

# Panchase Trekking

Trip code	
Package name	Panchase Trekking
Duration	4
Max. elevation	2517 m
Level	BEGINNER
Transportation	Grounded Vehicals
Accomodation	Hotel and Lodge
Starts at	Pokhara
Ends at	Pokhara
Trip route	Pokhara - Bhumdi - Panchase Bhanjyang - Bhadaure - Noudada - Pokhara
Cost	USD 380 per person

## Highlights

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- Explore the views of Ganesh Himal, Himalchuli, Manaslu, Annapurna range and Fishtail Mountain.
- 2,500 meters above sea level is the highest point.
- Phewa Lake is a great place to go boating.
- From Pokhara, this is one of the quickest and simplest treks.
- Tour of the World Peace Pagoda & Pumdikot ( Shiva Status )
- Study Nepalese culture and rural life of Annapurna region.
- Hiking through gorgeous villages and woodlands, Jungle with nice residents.
- Stunning Views of Machhapuchhre, Lamjung, Annapurna, Manaslu, and Dhaulagiri with Phewa lake.

## Overview

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**Panchase Trek is one of the easy and classic treks located on the western part of Nepal which offers you the spectacular views of Holy Mt. Fishtail (Machhapuchhre) Annapurna south, Himchuli, and Lamjung Himal in the west of Pokhara. The Panchase Trek is a new destination for those who are looking for something different. There are less tourists and it's fairly easy for walking making it an ideal trip for those who have a limited time but still want to experience Nepal's natural landscape and its rich culture.**

Ideally located on one of the popular trekking regions in Nepal i.e. Annapurna Region, Panchase trek gains popularity for the majestic views it offers to the trekkers within a short walking period. One can witness the awesome Himalayan scenery of mountains including Annapurna range, Dhaulagiri, Lamjung, Machhapuchhre, and Manaslu. The trekking route passes through many villages and you may also be accompanied by the local people and their hospitable welcome to their village. During these periods, you may closely observe the culture and traditions of the local inhabitants of this region. The Magars, Chhetris, and Gurung are the main inhabitants of this region. This trek is an ideal way to explore the area around Pokhara for those short on time or relatively new to trekking, without missing out on the amazing views over the surrounding mountains or the experience of village life.

Panchase is a mini trek starting from a drive from Pokhara to Thado Khola. You will have a view of David's fall on the way passing by a beautiful and peaceful village. Upon arrival, we start our trek to Bhumdi. You will walk through the forest where you can see the flora and fauna of Nepal and pass a number of villages where you can experience the daily lives of the local people. There is a 3 story view tower in Bhumdi from where you can see the beautiful sun set view. This tower is especially popular for bird watching too as we can find different species of birds in this area. From there you can explore the views of Ganesh Himal, Himalchuli, Manaslu, Annapurna range and Fishtail Mountain. On the next day, our trail passes along the lush green forest area on moving onwards Panchase Bhanjyang which lies above 7100 feet above sea level. The trail follows up and down on the hills with paddy field, forest and grassland. It takes you up to an elevation of 2500m on the summit of Panchase hill, from which (if you are willing to get up early enough!) you can see a stunning sunrise over the snowy Himalayan peaks.

Annapurna Panchase Trek is off-the-beaten-track trek and is suitable for trekkers of all levels of age and fitness. Panchase is also regarded as the best destination for the short camping trek in Annapurna Region. February-May and August-December are considered the best months for Annapurna Panchase Trekking.

## Trip Itinerary

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**Day 1 : Drive to Thado Khola, Trek to Bhumdi (1520 m) – 4/5 hrs walk**

We start our journey with a scenic drive from Pokhara to Thado Khola. On the trail, we pass through David's fall and a beautiful village surrounded by panoramic mountain views. Upon arrival, we start our trek to Bhumdi. The trek begins with a long ascend to a ridge and passes through beautiful green forest which is rich in flora and fauna. There is a view tower in Bhumdi which is especially famous for bird watching, sunrise and sunset views and views of glorious mountains. It is a newly established tourist spot in Pokhara. From there, you can see a all Annapurna Himalaya range including Sarangkot, Fewa Lake, World peace pagoda and lot more. The view tower is well organized with three stored building specially designed as a sight seen tower with all facilities like shop, Rest room, Drinking water.

Bhumdi view tower is on the opposite side of Shanti Stupa (World Peace Pagoda Pokhara). To reach view tower first you should take way to Shanti Stupa. At the last junction just near Shanti Stupa you should take left against Shanti stupa. This Buddhist stupa is one of over 80 Peace Pagodas worldwide built in an attempt to unite people from all over the world and promote world peace. As well as being an impressive sight in itself, from this vantage point you also get stunning views over mountains, Phewa Lake and the city below. After a chance to wander round this truly peaceful stupa, you continue down through the forest on small walking trails, before climbing back up to join an open jeep trail snaking round the hill, which will take you through the village of Lukum Swara. The final climb of today takes you up to Bhumdi village, home to Gurung and Brahman people, where you will spend the night and can learn more about these cultures.

## **Day 2 : Trek to Panchase Bhanjyang (2065 m) – 4/5 hrs walk**

Today is a great day for nature lovers as the path winds amongst diverse trees and plants. You can even hear the sounds of birds chirping from the branches of the tress and catch a glimpse of a monkey jumping from one tree to the other. We start our trek with an ascend through the green sparse forest for about one and half hour where you can see mountains regularly peeking out between the trees. If the weather permits, then this day you will have an opportunity to explore massive mountain views. These include the Annapurna, Lamjung, Gangapurna and Machhapuchhre (Fishtail) as well as three peaks over 8,000m: Dhaulagiri, Annapurna I and Manaslu, in the distance. Continuing along the trail takes you gently uphill to Panchase Bhanjyang. The views of Pokhara Valley and Phewa Lake are fantastic from Panchase Hill. The ruins of the temple at the summit sometimes shelter a holy man. Similar to last night's stay, this village is home to Gurung and Brahman people.

## **Day 3 : Trek to Bhadaure (1670 m) – 4 / 5 hrs walk**

Early in the morning, we wake up and climb the stone steps up to Panchase peak at almost 2500 meter. This is the highest point of your trek. From here you will again be rewarded with stunning views over the mountains, and there is the option of getting up extra early to ascend to this point in time for sunrise. After catching your breath and taking in your surroundings, you descend down the far side of the hill to Alldanda. This afternoon consists of a gentle walk down to your campsite, with regular views of the mountains above and villages below. The campsite is situated just above the town of Bhadaure, where you can experience a mix of cultures as there are a

range of residents including Gurung, Kami and Brahman.

## **Day 4 : Trek to Naundanda (1515 m) – 3/4 hrs walk, drive to Pokhara (800 m)**

On the last day of our trek, we descend down to the town of Bhadaure. You have to walk down through stone steps on our trail back. The trail takes us across a small stream and through regular villages, where you will get the chance to interact with locals and children. Children will ask for chocolate. The trail descends down and then up to Naundanda. On reaching Naundanda, the trail will rejoin the highway and your car will be waiting to pick you up and drive you back to the quiet city of Pokhara. We will spend our overnight in Pokhara.

## **Inclusions**

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### **What is included?**

- Transfers by private car or van and Boat depending on group size.
- One registered and experienced local trekking guide and (porters) if you needed.
- 3 Times meal with cup of Tea (breakfast, lunch and dinner) during the trek.
- Tea, coffee, cookies and fresh fruits are served during the trek.
- Sharing twin/double bed room in tea house lodges and home stay during trek.
- Accommodation, food, salary, equipment for your guide.
- Necessary insurance for your guide.
- All necessary trekking permits if required..
- All applicable local tax, vat and office service charge.

### **What isn't included?**

- Accommodation, meals and transportation in Kathmandu and Pokhara.
- All bar bills, beverages such as coke, fanta, sprite and mineral water.
- Travel insurance, Nepal Tourist Visa fees, Items and expenses of personal nature.
- Any expenses which arise due to a change of the itinerary, because of landslides, political trouble, and strikes etc.
- Laundry, phone calls, toiletries (toilet paper, soaps, shampoos etc)
- Tips for guide.

## **Complimentary**