

Annapurna Circuit Luxury Trek [Luxury Accommodation + Wildlife Safari] - 16 Days

5 Star Hotel Package

3300^{USD} per person

*Including healthy meals

Trip Style: Trekking

Trip Difficulty: Hard



The Annapurna Circuit Luxury Trek is tailored for those seeking the epitome of comfort while experiencing one of Nepal's most breathtaking treks. From deluxe accommodations in Kathmandu and Pokhara to luxurious lodges along the trekking route, we ensure your journey is marked by relaxation and indulgence.

Before embarking on your adventure, you'll luxuriate in a premium hotel in Kathmandu, followed by a smooth car ride to Besishar. From there, a comfortable Jeep transfer to Dharapani awaits, where your trek officially commences. We recommend starting from Dharapani to mitigate the risks of altitude sickness, ensuring a gradual ascent for your well-being.

Throughout the trek, our seasoned local Sherpa guides, boasting over 20 years of Annapurna Circuit experience, will lead the way, providing invaluable insights and support. In Manang, you'll enjoy two nights of acclimatization, with guided day hikes to higher altitudes and strategic overnight stays at lower elevations, ensuring your body adjusts seamlessly to the changing heights.

Upon conquering the Thorong La Pass, a pinnacle of the trek, your journey reaches new heights of opulence as you arrive at Muktinath, where a stay at one of the region's most luxurious resorts awaits, offering unparalleled 360-degree views.

As your trek concludes in Jomsom, you'll enjoy a scenic flight back to Pokhara, where a luxurious hotel awaits. From there, fly to Bharatpur Airport in Chitwan for a 2-night stay at a luxury resort. Relax and explore wildlife at your leisure. If you prefer to skip the safari, no problem. You can opt to stay in Pokhara or Kathmandu instead—it's all customizable. Book our best luxury Annapurna Circuit trek for a trip of a lifetime, where adventure meets luxury and you'll have everything you want. Join a Sherpa-owned company with over 26 years of experience for an unforgettable trek.

Top 7 Key Benefits of Booking Our Luxury Annapurna Circuit Trek:

1. Enjoy a centrally located 5-star luxury hotel stay before and after your trek.
2. Trek with expert Sherpa guides and a reliable support team, ensuring your journey is safe and enjoyable.
3. Stay in the finest available lodges along the trek route for maximum comfort.
4. Experience both the Annapurna trekking adventure and a luxurious jungle safari tour in Chitwan.
5. Book your trek with a local Sherpa company and receive the best all-inclusive offer.
6. Benefit from over 26 years of expertise in Nepal tourism.
7. Trek with a family-owned Sherpa company, offering deep local knowledge and personalized service.

DURATION: 16 days

Trip Facts

Best Time to Travel

- March - April, October - December - Luxury Hotel & Lodges stays - 5,416 meters (17,769 feet)

Accommodations

Maximum Altitude

Service Level

- Guided trek by reliable Sherpa

ITINERARY

DAY 01:: ARRIVE IN KATHMANDU | 1,300m /4,264 ft

Upon arrival at Kathmandu International Airport, our airport representative and guide will be awaiting you, holding a placard bearing our company name. You will receive a warm Sherpa welcome and cheerful greetings before being transferred to a luxurious 5-star city hotel. Once checked in, feel free to explore the vibrant Thamel market area. Our guide will assist you in navigating the area if needed. A meeting will be arranged at the hotel to provide a comprehensive briefing about your upcoming trek. Here, you can settle any remaining payments, exchange currency, and check your gear. If necessary, you can purchase or rent additional gear in Kathmandu.

DAY 02:: DRIVE TO BESISAHAR BY CAR | 760M/2494 feet

After indulging in breakfast at one of Kathmandu's finest 5-star hotels, our Sherpa guide and experienced driver will be ready at the hotel. Today's journey takes us to Besisahar, a distance of approximately 177 km (110 miles) from Kathmandu, which typically spans about 5-6 hours by car. Rest assured, we provide a comfortable car and a skilled driver for your convenience.

During the drive, take breaks as needed to savor tea or coffee and soak in the picturesque views of Nepal's countryside. As we progress, marvel at the stunning scenery unfolding around us. Upon reaching Besisahar, be captivated by the sight of the snow-capped peaks of Lamjung Himal, which adds an extra touch of grandeur to the landscape. Lunch will be provided en route, ensuring you stay energized for the journey ahead.

DAY 03:: DRIVE TO DHARAPANI | 1,860 meters/6,102 feet

Today, after enjoying breakfast at our hotel in Besisahar, we will embark on a thrilling journey by jeep to Dharapani. The road from Besisahar to Dharapani is unpaved, consisting only of gravel, yet it promises an adventure like no other. Along the way, we will be treated to breathtaking views of majestic waterfalls, charming villages, and snow-capped peaks.

While many opt for a direct drive from Besisahar to Chame, we, as an expert Sherpa company with over 25 years of experience, do not recommend this route. Our expertise has taught us that successful trekking hinges greatly on proper acclimatization. Driving directly to Chame from Besisahar increases the risk of altitude sickness. Therefore, our itinerary is meticulously designed to ensure gradual acclimatization before progressing further.

By following our carefully planned route, we aim to guarantee that you acclimatize effectively, thereby maximizing your chances of a safe and enjoyable trekking experience.

DAY 04:: TREKKING TO CHAME | 2,670 meters /8,760 feet

After breakfast, our trek begins from Dharapani towards Chame, promising a stunning journey through the heart of the Annapurna region. The trail unveils breathtaking landscapes and cultural encounters as we ascend gradually into the Himalayan terrain. En route, we're treated to panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, cascading waterfalls, and terraced fields adorned with rhododendrons, all while passing through charming villages. Upon reaching

Chame, the administrative hub of Manang District, we're greeted by majestic views of Annapurna II and Lamjung Himal. Our expert Sherpa guide ensures a safe ascent, emphasizing proper acclimatization. Tonight, we'll rest in a top-notch lodge in Chame, enjoying comforts like hot showers and cozy beds.

DAY 05:: TREK TO UPPER PISANG | 3,300 meters/10,827 ft

After enjoying a delightful breakfast served by the Athilaya Mountain Lodge, you will hike to Upper Pisang from Chame, which takes approximately 4-5 hours. It is highly advised to walk slowly and drink plenty of water to stay hydrated, which is crucial in high altitudes. Along the way, you will encounter picturesque landscapes, cross the Marsyangdi River, and pass through quaint villages like Bhratang. You will also enjoy great views of the Annapurna and Manaslu ranges.

Nestled at an elevation of around 3,300 meters (10,827 feet), Upper Pisang offers an elevated perspective with captivating views, particularly of Annapurna and Gangapurna. Enjoy a serene stay at a top local lodge, immersing yourself in the breathtaking surroundings.

DAY 06:: TREK TO MANANG | 3,540 meters/11,614 feet

Following breakfast in Ngawal, we set out on our trek. It's about a 2-3 hour journey from Ngawal village to Manang, but time may vary depending on our own pace and any breaks we take. The trail treats us to stunning vistas of the Annapurna and Gangapurna mountain ranges. Descending gently to the Marsyangdi River, we then ascend to reach **Manang**, positioned at around 3,540 meters (11,614 feet) above sea level.

Manang holds great significance along the Annapurna Circuit, boasting a unique culture and traditional architecture. It serves as a crucial acclimatization point for trekkers heading to higher altitudes. Upon arrival, we'll enjoy lunch before our Sherpa guide leads us on a hike to explore the village, aiding in our acclimatization process.

DAY 07:: ACCLIMATIZATION DAY IN MANANG | Day hiking

Today, under the watchful guidance of our **seasoned Sherpa**, we embark on a vital journey of **acclimatization amidst** the high altitudes of Manang. With over two decades of expertise, our Sherpa will ensure your well-being as we tread through the stunning landscapes. Two enchanting paths lay before us: one leading to the majestic Gangapurna glacier and its neighboring peaks, while the other winds its way towards the serene Praken Gompa. Feeling spirited? Why not indulge in both adventures? Embrace the day with our amiable Sherpa, basking in the splendor of the surroundings and the genuine warmth of our service.

DAY 08:: TREK TO YAK KHARKA | 4,050 meters /13,287 ft

After two nights in Manang, acclimatizing to the altitude, our trek to **Yak Kharka** begins, weaving a mesmerizing tale within the Annapurna Circuit. Departing from the culturally rich village of Manang (at 3,540 meters or 11,614 feet), we ascend alongside the Marsyangdi River, treated to breathtaking views of the Annapurna and Gangapurna ranges.

As we leave Manang, the landscape shifts to an alpine environment. Crossing the Jharsang Khola, we traverse lush pastures and juniper woodlands. Yak Kharka, resting at approximately 4,050 meters (13,287 feet), serves as a seasonal grazing area for yaks during the monsoon. It provides a serene resting spot before our ascent to higher altitudes. The trek from Manang to Yak Kharka typically takes 3-4 hours, covering around 9 kilometers, depending on our pace and breaks.

DAY 09:: TREK TO THORONG PHEDI | 4450m/14599.74 ft

After breakfast, our trek from Yak Kharka to Thorang Phedi begins. The path first leads us to Ledar, a settlement reached after a hike from Yak Kharka. As we climb further, we pass cliffs offering commanding views until we reach Thorang Phedi. This spot is crucial for resting before the tough ascent to Thorong La Pass. While high camp

lodges are available, our **26+ years of experience** recommend staying at **Thorang Phedi** to acclimatize properly for the next day's pass crossing.

This part of the journey treats us to splendid views of notable peaks like Mt. Gundang, Mt. Syagang, Thorung Peak, and Mt. Khatungkan. The Nepali term "Phedi" refers to the foot of a foothill, adding a local touch to the landscape. The terrain becomes rugged, giving us a taste of the challenges and beauty ahead on the route to Thorong La pass. After an early dinner, it's essential to retire early tonight in preparation for the early morning start tomorrow, around 4 o'clock, for the long trek ahead.

DAY 10:: CROSS THORONG LA PASS | 5416-m/17770 ft.

In the early morning, we'll provide hot tea and coffee along with a packed breakfast to ensure a warm start to our day. Led by our expert Sherpa guide, we embark on our journey from Phedi at 4 am, a crucial timing to reach the pass before 10 am and avoid strong winds at the high altitude of 5,416m. Despite the steep trail, well-trodden paths used by locals for centuries make the ascent manageable.

After about 4 hours of steady climbing, we reach the Chorten and prayer flags marking the high pass. The panoramic views from this point are simply breathtaking, encompassing snow-covered mountains above and the Kali Gandaki valley below, with the stunning hills of Mustang in the distance. The descent, although challenging on the knees, offers spectacular views of Dhaulagiri. After approximately three hours, we arrive at the sacred village of Muktinath, renowned as a Hindu pilgrimage site, where we're treated to excellent views of Dhaulagiri, Tukuche Peak, and Nilgiri. At Muktinath, you will be accommodated in one of the Luxury Hotels with 360-degree views.

DAY 11:: TREK TO JOMSOM | 2,720 meters/8,922 feet

The journey from **Muktinath to Jomsom** offers a breathtaking variety of landscapes. As you descend, you'll be treated to stunning views of the Nilgiri and Dhaulagiri mountain ranges amidst arid terrain. The trail gradually shifts, blending barren hills with picturesque valleys.

Approaching Jomsom, the scenery transforms into a desert-like setting, characterized by dusty winds and sparse vegetation. Along the way, the Kali Gandaki River accompanies your path, leading you to the famed apple orchards of Jomsom.

For those opting to drive, the route follows the scenic Kali Gandaki River, revealing panoramic mountain views and unique geological formations. Passing through quaint villages, you'll glimpse into local life in the Mustang region.

Trekking or driving, the journey from Muktinath to Jomsom showcases the diverse beauty of the Mustang region, from high-altitude vistas to the distinctive charm of the Kali Gandaki Valley.

DAY 12:: FLY TO POKHARA CITY | Transfer to best hotel

After breakfast, we head to the airport for a quick flight from Jomsom to Pokhara, a stunning city in Nepal. Upon arrival, we're whisked away to a luxurious lakeside hotel. After settling in, the charming lakeside area awaits exploration, with plenty of restaurants for a delightful lunch.

In the afternoon, you have two options: relax at the hotel or enjoy activities like boating on Fewa Lake or a short tour of Pokhara's attractions such as the **International Mountain Museum** and Devi's Fall. Treat yourself to a rejuvenating **one-hour Ayurvedic massage** later in the day, offering therapeutic relief after the trek.

As evening falls, immerse yourself in Pokhara's lively nightlife and savor a delicious dinner. This seamless transition from trekking to the tranquility and allure of Pokhara ensures an unforgettable experience.

DAY 13:: DRIVE TO CHITWAN | Transfer to Luxury resort

Today, after breakfast, we drive from Pokhara to Chitwan National Park. The drive takes about 4-5 hours, offering stunning views along the way. Upon arrival in Chitwan, you'll be transferred to a luxury resort, where you'll be served lunch and given a detailed briefing about the resort activities.

Chitwan National Park, nestled in a lush valley, is renowned for its rich biodiversity, including the iconic One-Horned Rhinoceros and Royal Bengal Tiger. The park's tropical forests cover 70% of the area, while its grasslands are home to over 50 species of grass, including towering elephant grass.

With more than **50 mammal species**, 525 bird varieties, and 55 amphibian and reptile species, the park is a haven for endangered species like the One-Horned Rhinoceros and Royal Bengal Tiger. You'll also encounter unique fauna, such as the Giant Hornbill and Python. Get ready for an unforgettable jungle experience!

DAY 14:: CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK | Safari adventures

Immerse yourself in a full day of adventure at our luxurious Chitwan resort. Kickstart the day with an early jungle walk led by seasoned naturalists, spotting diverse flora and fauna, and catching glimpses of various bird species. Glide peacefully along the Rapti River on a tranquil canoe ride, perfect for birdwatching and observing aquatic life. Get up close with conservation efforts at the Elephant Breeding Center, where adorable baby elephants steal the show.

After a sumptuous lunch, take a breather and relax. In the afternoon, embark on an elephant back safari or opt for a thrilling jeep safari, exploring different corners of the national park and increasing your chances of encountering rhinoceros and deer.

As the sun sets, witness a breathtaking riverside sunset, setting the stage for an enchanting evening. Immerse yourself in local culture with the lively Tharu Cultural Program during dinner, featuring traditional dance and music performances. Join in the festivities by participating in the night session of Local Tharu Cultural Dance. Get ready for a day filled with unforgettable experiences!

DAY 15:: FLY TO KATHMANDU | Half day city sightseeing

After a satisfying breakfast, we'll seamlessly transport you to Bharatpur Airport for your return flight to Kathmandu. Upon arrival at Kathmandu Airport, our experienced tour guide and skilled driver will be waiting to pick you up, ready to whisk you away for a memorable tour. First, you'll visit the renowned Hindu temple, Pasupatinath, followed by a visit to the impressive Buddhist Stupa, Boudhanath. Enjoy lunch at a top rooftop restaurant offering stunning city views.

Afterwards, you'll be transferred to a luxurious 5-star hotel located in Thamel. Once you've settled in, dive into the vibrant local markets of ASON and Indrachowk, and explore the lively district of Thamel. Don't miss the chance to visit the peaceful oasis of the Garden of Dreams. In the evening, join us for a farewell dinner. You'll spend the night in one of the luxurious 5-star hotels situated in the heart of Kathmandu.

DAY 16:: DEPART FROM KATHMANDU | return back to Home

Today, our guide and driver will ensure your smooth transfer to Kathmandu International Airport, perfectly aligned with your flight schedule.

As you make your way to the airport, take a moment to reflect on the incredible experiences woven into the fabric of your visit to Nepal. We guarantee you'll depart with cherished memories and a profound sense of having embarked on an unforgettable adventure.

Here at **Sherpa Company**, we take immense pride in delivering a seamless and memorable journey, meticulously attending to every detail to ensure your time in Nepal is nothing short of exceptional. With over **25 years of experience**, we remain dedicated to providing the highest level of personalized service, crafting a once-in-a-

lifetime experience for each of our valued clients.

Safe travels, and we eagerly anticipate the opportunity to welcome you back for more adventures in the future.

Cost Includes

Transports & Accommodations

- Airport pickup and drop-off by Private Car
- 2 Nights in Kathmandu & 1 Nights in Pokhara Luxury Hotel accommodation with breakfast
- 2 Nights in Chitwan Luxury resort accommodation with all Meals
- Best comfort Lodge, resort and hotel during the whole trek including attached bathrooms and hot showers for added comfort wherever available.
- KTM-Besisahar by Private Car then Besisahar to Dharapani Jeep and Jomsom to Pokhara then Pokhara to Bharatpur and Bharatpur to Kathmandu Flight

Meals & Drinks Included As Per Below

- Daily hygienic breakfasts in the city are included as per the itinerary.
- Three meals per day—breakfast, lunch, and dinner—will be provided throughout the entire trek, offering self-choice options for a delightful and nourishing trekking experience.
- Delicious breakfast, lunch, and dinner every day in Chitwan as outlined in the itinerary.
- We offer a warm welcome dinner with two options: you can either join dinner at our home with a Sherpa family, or you can choose to dine at a typical Nepali restaurant with a cultural dinner show.

Best Sherpa Guide & Porters Will Be Provided

- Responsible, truthful, friendly, and flexible Sherpa guides will be provided for the entire trek, ensuring your safety and an enjoyable trekking experience.
- Hardworking and trustworthy porters will be provided (1 porter for 2 people) who will carry your luggage and take care of it throughout the entire trek.

Staff Pay, Insurance & Required Permits

- Pay and insurance for guide and support staff
- Annapurna Conservation Area entry permit fee and TIMS Card fees
- Half day city tour of Kathmandu, Including Tour guide, Driver is included
- Entrance fees to historic sites, temples, and monuments during the city tour are included.

Complimentary Gear & Equipment

- Complimentary T-shirt, Water bottle, and Walking pole
- Warm sleeping bags and down jackets will be provided if required.
- A waterproof duffel bag, trek map, and a group medical kit will be provided.
- Pulse oximeter for measuring oxygen saturation and heart rates.

Value Added Service (VAS) By MSTE

- One hour of free special Ayurvedic massage will be provided at the end of the trek.

- We offer free storage service for any extra luggage and provide assistance in obtaining a SIM card, as well as renting or buying necessary gears.
 - We offer a complimentary Local Market Guiding Service for our valued clients interested in purchasing souvenirs at both wholesale and local prices.
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WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International Airfare and Nepal Visa fee
- Travel insurance for emergency rescue and trip Cancellation
- Lunch & Dinner in City (approximately \$ 5-10 Per Meal)
- Any Alcoholic Drinks, Water and deserts in Trek
- Gratitude for Sherpa Guide & Porter after end of trek