

A high-altitude mountain landscape. In the background, a large, jagged mountain peak is covered in snow and partially shrouded in mist. The middle ground shows steep, rocky slopes with patches of snow and scree. In the foreground, there are dark, jagged rocks and a small, simple stone cairn on the left side. The overall color palette is dominated by blues, greys, and whites, giving it a cold, adventurous feel.

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While we try and stick to the tried and tested itinerary below, the mountains and the weather sometimes have other ideas. We will always remain as flexible as possible, which is why we only work with experienced and knowledgeable guides, to make sure we can change any plans if required.

This is a proposed itinerary and where you stay is subject to change based on how far in advance you book your trip. There is limited availability on this trek so we highly recommend booking in advance.

To learn more about the trip [click here](#).

DAY 1: **ARRIVE IN KATHMANDU**

When you arrive at Kathmandu airport you will be greeted by an Adventure Base representative who will take you to your hotel. You spend the day resting and preparing for your adventure with the opportunity to head into the marketing in Kathmandu to experience the city or pick up any last minute bits.

DAY 2: **FLIGHT TO LUKLA (2900M) AND TREK TO PHAKDING (2660M)**

You get up nice and early to try and catch one of the first flights out of Kathmandu to Lukla. You'll experience the exhilarating rush of landing at one of the most iconic airstrips on the planet. Once landed you will then meet your guide and porters for the trip. The day's trek places you at the entrance to the Everest National Park in Monjo (2835m) and the adventure truly begins.

7km / 250m / 450m / 4 hours

DAY 3: **TREK TO NAMCHE (3440M)**

After entering the national park you walk alongside the giant Dudi Kosi River before winding your way slowly and steadily uphill to the Sherpa capital city Namche Bazaar, crossing some impressive bridges along the way. Namche is considered the capital of the Sherpa people and its impressive size and infrastructure is remarkable.

11km / 1125m / 360m / 6 hours

DAY 4: **ACCLIMATISATION DAY AT NAMCHE BAZAAR (3440M)**

Today you rest in Namche Bazaar. Here you let your body get used to the increase in altitude. Some may take a gentle stroll to the Everest Hotel (3900m) to take in some of the breath taking views of the mountains, while others may wander the energetic streets of Namche to experience the shops and, if you're lucky, the Tibetan Market.

DAY 5:

TREK TO DEBOCHE (3820M)

It's back on the trail as you make our way around the mountainside, sharing the trail with yaks and porters carrying supplies up and down the valley. You pass incredible viewpoints and, from this point on, it feels like you are truly in the Himalayas. You drop down to the Dudi Kosi River again before climbing up to the famous Thyangboche Monastery. There is time to explore this wonder of the Khumbu and to take in the history of the Lamas. Inside are beautiful wall hangings, ornate carvings and a giant Buddha. If the team is fortunate, it may be possible to see the Lamas praying which is a tremendously moving experience. From here you make your way down the hill a little to Deboche to spend the night nestled among the rhododendron trees in a quiet setting.

12km / 1400m / 750m / 6 hours

DAY 6:

TREK TO DINGBOCHE (4410M)

A day that is dominated by the views of Ama Dablam (the 'Matterhorn of the Himalaya'). We head further into the Khumbu area and reach Dingboche, a small Sherpa village, where you settle down for another day of acclimatising. There are a few shops here so it's a chance to stock up on anything you might need.

10km / 1130m / 1450m / 6 hours

DAY 7:

REST DAY IN DINGBOCHE (4410M)

This is a well earned rest day in Dingboche. Just like in Namche, you let your body catch up. If the weather allows, you can hike up above the village to a small summit that is strewn with prayer flags. Or of course you can simply rest, drinking the famous Nepalese honey, lemon, ginger tea.

DAY 8:

TREK TO CHHUKUNG (4,730M)

It's here that you begin to leave the popular Everest Base Camp route and head out towards Chhukung. It's now that you can start mentally preparing yourself for the Island Peak segment of your trip.

4.5km / 420m / 25m / 3 hours

DAY 9:

REST DAY CHHUKUNG (4,730M)

You're now 9 days into your trip and likely to be a little fatigued so rest up. The next few days are the crux of the trip so you want to be ready and rested.

DAY 10:

TREK TO ISLAND PEAK BASE CAMP (5,100M)

Today you leave the comfort of the lodges as you head out to Island Peak Base Camp. You will enjoy some of the best views of the trip as you get to see Everest, Makalu and Lhotse.

7km / 450m / 50m / 4-5 hours

DAY 11:

CLIMB ISLAND PEAK (6,189M) & RETURN TO BASECAMP (5,100M)

The longest and toughest day of the trip as you head out in search of our summit at 6,189m. You get up in the early hours of the morning and head to high camp. From there you make our way over some scree followed by a bit of scrambling before putting our crampons as you reach the edge of the glacier. You have to cross over a few glaciers before you reach an ice wall where, with the help of your guides, ice axe, jumar and crampons you climb up. From there you're pretty much at the top. Continue to the summit and enjoy your achievement before heading back down to Basecamp for a nice rest.

6km / 1050m / 1050m / 10-12 hours

DAY 12:

TREK BACK TO DINGBOCHE (4,410M)

At a slightly lower altitude you spend the day mostly going down to Dingboche. It's a relatively mellow day and made all the better with the decrease in altitude.

12km / 100m / 900m / 5 hours

DAY 13:

TREK TO LOBUCH (4930M)

You leave Dingboche and contour around the hillside to Dzugla. From Dzugla you climb the hill that puts you among the climbers' memorials. This is an area where stones have been piled up into cairns to remember those who have died in the nearby mountains. It is a haunting and touching place and no-one passes without feeling moved by what they see and feel. A mellow walk takes you into Lobuche, your resting place for the night.

9km / 750m / 100m / 6 hours

DAY 14:

TREK TO EVEREST BASECAMP & TREK BACK TO GORAK SHEP

Leave Lobuche in search of Gorak Shep, the highest settlement on the Everest Base Camp trek. Grab a quick drink here before heading off in search of Everest Base Camp. After a good few hours trekking you eventually grab sight of the tents, and the base of the Khumbu Glacier where Edmund Hillary began his ascent of Everest back in '53. You spend a bit of time here before heading back to Gorak Shep.

18km / 450m / 100m / 8 hours

DAY 15:

CLIMB KALA PATTHAR (5,540M) & TREK TO PANGBOCHE (3,930M)

After spending the night at Gorak Shep, you will climb Kala Pattar (5,540m) to reach the top as the sun rises on the highest mountain in the world. The views are simply stunning. This was the site of Base Camp for the 1953 Everest expedition, and also the world's highest ever cricket match in 2009. You then head off down the mountain all the way to Pangboche.

26km / 650m / 1850m / 7 hours

DAY 16:

TREK TO KHUMJUNG VIA PHORTSE

Enjoy the winding trails as you head down the valley towards Khumjung. Stunning views and more oxygen will put a spring your step as you move.

15km / 760m / 1000m / 4-5 hours

DAY 17:

TREK TO MONJO

You head back through Namche today where you'll stop for food and any souvenirs you might decide you want. It's a big milestone coming back through Namchee as you say goodbye to the capital of the Sherpa people.

8km / 260m / 1200m / 4 hours

DAY 18:

TREK TO LUKLA

The final day of trekking takes you back to the airport village of Lukla. Enjoy the scenery and the Sherpa people for one last time as you take your final steps on this magical adventure.

13km / 750m / 750m / 5 hours

DAY 19:

FLY TO KATHMANDU

Wake up nice and early and fly back to Kathmandu. There's no feeling quite like the one as you take off on that short platform in the twin engine plane. We transfer you back to your hotel in Kathmandu where you can put your feet up and enjoy a lovely warm shower.

DAY 20

FREE DAY IN KATHMANDU

Enjoy Kathmandu and the facilities at the hotel. This is also a spare day in case you don't leave for the trek on the scheduled day at the beginning of the trip.

DAY 21

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURE FROM KATHMANDU

Departure after breakfast.