

Annapurna Circuit Luxury Trek - 14 Days

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Annapurna Circuit Luxury Trek Quick Information

Weather

7°C to 20°C

Duration

14 Days

Difficulty

Moderate to Difficult

Accommodation

Hotel, Lodges, Resorts

Meals Included

Buffet Set Breakfast, Lunch,
Dinner

Transportation

Private overland/ Flight

Daily Activity

6-8 hours trekking

Religion

Buddhist, Hindu, Bon

Ethnic People

Gurung, Thakali, Magar

Region of Nepal

Annapurna region

Max Altitude

5,416 m at Thorong La Pass

Per Person Cost

USD 3100

Best Season

March, April, May, Sept, Oct,
Nov

Geographic Terrain

Mountain, Forest, Village

Group Discounts Available

No. of Persons	Price per Person
Group Of 1 - 4	USD \$3,100.00
Group Of 5 - 8	USD \$3,000.00
Group Of 9 - 12	USD \$2,900.00
Group Of 13 - 18	USD \$2,800.00

Note: Our fixed group departure dates, services and price is guaranteed even if the group numbers are 1 person to maximum 18 persons. We will provide a guide cum porter if there is only 1 person to operate the trek and one more assistant guide if group size is above 10 persons. And of course, guide cum porter will carry 10 kg luggage.

Overview of Annapurna Circuit Luxury Trek

Annapurna Circuit Luxury Trek is a premium package that allows trekkers to explore the Annapurna region in a deluxe and luxurious way. The trip offers a unique experience of the varied landscape, stunning villages, and breathtaking mountain views, all while enjoying high-class accommodations, lavish meals, and personalized services. What makes this trip package popular and a top choice among trekkers is its unique combination of comfort, allowing people to enjoy hiking on the stunning [Annapurna Circuit](#).

The luxury trek to the Annapurna Circuit is perfect for those seeking adventure but aren't ready to stay in basic accommodations with limited facilities. Thus, it doesn't compromise on your comfort, but offers a perfect balance between Himalayan beauty and modern luxury. The 14-day journey takes you from subtropical forests to high alpine terrain to arid landscape, along with jaw-dropping sights of mountain peaks. From seeing the glimpses of the mountain, including **Annapurna I, Dhaulagiri, and Machhapuchhre**, and other Annapurna ranges from your cozy bed to each step of the route, you'll feel so proud while on this trip.

Key Features of the Annapurna Circuit Luxury Trek

- Experience Himalayan hospitality in comfort with cozy beds and tasty meals at an elevation above 3,000m.
- Wake up to the stunning mornings with the golden glow over the Annapurna Massif, accompanied by a fresh morning hot beverage.
- You'll gain insight into the mountain life while passing through, learning the culture and history of the region.
- Cross the challenging mountain pass of Thorong La Pass (5,416m) with the assistance of experienced guides and porters.
- You'll walk through the Annapurna Conservation Area, home to diverse flora and fauna.
- You'll get a glimpse of Mount Annapurna I, Annapurna II, Dhaulagiri, and Machapuchhare (Fishtail) throughout the trek.
- Skip the bumpy road and return to Pokhara by plane, taking in the aerial beauty of the Kali Gandaki Gorge and the Dhaulagiri range.
- Enjoy the serene beauty of Pokhara city and explore one of the most sought-after locations, Sarangkot.

Weather

January

-20°C to -8°C

February

-19°C to -7°C

March

-15°C to -3°C

April

-10°C to 1°C

May

-6°C to 4°C

June

-2°C to 6°C

July

-1°C to 7°C

August

-1°C to 7°C

September

-3°C to 5°C

October

-8°C to 1°C

November

-13°C to -3°C

December

-18°C to -7°C

Annapurna Circuit Luxury Trek Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Kathmandu

Welcome to Nepal. Upon your arrival at **Tribhuvan International Airport**, a representative from **Nepal Alternative Treks** will be waiting for you with a placard of the company's name. As you meet the representative, they'll greet you and escort you to your hotel in a private vehicle. After helping you with the check-in process, our representative will leave to rest and freshen up. In the evening, we'll meet you and brief you about the journey while serving a welcome drink. Your overnight stay is at the Hotel Yak and Yeti or any other 5-star category hotel.

Accommodation

Hotel Yak and Yeti or any other
5-star category hotel

Altitude:

1400 m.

Meals

Dinner

Day 2: Private transport to Besisahar

Your journey to the **Annapurna Circuit** begins on the second day. Our representative will pick you up from your hotel and drive you to your destination for the day, Besisahar, via private transportation. The route follows the winding **Prithvi Highway**, offering stunning views of fast-flowing rivers, terraced hillsides, and villages. The comfort of your private vehicle with air conditioning and flexibility for personalized stops along the way is the best part of your drive. Most of the road is paved with blacktop, but be prepared for occasional rough patches.

After **6-8 hours** of driving (depending on road and traffic conditions), you'll get to Besisahar, covering a distance of **175 km from Kathmandu**. Upon arrival in Besisahar, you will officially step into the foothills of the Annapurna region. On the day, you'll stay and have dinner in either the **Gateway Himalayan Resort** or the *Baranda Resort*.

Destination:

175 km drive (Avg. 6-8 hours)

Accommodation

Gateway Himalayan
Resort/Baranda Resort

Altitude:

850m./2805ft.

Meals

Buffet Set Breakfast, Lunch,
Dinner

Day 3: Private transport to Bagarchhap - Trek to Chame

Have your morning meal at the same lodging point where you've spent the night, and pack your backpack for another adventure. From Besisahar, you'll be driven to Bagarchhap. You'll drive by a private jeep

along the **Marsyangdi Highway**, heading north through villages like *Bhulbhule* and *Ngadi*. It is roughly **70 km** from Besisahar to Bagarchhap, taking 3-4 hours.

As you arrive at Bagarchhap, you'll rest and have lunch. As soon as you finish your lunch, you'll start your Annapurna Circuit Trek. Chame is your day's destination. The route is beautiful, offering stunning natural beauty and a cultural experience. The pathway winds through forested paths, waterfalls, and the Marsyangdi River. As you trek forward, you'll pass Danaque and Timang villages, offering astonishing views of Mount Manaslu and Annapurna II. The **distance from Bagarchhap to Chame is 13.5 km**, and the trek takes **3-4 hours**. Your overnight and dinner are at the Mountain Lodge of Nepal.

Destination:

70 km drive to Besisahar (Avg. 3-4 hours) | 13.5 km trek to Chame (Avg. 3-4 hours)

Accommodation

Mountain Lodge of Nepal

Altitude:

2710m./8943ft.

Meals

Buffet Set Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Trek to Upper Pisang

Are you ready to continue your luxury Annapurna trek? Finish your breakfast at Chame and begin your walk towards Upper Pisang. Leaving Chame, the walkway follows the Marsyangdi River, gradually ascending through the pine forests and narrow gorges. The path steadily climbs through the villages of Bhratang and Dhukur Pokhari, offering views of Annapurna II and Pisang Peak. Along the way, you'll cross suspension bridges and forests.

Once you reach the split point near Lower Pisang, a steeper but rewarding route leads you uphill to Upper Pisang. The ancient traditional village features Tibetan-style houses, prayer flags fluttering in the wind, and a stunning monastery, all of which add to the thrill of the trek. It takes **5-6 hours to travel from Chame to Upper Pisang**, covering a distance of **14.5 km**. You'll stay overnight and have dinner at either the Mandala Hotel or the Hotel Mountain Bridge at Upper Mustang.

Destination:

14.5 km uphill trek (Avg. 5-6 hours)

Accommodation

Mandala Hotel/Hotel Mountain Bridge at Upper Mustang

Altitude:

3300m./10890ft.

Meals

Buffet Set Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Trek to Manang

Day five's trek is one of the most scenic sections of the Annapurna Circuit. Leaving Upper Pisang after breakfast, the route takes you to the high elevation of Ghyaru and Ngawal villages, offering more stunning views. Views of the **Annapurna ranges, including Annapurna II, III, IV, and Gangapurna**.

As you ascend steeply through Ghyaru, you'll pass through arid landscapes with juniper bushes. The

pathways then gently descend and follow the valley, joining the main section that leads into Braga. From there, it's a short, gentle walk to Manang (3,540 m). The trek from Upper Pisang to Manang covers an approximate distance of **16 km**, taking **6-7 hours** of walking. You'll stay and have your dinner at the Mountain Lodge of Nepal in Manang on the day.

Destination:

16 km trek (Avg. 6-7 hours)

Accommodation

Mountain Lodge of Nepal

Altitude:

3540 m./11614 ft.

Meals

Buffet Set Breakfast, Lunch,
Dinner

Day 6: Acclimatization

Manang, located at an elevation of 3,540 m above sea level, is a crucial and highly recommended stopover point during the Annapurna Circuit Trek. The location is ideal for an acclimatization point as it helps you to adjust to the thinning air before ascending further towards **Thorong La Pass (5,416 m)**. On the day, you'll go for a short hike near Manang, as there are several well-known viewpoints in the vicinity of the village.

Gangapurna Lake and Glacier Viewpoint, which takes **1-2 hours** on a round trip from Manang, is one of the key options to choose from on the day. Similarly, you can choose to hike to **Chhunker viewpoint**, also known as the **Ice Lake trail**, which takes 4-5 hours and is more challenging. Additionally, *Bhojo/Praken Gumba* is another day-hike option located near the Manang village. However, wherever you go, you'll return to Manang village for your dinner and overnight stay.

Destination:

Depends

Accommodation

Mountain Lodge of Nepal

Altitude:

3540 m./11614 ft.

Meals

Buffet Set Breakfast, Lunch,
Dinner

Day 7: Trek to Yak Kharka

After a pleasant acclimatization day, you'll resume your trek on the seventh day. You'll leave Manang after breakfast with a gradual climb out of the Marshyangdi Valley. The ascent is steady, allowing your body to adjust to the increasing elevation. The route passes through the small settlement of Tengi. Then, it continues along open yak pastures, offering an incredible view of Annapurna III, Gangapurna, and the Tilicho Peaks along the way.

A **3-4 hour** walk from Manang takes you to Yak Kharka, covering a distance of **approximately 10 kilometers**. You'll stay in a cozy **hotel, such as the Gangapurna Hotel or Hotel Trekker**, in Yak Kharka.

Destination:

10 km trek (Avg. 3-4 hours)

Accommodation

Gangapurna Hotel/Hotel
Trekker

Altitude:

4110 m./13563 ft.

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8: Trek to Thorong Phedi

Day eight takes you closer to your destination. After filling your tummy with yummy meals at Yak Kharka, you'll begin your walk towards the day's destination, Thorong Phedi. The route starts with a gradual ascent through dry alpine terrain, characterized by a wide-open landscape. The path passes through a narrow valley and involves crossing a small suspension bridge over the Jarsang Khola. It is a short yet challenging trek, taking **3 to 4 hours** and covering a distance of **7-8 km**. The day's overnight stay and dinner are at the **Thorong Phedi Lodge**.

Destination:

7-8 km trek (Avg. 3-4 hours)

Accommodation

Thorong Phedi Lodge

Altitude:

4400 m./14520 ft.

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9: Thorong La Pass - Muktinath

Day nine is the day you've been eagerly waiting for. It's a journey to remember, and the part that makes every challenge you face worthy. On this day, you'll begin your ascent early, usually around 4:00 to 5:00 a.m. The reason to start early in the day is to avoid winds and ensure safe passage over the Thorong La. The first phase of the climb is steep, particularly as it passes through **High Camp (4,880 m)**. The pathways slowly become zigzagging over rocky terrain. Breathing becomes increasingly complex as you approach **Thorong La Pass (5,416 m)**.

A **3-4 hour** trek from Thorong Phedi takes you to the top of the Thorong La Pass, from where you can witness a jaw-dropping sight of mountain peaks, offering an authentic and unforgettable sense of accomplishment. After taking photos and appreciating your hard work, you'll start descending to Muktinath. The descent can be challenging, especially for the knees. So, walk slowly with the help of trekking poles. It is a **3-4 hour descent** from Thorong La Pass to Muktinath, covering a distance of **10 km**. You'll spend your night at the **Lo Mustang Himalayan Resort of Muktinath**.

Destination:

18 km uphill/downhill trek
(Avg. 8-9 hours)

Accommodation

Lo Mustang Himalayan Resort

Altitude:

5416 m./17769 ft.

Meals

Buffet Set Breakfast, Lunch,
Dinner

Day 10: Trek to Jomsom

After completing the crossing of Thorong La, it's your descent journey. But, before you descend further, you can visit the sacred Muktinath temple. After visiting the temple and having breakfast, the route descends gently through dry and rugged terrain, offering a view of the Kali Gandaki Valley. Along the

way, you'll pass through traditional Thakali villages like Jharkot and Kagbeni.

The final walk to Jomsom takes you alongside the Kali Gandaki River, the world's deepest gorge. The journey from Muktinath to Jomsom takes **5-7 hours**, covering a distance of approximately **20 kilometers**. Additionally, you'll stay in a **Himalayan Inn** or *Om's Home* in Jomsom.

Destination:

20 km trek (Avg. 5-7 hours)

Accommodation

Himalayan Inn/Om's Home

Altitude:

2743 m./8999 ft.

Meals

Buffet Set Breakfast, Lunch,
Dinner

Day 11: Fly to Pokhara - Drive to Sarangkot

The Luxury Annapurna Circuit trek is about to come to a close. Today, you'll leave the Annapurna region after breakfast in Jomsom. Afterward, you'll catch a short scenic flight to Pokhara, taking **20-25 minutes**. Flying while getting an aerial view of the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri ranges and the Kali Gandaki River Valley, you'll enter the bustling city of Pokhara.

Upon landing at Pokhara Airport, you'll drive directly to the Sarangkot viewpoint. Sarangkot (1,600 m) is a popular hilltop viewpoint situated **10 km** from Pokhara, accessible via a **30- to 45-minute drive**. The viewpoint is well-known for sunrise and sunset views over the **Annapurna, Machhapuchare, and Dhaulagiri mountains**. Similarly, it is a popular spot for paragliding. You'll stay overnight at the **Mountain Lodge of Sarangkot**.

Destination:

Avg. 20-25 minutes flight | 10
km drive (Avg. 30-45 minutes)

Accommodation

Mountain Lodge

Altitude:

1600 m./5249 ft.

Meals

Buffet Set Breakfast, Lunch,
Dinner

Day 12: Pokhara City Tour - Fly to Kathmandu

Early in the morning, you'll witness the majestic sunrise from Sarangkot. After enjoying the jaw-dropping sights, you'll begin your short Pokhara tour by exploring some of the iconic attractions. You'll visit **Devi's Fall, the International Mountain Museum, the Tibetan Refugee Camp, Gupteswor Cave, the World Peace Pagoda**, and the **Pumdikot Shiva Statue**.

After the city tour, you'll be driven towards Pokhara Airport for your flight to Kathmandu, which takes **25-30 minutes**. Once in Kathmandu, you can check into your hotel and stay overnight at Hotel Yak and Yeti or a 5-star category hotel.

Destination:

25-30 minutes flight to
Kathmandu

Accommodation

Hotel Yak and Yeti or a 5-star
category hotel

Altitude:

1400 m./4593 ft.

Meals

Buffet Set Breakfast, Lunch,
Dinner

Day 13: Kathmandu City Tour

Day thirteen is an additional day to let you explore Kathmandu city. Have your breakfast and get ready for the visit. Our guide will pick you up from your hotel at the provided time. On this day, you'll explore Bhaktapur Durbar Square, Boudhanath Stupa, and Swayambhunath Temple. All three sites are prominent historical landmarks in the Kathmandu Valley, offering unique glimpses into Nepal's rich cultural heritage.

After a pleasant visit to three prominent landmarks, you'll return to your hotel and get ready for the farewell Gala dinner with us. Your overnight will be at Hotel Yak and Yeti or another 5-star category.

Destination:

Depends

Accommodation

Hotel Yak and Yeti or another
5-star category

Altitude:

1400 m./4593 ft.

Meals

Buffet Set Breakfast, Lunch,
Farewell Gala Dinner

Day 14: Departure home

Day fourteen marks the final day in Nepal. We hope you enjoyed your Annapurna Circuit Trek and that we met your expectations in terms of luxury. According to your departure time, our representative will pick you up from your hotel and drop you off at Tribhuvan International Airport for your flight. We must bid you farewell with the hope of seeing you again. Have a safe flight.

What's Included

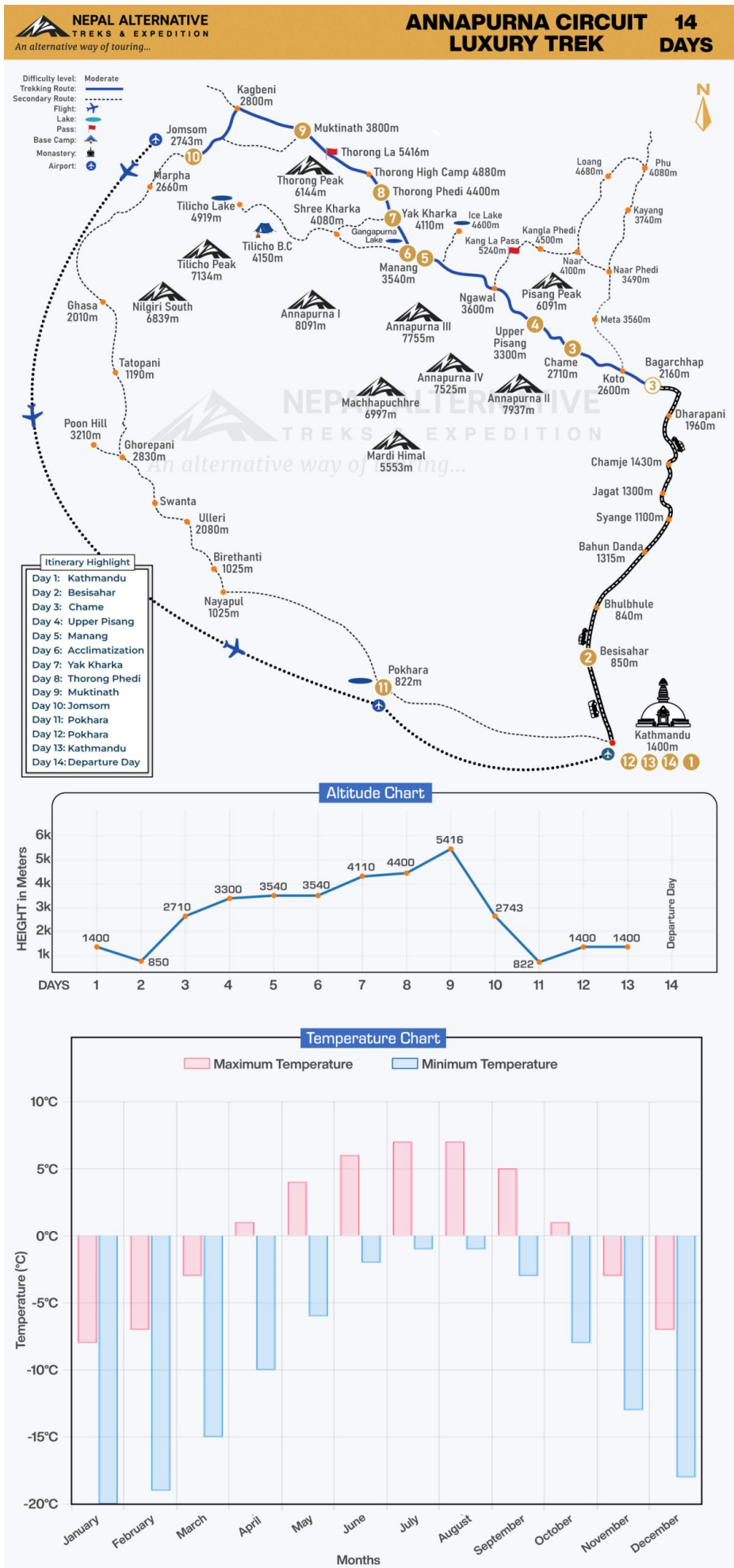
- Pick up and drop off at and from Tribhuvan International Airport.
- 5-star Hotel accommodation in Kathmandu on a sharing basis.
- Guided City Tour in Kathmandu and Pokhara.
- Luxury Lodge accommodation (twin-share basis), including hot showers and battery charge provided during the trek.
- All meals (Buffet Set Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner with dessert) along the trek with tea/coffee/hot water, etc.
- One highly experienced, first aid-trained, fluent in English and the local language, friendly, government-authorized trekking guide.
- 1 Private Porter Per Trekker and keep luggage weight under 20kg.
- Guide/ Porter's food, accommodation, salary, insurance, transportation, and equipment.
- Jomsom to Pokhara and Pokhara to Kathmandu by flight.

- Private overland transportation as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Annapurna Conservation Area Project (ACAP), City Tour Entrance fees, and necessary permits.
- A trekking map, returnable duffle bags, Sleeping bags, Down Jackets, Warm hat, Oxygen saturation check-up every day, fresh seasonal fruits, trekking completion certificate, company T-shirt, etc.
- Walkie-talkie, one set of Oxygen Cylinders or Gamobag (for a Minimum of a two-person group), and a first aid kit.
- Government tax and service charge, etc.
- Assistance for emergency rescue evacuation.
- Public Liability Insurance.

What's Not Included

- Hard and soft table drinks such as Coke, Fanta, Mineral water, beer, laundry, phone bill, and bar bill.
- Personal Travel Insurance.
- International Flight Tickets.
- Nepal Tourist Visa Fee.
- Tips for guides and porters.

Route Map



Additional Trip Information

Why should you do the Annapurna Circuit luxury trek?

If you are willing to experience the legendary Annapurna Circuit but don't want to compromise on comfort, consider the Annapurna Circuit Luxury Trek. From the mesmerizing Himalayan landscape to premium comfort and services, the trek package offers the ultimate experience. Imagine waking up to a warm cup of tea from your cozy, luxurious lodge and witnessing the golden glow of the mountain peaks outside your window. Sounds amazing? That's exactly why you should do the Annapurna Circuit Luxury Trek.



The Annapurna Circuit Luxury Trek Experience with Professional Guides

What makes this package truly special and a must-do is that you get to enjoy the stunning landscape of the Himalayan region without sacrificing your comfort. Choosing this luxury trek also means you'll be taken care of by a professional team of experienced guides and porters. Similarly, the journey is a must-do for those who want to trek through the Himalayan terrain with a touch of luxury. Additionally, if you seek flexible transportation options and personalized services, consider taking the Luxury Trek to the Annapurna Circuit.

Luxury services during the Trek

Nepal Alternative Treks has carefully crafted the Annapurna Circuit Luxury Trek itinerary, designed

with top-notch luxury services that cater to every trekker’s needs. From luxurious accommodations to meals and personalized care, we ensure you are well taken care of, with everything within your comfort. The included luxury services during the trek include:

Luxury Accommodation

- 5-star hotel stays in Kathmandu on a twin-sharing basis.
- Luxury lodge during the trek with the services of a hot shower, charging facility, and others.

Premium Transportation

- Two-way domestic flight from Pokhara to Jomsom and Kathmandu to Pokhara.
- Private overland transportation for smooth transitions between destinations.

Fine Dining

- Three meals are served throughout the journey, including a buffet breakfast, a set menu lunch, and dinner with dessert.
- Fresh seasonal fruits are served daily on the trekking sections.

Expert Trekking Support

- Guided cultural city tours in Kathmandu and Pokhara with heritage site entries.
- A professional, licensed trekking guide fluent in English and the local language.
- One private porter for each trekker for a more personalized experience.

Premium Gears and Support

- Returnable gears for each guest include a duffle bag, a sleeping bag, a down jacket, and a warm hat.
- Walkie-talkie communication, oxygen cylinder or Gamow bag, and first aid kit.

Emergency Assistance

- Assistance with emergency rescue evacuation

Annapurna Luxury Trek vs. Standard Trek: What’s the Difference?

The major difference between the Annapurna Luxury Trek and the Standard Trek is the comfort and upgraded luxury services. While a luxury trek offers comfort, premium lodges, better meals, professional services, and a more relaxing experience, a standard trek typically refers to basic facilities, shared services, and limited options. Therefore, due to the premium services included in the luxury trek, it costs more than the standard one.

Here is a clear comparison table between the Annapurna Luxury Trek and the Standard Annapurna Circuit:

Feature	Annapurna Luxury Trek	Standard Annapurna Circuit Trek
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Feature	Annapurna Luxury Trek	Standard Annapurna Circuit Trek
Accommodation	5-star hotels and luxury lodges with attached bathrooms and heated rooms.	Basic teahouses with shared bathrooms and simple rooms.
Meals	Multi-course meals with variety.	Simple Nepali and basic Western dishes.
Guides and Porters	Highly experienced and private	Experienced but shared.
Transportation	Private vehicle and airway	Tourist bus or shared jeep
Facilities	Hot shower, wifi, electricity backup, warm dining areas.	Limited hot water, no wifi
Comfort Level	High with a smooth and pleasant trekking experience.	Basic
Cost	Higher due to upgraded services and amenities.	Lower, more affordable.
Best For	Travelers seeking comfort, style, and safety at altitude.	Budget travelers and traditional trekking enthusiasts.

Cost of Annapurna Circuit Luxury Trek

The cost of the Annapurna Circuit Luxury Trek ranges from USD 2,700 to 3,740. The cost covers most of the luxury expenses throughout the journey, from a domestic flight ticket, a guided city tour in Kathmandu and Pokhara, five-star accommodation in Kathmandu, and Luxury Lodge accommodation throughout the trek. However, the standard Annapurna Circuit Trek cost ranges from \$530 to \$840. The cost difference between the Luxury Annapurna Circuit and the standard is already shown in the above heading.

Who Is the Annapurna Luxury Trek Best For?

Families



Annapurna Circuit Luxury Trek with your Family

The Annapurna Luxury Trek is ideal for families with children and older individuals. The trek is carefully designed with comfort and safety in mind, making it suitable for family travelers. The package includes cozy rooms, hot showers, and nutritious meals, ensuring your family's comfort throughout the journey. Similarly, a professional will guide your family, helping at every step and making your journey into remarkable memories with your loved ones.

Luxury Travelers

The trek to the Luxury Annapurna Circuit is best suited for those who love adventure but aren't accustomed to staying in basic facilities and prefer luxury services. The journey offers an authentic taste of the Himalayas and Adventure without sacrificing the pleasure of luxury options. In this package, every detail is taken care of, from comfortable transportation and an experienced guide to premium accommodations and a smooth adventure.



Annapurna Circuit Luxury Trek with your Partner as a Special Date

First-time Trekker

The Annapurna Luxury Trek is an excellent way to start your adventure in the Himalayas. If you are nervous about the routes, challenges, and basic facilities, this package takes you without any worries. With an experienced guide, a relaxed pace, and comfortable lodges, you'll feel safe and supported throughout the journey. It is an introduction to Himalayan life and a trip through the rugged mountain areas in a comfortable and stress-free manner.



Relish your First Time Trekking Experience with Annapurna Circuit Luxury Trek

Travelers with Health Concerns

The luxury trek is also suitable for travelers with general health concerns. Its slower pace, relatively shorter walking hours, and personalized itinerary with extra care make it perfect for those with health concerns. Similarly, per your health condition, you'll be assisted by a trained guide to monitor your situation. Likewise, the itinerary is flexible and can be adjusted according to your preferences and your comfort level. Thus, you can now embark on your adventure without worrying about your health.

Frequently Asked Questions

Are there actually luxury lodges on the trail?

Yes, there are luxury lodges along the Annapurna Circuit trail. The lodges offer a more comfortable and upscale experience compared to traditional teahouses. Similarly, it features attached bathrooms, hot showers, and Wi-Fi. However, the cost of the luxury lodges is higher than that of the tea houses.

How do meals work on a luxury trek? Still have dal bhat every day?

While Dal Bhat is popular and still an option on the luxury trek, you'll have a much wider variety of meals to choose from on this package. You can expect menus featuring international dishes, fresh produce, and customized options tailored to your dietary preferences. Along with diversity, the meals are nutritious and enjoyable.

What are the necessary permits for the Annapurna Circuit Luxury Trek?

Annapurna Conservation Area permit (ACAP) is the only necessary permit for the Annapurna Circuit Luxury Trek. Legally, the TIMS (Trekkers' Information Management System) Card is also required; however, since there are no checkpoints for the permit, it is not mandatory to obtain it.

Will I still feel immersed in nature, or does the 'luxury' take that away?

Yes, you'll feel immersed in nature, and the luxury doesn't detract from that experience. Instead, the trek offers a unique way to connect with nature. The route involves walking through the same trail that takes you through a natural wonder, spanning from a forested area to small streams, a river, and a suspension bridge.

Do we need to carry our bags on a luxury trek?

No, you don't have to carry your bags on the luxury trek; instead, a private porter will be assigned to you as part of this package. The porter has a capacity of around 20kg, so you can keep as much stuff as you want. Still, we recommend avoiding unnecessary items that will add weight to your bag.

Cancellation Policy

We understand that plans can change willy-nilly. However it is our responsibility to ensure fairness and transparency among our customers regarding our cancellation policy. So we kindly request all travelers to carefully review the cancellation and refund policy before confirming their trip.

After your trip starts, we cannot provide a refund for any voluntary withdrawal, cancellation, or early departure by the traveler. This means ***the full amount paid to us will not be refunded after the trip has begun.*** Likewise, if during the trip, any services such as accommodation, sightseeing, meals, transportation, etc. included in the itinerary/trip are not used by the customer, no refunds or reuse will be provided to whatever portion remains unused on the trip.

Also, please note that ***last-minute cancellations are non-refundable.*** You have to understand that many trip arrangements such as accommodation, transportation, permits, guides, and operational logistics are confirmed and pre-booked. Thus, cancellations made at the last minute create non-recoverable costs for the company and so do for our clients. In addition, cancellations made shortly before the departure date or after the trip has started will be considered as last-minute cancellations and will not be eligible for any refund.

Still, the company will use their discretion in setting the conditions for the refunds, therefore, few of the conditions mentioned are subject to change. The company holds every right to cancel the trips booked by

the customers before it is guaranteed to run or an official agreement is signed. A trip is guaranteed to run once it has two fully paid travelers unless minimum numbers state otherwise.

Unfortunate circumstances such as unforeseen natural disaster, canceled flights, strike, industrial action, wars, riots, quarantine, government intervention, weather, the deteriorating health condition of a group member, etc. could lead to cancellation of trips. In such cases, the customer can either ask to get back the 90% of the total trip cost paid to the company (13% Government Tax will be deducted) or reuse the cost in an alternative trip with the same price, immediately, in the following season of the same year.

The company will require a written notice in case of any cancellation. Please ensure the date of the trip cancellation is the date on which the written cancellation is received by the company. If you cancel the trip anytime prior to the departure date of the actual trip, 90% of the total cost is reusable for a year or refund.

Trip Amendment

First and foremost, please note that all the amendment conditions are applied to the trips listed on this site only. Below are a few notes to take about the amendment fees in case of any changes during, while, or after the booking:

If the company receives a request on the booking amendments at least 60 days prior to the trip, a total of USD 50/person is charged to the customer. However, if the customer's request for a booking amendment in less than 60 days before the trip departure, then the charges will be as per the cancellation policy mentioned above. In case of any changes in the price of the trip during the procedure of booking and the amendments, the new cost will be applied to the trips. Please note that these changes might not be applied by the company, but can be levied upon the company by the third parties i.e. the hotels or the service providers working with the company.

Any changes, amendments, or additions in aggregation to the trips you have booked, for example, hotels, transfers, additional days, etc. will account for no additional fee.

Health Conditions

Nepal Alternative Treks places the highest priority on the safety and well-being of all travelers. We need to ensure the traveler's well-being and health condition at the time of booking. While travelers can participate without medical documentation, those with chronic illnesses or long-term medical conditions must obtain a doctor's consent before joining the trip. This is to ensure their health is not badly affected during the adventure and that they can safely enjoy the journey.

The company will not be responsible for any type of mishaps and will not bear the medical and evacuation expenses on behalf of the participant. Therefore, we request our clients to consult their doctors for a thorough checkup and vaccination before booking a trip with us. In addition, clients with specific health needs or concerns should inform the Company in advance. This allows us to provide guidance and, if required, arrange additional services to make the trip safer and more comfortable. If needed, clients may also request additional services related to the length of the trip or stay in the country of travel.

Weather and other unfavorable conditions

Clients should be well aware of the unpredictability of the weather conditions in the mountainous regions. The unfortunate weather conditions, especially in the Everest, Jomsom, and Kanchenjunga regions, can sometimes lead to unfavorable circumstances that include delay or cancellation of flights. The Company will cover the expenses of accommodations and food in the departing location until the arrangement of flights is done. However, the Company holds every right to reroute the original trip or transports which will be in favor of the situation without any addition in the cost. Please note that the company will not be responsible for any missed international flights, losses caused by Altitude Sickness, or any other unpredictable circumstances, and the participants will have to pay all the charges incurred. Nonetheless, the Company will connect and assist you to make the necessary alternative arrangements, but, the additional charge will be covered by the customers themselves.

Regardless of stating every condition and information about the trips on the website and brochures of the Company, we will not be responsible for the unforeseeable situations that may arise before or during the trips. The Company will, however, try its level best to give prior notice about it and take alternate strategies to deal with it. These booking conditions may only be waived in special circumstances, and in writing, by a letter from the Chief of the Company. Note that all the legal agreements set up and signed between the client and the Company shall be subjected to and governed by the Nepalese law.

Note: All the Terms and Conditions mentioned are prepared as per the laws of the Government of Nepal and is governed by them. Therefore, only the head of the Company gets to intervene and holds the authority to make any amendments.

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