# Ghorepani Poonhill Trek

## Trip Facts

**Duration:** 9 days

**Trekking Destination::** Ghorepani Poonhill, Nepal

**Maximum Altitude::** 3210m

**Trekking Hour::** Approximately 5-7 Hours Per Day

**Mode Of Trekking Tour::** Tea House/Lodge

**Group Size::** 2 Person Or Above

**Himalayan View::** Dhaulagiri. Fishtail. Annapurna Range. Nilgiri

**Attractions::** Trekking And Hiking. Cultural And Historical Tours

**Best Season::** March/April/May/Sept/Oct/Nov

The Annapurna's - most favored trek destination of Nepal for it's awesome and breathtaking scenery and culture mix. Poon hill is a delightful trek not only known for its great Himalayan vistas but also for some of the beautiful sunrises over the Himalayan back drop.A trek for family and anyone interested not only in hiking the Himalayas but for its fauna and flora - this trip is for you. A relatively easy hike meandering through quaint villages and famous for its rhododendrons and the magnificence of Himalayan views that one gets from the top of Poon hill, 3210 m.

Our trip begins from the bustling capital city of Kathmandu also known as Kasthamandap in the old lingo franca. Flying into the Kathmandu valley in itself is a breath taking experience with a medieval haphazard city sprawling beneath and the Himalayas so near to touch... here we explore some of the oldest and quaintest cultures of the valley.

We then take a short Himalayan flight to Pokhara an oasis of lakes and the start point of some of the most beautiful treks in the world. Our meandering hike start from Nayapul through Ulleri and Ghorepani, talking time to marvel at nature in all its glory - from the colorful orchids to the Himalayas ahead - Mt. Annapurna (8091 m) and Mt. Dhaulagiri (8167m).

It is with triumph that at Poon Hill, 3210 m., we witness one of the most awesome panoramas of the world. The amphitheater of the entire Annapurna's with rice terraces and small villages in Himalayan settings. Through our hike in this beautiful region we walk through quaint Gurung villages sampling the famed Gurung hospitality.

Perhaps some of the most memorable moments are the time we spend interacting with the local communities and our Sherpa crew that accompany you and help you understand a little more of Nepal and its people.

# Day to Day Itinerary

**Day 1:Arrival in Kathmandu (1,300m)**

A breathtaking Himalayan flight to Kathmandu is a thrill indeed. Upon arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) in Kathmandu, you will be warmly greeted by our representative and s/he will help escort you to your Hotel. After check in and refreshing, you will be briefed by your tour consultant and the rest of the day is at your leisure to rest or explore the sights of the valley. Overnight at Hotel.

**Day 2:Kathmandu to Pokhara (823m)**

We take an early morning tourist bus to Pokhara stopping en-route for lunch. It is a scenic drive of with views of mountains, rivers and villages with breath taking terraced rice paddies. Pokhara is an enchanting city with magnificent views of Dhaulagiri, Manaslu, Machhapuchhare, five peaks of Annapurna and other Himalayan peaks. Dotted by numerous lakes (Tal), Pokhara is the most beautiful region of Nepal and a variety of optional activities can be availed here from Avia ultra light flights, Para-gliding, fishing, sky diving, etc. An evening stroll alongside the Lakeside city can be a thrilling experience. Overnight in hotel

**Day 3:Pokhara - Naya Pul drop and trek -Ulleri [2050m]**

After a heartty breakfast, we drive to Naya Pul the start point of our trek. From here you follow the south bank of the river. A pleasant hike takes you through sub tropical valley forests, sometimes on the carved trail on the side of the cliff. After lunch, we cross the Modi Khola (river) via a suspension bridge to the village of Tikhedhunga. We further trek along the trail quite steep at times. We reach Ulleri by late afternoon for overnight. Overnight at Lodge.

**Day 4:Ulleri - Ghorepani (2750m)**

After a hearty breakfast we ascend to the village of Ghorepani. Ghorepani in Nepali means 'horse-water' owing to its role as an important campsite for traders before it became a trekker's stop. Ghorepani is an interesting stop with small retail shops selling a variety of local products and craft. Composed of two parts one in a saddle and the other a few hundred feet lower. We stop at the higher portion of the Ghorepani village which offers panoramic views of the surrounding mountains including Annapurna South and Nilgiri mountains. Evening can be a bit chilly out here so be prepared. Overnight at Mountain lodge

**Day 5:Ghorepani - Poon Hill - Tadapani (2700m)**

Conquest - Poon Hill- an icon of the Annapurna's. In order to catch one of the most awesome sunrises we make an early morning climb to the viewpoint of Poon Hill (3210 m).From here we also get panoramic views of Mustang, Pokhara valley including close up views of more than 20 highest mountains including Annapurna and Dhaulagiri ranges. The snowy peaks of the high mountains loom above and around us glowing in the morning light. After taking photos and having some refreshments, we return back to Ghorepani. After a hearty breakfast, we head east to climb a nearby ridge and the descend through rhododendron forests, and spectacular waterfalls to reach Tadapani. Overnight at Mountain Lodge

**Day 6:Tadapani to Ghandruk (1940m)**

After a hearty wholesome breakfast, we continue our descent through dense and dark forests of of old rhododendron trees. When in bloom, these forests actually turn into gardens of dazzlingly beautiful flowers, mostly red. In the afternoon, depending upon the season, we will be pleasantly surprised by the sight of some cherry blossoms in bloom on the slopes on the other side of the ravine. After trekking for a few minutes, we finally enter the small village of Ghandruk; a slope settlement with stone houses mostly inhabited by the Gurung people. Besides enjoying the stunningly close-up views of Fishtail, Annapurna South, and Hiuchuli mountains, we also acquaint ourselves with the simple but rich cultural traditions of the Gurung people at the Gurung Museum in Ghandruk. Overnight at Lodge

**Day 7:Ghandruk to Pokhara**

Our last day in this breath taking haven, when we hike back to Naya Pul then drive back to Pokhara. This hike will be downhill all the way to Birethanti. We then step onto a staircase paved with stone slabs, curving in and out of the village and through hill terraced farms. It keeps on going down almost without break from Ghandruk until the Modi Khola river valley. By the time, we arrive at Birethanti, we feel like having made a downhill marathon. From Birethanti, a half-an-hour's walk takes us into Naya Pul. We then drive from Nayapul to Pokhara. Overnight at Hotel

**Day 8:Fly/Drive Pokhara to Kathmandu**

Your flight is scheduled for the late afternoon so you can utilize the morning to visit down town Pokhara or other areas of interest - or simple, have a tea / coffee at Lakeside and stare at the magnificent Fishtail and Annapurna’s! On arrival at Kathmandu, met by our representative and escorted to Hotel. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure to catch up on some last minute shopping or stroll the crowded by lines of Kathmandu. In the evening a celebration and farewell dinner on the successful completion of an incredible journey. Overnight at Hotel

**Day 9:Final Departure**

Your journey of myriad experiences of natural Nepal comes to an end today! Our representative will help transfer you to the airport to catch your flight back home. Or, if interested you can continue your trip to other exotic locales of Nepal, Tibet, Bhutan, Darjeeling or Sikkim. Ask us about our extension programs to these incredible destinations.

# Trip Cost Includes

- All arrival / departure transfer in Kathmandu.
- Hotel in Kathmandu and Pokhara twin sharing room with Breakfast.
- Accommodation tea house/ mountain lodge on trek.
- All Meals during the trek (breakfast, lunch dinner).
- Annapurna Conservation area permits fee and TIMS Card.
- Kathmandu to Syange via Besishahar (trek starting point) transfer.
- All required supporting crews with experienced leader (guide), porters to carry luggage
- Nayapul pick up by private transport.

- Food, salary, transport, insurance, for supporting crews.
- First Aid Kit.
- Pokhara to Kathmandu Transfer.
- All applicable taxes and service charges.

## Trip Cost Excludes

- Nepal entry visa fee.
- Meals in Kathmandu other than breakfast.
- Your travel insurance.
- Insurance for any loss & damage.
- Rescue & evacuation service.
- Personal expenses (phone calls, laundry, bar bills, battery recharge, extra porters, bottle drinks, etc.)
- Tip for Guide and porters.
- Any additional cost due to unforeseen circumstances.

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