

Meal Breakfast included

Include / Exclude

- Accommodation as per Itinerary on twin sharing bed and breakfast basis
- Hotel pick and drop service
- All the land transportation as per the itinerary
- Tims and National park fees
- Necessary equipment (sleeping bag and duffel bag) during the trek.
- English Speaking trekking guide
- Lunch and dinner in Kathmandu, Pokhara and during trekking days
- Kathmandu-Pokhara Flight is optional
- Cold drinks and beverages
- Your travel insurance (recommended)
- Personal expenses and tips to the crew
- Cost incidental to any change in the itinerary / stay on account of flight cancellation due to bad weather, ill health, and road block and / or any factors beyond our control.
- Rescue operation



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