

## Royal Trek With Family - 8 Days

Royal Trek with family is comparatively short and easy trek located near the scenic Pokhara valley. It is called royal as it got its name when Prince Charles of Wales trekked in this region in 1980 with his 90 people to explore the natural beauty of Annapurna region full of scenic Himalayan views, picturesque fields and landscapes along the richness of local culture and lifestyle.

After guided sightseeing around the Kathmandu valley the trek starts along the gorgeous ridges, passing Thulakot and then onto Mati Thana. The Royal trek is short and easy trek ideal to experience with family on the foothills of Annapurna region. Royal trek exhibits the stunning views of Annapurna Himalayan range along Macchapuchhre, Lamjung and Pokhara valley. The children will just love this amazing atmosphere, not only because of the astounding Himalayan views but also due to fun and excitement they feel while learning about the new lifestyle, culture and interaction with local inhabitants of small villages. Due to easy trekking routes you and your kids will have no physical difficulties. That feeling when you are happy with your family exploring the new beautiful place is just awesome. And we are here just to bring these feelings into life.

Join Royal trek with Icicles adventure treks and create the best adventure holidays with your family.

## ITINERARY IN DETAIL

### Day 1: Arrive at Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) Kathmandu

As you land at Tribhuvan International airport, finish your custom formalities (visa, etc.) and get to the airport waiting terminal, you will find our representative waiting to greet you. He/she will be holding Icicles Adventure Treks and Tour signboard and your name. You will be then transferred to your respective hotel in our private vehicle. Overnight in hotel.

### Day 2: Trek preparation and Kathmandu Valley Sightseeing Tour

After breakfast, we start a guided tour of several historical and spiritual sites in Kathmandu which are also listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites including the historic Durbar Square, the sacred Hindu temple of Pashupati Nath, the famous 'Monkey Temple' (Swayambhunath), and Buddhists shrine (BouddhaNath) which is one of the large Stupas in the world. Later after the sightseeing program, we will introduce you to your trekking guide and have a small pre-trip meeting. You are advised to pack your things and be set up for your actual adventure that will begin the next day. Overnight in hotel. (Breakfast Included)

### Day 3: Drive Kathmandu to Pokhara

Early morning, catching the bus, we drive to Pokhara following the Prithivi Highway. The distance between Kathmandu and Pokhara is 200 kilometers and it takes 6-7 hours to reach. On the way, you can take pleasure in amazing views of green mountains and villages. Upon reaching the enchanting city of Pokhara which offers magnificent views of Dhaulagiri, Manaslu, Machhapuchhare, five peaks of Annapurna, and others, we check in to the hotel. In the evening, you can stroll around the lakeside testing the authentic Nepalese cuisions. Overnight at Hotel (Breakfast is included)

### Day 4: Drive to Bijaypur and trek to Kalikathan

After a hearty breakfast at the hotel in Pokhara, we shall drive towards Bijaypur Khola-the beginning point of the journey. We commence our walk for about an hour passing flat paddy fields and cross the river. After crossing the river the trail starts to ascend to Kalikasthan. As we continue ascending in the direction of Kalikasthan we will stop on the midway for the lunch. (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner included)

### Day 5: Kalikathan and trek to Syanklung (1730m) Hiking duration: 4 to 5 hours

The trail starts along a forested ridge, passing Thulokot and then onto Mati Thana. You can stop over for lunch in this village as there are few teashops open. Then the trail starts to gradually ascend to Naudanda, and continues until you reach the Gurung village of Shanklung where you will be spending the night. During the trek we will be walking on the ridge of the mountain which offers a decent view of Annapurna and Lamjung Himal. Overnight at camp (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included)

### Day 6: Syanklung to Chisopani (2300m) Hiking duration: 4 to 5 hours

The Himalayan skyline changes as the route taken will be shrouded by mountains like Annapurna II, Lamjung Himal, Manasulu and Himalchuli. The trail descends steeply to the south side of the hill passing by an ancient tree with a chautara (stone platform), several tea shops and a police check post. From there, you will proceed on, following the

Royal Trek route and ascend to Chisopani (coldwater) where you will be spending the night. There is a temple located on a high knoll above the village. The place offers splendid views of the mountains in the vicinity. Overnight at camp (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included)

#### **Day 7: Chisopani to Pokhara (884m) Hiking duration: 3 to 4 hours**

You will start off by descending down a ridge and stone steps which leads you into a small valley. Continuing along the Royal trek stream, you will pass through a rice field and then make a final ascent to the ridge that separates Begnas Tal and Rupa Tal. The route to the Begnas Bazaar and onto Pokhara is a wide path that is frequently used by local people. Spending another night in Pokhara will give you an opportunity to explore around. Overnight at hotel (Breakfast, and Lunch Included)

#### **Day 8: Drive back to Kathmandu (1,345m) 6 hour**

You have the option to extend your trip to continue onto Chitwan jungle safari, rafting adventure, Kathmandu valley shopping tour, and scenic Everest flight, mountain biking and other activities. Overnight at a hotel in Kathmandu. (Breakfast, Included)

#### **Day 9: Final Departure**

Today your royal Trek trip comes to an end. If you have more time you can do some shopping or sightseeing. Approximately 3 hours before your scheduled flight a representative from Icicles Adventure Treks and Tour will take you to the airport for your flight back home. We are sure our service and the Himalayas hospitality has captivated you to come back again!