



## 14 Days Khopra Danda Trek

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### OVERVIEW

Maximum elevation: 4,827 meter

Destination: Khopra Danda (3,660m) & Khayer Lake (4,660m)

Trek Grade: Moderate

Best Season: Jan – May, Sep – Dec

Places Visited – Kathmandu, Pokhara

You will walk remote forest trails that few trekkers even know about. The trek takes you high into the rampart ridges that lead all the way up Annapurna South (8,091m) itself. From many vantage points along this trek you get the feeling you can almost reach out and touch Annapurna – the mountains are so close you almost can. The trek takes you to some high mountain ridges at 3,800m and then 4,800m altitude where the views to the many peaks of the Annapurna Massif and the mighty Mount Dhaulagiri (8,167m) will leave you spell-bound. This is truly one of the best off-the-beaten-path treks in Nepal.



## ITINERARY

### **Day 1 Arrival in Kathmandu (1,300m). Overnight in Hotel of Kathmandu (-,-,D)**

Pick up from the Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu and transfer to the hotel. In the evening, we have Nepalese cuisine at a welcome dinner.

### **DAY 02: Cultural Sightseeing around Kathmandu city & Trekking preparation (B,-,-) (1,350m)**

Enjoy sightseeing guided tour in Kathmandu : Boudhanath and Pashupatinath. Boudhanath is one of the most popular and biggest Buddhist stupas in the world, a magnet for Tibetan Buddhism. Not far away is one of the most holy and venerated Hindu temple of Pashupatinath. The golden-roofed pagoda-style temple hosts numerous monuments, cremation site, a deer and monkey park and a eastern classical music center.

In the afternoon, a free day for trek preparation.

### **DAY 03: Kathmandu-Pokhara (850m) O/N Hotel (BLD) (850m)**

After breakfast. You can either drive for 6-7 hours to Pokhara or take a 30 min scenic flight from Kathmandu to Pokhara.

Optional (Rafting) Trip to Pokhara: 3 hrs drives to Charaundi, the put-in point for Rafting in Trishuli River that ends at Kuringhat, then continue drive to Pokhara.

### **DAY 04: Pokhara - Ulleri (2070m, 6~7 hrs) O/N Teahouse (BLD) (2,070m)**

Morning drive for one and a half hour to Nayapool (1011m), our starting point for trekking. The trail steadily progresses to Birethanti then gradually passes through Hile onto Tikhedhunga (1540m). It takes another 2 hrs to reach Ulleri (2070m), a small Magar village. Overnight in a local lodge.

### **DAY 05: Ulleri - Ghorepani (2865m, 4~6 hrs) O/N Lodge (BLD) (2,865m)**

The trail climbs through rhododendron and oak forest to Ghorepani via Nangethanti (2460m). 'Thanti' is a Nepali word meaning 'rest house'. Nangethanti is a perfect spot for lunch break for those trekking slowly. Otherwise, those with good walking speed can directly head to Ghorepani for lunch. Ghorepani used to be a 'watering stop' for horses, mules and ponies that carry daily supplies for this region.

### **DAY 06: Ghorepani - Poon Hill (3210m, 1 hrs) - Swanta (2270m, 4~5 hrs) O/N Lodge (BLD) (3,210m)**

Today your guide will wake you up around 5.00 am for an exciting 2 hrs hike to and from Poon Hill (3195m). You will reach the top of Poonhill just in time to see the beautiful sunrise over the snowcapped Himalayan peaks. Poonhill is the best vantage point to watch an unobstructed view of Annapurna, Dhaulagiri and Machhapuchhare peaks. Afterwards, you will descend back to the lodge in Ghorepani for a nice warm breakfast. After breakfast, begin your day's trek from Ghorepani. The first three hours is a downhill trail through sparse village settlement and forests followed by a straight one hour climb up to Swanta village. The green valley of Swanta lies at the lap of Mt. Annapurna South and Mt. Nilgiri. Swanta is the perfect place to rest before trekking up to Khopra. The local lodge in Swanta offers organic food and hot shower facility.

### **DAY 07: Swanta - Chistibang (3026m, 4~5 hrs) O/N Community Lodge (BLD) (3,026m)**



The trail from Swanta village to Chistibang (also called Dhankharka) initially levels with some downhill sections, but steeply climbs to Chistibang on the final stretch. A locally operated Dhankharka Community Lodge has been recently built to cater to trekkers in the area. Your time in Chistibang will be crucial to acclimatize to the altitude and weather.

**DAY 08: Chistibang - Khopra Danda / Khopra Ridge (3660m, 4~5 hrs) O/N Community Lodge (BLD) (3,660m)**

The track ahead of Chistibang is a steady ascent through alpine meadows and pastures till you reach the isolated yak pasture known as Khopra Danda. Located above the tree-line, Khopra Ridge is an excellent viewpoint and hosts Khopra Danda Community Lodge. After lunch and some rest at the lodge, you can go for a short walk down to the lower part of Khopra. Khopra Ridge offers a breathtakingly close-up panorama of Mt Dhaulagiri, Nilgiri, Fang and Annapurna South as well as the world's deepest gorge of Kali Gandaki down below.

**DAY 09: Day hiking to Khayer Lake (4620m, 10~11 hrs) O/N Community Lodge (BLD) (4,620m)**

Get up early and have a warm breakfast. Today you will be hiking up to Khayer Lake at 4620m. Since there are no tea houses along the way and around Khayer Lake, you will have to carry a lunch pack. The trek runs below the Khopra ridge and across nearby cliffs with stunning views of Himalayan mountains. The Khayer Lake itself remains ensconced deep into a hill just below the summit of Annapurna South. Spread in an area of approximately 2 sq.km. Khayer Lake is also named as Khayer Barahini after Goddess Barahini. It takes about 10/11 hrs to visit Khayer Lake and return.

Note: The trek is particularly suitable for adventure seekers who love trekking in high altitude. So we recommend this trek as an optional trip. Those who do not want to take this adventure trip can shorten their itinerary by continuing their trek to Paudwar on this day.

**DAY 10: Khopra Danda - Paudwar (2000m, 4-5 hrs) O/N Lodge / home stay (BLD) (2,000m)**

From Khopra Danda, the trek is entirely downhill all the way to Paudwar. Paudwar is a densely settled Magar village that also has a community-operated cheese factory and local honey facility. You will have plenty of time to take a village tour, taste the cheese and honey and interact with locals. You can choose either a home stay or local lodge for overnight (subject to availability).

**DAY 11: Paudwar - Tatopani (1185m, 4-5 hrs) O/N Lodge (BLD) (1,185m)**

Paudwar to Tatopani is a downhill walk through unpaved roads. Tatopani has a famous natural hot spring where you can relax and heal yourself.

**DAY 12: Drive from Tatopani to Pokhara - 5/6 hrs O/N Hotel (BLD) (850m)**

After enjoying your breakfast, drive from Tatopani to Pokhara. Rest of the day is free at leisure in Pokhara.

**DAY 13: Pokhara fly to Kathmandu. O/N Hotel (B,D)**

Fly Pokhara to Kathmandu. Rest and farewell dinner.

**DAY 14: Fly back home (B,-,-)**



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After breakfast in the hotel, check out and transfer to the airport for your onward flight or continuing on with other explorations in Nepal.

END OF SERVICES

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**Note: Trekking itinerary can be changed without prior notice as per changing situations.**





### Price Per Person in SGD

Pax	SGL	2-3	4	5	6-7	8
14 Days with Khaye Lake	+ 250	2238	1978	1888	1778	1708
13 Days without Khaye Lake	+ 250	2138	1878	1788	1678	1608

Add S\$55 with Rafting on Day 3

Price is subjected to changes without prior notice  
International airfare about S\$ 1500 with taxes (by Singapore Airlines)

A deposit of S\$ 800 per person is required upon confirmation and the balance must be paid in full 30 days prior to the departure date. Non-payment by required date may result in the cancellation of your booking and subjected to cancellation charges.

### LAND Price includes

- All accommodation on twin share basis in Kathmandu (APSARA BOUTIQUE HOTEL or similar) & Pokhara (Hotel Thirdpole or similar BB plan) and teahouse during trek
- All meals as per itinerary including welcome and farewell dinner in Kathmandu
- Domestic Flight (Pokhara – Kathmandu) and all Land transport in the itinerary
- English speaking guide (licensed by government) to & from Kathmandu
- 1 porter for every 2 trekkers during trek to carry the luggage
- Complete trekking arrangement (Trek permit, National Park Fees, wages for porter & guide, insurance for Guide/porters, trek registration cert, land transport)
- Entrance fees for Pashupati & Boudha
- Down sleeping bag rental
- Complimentary backpack rental from Kathmandu (if required)
- Briefing prior departure
- 15% discount for gears at X-Boundaries

**PRICE EXCLUDE:** International flights and Nepal Entry visa fee, Items of personal nature ie. Soft/hard drinks, tips etc., Travel Insurance (this is a mandatory condition of booking), Medical evacuation in case of emergency, Meals where not specified in the itinerary, Down jacket (rental available), Personal spending money, Gratuities (optional)



## **Payment Terms**

**S\$ 800 per person** as deposit payment required upon confirmation and balance latest thirty (30) days from departure.

## **Cancellations and Refund**

Notification of cancellation must be made in writing. Upon cancellation, the guest shall be liable to pay a fee to cover the estimate of cost and expenses incurred by X-Trekkers and/or its partners.

<u>Period of notice</u>	<u>Cancellation Fee</u>
31 - 45 days	50%
15 - 30 days	75%
1 – 14 days	100%

The above fees include X-Trekkers administration fees, insurance and hotel reservation payment.

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**Important info**

Footwear	Well broken-in walking shoes, thick socks, light socks, camp shoes.
Clothing	Down / fiber filled waterproof jacket and trousers, sweater or fleece jacket, underwear, warm and cotton trousers or jeans, shirts and T-shirts, shorts, long underwear, wool hat, sun hat, gloves, bathing suit, track suit.
Other equipment	Sleeping bag (4 seasons), trekking hold-all or stash sack with lock, daypack, water bottle, sun cream, sunglasses, flashlight with spare bulbs and batteries, lip salve.
Other items	Insect repellent, toilet articles, diary, toilet roll, laundry soap, wet ones, pocketknife, tie cord, towel, sewing kit, plasters, binoculars, camera, film, cards and personal medical kit

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