

Ruby Valley Trek - 7 Days

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Ruby Valley Trek Quick Information

Weather

-5°C to 20°C

Duration

7 Days

Difficulty

Easy

Accommodation

Lodges/Home Stay

Meals Included

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Transportation

Overland

Daily Activity

Approx. 5 - 6 hours

Religion

Buddhist, Christian

Ethnic People

Tamang, Gurung

Region of Nepal

Ganesh Himail Region ,
Dhading

Max Altitude

3850m

Per Person Cost

USD 450

Best Season

Sept, Oct, Nov, March, April,
May

Geographic Terrain

Mountain, Forest, hill

Group Discounts Available

No. of Persons	Price per Person
Group Of 1 - 4	USD \$450.00
Group Of 5 - 8	USD \$430.00
Group Of 9 - 12	USD \$410.00
Group Of 13 - 18	USD \$390.00

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.

Ruby Valley Trek Overview

Ruby valley trek begins with a beautiful ride to Syabrubesi. The road to Syabrubesi is excitingly adventurous with a narrow and dirt path. We drive through Langtang National Park, where we will be lured to sight enchanting floras and faunas. We head steep uphill towards Gatlang via Chawatar. We explore the beauty of the Tamang culture and tradition as we pass through the lush green forests and thrilling suspension bridges. The trail lead us to the sacred Lake Parvati Kunda. We further ascend to Yuri Kharka and walk down to Sompang which is the literally Ruby valley beginning point. We can explore the zinc, copper and mines in short distance. Next, is our key highlights of the trip. Crossing through the marvelous Pangsang Pass witnessing a panoramic view of the Ganesh Himal range, Langtang Range, Manaslu, and Paldor peak will amuse you dramatically.

Leaving Pangsang pass behind, we walk downhill through a panoramic view of the Himalayas, embellished with diverse terrain, farmland, green meadow, and rocky hills. We will walk through Sertung and Chalish villages to end the trek. These villages are so special to explore diverse species of herbal plants and minerals like ruby, crystal, and zinc. The trail is even more beautiful as we get a glimpse of exotic flora and fauna.

The upper area of Ruby Valley is a blend of Buddhist, Bon, Christian, and Hindu, inhabited by Tamang, Gurung, and Dalit, while the lower area gives the opportunity to explore Brahmin, Chhetri, Dalit, Tamang, and Magar communities. You will have a scenic and pleasant drive through Lisne, Percho, and Dunder towards Kathmandu via Dhading Besi with a fantastic memory of the trip that we will cherish for the rest of our lives.

Highlights Of Ruby Valley Trek

- Newly opened, unexplored and unspoiled ethnic communities close trekking destination from Kathmandu Valley
- Panoramic close up view of Ganesh Himal range, Langtang Himal, Paldor Peak and Manaslu
- Indulge yourself in local country life while staying at a homestay.
- A dense forest of Rhododendron, pine, oak and bamboo
- Mid -hills diverse terrain farmland, green meadow and rocky mountains
- Homes to the domestic animals like sheep, yak, goat and ox and exotic animals like musk deer, leopards.
- Several rivers along with suspension bridges, Georges, waterfalls and stone- driven mills
- Ruby, Crystal, Zinc mines in the mountains
- Unique and unspoiled cultures and traditions of Tamang, Gurung, Ghale, Brahmin and Dalit people

Weather

January

-2°C to 8°C

February

0°C to 10°C

March

2°C to 12°C

April

5°C to 15°C

May

8°C to 17°C

June

12°C to 22°C

July

14°C to 25°C

August

13°C to 24°C

September

11°C to 21°C

October

7°C to 15°C

November

3°C to 12°C

December

-1°C to 9°C

7 Days Ruby Valley Trek Itinerary

Day 1: Drive to Syafru Besi from Kathmandu

Early Morning, we drive to safrubensi through the gateway to the Langtang Valley at the confluence of the Bhote Kosi and Langtang Rivers. Mesmerizing scenic driving and passing through Trisuli Bazaar makes you scenic driving. Narrow and bit adventurous zig zags road but amazing landscapes along the way driving will take your to reach Safrubensi. Stay overnight at lodge.

Destination:

170km Drive to safrubensi
(Avg 6hrs)

Accommodation

Old Namaste or Similar
category

Altitude:

(1503m/4945ft.)

Meals

Lunch, Dinner

Day 2: Trek to Gatlang

We begin our trek with a dirt track zig-zags to the west up to Bahun Danda Pass and then down to the Tamang settlement of Gatlang, a cornerstone village on the Tamang Heritage Trail or hike to Gatlang by way of Chawatar. Gatlang is a Tamang village with unique customs and craftsmanship in a magnificent setting. Just above the villes lies Parvati Kund, popular during Janai Purnimaa when thousands of pilgrims are attracted to the sacred pond and nearby temple. Stay overnight at community lodge.

Destination:

12km Uphill Hike
(Avg 5hrs)

Accommodation

Paldor Peak Guest House or
Similar category

Altitude:

(2337m/7690ft.)

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Trek to Somdang

After breakfast, We ascend through pine and rhododendron forest to a lunch point of Yuri Kharka before continuing to Khurphu Bhanjyang and then dropping down to the Somdang River, border between

Rasuwaa and Dhading districts. Ruby valley Municipality begins here.

A sprawling mining compound, no longer functioning but it seems locals appealing government to revive it, lies a few hours to the north upriver. The hike passes through a scenic valley featuring the 200 m Chukarma Waterfall. The former mine leaves a lot to be explored and is the site of a 1.4 km tunnel bored into the mountain to extract zinc, copper, tin, crystal and even highly-prized rubies. Stay overnight at lodge.

Destination:	Accommodation	Altitude:
14km Hike (Avg 6hrs)	Kanchha Hotel or Similar category	(3271m/10760ft.)

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Trek to Tipling

Begin the day with ascending to pangsang pass which is a viewpoint southwest of Somdang village with a broad panorama of the surrounding terrain. To the north are the soaring peaks of Manaslu and the Ganesh Himal Range. The large meadow is graced with a giant entry gateway and is a sensational location for taking in the breathtaking scenery. The whole Ganesh Himal region is blessed with abundant herbal plants. Previously, herbs were taken to Tibet along an ancient trade route and exchanged for salt, livestock, wool and turquoise.

You will have the best sun rise view and magnificent 270 degrees mountain views then trek to all the way down to Laptung village. Passing through fine, fir and amazing rhododendron forest thick jungle along the way arrive at Laptung village. After lunch turn rise side and passing Phyang village, paddy terraces and surrounding landscape finally arrive in Tipling Village. Stay overnight at Homestay.

Destination:	Accommodation	Altitude:
22km Hike (Avg 8hrs)	Lapdung Homestay, Tipling	(1960m./6468ft.)

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 : Trek to Chalish Village

After breakfast, trek down to Kami gaun then steep descend to Adha khola. The trail leads you gradually to Chalish village.

Chalish is inhabited primarily by Gurung, Ghale and Kami. There used to be Newar people but they migrated to Kathmandu city. The hospitable people of this area have unique customs and craftsmanship and traditional dances, including a hospitable welcome dance, Ghatu Dance, Dohori is also popular with call and response between male and female participants, a type of courtship ritual, complemented by folk music.

Gurung men traditionally wear vangra, a woven, embroidered cotton cloth tied at the ends that serves as

a pouch for carrying goods. Sri Tinkanya Devi Mandir lies above Chalish. In the evening mother group of Chalish gaon will welcome you performing Gurung typical dance program and culture show. Stay overnight at local lodge.

Destination:

12km Hike
(Avg 5hrs)

Accommodation

Homestay in Chalish Village

Altitude:

(1674m/5505ft.)

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6: Explore Sertung Village and visit Tatopani (Natural hot spring)

Early Morning, view point (buddha park) ". You will have a magnificent view of Ganesh himal range, Paldor peak, low land villages and surrounding high hills. On the way back, visit phyanchyat Gumpa and Tamang village- Sertung.

Have a breakfast then visit Natural hot spring - tatopani with pack lunch. In the evening, often local cultural group offers entertainment program with cultural show on your request. Stay overnight at same home stay.

Destination:

12km./5hrs Round Trip

Accommodation

Homestay in Chalish village

Altitude:

(1674m/5505ft.)

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7: Drive to Kathmandu

After breakfast, you will jump on jeep towards Dhading bensi through Lishne jungle, Jharlang village (Percho), Kimthang phedi and finally arrives dhading besi. You will then continue drive towards Kathmandu another 3 hours.

Destination:

158km./ 08 hours drive to
Kathmandu

Altitude:

(1295m./4273ft.)

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch

What's Included

- Pick Up at Tribhuwan International Airport and Transfer to Hotel in Kathmandu .
- All meals during the trekking (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner with tea/coffee).
- Accommodation (Lodge/ Home stay) during the trekking.
- One experienced, well trained, fluent English speaking, friendly, specialized in Ganesh himal/Langtang region and government authorized trekking guide
- 1 Porter per 2 Trekkers and keep luggage weight under 10kg per person.

- Guide and porter's food, accommodation, salary, insurance, transportation and equipments.
- Overland transportation as per mentioned in the itinerary.
- Langtang national park fee and required necessary documents.
- A Trekking map, Water purification, Oxygen saturation check up everyday, duffle bag, company t-shirt, first aid medical and trekking completion certificate etc.
- Assistance for emergency rescue evacuation.
- Government tax and service charge.
- Public Liability Insurance.

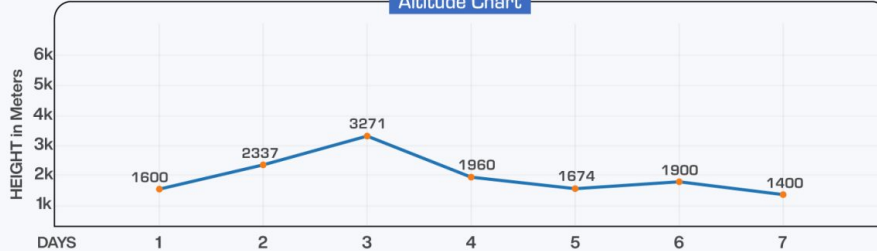
What's not included

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

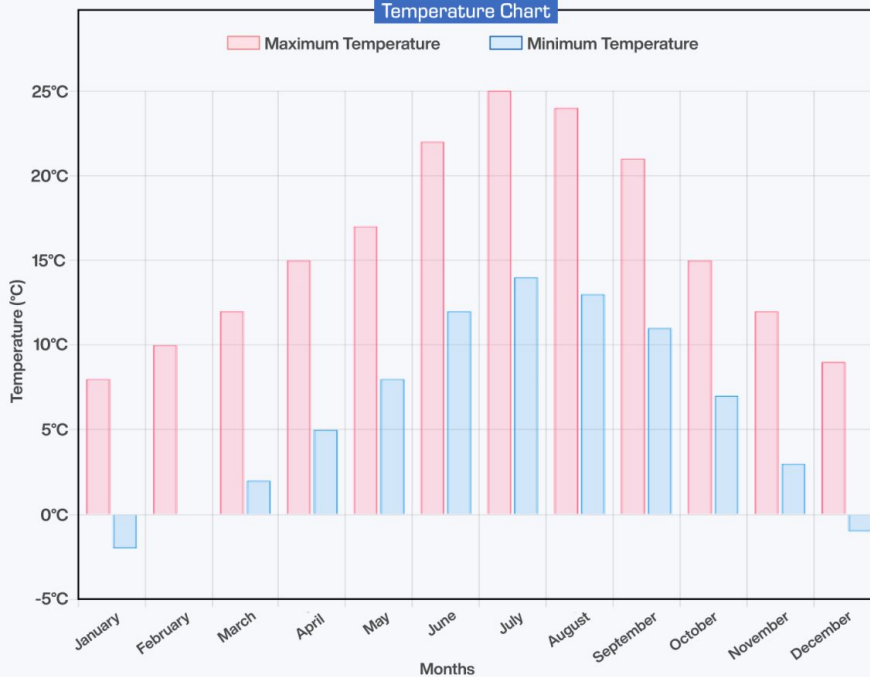
Ruby Valley Trek Route Map



Altitude Chart



Temperature Chart



Traveler Reviews

Two Sister Experience 9 Days Ruby Valley trek

Tej arranged a fine trek for my sister and me. This 9 day trek is off the beaten track and we saw very few other trekkers. The scenery was beautiful, the villages we passed through were welcoming and friendly. Our guide Nauser was excellent – very informative, attentive and helpful. Our porter Krishna was always cheerful and keen to help and learn English. We had the trip of a lifetime.

Rating: 5/5

Caroline Rowley Hildrew

Winchester, UK

Two Sister's Ruby Valley Trek

My sister and I have just returned from an incredible 9 day trek in Nepal. Thank you Tej for arranging our trek, permits, hotel accommodation, taxis, buses, jeeps and final night in Nagarkot. Our trek took us through beautiful countryside, lovely scenery, small villages and very friendly locals. Nauser, our guide was excellent and looked after us really well. He kept us informed about our trek, the mountains we saw and their heights and even checked out our accommodation each night. We also had Krishna, our porter who was delightful, very helpful and eager to improve his English. Between the two of them they made our trip very memorable.

Rating: 5/5

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Warwick, United Kingdom

Additional Trip Information

When to trek Ruby Valley?

Similar to other treks Ruby Valley Trekking is very famous for its glorious view of the Himalayas. Similarly, the perfect time to visit this trek is during the spring and autumn season. But, the ideal time to do this trek is between September to November. If not, you can always do this trek in the spring and autumn seasons. During this time of the year, you will find an ideal climate to trek in. Similarly, April is the warmest month of the year in Nepal. So, you can do this trek at this time of the year. During this time of the year, the climate is moderately stable and suitable. Therefore, it can be very helpful for people who want to enjoy the scenery and the surroundings. In addition, if you travel here during this time then you can enjoy a stunning view of the Himalayas.

Ruby Valley Trek Difficulty

There can be a lot of difficulties if you climb at a higher altitude. Similarly, the trek to Ruby Valley is very troublesome. Likewise, you can face a lot of difficulties climbing here. The most common difficulty that you are going to face while trekking here is high altitude sickness. Altitude sickness is a condition when your body has shortness of breath and dizziness. Similarly, if you travel here during overripe seasons then there might be a shortage of suitable porters and accommodation facilities because they might

already be hired by other tourists. Likewise, if you travel here during the winter season then you might find slippery trails which can hamper your journey. In addition, if you do this trek in the rainy seasons then the climate and weather can affect your journey.

Travel insurance Requirement During Trek To Ruby Valley

You must have your travel insurance with you. So, make sure your travel insurance company has covered all your safety measures. Make sure that the insurance company provides you with every facility. Because it has a lot of benefits during the trek. Therefore, make sure your travel insurance covers your injury, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, rescue mission, loss of property, etc. But, most importantly make sure your travel insurance is not expired. Furthermore, make sure that your Insurance policy has covered your 3000m trekking and adventure policy. Otherwise, it will be difficult for us to cooperate. Therefore, make sure you have it with you.

Meals and Accommodation During Ruby Valley Trek

We provide a wide range of food and accommodation to our visitors at Ruby valley trekking. Similarly, we provide a suitable and peaceful environment for our visitors for yoga and meditation. Likewise, at the routes of Ruby Valley, we provide a wide range of comfortable hotel lodges and accommodation facilities. As most of the accommodation facility is run by the locals you will get a chance to experience quality local food and hospitality. In addition, the locals there also provide western foods though its a bit expensive compared to the local meals. Local dishes are less pricey because they prepare them with their local farm produce and spices. Whereas, most of the ingredients for western foods are imported from cities. So, western foods are slightly expensive. Furthermore, as you go higher up the altitude the price of the meals also increases. In addition, meals and accommodation can add value to your trip.

Ruby Valley Trek Fitness Requirement

Climbing at a higher altitude requires you to be mentally and physically fit. Similarly, if you can walk for around 4-5 hours with a light backpack then this trek is very fruitful for you. This trek is for around 8 days which is suitable for busy people. Similarly, you should not have any health issues. So, if you have some health issues then you cannot do this trek. Your heart and lungs should be perfectly fine if you want to enjoy and complete this trek. Similarly, you should not have any blood-related diseases. In addition, walking and running initially before the trek is helpful. However, you should not be that experienced for the trek. But, you should have a little knowledge about the trek.

Climate & Weather During Ruby Valley Trek

Climate and weather are important factors to consider for your trek. Similarly, your trek success rate solely depends on this. So, it is very important to consider before heading on the trek. The spring and autumn season is the best time to trek here. During this time of the year, the weather is very pleasant and warm. However, it gets cold at night. It can probably snow above 3000m altitude. However, the climate of the Himalayas is unpredictable. It is usually warm during the day and cold during the night. So, you should have a reliable sleeping bag with you. But, it is quite warm if there is sunshine. Similarly, if there is sunshine during the trek then you can fully enjoy the view of the surroundings and watch the stunning view of the Himalayas. Likewise, you will travel in clear visibility. However, in the winter

season, the weather gets cloudy which makes it challenging to trek.

Addressing Safety and security Concerns During Trek To Ruby Valley

The Safety and Security of our trekkers are very important for us. Similarly, while trekking in Ruby Valley we carefully check every route for the trek. So, don't worry you will be safe with us. Similarly, we also take good care of the belongings of our trekkers on the lodges and during the trek as well. Therefore, you feel free and fully enjoy yourself during the trek, you should not worry about yourself and your belongings. We fully take care of that.

Ruby Valley Trek Required Permits

Langtang National Park Fee: NPR 3000 for foreigner and NPR 1500 for SAARC

Note : Child under 10 years are free

Frequently Asked Questions

Is this trekking route safe for trekkers ?

Yes, Tsum Valley is safe for tourists. This area has already recovered from the earthquake in 2015. Also, there is no burst of epidemics or viral diseases, or covid -19 in this region. The government and other respective bodies are continuously are trying to facilitate accessible communication, comfortable and safe internal travel, proper healthcare facility, and services of accommodation for tourists.

What are the physical fitness and other criteria required for this trek ?

Some of the days pass through the steep country lanes with climbs and ascents that can be demanding and tiresome, so it is beneficial for all travelers to exercise daily from a month before their trip. This helps the body get accustomed to the physical work required during the journey. Participants with pre-existing medical conditions such as heart, lung, and blood disease should inform us before booking the trek and are advised to seek medical advice or consent from their doctors before the trek.

When is the best season ?

The best season to trek this route is during autumn (September to November) as the weather is stable, dry, and clear. Also, the atmosphere is merry during these seasons, as autumn is the major festive season of the country. Another favorable season for trekking is during spring (March to May) as the trails become more vibrant and pleasing with the blooming of different wildflowers and Rhododendrons. The days are clear and perfect for trekking.

Is Travel Insurance compulsorily required ? Does your company pay for the Travel Insurance of guides and porters?

While booking a trek with us, we do require you to have travel insurance that must cover medical and

emergency helicopter rescue with evacuation expenses at 4000m. high altitudes for trekking members. You should provide the insurance documents before you depart for the trek.

If you do not or cannot find an appropriate insurance policy, we will assist you with one. It will help you in potential altitude sickness and unforeseen events due to sudden weather changes.

Yes, we do pay for the insurance policy of our team members. Nepal Alternative Treks fund the expenses for insurance of all of its members along with their meals, salary, lodging, transportation, and other necessary equipment.

What is the role of your guides ?

Our licensed guides speak fluent English, and most of them even speak additional local languages like Gurung and Tamang. They are extensively trained in handling any crisis and accidents along with managing accommodation and have good experience in the safe operation of treks.

Our guides have ample knowledge about the Himalayas, altitude sickness, geography, local culture, and customs, as well as the biodiversity of the area. Their primary concern is your safety and satisfaction throughout the trek. Therefore, they will make your journey easier, exciting, and enriching.

What is Acute Mountain Sickness? What happens if we fall sick?

As you ascend, the atmospheric pressure decreases. Hence, the amount of oxygen available also decreases. When your body is unable to acclimatize adequately to a rapid decrease in oxygen volume, altitude sickness occurs. Its symptoms are nausea, vomiting, headache, lack of appetite, exhaustion, muscle aches, rapid pulse even at rest (+/- 120 beats per minute), and insomnia.

To avoid AMS, our itineraries include acclimatization days in between. You should walk at a slow and steady pace, eat enough carbohydrates, and drink plenty of water. You could eat chocolates and toffee while walking and avoid alcohol and smoking.

Our guides are well-trained to handle emergencies like AMS and other sicknesses. They know how to use an oxygen meter to monitor blood oxygen saturation levels at high altitudes. They can facilitate you with other medical kits (First Aid) and health check-up as per necessity.

If you happen to have symptoms of AMS or the feeling of being sick, you have to report it to your guide immediately. You must not ascend any further, take rest, and take medicines like acetazolamide or Diamox. If symptoms persist, you must descend to a lower altitude and visit a doctor immediately. If the condition seems to worsen, we shall coordinate with your insurance company for helicopter evacuation.

Can we change money along the trek ? Can we pay by credit card or foreign currency ?

No, you won't be able to change money along the route. We recommend changing money at Thamel. Credit card and foreign currency is not accepted along the route. You are better to take enough cash from Kathmandu.

What is the weight limit for porters ?

Usually, we arrange one porter for two trekkers, and one porter carries weights up to 20 kilograms. Hence, each trekker's luggage should weigh only up to 10 kilograms. However, if your essentials weigh more than that, we can provide you a personal porter with some additional costs.

What kind of food will be provided during the trek?

Our package includes three meals per day, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Dinner and lunch include the authentic Nepali Daal-Bhat (rice and lentils) along with seasonal vegetables, spinach, and pickle. If you do not like it, you can choose any item from the wide range of menu offered by the lodges.

Home stay and lodges serve Nepalese, Asian, and Continental food, and even pizzas. The food is prepared hygienically, but the taste of western food might not meet your expectations as there are minimal resources available. We usually suggest eating vegetarian food to avoid falling ill.

How can drinking water be managed in the mountain ?

Bottled plastic water is readily available along route at USD 1 per liter. However, we recommend you carry your own water bottles. You can fill them up with filtered water or boiled water wherever possible and purify it using chlorine or iodine. We shall provide water purification drops and tablets.

How long will we have to hike each day ?

An average day of trekking involves around 4 to 6 hours of hiking, including breaks for meals as needed. The average distance covered depends on the terrain and altitude, but ranges from 10 to 15 kilometers on average.

Along the way, you will have many chances for photography and other personal interests such as bird watching and discovering local areas of interest like natural springs, hot water ponds, and even exploring flora and fauna.

What are the documents that we need to bring for this trek ?

You need to submit the following documents that should be sent via email :

- A copy of passport,
- Passport-sized photos,
- Flight details,
- Copy of travel insurance (it has to cover Heli rescue and medical evacuation) and other documents required to claim it.

What are the accommodation arrangements during the trek ?

In this trekking, the accommodation options are Home Stay and lodges only. Nepal Alternative Treks generally manages your accommodation in best available lodges or homestay that provide single or double rooms, mostly in dormitory-style. The bed has a mattress, pillow, and blanket. Very few teahouses offer a room with the blanket provided by the teahouse alone will not be enough to withstand the cold. So, it would be better to carry a warm sleeping bag. You can buy or hire one at the rental shops in

Kathmandu.

What kind of toilet facilities are there? Will we be able to take a shower in Mountain ?

You are most likely to find an Indian squat-styled toilet. Finding toilet paper is almost impossible in these areas, so we advise you to carry plenty of your own.

Usually, Nepal Alternative Treks arranges accommodation with proper shower facilities. Please understand that it becomes difficult to arrange running shower and hot water facilities as the altitude increases. So, in remote mountainous regions, showers cost some extra money.

Can we hire trekking gears in Kathmandu ?

Yes, you can. There are plenty of shops around Thamel that sell as well as rent all the necessary gear for trekking. These shops have great varieties of goods ranging based on their brand as well as price. We will help you with buying or hiring all the necessary equipment.

Do we need to tip my porter and guide ?

It is not mandatory to tip the porters and guides. It ultimately depends on your choice. As your porter and guide play a big role in the success of your trip, from guiding and carrying your necessities to being mindful of your safety, your tips reflect gratitude towards them. Hence, tipping is a recommended culture for porters and guides in Nepal as a gesture of thankfulness.

Is it possible to recharge batteries and electronics during the trek ?

Tsum valley has electricity and recharging facilities available for a minimal service charge.

However, to be on a safer side, we do recommend you carry solar chargers. Also, note that the Nepalese plugs are of Type D, and the voltage is about 220-240 V. So, make sure that your devices are chargeable. Otherwise, you shall require adapters and voltage stabilizers.

Is it possible to communicate with friends and family back home while on trek ?

Ruby valley has nowadays mobile network access and internet data coverage.

For mobile network and internet data, you will require a Nepalese SIM-Card. If you wish to buy a Nepalese SIM-Card, we will assist you in getting it. You can buy a SIM-Card from local distributors easily with some fees. We recommend NAMASTE sim for better network coverage and 4G data usage.

What if the guide/porter leaves alone on the trail?

Guides and porters will always walk together with you, but, sometimes in case if there is no communication available to reserve lodge in advance, your porter may have to go ahead to book a room in an excellent lodge for the night. Our guides /porters will not leave you behind otherwise.

If by any chance such a circumstance occurs, you have to contact us immediately. We will then connect to

our guides/porters and get back to you.

What is the weather and temperature like during the trek?

The temperature could range around and above 25 degrees Celsius in summers and decrease below -10 degrees Celsius in winters. During autumn and spring, temperature ranges around 10 to 20 degrees Celsius, making it suitable for trekking purposes.

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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