

Overview

This superb short and sweet 3 Days Poon Hill trek offers best of Annapurna trekking experience including nature, villages and mountain vista in low budget cost of USD 265 in group join basis. The main attractions of this 2 nights 3 days Ghorepani Poon Hill Trek is hiking to Poon Hill for stunning view of nearby mountains: Mount Dhaulagiri, Nilgiri, Tukche Peak, Dhampus Peak, Annapurna I, Annapurna south, Fishtail, Manaslu and the one of the largest Rhododendron forest, thickly covered in moss. The Rhododendron blooming season is in spring around March to mid May.

When to trek?

Best time to go for Poon Hill Trek is September to November, this time busiest with many tourist and second best time is Mar to May. This trek is also suitable in winter that is December to February. In monsoon (July – August) the route is wet and less visibility in terms of view. Trek to Poon hill can be completed lightly equipped because the trails are well made and the lodges all offer clean sheet and blankets. So even a sleeping bag is not really necessary.

Some warm clothes are necessary such as fleece jacket since Ghorepani and Poon hill can be chilly and you may encounter some rain depending on the season and weather up in the mountains.

Itinerary

Day 01: Pokhara to Bhaisi Kharka

From Pokhara we ride a car or jeep according to group size to Kimche, our starting point for the trek. You can also take a vehicle to Nayapul and walk from there which will add a few hours to your trek. We have option to carry on driving from Nayapul, From Kimche we hike for about 4 hours reaching our first teahouse at Bhaisi Kharka. One hour into the trek we take a short stop in Ghandruk for lunch. The first part of the hike is steep and jungle-like with lush, green vegetation and tall trees. It feels like we are on a stair master for 4 hours. We recommend bringing some protein bars in your pack as a little hunger emergency kit. There is one room for all guests where we can warm up by the fireplace, eat our meals at picnic tables, and plan for the following day. The staple food in Nepal, and the quintessential meal on the trail, is Dal Bhat which is white rice with curried potatoes & cauliflower, a lentil soup, and vegetable tarkari. It's very tasty and proved to be great fuel for powering up the trails, lending credence to the famous Nepali saying: Dal Bhat power, 24-hour". Overnight in lodge at Bhaisi Kharka.

Day 02: Trek to Ghorepani (2850m)

The second day our journey heads toward Deurali at Ghorepani. At this point we are gaining altitude and the views got much better. We trek from Tadapani to Ghorepani which is at an elevation of 2,850 meters. The path is very well built and so expansive, It may make you wonder who made it and how long it took. It is such a saving grace for the

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various mountain villages to have an efficient way to interconnect. You may encounter many donkeys and their owners transporting wood, gas, or water. It is incredible to you how anything could have been built in such an unforgiving and difficult landscape. The realization that makes the most permanent impression on us was how different people around the world can live. You will experience the lifestyle that is totally different from yours. You arrive at the 2nd teahouse very close to the foot of Poon Hill in Ghorepani which gives you an easy access for the early morning hike the next morning.

Day 03: Back to Pokhara

Before dawn we get out of our cozy sleeping bags piled high with blankets, dressed up and equipped with water bottle, walking pole, camera and walk up about 45 minutes ascend to the top of Poon Hill (3210m) for sunrise view. This is the view that the entire Ghorepani Poon Hill trek is based upon, and it's worth every step to get there. We hike back down and take breakfast at the lodge. After a hearty breakfast we walk back to Pokhara which means a day of steep steps down. We set off to Hile via villages of Banthanti – Ulleri and Tikhedunga. There our jeep will be waiting for us to head back to the civilization in Pokhara.

Outline Itinerary

Cost Includes

- One registered and experienced local trekking guide.
- All meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner during the trek.
- Local jeep / bus transfer to Naya - Siwai and same to Pokhara after the trek.
- Neat and clean trekking lodge accommodation during the trek on twin / double sharing basis.
- Guide fee and all his / her expenses during the trek.
- All necessary Poon Hill Trekking Permits.
- Insurance and trekking gear for your guide.
- All government taxes, vat and office service charge.
- Emergency rescue arrangement co-ordination.

Cost Excludes

- Accommodation and meals in Kathmandu and Pokhara.
- All surface transportation in Kathmandu and Pokhara.
- Guided sightseeing and monuments admission fees Kathmandu and Pokhara.
- Bar drinks, beverages such as coke, fanta, mineral water
- Personal insurance, laundry service and trekking gear.
- Porter, horse or pony ride if needed. (porter hire will cost USD 18 / day)
- Rescue operation charge in case of emergency.
- Gratitude and tips for your guide.