

Khopra Danda Trek

The [Khopra Danda Trek](#) (also known as the Khopra Ridge Trek), is an excellent alternative to the more popular and inevitably crowded Ghorepani trek. This trek offers the taste of an 'off-the-beaten-path' adventure.

Khopra Danda Trek follows a local trail descending into the valley north of Ghorepani, before ascending into the "Khopra Ridge". It is one of the best short treks in Nepal that is untouched and less crowded compared to other treks. The trek takes you to an elevation of 3660 m at Khopra Danda.

A short trek, and the best part is that only a few people know about the Khopra Danda Trek. The awe-striking mountains such as Mt. Dhaulagiri, Annapurna, Hiunchuli and Machhapuchhre are clearly visible through this route. Scenes of rural villages and paddy fields lead up to a beautiful country experience.

We pass through the Rhododendron forest and meet Himalayan wildlife like Pheasants and Yaks. The trek also takes us to the sacred and beautiful Khayar Lake at the foot of Annapurna South. This trek lead you to Poon Hill((3,210m) where you get the best sunrise views over the massive wondrous Himalayan Ranges.

The trails present you with a new and exciting experience and take you to pretty villages and farmland at Ghandrung. While descending through pastoral villages to Tatopani, you will also encounter the local Cheese factory at Paudwar.

Our journey begins with a scenic ride from Kathmandu to Pokhara then trek through the vibrant Gurung of Ghandruk. The trail continues to follow to Tadapani and then on the off beaten trail to Bayali which goes through a thick forest of rhododendron oak and pine. The trail then leads us closer towards Annapurna South to Khopra Danda where we can observe panoramic scenes of the Dhaulagiri and Annapurna range.

Then the trailing trail turns around down to Swanta and up to Ghorepani through Bayeli Kharka. The trek goes through Tadapani and hikes to Poonhill for the popular sunrise and panoramic view and finally ends at Pokhara.

The [best time](#) to embark on this trek is from Feb to June, and Sept to Dec.