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Annapurna Royal Trek

- Duration: 9 Days
- Max Altitude: 1,730 m
- Destination: Nepal
- Trip Grade: Easy
- Best Season: All Year

Highlights

- Complete Spectacular Annapurna (8,091m) and Machhapuchhre (Fish Tail) 6,993m
- Rhododendron backwoods (Nepal national blossom)
- Most noteworthy access of trek Chisapani 1,520m
- Aryan, Gurung and Magar Culture
- Excellent Gurung Community town
- Audacious most elevated Point Highest Access of Trek: Chisapani 1,520m
- Learn the Nepali way of life, culture, people, Mountain views, landscape, and festivals.

Overview

The Annapurna Royal Trek is undoubtedly the easiest and the shortest in the Annapurna Region – so it is ideal for any beginners starting their trekking journey.

The Royal Trek received its name in 1980 when Prince Charles of Wales, future King of England, embarked on this trail. And with spectacular views of mountains such as The Annapurna (8,091m), Machapuchhare (6,993m), and The Langtang range, this trek truly lives up to its royal name.

However, it is not just magnificent mountains that will keep you enthralled on this journey, as it is also perfect for people who want to experience local village life and the spiritual culture rooted in the region. With stopovers in local settlements, visits to hidden monasteries, and insights from local guides, this trek will give you a true taste of authentic Nepal.

This short but fulfilling route begins in Pokhara (200km west of Kathmandu) for those without the time for a long and strenuous trek. You will walk through communities and vividly built hillside rice field terraces until you reach Kalikasthan (1370m). You will follow the trail along the mountain ridge to get to Syaklung (1730m), Chisapani (1550m), and then back to Pokhara. We suggest that the best time to enjoy

The Annapurna Royal Trek is in the Nepali Autumn (From September through to December) and in the Winter (December through to February).

This trek is available as a private or group trek. As with all our packages, it is fully customizable, with a personalized travel and accommodation plan open upon request. So if you want to know more about the itinerary options, trek cost, trek difficulty, or anything else, please don't hesitate to get in touch with a friendly member of our team. Or, if you would like to read about what it's like to experience this adventure, check out our Annapurna Royal Trek Blog.

And don't forget – if you like the sound of this trek, but it isn't quite what you had in mind, then why not check out one of the other treks from our wide range, like the [Annapurna Khopra Ridge Trek](#)? Or get in touch – and we will help you to find your perfect [Everest Trekking Package](#)!

Day 01

Arrival in Kathmandu

On arrival, you will land at Kathmandu airport, where our friendly team will greet you and take you to your hotel. Depending on what time you arrive, you are free to take a rest, or if you are itching to start exploring, you can spend the rest of the day soaking up the atmosphere of the Capital. You will then have dinner and an overnight stay in a highly recommended hotel in the city center.

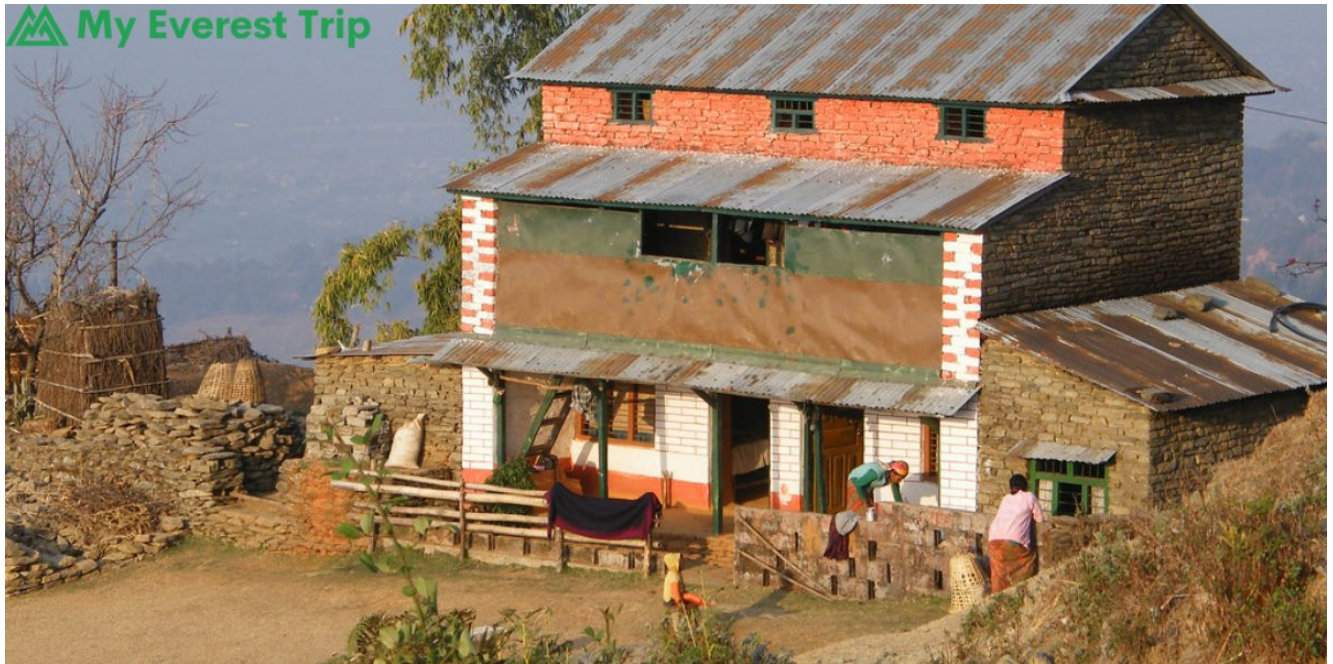
Dinner and overnight stay at a 3-star hotel in [Kathmandu](#)

Day 02

Sightseeing and Trek Preparation

After a welcoming breakfast, today you will have the opportunity to see some of Kathmandu's most famous UNESCO-listed world heritage sights, including Pashupatinath, Boudhanath, and Swayambhunath. Once you return you will meet your guide and begin preparation for your trek.

Breakfast and overnight stay at a hotel in Kathmandu



Day 03

Kathmandu Drive tourist bus to Pokhara

Today we take a 6-7 hour tourist bus. On the bus, driving through the hills and local villages is a truly exciting way to begin your adventure in Nepal and see what the country has to offer. Then once we arrive in Pokhara, you are free to explore its beautiful lake and enjoy the wonderful bars and restaurants that surround it. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, and overnight stay at a hotel in Pokhara

Day 04

Pokhara to Kalikasthan

Today we finally begin our trek! After a lovely breakfast, we can wave goodbye to Pokhara and drive for an hour to Bijayapur Khola to begin the 4-5 hour walk. The trek begins flat, passing through paddy fields and crossing a river. It then starts to ascend as we head towards Kalikasthan where we can explore and rest for the night. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner with an overnight stay in a teahouse

Day 05

Kalikasthan to Syaklung

Today is our first insight into rural Nepali life as we begin the day by walking through a number of traditional villages. After taking in some of the local cultures, we continue along the ridge of a mountain which allows us to see views of both the Lamjung Hima and Annapurna. We then pass through forests filled with rhododendrons before stopping for the night in Syaklung. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner with an overnight stay in a teahouse



Day 06

Syaklung to Chisapani

Today is full of ups and downs. We start with a trip through the Gurung Village - a chance to interact with the Gurung community and experience their life up in the mountains. We then continue through more rhododendron forests and walk under the shade of Sal trees, before the walk begins to increase in difficulty. We have a 400m descent, before embarking on a 600m ascent to reach the resting point for the night, Chisapani. The climb will be worth it however when we reach the best viewing point to observe the Himalayan panorama. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner with an overnight stay in a teahouse

Day 07

Chisapani to Pokhara

Today is the last day of our trek. It begins with a downhill descent to Tpatal and then sharply inclines to Sundare Danada. From here it's only a short walk, and a pleasant boat ride, to return to Pokhara. Here you can reflect on your accomplishments and take a well-deserved rest in [Pokhara](#)'s beautiful surroundings. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner with an overnight stay in a teahouse

Day 08

Pokhara to Kathmandu Drive

It's time to wave goodbye to the beautiful city of Pokhara and drive back to Kathmandu. On arrival, you are free to spend the rest of your day enjoying the excitement of the Capital - either taking a rest or exploring the city's nightlife for the final night of your trip. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, and overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 09

Final Departure

It's time to fly home! Say goodbye to Nepal and your fellow trekkers! A member of our friendly team will take you to the airport. Breakfast.

What To Expect?

What's included

- Airport/hotel pick up and drop off by private car
- At least two nights 3-star hotel in Kathmandu bed and Breakfast plan
- Meals on full board (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) in whole trekking
- Domestic flights (KTM-Lukla-KTM) with all surcharges and airport taxes for guests and guide
- Trekking map
- An experienced Government license holder guide
- Insurance, salary, equipment, transportation, local tax for guide.
- Group medical supplies (first aid kit will be available)
- All necessary paper works and national park entry permits
- Travel and rescue arrangement
- TIMS (Trekking Information Management System)
- All government taxes and tourist service charges

What's not included

- Meals in Kathmandu before and after trekking, allowing US\$ 15 - US\$ 20 per day
- Your travel insurance (Rescue)
- Nepal entry visa fee.
- Tips for trekking staff and driver
- Drinks (hot, cold, and alcoholic)
- Trekking porter/Sherpa who will carry your bags during the trekking.
- Personal shopping and laundry etc
- Personal trekking equipment

FAQs

General

Is Solo Royal Trek Nepal possible?



Yes, a solo Annapurna Royal Trek is legally permitted for travelers. Either you travel Solo or book our Annapurna Royal Trek, Solo trek can be done without any problem. However, there's a high risk of wildlife and the chances of getting lost along the Nepal Royal Trek route are also high. So, it's equally important to hire a guide while you are traveling Solo.

What kind of accommodation do you get for Annapurna Royal Trek?

Royal Trek is popular homestay trekking in Nepal. Don't know what a homestay is? It's a small guest house owned by the locals where you can get a comfortable bed a good food in their own house. The homestay in the Annapurna Royal trek route has been recently built. So, they might have facilities like a hot shower, a shareable bathroom with a western seat, and a centrally heated dining room.

The rooms are also large enough for 2 to 3 single beds. You will get a clean mattress, pillow, and blankets. If you are lucky, the rooms shall have a mirror as well. Make sure you look for a couple of options before booking your stay. It's important to book your room well in advance. Especially in the peak season, spring and autumn, the rooms are quickly filled, and you might miss the best ones. Or, just let your guide for the Royal Trek do the bookings as you stay back and relax.

For a camping trek in Nepal, check out our [Rara Trek](#).

What food must you eat during Royal Trek?

Since this is a homestay trekking trail, you don't have many options for food. The locals serve you whatever they eat and foods that are locally available. You will probably get a Nepalese Dal Bhat set with boiled rice, Spinach, veg/ non-veg curry, pulse soup, and pickles. The breakfast will either be Tibetan bread or curry with tea or Sel Roti. Set Roti is something that you must have during treks in Nepal. Khir i.e. Rice pudding can also be prepared during the trek. Dhido, Alo Tama, Momo, and Thukpa are some other local food that you can ask to prepare.

Sukuti and local alcoholic drinks are also something you can give a try.

How to get from Kathmandu to BijayapurKhola?

BijayapurKhola, a few km away from Kathmandu, is the starting point of our Royal trek. You can get a direct bus from Kathmandu to BijayapurKhola, so we need to go to Pokhara first.

Getting to and from Pokhara: Pokhara is a 200kms drive from Kathmandu. As per the Itinerary, we drive for 8 hours on Prithivi Highway. You might either choose to travel in a jeep or drive in a tourist bus. The Tourist bus is the cheapest option, while the private Jeep is more comfortable. The next option is the flight from Kathmandu to Pokhara. This 25-mins flight is a luxurious option and also gives you an extra day to explore the beauty of Pokhara. The agency will book the domestic flight upon special request.

Getting To BijayapurKhola: BijayapurKhola, is about an hour of drive from Pokhara. We will take a Private Jeep to the starting point of our Royal Nepal trek. The public bus might also be available, or that's not a comfortable option for a tourist.

How long is Annapurna Royal Trek?

This Annapurna Royal trek is 4 day of walk from Annapurna. Our full package, right from arrival from Kathmandu is 9 days long. If you are an experienced trekker, you can complete this trek in 3 days from Pokhara.

Additional Information

Best time for Annapurna Royal Trek

The royal trek is one of few treks in Nepal which can be done throughout the year (unlike the famous [Everest Base Camp trek](#)). There's no restriction for any travelling season in this lower region of Annapurna.

Travellers to Nepal claim that March to May and August to December is the best time for Royal Trek. Along with unleashing the true beauty of the mountain, Spring and Autumn is also the time when the flora's colour and fauna's activities take your heart away. The picturesque foreground of tropical and temperature forests makes a perfect setting.

Summer, i.e. June and July, mark the monsoon in Nepal. People are yet to acknowledge the beauty of the after-rain view. It's the time when the animals in Annapurna Conservation Area are very vibrant, and the fresh flush of grass makes everything green. And winter, i.e. January and February, are full of snowfall, uncovering the most magical views of the mountains. Although it's a bit cold, Royal Trek in Winter is magical. The mornings are warm enough to stroll around, and the days are cool enough for the hike. That's perfect. Simply put, this Royal Trek is arranged by MyEverestTrip throughout the year, and you can travel whenever you wish.

Annapurna Royal Trek difficulty



Oh, that's not something you need to worry about. Royal Trek is a short and very easily achievable trek. Even the newbie with no prior trekking experience can make it to the top and back in no time. It's one of the easiest treks in Nepal to the Himalayas. The Royal Annapurna Trek trek difficulty has been graded "Easy." Yet, it would help if you were physically and mentally fit to achieve such distance. We have discussed some challenges Royal Trek might encounter on the trek.

Royal Trek camp trek distance and duration

MyEverestTrip neatly Royal trek package is nine days long. However, the actual Annapurna Royal trek duration is only four days long. The trail from Pokhara to Chisapani is about 45 km. Covering this duration in 4 days is no big deal. You will walk for 4 to 5 hours daily and reach the homestay before evening.

The royal trek is challenging due to the distance.

The Royal elevation Syaklung (1730 m) is the highest point during the journey. This is not a very high-altitude trek (like [Annapurna Circuit Trek](#)), and altitude sickness is not a big deal here.

However slim, the risk of altitude sickness while trekking to Nepal cannot be ignored. If the symptoms worsen, you might have to climb to a lower altitude. That's why travel insurance is needed before booking your Royal Trek package. Also, some other cardio exercise preparation before the trek is beneficial.

Internet, electricity and telephone facilities

MyEverestTrip manages a luxurious Nepal Royal tour for you. You will get Wi-Fi with good speed in all the places during the trek. On the highway or during that time, you can use 4G mobile internet. The mobile data are affordable and work well for your social media connection. You can issue NTC or NCell sim cards that are available anywhere you need them, and the cards cost only \$1. Our tour guide to Nepal will also help you get your SIM card. Next, you won't have any issues with the electricity. All the rooms will have plugs to charge your phone. We can also set our devices on the bus if we travel on a tourist bus. However, getting a good power bank for this Nepal tour is always a good idea. So, if you want to trek in

Nepal while working, the Royal Nepal trek is perfect for you.

Note: If you want a more adventurous trek in Nepal, check out [Manaslu Larkya La Pass Trek](#).

Necessary permits and paper works

Firstly, you will need your passport with six months of validity. As you arrive at the airport, you can apply for a Tourist Visa of 15, 30, or 90 days. The visa will be issued within a few minutes if you have all the documents. The visa cost is USD 30, 50, and 100, respectively.

Next, you need two kinds of permits for the Royal Annapurna Trek. The first is ACAP, an entry card to the Annapurna Conversation Area. This \$30 permit (Rs 200 for SAARC country) can be issued from Kathmandu/ Pokhara or even at the entry point while you are travelling. The money goes for the management of the conversation area itself. The following permit is called a TIMS card and costs \$20 for solo trekkers and \$10 for group trekkers. This Royal Trek permit is issued by the government and is the same for [Annapurna Base Camp Trek](#).

Why US

[MyEverestTrip](#) is a **Nepalese Travel and Trekking Agency** based in Kathmandu. We have been operating in different trekking regions for over a decade, traveling with hundreds of travelers worldwide.

With the pure intention to bring trekkers to Nepal's safety and comfort, we have an entire team of travel planners, guides, and porters. We also have connections to hotels and restaurant lines all over Nepal to ensure that our trekkers get the best possible facilities.

So, here is the reason why you should travel with MyEverestTrip.



Customize Your Itinerary:

We have designed a well-planned Itinerary for all travel destinations around Nepal. However, this Itinerary is customizable as per the needs and requests of our trekkers. Just let us know when and how long you are staying so we can arrange the rest.



Our Expert Guide:

Although all travel agencies claim to have a good guide, many are not informed about the place you are traveling to. However, MyEverestTrip has its licensed guide in Nepal. They have been working in this

field for over three decades, collecting all the information about the place/ culture and learning to keep the travelers safe. Also, our guide is good at the English language. We can even hire a guide who can speak Chinese and other European languages for trekking in Nepal upon special request.



Fair and reasonable Cost:

MyEverestTrip has been known for its very economic trek packages in Nepal. You can compare the price we offer with any other travel agency in Nepal and only book with us if you are satisfied with our cost. We try to include all needed expenses during the tour so that you will not be overwhelmed with hidden expenses after the packages are booked.



Your safety is our priority:

Obviously, the safety of our trekkers and team is the utmost priority of MyEverestTrip. Our guide and porters who shall accompany you for the trip will have their insurance. We also encourage Travel insurance for our trekkers. Our treks and trips have been so designed that you only walk an appropriate distance. In any case of emergency, you will always have our back.



Responsible and Eco-Friendly

MyEverestTrip operates with the belief in responsible tourism. This includes

- We are transparent about the services covered on the trip. There shall be no hidden cost (informed in advance if there's any)
- We cover all the places promised before the trek (the trend of skipping places once you book the package has to be discouraged).
- All our guides and porters are above 18yrs. We highly discourage child labor in the tourism industry
- We do not leave any wastage behind on the trekking routes. We either dispose of the waste appropriately or carry it back with us and send it to the municipality
- We do not engage in any activities that affect the people in the trek places of Nepal where we stay.

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