

## Machhapuchre Model Trek - 13 Days

Machhapuchre Model Trek introduces you to the new trekking route at Annapurna region. It is a short and comparatively easy trek recently announced open by Trekking Agencies Association of Nepal (TAAN). Basically, Machhapuchre Model Trek is known for its unique gradually ascending route that lets us enjoy the beautiful landscapes, forest walks, excellent upclose views of Machhapuchre and surrounding peaks. Additionally, getting to know local cultures, traditions and lifestyle of local inhabitants would be another highlight of this trip. While holding up all of these amazing possibilities, soon, Machhapuchre Model Trek looks forward to attract as many as adventure lovers as nearby other trips such as ABC and Poonhill trek.

Machhapuchre Model Trek is relatively still virgin trek in Nepal with an opportunity to see gradual diversity in vegetation, landscapes and surroundings. The village we explore is mostly inhabited by Gurungs. We start our trip journey from beautiful lake city of Pokhara and Mardi Pul. Further, we begin hiking towards Lachok and Ribhan. The next couple of trekking days would be exciting as we make our way through culturally affluent indigenous communities of Brahmins, Gurungs, Tamang and other. This trip will be rewarding one also on the basis of other activities like flora, fauna, bird watching and other activities etc. Visiting Kathmandu valley and Pokhara are also added attractions that can be done before or after this trekking adventure.

This trip is best for first timers who are trekking in Nepal to all those travelers who have been to major treks like EBC, ABC, Annapurna Circuit and Ghorepani Poonhill. Join this trip during any time of the year, especially during spring and autumn season. We do organize this trip and always look after the satisfaction of our clients. Client's safety and satisfaction is what we are always looking out for. Enquire us now for booking and other any trip related enquiries.

## PRICE INCLUDES

- Three nights' twin sharing accommodation with breakfast in a 4-star category hotel- Ramada Encore or similar in Kathmandu
- Two nights' twin sharing accommodation with breakfast at hotel Mount Kailash Resort or similar in Pokhara
- Guided sightseeing tour in Kathmandu including temple/monument entry fees and private vehicle
- Meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) during the trek
- Best available teahouse/lodge accommodation (twin sharing ) during the trek
- Staff– one professional, knowledgeable and friendly English speaking trekking leader along with assistant guide (6 trekkers : 1 assistant guide) and porters (2 trekkers : 1 porter) including their food, accommodation, salary, equipment, transportation, and accidental insurance
- Ground transportations from Kathmandu – Pokhara and Pokhara – Kathmandu transfers by private vehicle (but tourist bus for solo trek)
- Duffel bag, sleeping bag, and down jacket for use during the trek
- Icicles Adventure T – shirt, trekking map and trip achievement certificate
- First aid medical kit
- TIMS and Annapurna Conservation Area Permit
- All government taxes & office service charge

## PRICE EXCLUDES

- Nepal visa arrangement (more on [Nepal Visa Information](#))
- International/Domestic airfares
- Excess baggage charges
- Travel and rescue insurance
- Added night/s accommodation in Kathmandu or Pokhara because of early arrival, delayed departure, early return from mountain (due to any cause) than the programmed itinerary
- Lunch and dinner in Kathmandu or Pokhara (and also in the case of early return from mountain than the programmed itinerary)
- All kind of drinks (alcoholic, hot, or cold)
- Personal expenses such as phone calls, bar bills, laundry, battery recharge, bottle or boiled water, hot shower, extra porters, etc)
- Personal equipments and clothing
- Tips for guides and porters (tip is expected)

## ITINERARY IN DETAIL

### Day 1: Kathmandu Arrival

As you arrive at Kathmandu, Nepal, we will welcome you at Tribhuvan International Airport with garlands and our office representative will drop you off at your respective hotel. In this way, check in and get proper rest. Enjoy strolling around streets of Kathmandu. Stay overnight at hotel in Kathmandu.

### Day 2: Kathmandu Sightseeing Day Tour and Trek Preparation

Get ready to explore the cultural richness of capital city Kathmandu, visit the temples, Durbar Square, UNESCO world heritage sites including Swayambhunath stupa, Boudhanath stupa, Pashupatinath temple and Kathmandu Durbar Square. Experience the best of historical and cultural sites, attractions, palaces, museums, carvings on doors, windows and so on. Also you are recommended to try momos, popular food in town at one of the restaurant or well sanitized street vendor. Later, our trekking guide will ensure you have got all the trekking equipments and clothes ready. Finally return to your hotel for overnight stay.

### Day 3: Drive from Kathmandu to Pokhara (900m)

We shall take approximately 6 to 7 hours of drive from Kathmandu to Pokhara. Through the window of comfortable tourist bus, enjoy terrace farmlands, green valleys, landscapes, waterfalls, rivers and local small towns, villages, settlements. Upon arrival at Pokhara, check in into hotel in Pokhara and relax until end of the day. If there is time, we will take a short walk around Phewa lake. Overnight stay at hotel in Pokhara.

### Day 4: Drive from Pokhara to Mardi Pul and trek to Ribhan via Lachok (1430m/4691 ft): 4-5 hrs

We shall begin our hiking activity after taking another short drive from Pokhara to Mardi Pul. From here we start our hiking towards Lachok. Enjoy walking through alpine surroundings; make our way through beautiful rivers flowing upstream. And also we will enter the Annapurna Conservation Area where we will enter the cave enter Paati Khola. The trail separates from Bhir Katera and then finally continues towards Ribhan. We stay overnight at local teahouse in Ribhan.

### Day 5: Trek from Ribhan to Chichemle Kharka (2645m/8677 ft) via Odane Hill : 5-6 hrs

Further we shall take our steps ahead into Annapurna conservation area. Slowly, walking through the forested trails, vegetations with ups and downs of the trails, we will then continue the uphill walk towards Lalka spotting supporters shelters. Continue along the ridges of Odane hill, descending towards Chichemle Kharka. Kharka basically means the grazing place and this one is the summer grazing place of animals. Enjoy beautiful views of nearby Himalayas while walking through refreshing rhododendron trees. We will walk around 5 to 6 hours today and stay overnight at Chichemele Kharka.

### Day 6: Trek from Chichemle Kharka to Kumai (3245m/10646 ft): 4-5 hrs

We shall continue our Machhapuchre Model Trek enjoying the surrounding vegetations, diversity in landscapes, culture. The trekking route gradually descends from Odane Hill and ascend towards Samsur Deurali. This place gives great chance to view excellent views of nearby Annapurna Himalayas. We shall further hike up to Kumai danda for exploring those Himalayan views. Along the route, we also visit around the supporting Shelters and finally stay

overnight at Kumai.

#### **Day 7: Trek from Kumai to Kharka (3699m/12135 ft) via Korchon : 4-5 hrs**

We shall be at highest elevation of the trip today while heading towards grazing area of Kharka. After having our early meal, we start hiking towards the ridge of Khumi danda. There will be plenty of small river streams that we will cross along the way. In this similar way, we will drive to Korchan hill that leads us to meadows and finally stay overnight at flat grazing land in Kharka.

#### **Day 8: Trek from Kharka to Takru (1450m/4757 ft): 5-6 hrs**

Initiating from today, we shall start to return to where it all began. At first, we will begin our walk while witnessing the great sunrise views over the Himalayas. And after having our breakfast, we will head towards Korchon and on the route, we follow the ascent. Along the way, we will follow quite a few ascents, kharkas and a local place called Naudhoke. In this way, we shall arrive at takru and stay overnight over there.

#### **Day 9: Trek from Takru to Lwang (1460m/4790 ft) :5-6 hrs**

It will be mostly a descending walk today as well. We will be close to Mardi river and get accompanied by nearby river streams of Saiti river. Further making our way through small settlements of Saiti Ghatta, where we get to see the water powered grinding mills. Followingly, we will head towards Kujbang village, Lumre village and finally cross the Mardi river. Hiking through the culturally affluent local villages, with gradual ascends and descends, finally we will stay overnight at Lwang.

#### **Day 10: Trek from Lwang to Mardi Pul (1000m/3280 ft): 6-7 hrs**

Today shall be our final day of trekking activity as we hike from Lwang to Mardi Pul for around 6 to 7 hours. We have our breakfast at set time and start walking towards our destination of the day. We shall walk through small river tributaries, pass through the confluence of two rivers Mardi and Idj River downstream and finally arrive at Mardi Pul for overnight stay.

#### **Day 11: Drive from Mardi Pul to Pokhara (820m/2690 ft): 1-2 hrs**

We return from the small settlements of Mardepul, get on a vehicle and drive towards Pokhara. This short drive of couple of hours takes us to Milanchowk and connects us to Pokhara-Baglung highway. Following the same highway, we get back towards Pokhara. We shall stay overnight at hotel in Pokhara.

#### **Day 12: Drive from Pokhara to Kathmandu**

After completion of our trek at Pokhara, we shall return to Kathmandu on a drive. After arriving at capital city, we will organize a complete farewell dinner to all the trekking participants at cultural restaurant in Kathmandu. Stay overnight at hotel in Kathmandu.

#### **Day 13: Farewell. International Departure from Kathmandu**

Get all of your packing and preparations done and be ready to fly back home. You will be transferred to Tribhuvan International Airport to catch your scheduled international flight. Farewell friend.