

Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trek - 11 Days

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Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trek Quick Information

Weather

-5°C to 20°C

Duration

11 Days

Difficulty

Moderate

Accommodation

Lodge/Home Stay

Meals Included

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Transportation

Private Jeep/Tourist bus/Public Bus

Daily Activity

Trekking

Religion

Buddhist and Hindu

Ethnic People

Magar, Gurung

Region of Nepal

Annapurna Region

Max Altitude

3850m./12705ft.

Per Person Cost

USD 970

Best Season

Sept, Oct, Nov, March, April & May

Geographic Terrain

Mountain, Hills, Forest, Rivers, Terrace

Group Discounts Available

No. of Persons	Price per Person
Group Of 1 - 4	USD \$970.00
Group Of 5 - 8	USD \$950.00
Group Of 9 - 12	USD \$930.00
Group Of 13 - 18	USD \$910.00

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.

What Locations Make Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trek Special?

Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trekking offers magnificent views and connects with the Rara Dolpo trek route. You will discover an undiscovered gem as you trek through the stunning **Gurja and Dhaulagiri valleys**. Despite its beauty, few tourists have explored the Gurja Himal trekking trail.

Nestled under the snowy peaks range, one of the highlights of the Gurja Himal trek is seeing *Mount Dhaulagiri*. *It is the seventh-highest mountain in the world at 8,172 meters*. You will also witness the impressive mountain ranges of Churen Himal (7,371 meters) and Gurja Himal (7,193 meters). In the village of Chhantyal, you will see how people rely on farming and herding for their livelihood.

During the winter, when snow blankets the settlement, the villagers move to temporary homes in the **lower Dhaulagiri Valley**. As you trek through Gurja Khani on the Gurja Himal Trekking trail, you will navigate the maze-like narrow lanes and admire the intricately carved wooden windows of the ancient homes.

Seeing Mount Dhaulagiri, the seventh-highest mountain in the world (8172 m), is a highlight of the Gurja Himal walk. Mountain ranges of Churen Himal (7371 m), Gurja Himal (7193 m), and Dhaulagiri (8172 m). The majority of the “Bishwakarma” residents of the village of Chhantyal depend on farming and herding for their livelihood. There is training in traditional blacksmithing techniques. Their males wore heavy wool jackets that were felted to make them waterproof and were made by women. They climb up to 5,000 meters with their herds in the summer.

They relocate to temporary homes in the lower valley Dhaulagiri during the winter when snow covers the settlement. The slates on one roof touch the roof of the house across from it since the houses are so close to one another. The village is a labyrinth of little lanes. Older residences are adorned with the beautifully carved wooden windows made famous by Gurja Khani artisans.

Gurja Khani is a place at the trail of Gurja Himal Trekking. The village is a labyrinth of little lanes. Older residences are adorned with the beautifully carved wooden windows made famous by Gurja Khani ancient homes. Altogether Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trekking is one of the best trekking journeys in the Dhaulagiri region of Nepal.

Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trek Highlights

- Get wonderful views of the seventh-highest mountain in the world, Mount Dhaulagiri.
- Trek through some of the most beautiful trekking routes in Nepal.
- Have a chance to taste the local food of the region.
- Visit Gurja Khani, a place at the trail of Gurja Himal Trekking.
- Experience the serene beauty of the Dhorpatan Hunting Reserve, home to diverse wildlife and pristine nature.
- Interact with the hospitable locals, learning about the Magar and Gurung cultures and traditions.
- Capture breathtaking landscapes and panoramic views of the Himalayas, ideal for photography enthusiasts.

Weather

Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trekking Weather Information

When you plan to visit Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trekking, it's essential to know the weather conditions. During January and February, the temperatures range from -5°C to 6°C. It can be freezing, especially at night. In March, the weather starts to warm up, with temperatures from 0°C to 9°C. By April and May, you can expect milder weather, ranging from 4°C to 16°C, making it more comfortable for trekking.

The summer months of June, July, and August have the warmest temperatures, ranging from 11°C to 20°C. This is also the monsoon season, so be prepared for rain. In September, the weather cools down from 10°C to 18°C. October and November offer pleasant temperatures from 0°C to 14°C, making it one of the best times to trek. December gets colder again, with temperatures between -3°C and 6°C. Check the temperature before making your journey to Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trek.

January

-5°C to 5°C

February

-3°C to 6°C

March

0°C to 9°C

April

4°C to 13°C

May

8°C to 16°C

June

11°C to 20°C

July

12°C to 20°C

August

12°C to 20°C

September

10°C to 18°C

October

5°C to 14°C

November

0°C to 9°C

December

-3°C to 6°C

Difficulty

Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Difficulty

The Gurja Dhorpatan Trek is moderately challenging, typically spanning about 10 days. During this trek, you will hike for 5 to 7 hours daily, covering diverse terrain, including steep ascents, descents, rocky paths, and lush woodlands. The route takes us through tranquil villages and offers glimpses of local culture and lifestyle.

At higher altitudes, reaching up to around 3255 meters at Gurja Pass, there's a risk of Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS), necessitating careful acclimatization. Weather conditions in the Himalayas can be unpredictable, with daytime temperatures being moderate but dropping significantly at night, sometimes below freezing. Trekkers must prepare for cold conditions, especially during the evenings.

Accommodations along the Gurja Dhorpatan Trek are basic. They primarily consist of teahouses and lodges that provide essential services without luxurious amenities. As the trek covers remote areas, facilities and services are limited. Hiring experienced guides and porters who are familiar with the terrain, can offer support, and are crucial in case of emergencies.

11 Days Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trek Itinerary

Day 1: Drive to Beni from Pokhara

After arriving in Nepal, we will depart towards Beni. Beni is 273 kilometers from Kathmandu, and traveling that distance by bus or jeep will take 8 to 9 hours. We will drive through picturesque valleys, little towns, and terraced farms. We can recover and prepare for the upcoming hike when we get to Beni.

Destination:

273km / 09 hours drive

Accommodation

Hotel in Beni

Altitude:

(899m./2966ft.)

Meals

Lunch, Dinner

Day 2: Drive to Darbang - trek to Dharapani

After breakfast, we will drive to Darbang, which will take around an hour. From there, we will start our 2.5-hour hike to Dharapani, located at an elevation of 1565 meters. We will pass through beautiful villages, farmland, and woodlands along the trail. We will spend the night in a teahouse accommodation in Dharapani.

Destination:

40km. Drive to Darbang (Avg.01 hrs.) - 8km. walk to Dharapani (2.5 hrs.)

Accommodation

Lodge in Dharapani

Altitude:

(1565m./5164ft.)

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Trek to Lulang

We will start our 6-7 hour hike towards Lulang, at an elevation of 2450 meters. The walk will offer breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains as it winds through lovely woodlands and across streams. We will pass through charming villages like Takam and Sibang, interacting with locals and enjoying the serene environment. We will spend the night in a teahouse accommodation in Lulang.

Destination:

18km./ 6-7hours walk

Accommodation

Lodge in Lulang

Altitude:

(2450m./8085ft.)

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Trek to Gurja Khani via Gurja Pass

We will begin our 8-hour hike towards Gurja Khani, located at an elevation of 2650 meters. The trail will take us through dense forests and alpine meadows, offering stunning views of the surrounding peaks. As

we ascend to Gurja Pass, at a height of 3255 meters, we will be rewarded with breathtaking panoramic views of the mountains nearby. We will pass through remote villages such as Lulang and Mudi, experiencing their unique cultures. We will stay overnight in a homestay in Gurja Khani.

Destination:

18km. /08 hours walk

Accommodation

Homestay in Gurja Khani

Altitude:

(2650m./8745ft.)

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Extra day in Hidden Village - Side trip to base of Gurja Himal

We will begin our 8-hour hike towards Gurja Khani, located at an elevation of 2650 meters. The trail will take us through dense forests and alpine meadows, offering stunning views of the surrounding peaks. As we ascend to Gurja Pass, at a height of 3255 meters, we will be rewarded with breathtaking panoramic views of the mountains nearby. We will pass through remote villages such as Lulang and Mudi, experiencing their unique cultures. We will stay overnight in a homestay in Gurja Khani.

Destination:

Round trip - 5-6 Hours walk

Accommodation

Homestay in Hidden village

Altitude:

(2650m./8745ft.)

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6: Trek to Gurja Ghat/Dhorpatan via Rugachaur Pass

We will start our 6 to 7-hour hike towards Gurja Ghat/Dhorpatan, situated at an elevation of 3000 meters. The trail will lead us across the 3850-meter-high Rugachaur Pass, offering spectacular views of the nearby mountains. Along the way, we will pass through small settlements like Taka, where we can interact with locals and experience their rural lifestyle. We will spend the night in a teahouse at Gurja Ghat or Dhorpatan, enjoying the warmth of local hospitality.

Destination:

18km./ 6-7 hours walk

Accommodation

Lodge in Gurja Ghat

Altitude:

(3000m./9900ft.)

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7: Side trip to Tibetan Bonpo Monastery at Chentung (optional).

For those interested, we will take a side trip to visit the Tibetan Bonpo Monastery in Chentung. This excursion will take around 3-4 hours, providing an opportunity to learn about the Bonpo religion and culture while exploring the monastery. We will return to our teahouse accommodation at Gurja Ghat or Dhorpatan for the night.

Destination:

12km./03 -04 hours walk

Accommodation

Lodge in Gurja Ghat

Altitude:

(3000m./9900ft.)

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8: Trek to Lumsung via Jaljalla Pass

Today, we embark on a 6-7 hour hike towards Lumsung, situated at an elevation of 2190 meters. The trail will lead us over the Jaljalla Pass, reaching an altitude of 3400 meters and offering breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains. We will trek through lush forests and pastures, passing through villages like Phagune Dhuri and Ghustung. We will spend the night in a teahouse in Lumsung, enjoying the tranquility of the mountainous landscape.

Destination:

18km./06 hours walk

Accommodation

Lodge in Lumsung

Altitude:

(2190m./7227ft.)

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9: Trek to Darbang

We will begin our 6-7 hour hike towards Darbang. The trail will lead us through beautiful villages, farmland, and woodlands, offering picturesque views and encounters with local culture. We will pass through villages like Dhorpatan and Phagune Dhuri before reaching Darbang. We will spend the night in a teahouse in Darbang, reminiscing about the journey and preparing for our return.

Destination:

18km./06 hours walk

Accommodation

Lodge in Darbang

Altitude:

(2819m./9302ft.)

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10: Back to Pokhara

It will take about 7-8 hours to drive back to Pokhara. Along the way, we can enjoy the scenic grandeur of the nearby mountains and valleys. Upon arriving in Pokhara, we will relax and unwind, reflecting on the memorable trekking experience. We will spend the night in a hotel in Pokhara, enjoying the comforts of the city.

Destination:

90km./07 hours drive

Accommodation

Hotel Kausi

Altitude:

(850m./2805ft.)

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch

Day 11: Drive to Kathmandu

After breakfast, we will bid farewell to the majestic views of Mt. Fishtail and Mt. Annapurna. We will catch a tourist bus and travel towards Kathmandu, enjoying the scenic beauty along the Prithvi Highway. After approximately 6 hours on the road, we will arrive at our hotel in Thamel, Kathmandu. Here, we can celebrate the completion of our trek with a meal at one of the city's finest restaurants. We will spend the night in Kathmandu, reminiscing about our adventure in the Himalayas.

Destination:	Altitude:	Meals
200km. drive to Kathmandu (06 hrs.)	(1295m./4273ft.)	Breakfast

What's Included

- Pick Up at Tribhuvan International Airport and Transfer to Hotel in Kathmandu .
- Hotel accommodation (Twin share basis) in Pokhara (Hotel Kausi).
- Lodge /Home Stay (Twin share basis) accommodation during the trekking.
- All meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) during trek.
- One experienced, first aid trained, fluent English speaking, local language speaking, friendly and government authorized trekking guide
- 1 Porter per 2 Trekkers and keep luggage weight under 10kg per person.
- Guide/ Porter's food, accommodation, salary, insurance, transportation and equipments.
- Entire overland transportation as per mentioned in the itinerary.
- Annapurna conservation area project (ACAP) and necessary permits .
- Assistance of emergency rescue.
- A trekking map, Duffel bag, Oxygen saturation check up everyday, water purification, first aid kit box, Company t-shirt and trekking completion certificate.
- Government tax and service charge.
- Public Liability Insurance.

What's Not included

- Hotel accommodation and meals in Kathmandu.
- Hard and soft table drinks such as tea/coffee, coke, fanta, mineral water, beer, desert, hot shower, hot water, battery charge, laundry, phone bill, bar bill etc.
- Personal Travel insurance.
- International Flight Tickets.
- Nepal Tourist Visa
- Tips for guide and porters .(Highly suggested).

Additional Trip Information

Best Time For Gurja Dhorpatan Trek

The best time for the Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trek is during the Pre-monsoon(Spring) and Post-monsoon (Autumn) seasons. During this season, the weather is clearer and offers you the best views of snow-capped mountains and surrounding areas.

Spring starts in March and ends in May. This season is ideal for trekking if you want to experience the blooming rhododendron and other wildflowers season. This adds vibrant colors to your trekking experience. Also, the weather is clear, and the temperature is mild. You will also have a small chance of encountering rainfall. Trekking this season is perfect, but the chance of altitude sickness is a little high because of the blooming rhododendrons.

Autumn season lasts from September to November. Like spring, this season is also mild and clear, but you have a huge chance of encountering mild rainfall, increasing some difficulty in the trek. Also, the major festivals fall during this season. Trekking in autumn will give you a huge chance to experience Nepal's rich culture and traditions. But make sure you book your accommodation beforehand, as the trail is full of crowds.

However, we recommend you not make your trek during winter (December to February) and summer (June to August). These are the most unfavorable seasons for trekking. You will encounter huge rainfall in summer, making the trail slippery and risky. Similarly, in winter, snow fills the trails, making them slippery.

Why Visit Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trekking?

Visiting Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trekking offers a unique and enriching experience. Here are some reasons why you should take this trekking trail:

Off-the-Beaten-Path Experience: It is a less crowded trail than popular trekking routes. The trek offers a more peaceful and immersive experience.

Scenic Beauty: The Dhorpatan trek offers stunning landscapes and panoramic views of Gurja Himal, Dhaulagiri, and other majestic peaks.

Cultural Exploration: The trek allows interaction with the local Magar, Gurung, and other ethnic communities. You can also experience their rich traditions and lifestyle.

Biodiversity: Taking you through lush forests and diverse landscapes, you can see varieties of flora and fauna. This increases the chance of seeing rare species in the Dhorpatan Hunting Reserve.

Historical Significance: You will trek through ancient trails and villages with historical and cultural importance.

Adventure: The challenging trails and rugged terrains are perfect for adventure enthusiasts seeking a physically demanding trek.

Photographic Opportunities: There are numerous opportunities for capturing stunning landscapes, wildlife, and cultural moments.

Meals and Accommodations During Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trek

During the Gurja Dhorpatan Trek, you will find meals and accommodations catering to every trekker's needs. Accommodations along the route will primarily be in teahouses and lodges. They offer simple rooms with basic amenities such as twin beds, blankets, and shared bathroom facilities.

Some villages may also provide homestay opportunities. This allows you to immerse yourself in local hospitality and culture. While the facilities may be basic, this trek offers a chance to disconnect from urban amenities and embrace the Himalayan landscape. Prepare yourself; the higher altitude you climb, the more basic the amenities turn out to be with a higher price.

Each day, you will start with a hearty breakfast, typically comprising options like porridge, eggs, bread, and hot beverages such as tea or coffee to energize you for the day's hike. You can expect nourishing meals like dal (lentil soup), rice, vegetables, and occasionally noodles or chapati (flatbread) for lunch and dinner.

Dinner offerings may sometimes include local specialties such as momos (dumplings) or soups, adding variety along the trail. If you have a special diet, consult your guide or trekking agency before your journey. They will make sure you get what you wish for. However, having different options may not be possible. We recommend you carry some basic needs for your food.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the duration of the Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trekking?

The Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trekking typically lasts around 10 to 12 days. During this time, you cover various landscapes and villages. The trek involves daily hikes of 5 to 7 hours, offering a challenging yet rewarding adventure.

What is the maximum altitude for Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trekking?

The maximum altitude of the Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trekking is approximately 3255 meters. This altitude is reached at Gurja Pass. It offers breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains. However, with this altitude, you should be mindful of altitude-related challenges.

What kind of accommodations are available during the Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trekking?

During the Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trekking, accommodations mainly include teahouses and lodges. These are basic but provide essential amenities such as twin beds, blankets, and shared bathroom facilities. Some villages along the trek may also offer homestays.

What is the cost of the Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trekking?

The Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trekking costs between \$1200 to \$3000. It varies depending on the trekking

season, itinerary, and services included. This cost covers permits, guides, porter services, accommodations, meals, and transportation.

Do I need any permits for the Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trekking?

Yes, you will need permits to trek the Gurja Himal Dhorpatan. The required permits typically include the Trekkers' Information Management System (TIMS) card and the Annapurna Conservation Area Permit (ACAP). It is advisable to obtain these permits through a registered trekking agency.

Is it necessary to hire a guide and a porter for the Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trekking?

No, hiring a guide and a porter is not required for the Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Hike. However, it is strongly recommended. The guide provides valuable local knowledge to help navigate. Similarly, a porter can lighten your load, allowing you to focus more on enjoying the trek.

What are the major attractions of the Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trekking?

The major attractions of the Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trekking include stunning views of the Himalayan peaks, such as Gurja Himal itself and the surrounding mountains. Additionally, the natural beauty of Dhorpatan Hunting Reserve, with its diverse flora and fauna, adds to the trekking experience.

What should I pack for the Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Trekking?

During the Gurja Himal Dhorpatan Hiking, you should bring warm clothing, cozy hiking boots, a sleeping bag, a waterproof jacket, a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, a first aid kit, and a water bottle.

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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