

Khopra Ridge Trek

Location: Annapurna Region, Gandaki **Duration:** 10 Days **Max altitude:** 4,660 m (Khayer Lake)

Difficulty: Moderate **Group size:** 2–12 people

Overview

Discover the lesser-trodden Khopra Ridge Trek — a hidden gem nestled between the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri massifs. This community-run lodge trek offers up-close views of Annapurna South, Hiunchuli, Nilgiri and the world's seventh-highest mountain, Dhaulagiri. The optional pre-dawn hike to sacred Khayer Lake (4,660 m) rewards you with one of the finest sunrise panoramas in the Annapurna region. Stay in cosy community lodges, sample fresh local food, and walk through forests of rhododendron, oak and bamboo with very few other trekkers.

Highlights

- Sweeping Dhaulagiri & Annapurna South panoramas
- Sacred Khayer Lake at 4,660 m (optional)
- Stay in community-run mountain lodges
- Quiet trails — far fewer trekkers than Poon Hill
- Sunrise from Khopra Danda viewpoint

Day-by-Day Itinerary

DAY 1 Drive Pokhara to Nayapul, trek to Tikhedhunga

1,540 m. Start the trek through villages and rice terraces.

DAY 2 Tikhedhunga to Ghorepani

2,860 m. Climb the famous stone staircase of Ulleri.

DAY 3 Sunrise at Poon Hill, trek to Tadapani

2,630 m. Pre-dawn climb for the classic Annapurna sunrise.

DAY 4 Tadapani to Bayeli (Dobato)

3,420 m. Quiet ridge trail with rhododendron forest.

DAY 5 Bayeli to Upper Chistibung

3,050 m. Walk along grassy ridges with constant Dhaulagiri views.

DAY 6 Chistibung to Khopra Danda

3,660 m. Reach the spectacular Khopra Ridge community lodge.

DAY 7 Optional Khayer Lake hike, return to Khopra

4,660 m. Pre-dawn pilgrimage to the sacred lake and back.

DAY 8 Khopra to Swanta village

2,200 m. Long descent through forest to Magar village.

DAY 9 Swanta to Ghorepani to Hile

1,495 m. Final descent through villages.

DAY 10 Drive Hile to Pokhara

Scenic drive back to Pokhara.

What's Included

- ✓ ACAP & TIMS permits
- ✓ Licensed English-speaking guide
- ✓ Porter (1 per 2 trekkers)
- ✓ Community lodge accommodation (twin sharing)
- ✓ All meals during trek
- ✓ Pokhara—Nayapul ground transfer

What's Not Included

- ✗ International flights
- ✗ Nepal entry visa
- ✗ Travel insurance (mandatory)
- ✗ Personal trekking gear
- ✗ Tips for guide and porter

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This itinerary is indicative; final program is tailored to your dates and group.