

Mt. Everest

Nepal Extension



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Adventure At The Top Of The World

Extend your time in Nepal with one of the most remarkable experiences anywhere in the world as you make the pilgrimage to the foot of Mt. Everest.

Like generations of mountaineers and trekkers, you visit the first staging points for their ascents. But there, your expedition takes a different course when you check into the serene and scenic comfort of the world's highest hotel. With an experienced local trekking guide, you visit secluded Sherpa villages, meet the people who live there, and learn about their culture in the eras before and after Sir Edmund Hillary made the first successful climb in 1953.

DAY 1

KATHMANDU

- Return to Kathmandu where you meet your trekking guide • Enjoy an afternoon at leisure

As your first week in Nepal draws to a close in Chitwan, you fly back to Kathmandu. There you meet your trekking guide and a representative of Hotel Everest View who will accompany you throughout the days ahead. The balance of the day is yours to wander in the streets of Kathmandu. Browse your way through a bustling market. Step inside some of the many small temples. Or just relax and anticipate the high-altitude thrills to come.

Overnight: Kathmandu

DAY 2

LUKLA

- Fly to the Gateway to Mt. Everest • Acclimate to the altitude as you explore Lukla

The small town of Lukla is known to almost every climber who tackles Everest. Its mountaintop airport is the launching point for their treks and yours. The flight through into the Himalayas is awe-inspiring, to say the least. You're at 9,383 feet of altitude here. So some very easy-going activity is ideal for acclimatization. You pay a visit to Lukla Kengun Gumba, a humbler monastery than many you've seen during your visit. But then how could rich decoration hope to compete with the remarkable peaks that completely surround you? Next to the monastery is Thangka Painting School where you're likely to see you monks at their craft and have a chance to select one of their works for your own.

Overnight: Lukla

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3

SOLUKHUMBU / KHUMJUNG / KHUNDE

- Shuttle by helicopter to the Highest Placed Hotel in the world • Walk to the villages of Khumjung and Khunde

Here in the mountains, the skies are clearest in the early morning and so your day gets off to a thrilling start with the 5-minute helicopter shuttle ride up to the Hotel Everest View. This one-of-a-kind retreat is in Sagarmatha National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. At 13,000 feet above sea level, no hotel in the world is closer to the sky – and yet the peak of Mount Everest soars an additional 16,000 feet above you! It's hard to imagine these sights as your everyday backdrop, but today's downhill trek gives you a look at the real life of the Sherpa villagers who call these slopes home. In Khumjung, low-slung houses with green roofs perch on the rare spot of terraced (almost) flat land. In the village, you visit a yak farm and stop in at a school founded by Sir Edmund Hillary. In Khunde, a narrow, frozen river seems to spill into the town. As you wander with your trekking guide, you have a chance to meet the people and learn about their lives. Later, you return to the hotel on horseback and will be in place to watch how the valleys plunge into darkness as the sun begins to sink beyond the jagged horizon.

Overnight: Solukhumbu

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4

NAMCHE BAZAAR

- Explore the staging point for Everest expeditions • Learn about mountaineering history in the village's museums

Long before the first successful ascent of Mt. Everest in 1953, Namche Bazaar was a busy market town. Farmers from lower elevations carried their crops up to barter for the local yak cheese and butter. (You can have a taste yourself to see why the trek up was worth it to them!) This Sherpa hamlet is now the first acclimatization spot for mountain expeditions and treks. You may meet those who are headed deeper into the Himalayas. Local craftspeople sell their traditional wares here, and you visit a museum that celebrates Sherpa climbers as well as a classic Sherpa home dedicated to preserving the local culture. A train of horses awaits to ascend the trail back up to the hotel. (Depending on your fitness level and comfort with the thin oxygen, you can consider the two-hour hike back.)

Overnight: Solukhumbu

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5

SOLUKHUMBU / KATHMANDU

- Marvel at the views as you shuttle by helicopter and plane back Kathmandu • Explore the city at your leisure

After your earthbound days on the trails of the Himalayas, you return to the air this morning for the journey back to Kathmandu. As on your inbound trip, you'll shuttle aboard the hotel's helicopter to Lukla for your commercial flight to Kathmandu. The balance of the day is yours to relax and explore. Maybe you'd like to get in a little last-minute shopping, and then treat yourself to a classic Nepali dinner in one of the city's bustling restaurants.

Overnight: Kathmandu

Meals: B

DAY 6

KATHMANDU / DEPARTURE

- Transfer to Kathmandu Airport • Settle in for your onwards flight home

After breakfast, your Nepali adventure comes to its conclusion as you transfer independently to the airport for your flight home.

Meals: B



Tour Hotels



Dwarika's Hotel

Inspired by a local man's commitment to preserve the architectural heritage of Nepal, this 5-star family-owned hotel beautifully captures the native spirit. Rooms contain traditional elements with modern amenities.

OVERNIGHT: Kathmandu | **NIGHTS:** 1



Everest Summit Lodge

Renowned for its traditional Sherpa interiors, this lodge is in the heart of the small village. The rooms are warm and cozy and of course, the views are stupendous!

OVERNIGHT: Lukla | **NIGHTS:** 1



Hotel Everest View

Tucked on a Himalayan ridge, this remarkable property offers a view of Mt. Everest from every room. With a style inspired by its Japanese architect, rooms are elegant simple with expansive windows.

OVERNIGHT: Sagarmatha National Park | **NIGHTS:** 2



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OVERNIGHT: Kathmandu | **NIGHTS:** 1

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Trip Essentials

TRIP LENGTH	6 Days, 5 Nights
START	Upon arrival in Kathmandu, Kathmandu, Nepal
END	Lobby of Dwarika's Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal
TERRAIN	Easy to moderate with the option to make it more challenging on good trails. An average of 5 to 6 hours of walking per day.

What's Included

- All breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- Guided activities on a private basis
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