

Ghorepani Poonhill Trek

Either it be geographical features or cultural importance, Ghorepani Poonhill Trek has it all. This Trek is one of the most picturesque packages to the Annapurna Region alongside the Annapurna Base Camp Trek. Though short, this trek covers a wide variety of highlights from mountains to lakes to wildlife to hospitality.

Isn't a long drive the best way to open up a trekking journey? And, if it's to the picturesque Pokhara along the Trishuli River then it's heavenly. Isn't it? As every other trekking journey to the Annapurna region, this trek also starts off with a journey to the Cherrapunji of Nepal. Boat on the Phewa Lake and enjoy the clear reflections of the Machhapuchhre and the Annapurna peaks. Following Pokhara, another drive, but a shorter one, makes way for Nayapul and it is here, where our trekking starts.

The first destination is at Ulleri, which from Tikhedhunga is over 3300 steps above. From here, the trail shapes up towards Ghorepani, which comes as an ancient rest place for traders. As the name suggests, Ghorepani means a place where traders found water for their horses. Our major destination comes after an early one hour hike to the 3210 meters tall Poonhill. This hill is recognized for its unwavering views of the Annapurna range including the Annapurna I, Hiunchuli, Machhapuchhre, Nilgiri, Dhaulagiri, and such other peaks alongside the 360 degree views of the region.

Follow the trails back to Ghorepani and then hike towards the rhododendron and pine forest along the stone slabs and such to get to Tadapani. Our trek then takes us to Ghandruk, a Gurung settlement famous for its cultural importance and also its geographical location offering views of some of the tallest peaks of the region. Parading back to Nayapul and a drive back to Pokhara sees an end to our trip.

Are you ready to experience the hospitality of the Gurung people here in Ghorepani Poonhill Trek?

Duration: 9 days

Price: \$650

Rating: 5 Star

Grade: Moderate

Destination: Nepal

Activity: Trekking

Region: Everest Region

Itinerary:

Day 01: Arrival in Kathmandu (1440 meters)

Set foot at the Tribhuvan International Airport where our representative will transfer you to your hotel. Settle in and freshen up prior to meeting up with the guide and discussing about the upcoming trek. And, don't forget to try out your first ever typical Nepali cuisine.

Day 02: Drive to Pokhara (1400 meters)

200 kilometers long stretch covered in 7 hours! Though long, the drive from the capital city of the country, Kathmandu to the city of eight lakes, Pokhara along the Prithvi Highway is more than enough to shower you with a dramatic scenery comprising of rivers, valleys, rocky gorges, and more. Check in at the hotel and boat at the Fewa Lake with serene Annapurna Range and Machhapuchhre peak's reflections on the water.

Day 03: Drive to Nayapul and Trek to Ulleri (2080 meters)

Wake up to the peaceful sunrise at Pokhara and following breakfast, drive towards the Nayapul. A 15 minutes' walk along the Modi Khola prior to crossing a suspension bridge sees our arrival at Birethanti. Take the gravelly road uphill through the villages of Matathanti and Lamdawali north of Bhurungdi Khola to get to Hille and then to Tikhedhunga. Cross another suspension bridge to now ascend along the 3300 stone slabs to the Magar Village of Ulleri. Enjoy views of the Annapurna South and Hiuchuli peaks.

Day 04: Trek to Ghorepani (2750 meters)

Walk through the pastures and cultivated fields before crossing two small streams to arrive at Nangethanti. A short climb up from there will see our entrance at the Ghorepani village. This place stayed as a resting place for traders and as they found water (pani) for their horses (ghore/ghode) here, this place was thus, called, Ghorepani. This village sits as a resting place for trekkers opting for the Annapurna Base Camp and many other treks in the region.

Day 05: Hike to Poonhill (3210 meters) and Trek to Tadapani (2610 meters)

Be an early bird and hike up the hill towards the famous viewpoint of Poonhill at 3210 meters. Delight in the panorama of Annapurna I, Hiunchuli, Dhaulagiri, Machhapuchhre, Nilgiri, and such other peaks. Parade back to Ghorepani and then again walk up to the village of Deurali. Descend through rhododendron and pine forest from here along the stone slabs to arrive at Banthanti. Across the river and uphill climb makes way for Tadapani.

Day 06: Trek to Ghandruk (1940 meters)

Down a steep trail through rhododendron, oak, and sal forests as it takes us along the Kimrung Khola. A short uphill climb from here takes us to the Gurung settlement of Ghandruk. While here, explore the Gurung Museum and also relish in the views of the Annapurna South, Hiuchuli, Gangapurna, and Machhapuchhre peaks.

Day 07: Trek to Nayapul and Drive Back to Pokhara (910 meters)

An easy hike downhill takes us to Birethanti and then another downhill hike along the stone slabs make way for Nayapul. From here, it's an hour's drive to the Cherafunji of Nepal.

Day 08: Drive back to Kathmandu (1440 meters)

Get the last look at the Annapurna Mountain Range and bid farewell to them! Early drive along the Trishuli River will see us back at the capital city of Nepal, Kathmandu.

Day 09: Onward Departure

This day marks the official end of your trek! If you have plans to stay and explore Nepal more, we can arrange scenic tailor-made trips for you. However, for those of you having to travel back, we will arrange your travel to the airport and wish you a happy journey ahead.

Highlights:

- Gurung Culture, Tradition, and Lifestyle
- Kali Gandaki, the deepest gorge in the country
- Fewa Lake
- Poon Hill (3210 meters)
- Gurung Museum
- Annapurna, Dhaulagiri, Hiunchuli, Machhapuchhre, and Other Annapurna Peaks

Cost Include:

- All Ground Transportations
- Three Daily Meals During the Trek
- Twin Sharing Lodge for Accommodation during the Trek
- One guide and a porter (1:2 ratio) and their food, accommodation, equipment
- Trekking Map and Trip Achievement Certificate
- First Aid
- TIMS and ACAP
- Government Taxes and Office Service Charge

Cost exclude:

- Water, Soft Drinks, and Other Liquid Beverages
- Meals Besides Meals Inclusion
- Snacks and Other Personal Expenses
- Personal Trekking Equipment
- Hot Showers except
- Tips to Trekking Staff and Others
- Personal Travel Insurance
- International Airfare
- Nepal Entry Visa