

Sikles Trek

Location: Annapurna Region, Kaski **Duration:** 8 Days **Max altitude:** 2,500 m (Tara Hilltop) **Difficulty:** Moderate
Group size: 2–12 people

Overview

The Sikles Trek visits one of the largest and most authentic Gurung villages in Nepal — Sikles, perched on a ridge with dramatic views of Annapurna II, Annapurna IV and Lamjung Himal. This off-the-beaten-path trek showcases traditional stone houses, slate roofs and a culture barely touched by modern tourism. The route winds through subtropical forests, terraced fields, and small farming hamlets, with home-cooked meals and warm Gurung hospitality at every stop.

Highlights

- Authentic Gurung village stay in Sikles
- Annapurna II, IV & Lamjung Himal views
- Walk through the Annapurna Conservation Area
- Traditional stone-and-slate village architecture
- Home-cooked Gurung cuisine

Day-by-Day Itinerary

DAY 1 Drive Pokhara to Bijayapur, trek to Kalikasthan

1,370 m. Start the trek with views of Phewa Lake.

DAY 2 Kalikasthan to Lamakhet

1,650 m. Forest paths and small farming villages.

DAY 3 Lamakhet to Ghalekharka

2,090 m. Ridge walk with first big mountain views.

DAY 4 Ghalekharka to Tara Hilltop

2,500 m. Climb to the trek's highest point.

DAY 5 Tara Hilltop to Sikles village

1,980 m. Descend into the historic Gurung settlement.

DAY 6 Sikles village exploration day

Full day cultural immersion — visit homes, school, mill.

DAY 7 Sikles to Hyangja

Long descent to roadhead via Tibetan refugee camp.

DAY 8 Drive Hyangja to Pokhara

Short drive back to Lakeside Pokhara.

What's Included

- ✓ ACAP permit
- ✓ Experienced local guide
- ✓ Porter (1 per 2 trekkers)
- ✓ Lodge & homestay accommodation
- ✓ All trek meals
- ✓ Private vehicle transfers from Pokhara

What's Not Included

- ✗ International flights
- ✗ Nepal visa
- ✗ Personal expenses
- ✗ Travel & rescue insurance
- ✗ Tips and gratuities

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