

Trip: Larkela Pass & Throngla Pass Trek

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## **Overview**

Comparatively Manaslu Region is less travelled area of Nepal. It is quite, calm, culturally and naturally rich area. Most of the time Manaslu Circuit Trekking trail goes perpendicularly with the thundering, Budi Gandaki River. Geographically it is outstanding region, with a lots gorges and high bypass cliffs on the way. Start from 500 m (Arughat) from sea level and gradually ascent up to 5100 m (Larke La) from warm weather to freezing point. Culturally also Manaslu Circuit Trekking is variants, settlement of Gurung and Magar, indigenous group in the first half of the trek, in low level. Upper part of this region is influenced by Tibetan culture. It is believed that immigrants from Tibet were settling here since 1600s. The Upper region is known as Nupri, where local people still continue their trade with Tibet.

Naturally this region is pristine and awesome. First half of the route offer the greenery view and amazing waterfalls (mainly in fall season) and gradually ascent offers you the snow covered different peak and mountains such as Manalsu (8163m), Himal Chuli (7540m), Ganesh Himal (7118m) Nadi Chuli (7871m) and many more.

Now we are arranging tea house trek for Manaslu Circuit Trekking which is helpful for making this trip affordable and cost effective. Manaslu Circuit Trekking is also called new Annapurna Circuit trek. Mostly tourist are quite disturbed in Annapurna circuit by motorway road and using Manaslu Circuit Trekking as a new route to do both Lark La and & Thorong La pass. It is getting popular day by day due to less crowd and virgin natural beauty and local lifestyle of the people. One can extend Manaslu Circuit Trekking by adding Tsum Valley trek as well.

Arrival City Kathmandu

Departure City Kathmandu

Price Per Person

\$1,800.00

Duration 25

days

Trekking Days 18

days

Difficulty Medium-Hard

Max Elevation 5416m/17769ft

Primary Activities

Trekking & Sightseeing

Best Season March, April, May, October, November& December

Trip Route

Arughat Bazaar- Khorla Besi- Gagat- Ghap- Sama Gau- Larke Pass- Dharapani- & Besishar.

#### **Includes**

- All necessary airport arrival departure as per the itinerary
- Hotel in Kathmandu in normal nice hotel in B/B plan
- Private transportation from Kathmandu to Arughat for clients and Nepali staffs
- Private transportation from Besishar to Kathmandu for clients and Nepali staffs
- Tea house accommodation during the trekking
- Breakfast lunch and dinner during the trekking period
- Water Purification liquid during the trek
- One professional English speaking guides and required assistance and their salary
- All necessary porters and salary
- Trekking permit
- MCAP permit
- Restricted area permit

- First aid kit
- Satellite phone for emergency use only
- Insurance for Nepali staffs
- Farewell dinner

#### **Excludes**

- Lunch and dinner in Kathmandu
- Drinking water, Beverages and alcoholic drinks
- Emergency medical evacuation
- Tips for staffs
- Personal expenses and extra services beyond itinerary

## **Itinerary**

- Day 01: Arrival in Kathmandu

  MAI representative will pick up you in the airport after your arrival and transfer to
  hotel. In the evening meeting with trekking guide and involve in briefing class of
  trek.
- Day 02: Sightseeing around Kathmandu valley
  You will visit some of the famous religious sites of Hinds and Buddhist like
  Pashupatinath, Swayambhunath, Boudhanath, and some historical sites such as Patan
  Darbur Square, where you will see extreme & artistic presentation of ancient Nepali
  art. In the evening final preparation for next day.
- Day 03: Early in the morning drive to Soti Khola (570 m) 6 hours driving Early in the morning we will drive out from Kalanki, and join in the one of the busy highway of Nepal, which links the Kathmandu to other parts of Nepal. After 3 hours driving on the busy highway we will enter sub route to Dhading Arughat . Arughat is the gateway to Manaslu region . The small village Sotikhola is further 45 minutes drive from Arughat. Overnight at Soti Khola .
- Day 04: Trek to Machha Khola (930 m)

  Today is the first day of trekking. We will process the trek after having breakfast. After crossing white thundering stream we will reach Liding, you will see the breathtaking view of big waterfalls. After liding the trial is slightly difficult you will pass different small village of Magar community before reaching Machha Khola. Machha Khola itself is a village of Magar community settlement near the bank of Budhigandaki. Before reaching Machha Khola we have to pass different waterfalls and white running stream on the way.
- Day 05: Trek to Jagat (1,410 m) 6-7 Hours walking
  The narrow trail and lots of up and down leads you At first we will reach small village
  of Magar community called Khorlabesi If the weather is clear we can see the nice view
  of Ganesh Himal . As previous day trial goes along the side of thundering Budi Gandaki
  River . Crossing hot spring village, suspension bridges and amazing waterfalls .
  Thundering Bhudi Gandaki River descending down in an impressive way of water series.
  Around 1 hour gentle climb from Doban you will reach in Yaru Bagar, where you can see
  the plain area of river bank. In Yaru Bagar you can see small cottage (Bhatti) where
  local porters and people used to drink tea and local wine. After crossing the
  suspension bridge, the trials ascent few stone then you will see the small nice village
  called Jagat. Jagat welcome trekkers with good lodges and nice camping sites.
- Day 06: Trek Jagat to Deng (2,630 m) 6-7 hours walking
   After Jagat cross the small village of Sirdibas, cross the suspension bridge and climb
   up to small market village called Philim. Onward the trial goes straight in sloppy
   landscapes. On the way before reaching Eklebhatti, you have to pass some local house

and amazing waterfalls just above your heads. On the left hand side you can see the George of Budhi Gandaki River and hear the thundering sound of Marathons River. Ones can stop and watch the hanging house in the hills and imagine the day to day struggle of local people to keep themselves alive. After Eklebhatti trail slightly descend down inside the tall pine trees, near by the bank of river. After crossing the blue metal breezes towards west, trials run inside the tall pine trees and other flora and fauna before reaching the Pewa Phedi. With the continue thundering sounds of Budhigandkai and crossing the different suspension bridge you can reach the Deng, the small settlement of Gurung community.

As usual today trial continues by the side of Budi Gandaki River. After few minutes a head from Deng you have to cross the suspension bridge. Now you have to climb slightly up, cross few local houses, cross the vertically running stream. By the side of stream you can see the traditional grinding machine (Ghatta). In your left hand side, down below you can see dam like pool of Budhi Gandaki River, before reaching the next local settlement Bhi. Crossing the very thin local house of Bhi and siringi Valley, again you have to cross the tall and little bit scary suspension bridge over the stream. Trials goes up and down inside the forest, where you have to continue ahead crossing some

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- have to cross the tall and little bit scary suspension bridge over the stream. Trials goes up and down inside the forest, where you have to continue ahead crossing some local house and mani walls before reaching Ghap. You can see few more craving stones. Trials run across the fields and head into the woods of oak and rhododendron. Inside the forest you have to cross the couple of whispering streams. Trial continue in the south bank of Budi Gandaki River, crossing to big mani walls. On the way you can see the amazing waterfalls. After crossing the big rock, routes goes slightly up inside the forest of firs and rhododendron. You have to cross the wooden bridge over the river, where you crossing will be more exciting because of rising mist of thundering water. Inside the forest you can hear the chirp ring sound of birds and jumping monkeys. Before reaching Namrung, there is a serious climbing through bamboo and rhododendron.
- Day 08: Namrung to Samagaon (3,530 m)
  It takes around 5-6 hours from Samagaon to Namrung. On the way you have to pass long Mani walls and you can easily distinguish the different dialects and dress of local people. The special dress wear by local people is same like Tibetan wraparound cloak. On the way you can see different Gumba such as Hungbugaon Gumdang, Tad Gumba, Naksa Gumba and many more. This day offer the magnificent view of Mt. Manaslu, Peak 29 and many more. Near Samagaon you can see the big chorten.
- Day 09: Exploring Around Samagoan Visit Pungyen Gompa 5-6 hours We spend the day at Samagaon both for rest and acclimatization. Today, we get acquainted with the rich Sherpa culture. We enjoy the sight of thousands of mani stones with Buddhist texts and pictures and the Sherpa women clad in traditional clothes and ornaments. On a little hill near the Sama village is an old Gompa (Pungyen Gompa), a monastery with great views of the glacier. It is named after Manaslu, Pungyen means bracelet, a good description of the two peaks. It was destroyed a year after the first unsuccessful Japanese attempt to climb Manaslu. The locals believed that the climb angered the gods, and when the Japanese came back a year later they met with a lot of resistance that they had to give up their attempt. They were finally successful in 1959. Overnight in Samagaon.
- Day 10: Samagaon to Samdo (3,690 m)
  Samdo is the last point before crossing the Larke la. As previous day you have to cross several Mani walls, Juniper and birch forests. After crossing the wooden bridge over Budi Gandaki, climb between the two branches of river. After walking an hour continue you will be in Samdo, where you can see nice campsite and different lodges.
- Day 11: Trek to Dharmasala / Larke Phedi (4,450 m) Even today, we continue our walk down the edge, cross the wooden bridge over Budi

Gandaki and begin walking upward. Upon crossing two streams and witnessing the Larkya Glacier we go around the valley of the Salka Khola and climb up again to the stone guest house (4450 m), which is not a lodge but a kind of shelter called Dharmshala, also known as Larke Phedi. The short walk today also leaves plenty of time for acclimatization and relaxing in the afternoon. Overnight in Dharmashala. Included meals:Breakfast Lunch Dinner.

- Day 12: Cross Larke la (5,100 m) and trek to Bhimtang (3,720m) 8-9 hrs walking Today you have to start little bit early in the morning. First the trail slightly descent, passing fields and large mani walls. After crossing a wooden bridge, you will see an old Mani wall, from where trail ascent towards Larke la, through Junipers. After climbing around 1 hour you can see a porter house. Again there is a long gentle climb beside a moraine there will be the problem of finding real route. Follow the praying flags in the pass and continue ahead. Before the final step of Larke la you will see some frozen lakes. From the pass trail descend down towards west. After continue steep and gentle descending you will reach the plain area of Bimtang, where you can relax and memorize the long walk.
- Day 13: Trek Bhimtang to Dharapani (2,300 m) 5-6 hrs walking
- Day 14: Trek Dharapani to Chame (2725 m). 6 hrs walking
- Day 15: Trek Chame to Pisang (3190 m). 5 to 6 hrs walking
- Day 16: Trek Pisang to Manang (3500 m) 5 hrs walking
- Day 17: Rest in Manang for acclimatization- Hiking around Manang
- Day 18: Trek Manang to Yak Kharka (4090 m). Around 5 hrs walking
- Day 19: Trek Yak kharka to Throung Phedi (4441 m) Walking around 6 hrs
- Day 20: Thorung Phedi Cross Throng la pass (5416 m) and trek to Muktinath. Around 8 hrs walking
- Day 21: Drive down to Jomsom and stay at Jomsom
- Day 22: Early in the morning fly to Pokhara, city tour around Pokhara valley
- Day 23: Drive back to Kathmandu
- Day 24: Leisure day in Kathmandu
- Day 25: Departure from Kathmandu

## **Testimonials**

# They were reliable, timely, organized and above all fun!

My experience with Mega Adventures could not have been any better! When I arrived in Kathmandu, I was warmly received by a member of the staff who, after dropping my bags off at the hotel, kindly led me around the city. After spending a few days exploring that wonderful city and meeting my climbing guide, we flew out to Lukla to begin our trek. Our goal was to summit Island Peak with a stop at Everest base camp along the way for acclimatization. Throughout the trek, my guide and porter were incredibly supportive and engaging and taught me so much about the region and culture. Although we ultimately were unable to summit Island peak due to weather conditions (one of the greatest challenges of climbing) we did reach approximately 6,000m, the highest I had ever been. I was immensely satisfied with the climb. Though I have taken a mountaineering course previously and had the opportunity to climb many of the highest peaks in Washington State, I was new to the Himalayan Mountains. My guide taught me several new techniques to enhance safety while climbing and provided a safe, encouraging environment. I would highly recommend this guiding company, as they were reliable, timely, organized and above all fun!

- Natalie Vandeven, USA