

Mardi Himal Trekking | Duration: 11 Days Days | Cost: \$999

Mardi Himal trek lies just east of one of the most popular treks of Nepal i.e. Annapurna Base Camp. The Mardi Himal is the Hidden gem. Few of the trekkers are able to make their way to the Mardi Himal Base Camp, which is situated at the base camp and the impressive Machhapuchre. The trail starts from the very beautiful city Pokhara. In this trail, you can go through the pine, juniper and the rhododendron dense forest with raging rivers making the pleasant sound. Then different route takes us to the steeply down to the upper Mardi Khola. The trail follows through the lovely rice terrace, unique culture villages and spectacular views of livery mountains. The journey of Mardi Himal Trekking ascends through the forest and actuality wildlife. Mardi Himal trekking offers superb Himalayan scenery including the Mt. Dhaulagiri, Mt. Annapurna Ranges, and Mt. Hiunchuli, Mt. Fishtail (Machhapuchhare), etc. You can climb the High up to Mardi Himal Base camp which lies in the height of the 3900m above the sea level. At the camp, you can see the scenic views of the entire Annapurna Range. In this route, you have to stay at in a simple guesthouse and homestays where the typical dinner will be served. The best month for this trekking is from Feb-may and Oct to Dec. Read out the details about Mardi Himal in our blog page as Mardi Himal Trek which is newly opened trekking destination in Annapurna Region.

At a Glance:

- **Tour code:** NMHT27
- **Style:** Trekking & Hiking
- **Grading:** ▲▲▲▲▲
- **Suitable for:** 4500m
- **Duration:** 11 Days
- **Start in:** Kathmandu |Airport
- **End in:** Kathmandu |Airport
- **Transport:** Private
- **Price:** 999

Highlights of the tour:

- Visit ancient temples, palaces and historic places in Kathmandu
- The finest challenging trek in the Annapurna region
- Breathtaking Mountain views
- Visit the Mardi Himal which lies at the height of the 3900m above the sea level
- View of Annapurna, Dhaulagiri Mt. Hiunchuli, and Mt. Fishtail (Machhapuchhare), etc.

What's Included:

- Kathmandu Airport transfers
- An experienced insured and equipped English speaking Guide
- Guided sightseeing and entry fee in Kathmandu
- 3 meals during trek.
- Internal flights and land transport involved in the itinerary
- Airport tax
- Good standard Hotel (3-4*) accommodation in Kathmandu & Pokhara with breakfast
- Teahouse & camping accommodation on twin sharing basis
- Tims permit
- Insured and equipped porter as on IPPG rules

What's Not Included:

- Travel Insurance
- Nepalese Visa
- Tips for Guide and other trek staff
- Lunch and dinner in the city.
- Additional costs due to illness, rescue etc
- Additional cost due to force majeure, changes of flight and itinerary
- Personal drinks and Bar Bill
- Personal equipments such as sleeping bag

Arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport

Arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport, Kathmandu. Traditional welcome by our airport representative. Your guide briefs about your further programme. Typical Nepali dinner served in the evening.

Kathmandu Valley Sightseeing

You will be taken for sightseeing of Kathmandu Valley to explore the vibrant city after breakfast at your hotel. Drive to famous Buddhist Stupa Swayambunath, also known as Monkey temple, on the hill of Kathmandu Valley where you can see stunning view of mountains and Kathmandu valley. This temple attracts Buddhists and tourists from around the world. Swayambhunath Stupa is the most ancient and enigmatic of all the holy shrines in Kathmandu valley. Its lofty white dome and glittering golden spire are visible from far and wide. Next is Pashupatinath, the temple of Lord Shiva. This is probably the most famous temple for Hindu in Indian Sub-continent. There is crematorium beside the temple where dead bodies are burnt to ashes. After exploring Pashupatinath you will visit fascinating sights of Patan Durbar Square, one of the most glorious examples of

traditional Nepalese architecture, full of century's old temples and palaces.

Drive to Pokhara (6 - 7 hours)

After breakfast drive towards the beautiful town of Pokhara in western part of Nepal. Taking fresh air, enjoy the staggering beauty of an area surrounded by some of the world's highest mountains. In the afternoon, we boat across Lake Phewa for magnificent views of the Annapurna mountain range. Watch reflections of their dazzling white peaks sparkle in the mirror-like water. Annapurna range is probably one of the finest mountain panoramas in the world. Enjoy the sunset in the lake and take dinner in one of the famous restaurant at lake side. Stay overnight at the hotel of the Pokhara.

Drive to Kande (about 1 hr drive) and trek to Potana (about 4 hours)

Early the morning after briefing and breakfast, start your driving from pokhara to Kande. Kande one of the top hill near the pokhara. From where you begin your trek approaching the Pothana first. On the way you will have some views of the villages in the horizon. Take rest and the Lunch, after lunches continue further to Forest Camp. The trail is mostly inside the green forest of oak, maple, hemlock and also there is the danger of the animals so you have to make yourself secured. The trekking includes many ups and downs and takes about 4 hours to reach the Forest Camp, stay overnight at the forest camp.

Trek to Low camp(3,035m), 4-5 Hours

Today after your morning refreshment head towards the Low camp which lies in the height of the 3,035m. The trail is steep at the beginning however changes to the gradual climbing after a while. You will have some random views of the snowy Himalayan peaks. The views of the Machhapuchre peak are superb from the Low camp. At the camp enjoy the Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and stay overnight at the Camp.

Trek to High Camp(3,590m), 4 Hours

After trekking an hour or so above Low camp the trails breaks out above forest and towards the west there you can see the good views of the Annapurna south and Hiunchuli. The trail continues along the Mardi Himal ridge mainly on grass with some isolated rhododendron bushes along the way. Look out for the colorful Danphe pheasant on this section of the trail. The lodge at High Camp is larger than lodges at Low Camp and Forest Camp, The camp is facilitated with the suitable rooms and a separate dining room with the heater. The view from the lodge of the Annapurna South, Hiunchuli and Machhapuchhre (Fishtail) is so much beautiful. Stay overnight at the Camp.

Hike to the Mardi Himal Base Camp (4,500m), 4 Hours

Today's plan is to wake up early to watch the first ray of the sunlight from the mountains then after an early breakfast walk up the point towards Mardi Himal Base Camp. There is a well-established trail through the grass with a couple of steeper sections however overall not too challenging. You can see the animals dzokpo (yak/cow crossbreds) grazing up here as well as Danphe pheasant. After three hours you will reach the Base Camp at the elevation of 4500m. There you can look into the Annapurna Sanctuary and the panorama views which is spectacular looking at south face of Annapurna and all of the peaks in the Sanctuary as well as Hiunchuli and

Machhapuchhre (Fishtail). Stay overnight at the Base Camp.

Trek to Siding village (1,750m) -6 hours walking.

Today early the morning, trek back after your morning Breakfast. On the way you can take the different route so completing a circuit, from Low Camp there is a trail that goes down to Siding village rather than going back down Mardi Himal back to Kokar. Siding one of the traditional Nepalese village and still very much away from the busier modern tourist treks and it is likely you will stay at a home stay in Siding owned by the person who runs one of the lodges at Low Camp. It is exciting cultural experience finding out more about village life and you will probably eat the nepali typical dinner in the evening. Enjoy the Dinner and stay overnight at the home of the Siding Village.

Trek to Lumre, and drive back Pokhara(1,070m) 7 hours

Today you have to trek back to the Lumre. On the way from Siding you will pass the villages of Kalimati and Ghalel. Kalimati is mainly a Brahmin village with Ghalel and Siding mixed Brahmin and Gurung. At Lumre you will meet jeep organised by Wilderness Excursion in advance to drive you back to Pokhara. Stay overnight at the Pokhara.

Fly back to the Kathmandu

Fly from Pokhara to Kathmandu, enjoy panoramic mountain views. Spend the rest of the day sightseeing, exploring, shopping or just relaxing in Kathmandu's numerous cafés and roof-top restaurants before spending the evening celebrating your achievements. Stay overnight at the hotel or the lodge of the Kathmandu.

Drive to Airport for Return flight

Your final day in Kathmandu is a free day. You do as you like. Many people take the time for shopping others enjoys exploring the cultural sites of the city. Our local guide can advise you on the best shops in the area. Farewells! Our airport representative will travel with you to the airport.

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