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Everest Base Camp Helicopter - 5 Days

5 days. Grade: Easy.

5.0 2295+ reviews on TripAdvisor

US$ 3100
per person, for 2 people

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Everest is the prime destination for trekkers, nature lovers, mountaineers, and adventurers. Classical treks to Everest Base Camp are quite challenging and require several days or even weeks. Everyone may not have that determination or time to complete classic Everest treks, but they too want to see Everest. Hence, we have prepared an easy five-day Everest Base Camp trek where you will be reaching Everest Base Camp on a helicopter. From the helicopter, you will get stunning views of Khumbu Glacier and many mountains - including Mt. Everest (8,848m), Mt. Lhotse (8,516m), Cho Oyu (8,201m), and Mt. Makalu (8,463m).

TRIP FACTS

Destination	Nepal
Grade	Easy
Accomodation	Yeti Mountain Home during the trek
Best season	Feb, Mar, Apri, May, June, Sep, Oct, Nov & Dec
Activity	Everest Treks
Max. altitude	5,555m at Kalapatthar
Activity per day	Approximately 4-6 hrs walking

PRICE

US$ 3100

per person, for 2 people

The full price is US$ 3900. You save US$ 800 per person.

Group-size discounts

People	Price per person
2	US$ 3100
4	US$ 2600

Meals included	All full-board meals (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner) during the trek
Start / end point	Kathmandu / Kathmandu

Group discounts are exclusive to your group size only. We do not merge groups.

Highlights

- The most exquisite yet beautiful flights Kathmandu-Lukla- Kathmandu
- A light hike to Namche Bazaar, the gateway to Everest
- A scenic and thrilling helicopter flight to Everest Base Camp
- Get acquainted with the Sherpa culture and lifestyle.
- Graceful views of the world's highest peaks, Mt. Everest (8,848m), Mt. Lhotse (8,516m), Cho Oyu (8,201m), and Mt. Makalu (8,463m)
- Khumbu Glacier
- Savor the astounding beauty of the Khumbu Icefall (5,486m)

Comprehensive Overview 5 Days Everest Base Camp Helicopter Trekking Tour

You can experience the ultimate fusion of trekking and helicopter adventure on our 5-Day Everest Base Camp Helicopter Tour. In just five days, you'll stand at the legendary Everest Base Camp (5,364 m), experiencing the breathtaking majesty of the Himalayas without the demands of a long trek. The helicopter flight not only maximizes efficiency but also reduces physical strain, making it perfect for travelers with time constraints who still seek an immersive high-altitude adventure.

Your journey begins with a scenic flight from Kathmandu/Manthali to Lukla, followed by a moderate trek from Lukla to Phakding and on to Namche Bazaar—a vibrant hub in the lower Khumbu Valley rich in cultural highlights. You will spend a day acclimatizing and exploring Namche, soaking in the local charm and stunning vistas of traditional villages, monasteries, and terraced farmlands.

Then, board a helicopter that transports you directly from Namche to Everest Base Camp/Kala Patthar. This thrilling aerial leg not only saves you days on the trail but also offers breathtaking views of key geographical marvels—the majestic Khumbu Icefall, the vast expanse of the Western Cwm, and an unparalleled perspective of the formidable Himalayas.

After savoring the awe-inspiring mountain panoramas, you will enjoy a helicopter return to Lukla, completing an accelerated yet immersive Himalayan journey. From Lukla, you will return to Kathmandu/Manthali on a plane. This five-day adventure perfectly blends moderate trekking with the luxury of high-altitude flight, ensuring you capture the essence of the Khumbu region in record time.

Day to Day Short Itinerary

Day 1 Flight from Kathmandu/Manthali to Lukla. Flight time: Approx 40 min from KTM/20 min from Manthali. Trek to Phakding (2,650 m). Trek time: Approx. 3 hrs.

Day 2 Trek from Phakding to Namche Bazaar (3,440m). Trek time: Approx. 6 hours.

Day 3 Rest day and acclimatization at Namche Bazaar.

Day 4 Heli flight from Namche Bazaar to Everest Base Camp / Kala Patthar and fly back to Lukla.

Day 5 Fly back to Kathmandu/ Manthali from Lukla. Flight time: Approx. 40 min for KTM/20 min for Manthali. Drive time: Approx. 5 hrs from Manthali to KTM.

Everest Base Camp Helicopter 5 Days Itinerary

DAY 1

Flight from Kathmandu/Manthali to Lukla (2,850m / 9,350ft). Trek to Phakding (2650m / 8562ft).

Trek Distance 6.2km / 3.8miles Flight hours 40/20 Minutes Highest Altitude 2,850m / 9,350ft
Trek Duration 3 hours

Your journey starts early. During busy trek seasons (March, April, May, September, October, and November), flights from Kathmandu to Lukla may be rerouted to **Manthali Airport.** To catch an early morning Lukla flight, we will come to pick you up at your hotel around 12:30 am and take you on a 5-hour drive to Manthali Airport. The subsequent flight from Manthali to Lukla takes around 20 minutes.

You can avoid the Kathmandu-Manthali-Lukla route by booking a helicopter from Kathmandu to Lukla directly. However, it will cost around 550 USD per person, provided five people share the helicopter costs.

In December, January, February, June, July, or August, you will fly directly from Kathmandu to Lukla. After breakfast, we'll transfer you to Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) for a 40-minute flight to Tenzing Hillary Airport in Lukla.

After landing in Lukla, you will take a short hike to Phakding while passing Chaurikharka Village. Phakding is the starting point for Everest treks, and at the Phakding market, you can find everything required for the trek. It also has modern restaurants and cafes that are Wi-Fi-linked. Phakding also houses many monasteries—including Rimishung Monastery, which we will not miss visiting.

Overnight stay at Yeti Mountain Home
Included standard meals (Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)

DAY 2

Trek from Phakding (2,650m / 8,562ft) to Namche Bazaar (3,440m / 11,285ft)

Trek Distance 11km / 6.8miles Highest Altitude 3,440m / 11,285ft Trek Duration 6 hours

We start the hike early in the morning along the northern banks of the **Dudh Koshi River** and take it slow to reach our destination, **Namche Bazaar.** As you trek ahead, you will be crossing several prayer flags ornamented suspension bridges - including Hillary Bridge - that will make your trek exciting. Eventually, you will reach Monjo village and then Sagarmatha National Park.

We will be registering our permit at the **Sagarmatha National Park** and then climb up the forest from where you will get to enjoy the first glimpses of mt. Everest. Through the woods and stone-paved way, we finally reach Namche Bazar. Namche Bazaar is one of the most happening places in the Everest region. The lively atmosphere and the heartwarming **hospitality of the Sherpas** will make your stay very pleasant.

Overnight stay at Sun Shower Hotel
Included standard meals (Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)

DAY 3

Rest day and acclimatization at Namche Bazaar

We stay at Namche Bazar for another day to acclimatize to the altitude. However, we will not be staying idle. We will explore Namche Bazaar as we immerse ourselves in its beauty. If you want, you can hike to **Sagarmatha National Park** or **Khumjung** (3,790m) or **Khunde**. We will also be visiting **Hillary School** and old monasteries on the way to Khumjung.

Namche, without a doubt, offers a lot of hidden wonders. A must-not-miss place is the **Syangboche airport (3,780m)**, one of the highest airports in the world. If you want to get excellent views of Everest, you have the option to hike to the **Everest View Hotel.** We conclude our day enjoying the exquisiteness of Namche Bazaar and eating the delicious, authentic Sherpa cuisine.

Overnight stay at Sun Shower Hotel
Included standard meals (Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)

DAY 4

Heli flight from Namche Bazaar to Everest Base Camp (5,364m / 17,598ft) / Kala Patthar(5,555m / 18,208ft) and fly back to Lukla (2,850m / 9,350ft)

We start the day as early as possible to savor the beauty of sun-rays kissing Mount Everest. We board a helicopter and fly from Namche Bazaar over Everest Base Camp and Khumbu Glacier to **Kala Patthar (5,555m)** - the highest altitude point of our trip. We will **fly very near to the Everest Base Camp,** providing you enough time to appreciate Everest Base Camp.

Mount Everest (8,848m) hides behind Mount Lhotse (8,516m), so we reach Kalapatthar to witness the mighty Everest and other alluring Himalayan peaks.

We spend quality time at Kala Patthar amidst the serenity of the world's highest mountains while enjoying the incredible scenery. After savoring the views to the heart's content, we **fly back to Lukla** and spend the night at Lukla.

Overnight stay at Yeti Mountain Home
Included standard meals (Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)

DAY 5

Fly to Kathmandu/Manthali from Lukla (2,850m / 9,350ft)

Flight hours 40/20 minutes

After the end of your trip, you will **either fly to Manthali or Kathmandu,** depending on the prevailing trekking season. Probably, you'll take a flight to Manthali, followed by a drive to Kathmandu if your trek falls in March, April, May, September, October, or November. Conversely, during other months (December, January, February, June, July, and August), you will fly from Lukla to Kathmandu directly.

Should you decide against taking the Lukla-Manthali-Kathmandu route, you can team up with four other persons and book a helicopter. You will be incurring an extra charge of around 550 USD each.

We hope your journey back will be relaxing as you relive the memories you formed during the trek. Your trek ends in Kathmandu. After arriving in Kathmandu, you can spend your time as you like.

Included standard meal (Breakfast)

What is included in this trek package?

Transportation

- Round-trip flight tickets for Kathmandu/Manthali and Lukla (Kathmandu–Manthali–Kathmandu travel via shared vehicle)
- Helicopter flight from Namche - Kala Patthar (Everest Base Camp) back to Lukla
- Pick up & drop off from airport to hotel and vice versa in a private vehicle

Accommodation

- Four nights luxury accommodation (Yeti Mountain Home) at Lukla, Phakding, and Namche (2N)

Food

- Four breakfasts, four dinners, and four lunches at Yeti Mountain Home in trek regions. One breakfast in Kathmandu.
- Water purification tablets for safe drinking water
- Seasonal fresh fruits every day

Guide and Porter

- Government licensed English-speaking Discovery World Trekking experienced trek leader /guide and porters to help trekkers luggage. (luggage weight limit 9 kg per trekker)
- Guides and porters costs - their meals, insurance, salary, lodging, transportation, flight, and other necessary equipment like duffle bags, etc

Trek Permit and Expenses

- Sagarmatha National Park entry permit fee
- Khumbu Pashang Lhamu Rural Municipality fees.
- All government, local taxes, and official expenses

Other Facilities

- Arrangement of sleeping bags and Down jackets if you do not have your own

Medical Assistance

- Medical kits, including an oximeter to monitor blood oxygen saturation levels in high altitudes
- Rescue operation arrangement in case of complicated health conditions (funded by travel insurance)

Souvenir

- Company's T-shirt & cap

Farewell

- Discovery World Trekking trek appreciation certificate after the successful trek
- Farewell dinner in Kathmandu at the end of the trek

Benefits

- Sleeping bags and down jackets, duffle bag (one for every two trekkers) if you do not have your own
- Free excess luggage storage at the Discovery World Trekking store for the duration of the trek

What is excluded in this trek package?

International Flight

- International flight airfare

Guide and Porter

- Tips for guide and porters

Visa

- Nepal entry visa fees for multiple entries at Tribhuvan International Airport

Travel Insurance

- Travel insurance, which has to cover emergency high-altitude rescue and evacuation (compulsory)

Personal Expenses

- Personal expenses (shopping, snacks, boil bottled water, hot (tea/coffee) and cold drinks, hot shower, alcohol, Wi-Fi, telephone call, battery re-charge fee), extra porters, etc.
- Personal clothing and gear

Planning Your Trek Schedule

Our trips have flexible departure dates. You can select a travel date that fits your schedule and easily confirm your booking through our website at any time.

Equipment Checklist

We recommend you carry the basic clothing and accessories for the trek. Although we understand you have your preferences, here is a list to help you pack. Porters will carry your luggage, but your limit is 9 kg. We assign one porter to carry the luggage of two persons in a duffle bag. Hence, please find a fellow trek partner and pack your things together in a duffle bag of over sixty liters.

Head

- Sun hat (wide-brimmed)
- Beanie (for warmth)
- Buff or neck gaiter (for sun protection and warmth)
- Lightweight headlamp (with adjustable brightness)
- High SPF sunscreen
- Lip balm with SPF
- Sunglasses with UV protection
- Face wipes

Upper Body

- Moisture-wicking t-shirts (short and long sleeves)
- Thermal base layer (for colder conditions)
- Fleece jacket and down jacket **
- Lightweight puffy jacket (for extra warmth)
- Waterproof and windproof jacket (Gore-Tex or similar)
- Raincoat
- Lightweight, breathable long-sleeve shirt
- Polypropylene underwear (four)

Hands

- Insulated gloves or mittens (for cold weather)
- Waterproof gloves (for wet conditions)

Lower Body

- Quick-drying pants/trousers (convertible or full-length)
- Insulated pants (for colder conditions)
- Lightweight cotton pants
- Thermal leggings or long underwear (for colder weather)
- Two pairs of thermal/trekking trousers (pants)

Feet

- Thick Wool or synthetic moisture-wicking socks (4 pairs)
- Waterproof, ankle-supportive broken-in full hiking boots (with good traction)
- Sandals (for camp use or river crossings)
- Gaiters (for protection against mud, water, and debris)

Toiletries

- Biodegradable bar soap
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Medium-size drying towel
- Wet wipes or hand sanitizers
- Toilet paper (In a Ziplock bag)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Travel-sized shampoo
- Nail clippers
- Small mirror

Backpacks

- Duffle bag (capacity of over 60 liters) for porters** (One duffle bag for two trekkers).
- Backpack or daypack (capacity 20-30 liters) for yourself

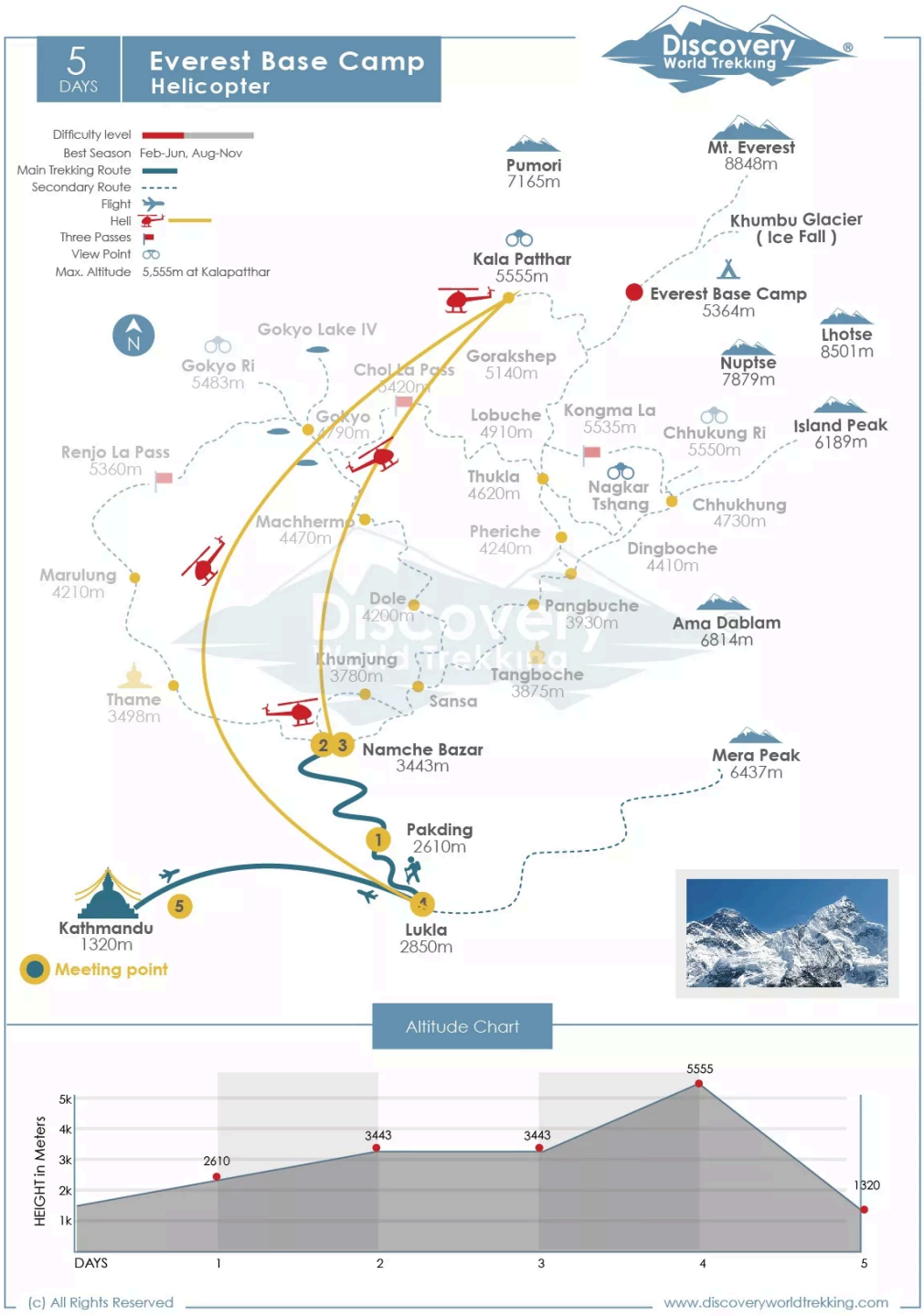
Accessories

- Adjustable and lightweight poles (preferably collapsible)
- Water bottle or bladder with a capacity of at least 2 liters (insulated for cold weather)
- Water purification system (tablets, filter, or UV purifier)
- Sleeping bag (-10 to -15 degrees is the best) **

Extra Items

- Camera/smartphone (extra memory cards and batteries)
- Extra batteries or rechargeable power bank (for charging devices)
- Two-pin charging plug
- Basic first aid supplies (band-aids, antiseptic wipes, pain relievers, Diamox)
- Personal medications (inhalers, allergy meds, etc.)
- Few passport-size photos
- Passport photocopies
- Notebook and pen
- Binoculars
- Swiss army knife or multi-tool (with scissors, can opener, etc.)

Route Map



Responsible Travel

We strongly believe in environmental protection for long-term sustainable tourism. So, Discovery World Trekking works together with the Kathmandu Environmental Education Project (KEEP) to organize **eco-friendly tours** that benefit both the trekkers and the locals.

Discovery World Trekking Crew

Throughout your trek, our experienced guides/Sherpas will accompany you. They will provide you with information about the places you will be visiting. We also assign a porter for every two trekkers to carry luggage. However, each porter will not carry more than 18kg of luggage. If you want, we can arrange one porter for each trekker.

Our crew members are born and raised in the high Himalayas, so they can easily adapt to high-altitude environments. **All our staff members are precious to us.** Besides paying them well, we also provide their insurance, clothing, food, and lodging. They also receive medical care when sick or injured. We put every effort to ensure that our staff members are happy because we believe that only a happy person can keep others happy.

All our guides/trek leads:

- are intensive wilderness first aid trained
- have government-authorized trekking guide training certificate
- are fluent in English and other major languages
- have conservation and biodiversity training
- have rock climbing experience

Tipping

Nepali culture accepts tipping, but it is at the **trekker's discretion** and should reflect the quality of service provided. We advise you to tip as a group at the end of the trek.

Booking and payment process

Discovery world trekking is a **Nepal government-authorized**, and bonded trek and touring operator **providing service for over a decade.** We are members of the Trekking Agency Association of Nepal (TAAN) and the Nepal Mountaineering Association (NMA). Therefore, you can book Discovery World Trekking with confidence.

We require a 10% trip cost in advance to confirm the booking. You can pay this advance using bank transfer, Western Union, or online from our website. Similarly, you can pay the remaining trip cost in cash, bank transfer, or using your credit card after arriving in Nepal. We will also email you payments details along with your modes of payment.

Last-minute booking

Discovery World Trekking offers a **special provision of last-minute booking** for those unable to book the Everest Base Camp Helicopter Tour in advance. To take advantage of this facility, you need to clear your tour payment at least 24 hours before the targeted departure date. Please note that we try to organize this trek at all times but cannot guarantee the departure date because of circumstances beyond our control - such as bad weather, unavailability of lodges/hotels, etc.

Trip extension

After completing this trek, you may want to stay a couple of days extra in Nepal. If so, **we can arrange fun activities for you** like exploring in and around Kathmandu, Chitwan jungle safari, paragliding, rafting, canoeing, and much more.

Feedback

We will arrange a **farewell dinner in Kathmandu after successful trek completion.** After the dinner, we will present you with a Discovery World Trekking trek completion certificate. This is also a perfect time for you to provide us with trek feedback.

Trip Notes

Journey start

You will arrive in Kathmandu at Tribhuvan International Airport - the only international airport. You require at least one overnight stay in Kathmandu, but this package does not include it. **On the trek departure day, you will take a domestic flight** from Tribhuvan International Airport to Lukla. The flight will last about 40-minutes.

Complimentary airport transfer

We **provide free airport to hotel transfer** during arrival and vice-a-versa during your departure. Upon arrival, you will find our company representative holding a pamphlet with your name on it. They will present you with a Khada or a marigold garland and take you to your hotel in a private vehicle. Please email us your arrival and departure dates beforehand to take advantage of this service.

Accommodation details

This Everest Heli trek includes **four nights luxury lodge stay at Yeti Mountain Home** in Lukla, Phakding, and Namche. You will require at least two night stays in Kathmandu, but this package does not include this. Kathmandu has a wide range of hotels for all budgets and your interest. We prefer your choice.

The Meals

During this luxury helicopter tour to Everest Base Camp, you will get nutritious and delicious meals. **Mostly the breakfasts, lunches, and dinners will be buffets.** You will have plenty of options, and you will most probably find your favorite foods.

Best Time for the Everest Base Camp Helicopter Tour

The **weather is the most important factor** you need to consider while deciding for a helicopter tour to the Everest Base Camp. You can find weather information in our Everest Base Camp travel guide, but there is no certainty because weather changes quickly in high altitudes.

People trek to EBC throughout the year, but trekking in certain seasons is much more favorable. Autumn and spring skies are crystal clear from dusk to dawn, and there is no rain, and the temperatures are just right, letting you enjoy the stunning views of high mountains and other landscapes.

The temperatures are low in winter and there is heavy snowfall in trek regions making these treks challenging. Similarly, the summer season in Nepal coincides with the monsoon, and the trails can be wet and slippery. Here is a summary of monthly weather conditions at the high trek altitudes.

January to February

This is the **coldest time,** especially from early January to early February. There is heavy snowfall in the mountains resulting in extremely cold temperatures. Though the daytime may be warm and admirable with clear skies, the nighttime would be extremely cold. Trek is challenging but not impossible. We organize treks during these months as well. However, if you are allergic to colds, we do not recommend you this trek during these months.

Temperature: 15°C to -15°C.

March to April

It is one of the best times to hike to the Everest Base Camp. The weather is very favorable, letting you enjoy stunning views of the Himalayas ranges and glaciers. March being the beginning of the spring season, the weather starts to warm up. All flora and fauna dormant throughout the winter come back to life- feeding, thriving, and breeding in the sun-kissed temperatures. Temperatures start increasing from the mid of March, and with clear skies, snow mountains look their best. Many trekkers complete this trek during these months.

Temperature: 18 °C to -12 °C.

May to June

These months are also **favorable for trekking -** just before the monsoon becomes active. Rainfall starts from the end of June and lasts till mid-August. The mix of spring and summer seasons makes Everest Base Camp treks very attractive at this time.

Temperature:25°C to -5°C.

July to August

The **rainfall hits its peak** at elevations below 3500 meters. Due to heavy rain, flights to Lukla may get canceled at the beginning or end of the trek, but trekkers trek to Everest Base Camp during these months. Due to the monsoon, you will be getting spectacular views of waterfalls. Discovery World Trekking conducts safe treks during these months as well.

Temperature:27°C to 5°C

September to October

This is also **one of the perfect seasons** for the EBC trek, attracting thousands of tourists to EBC. As the monsoon slowly ends, a perfect trekking climate sets in. The temperatures are also very favorable - it reaches 20 degrees during the day and fall to 5 degrees at night. With clear skies, great trail conditions, and perfect views of mountains, this season is a boon for the trekkers. The main festivals of Nepal - Dashain, and Tihar - fall during these months, adding a festive mood to your trek.

Temperature:20°C to 5°C

November to December

As winter begins, snowfalls begin in the Himalayas region, and it **eventually gets tough to trek**. The sparkling days let you enjoy stunning mountain views during November. From December, the temperature dips, and snowfalls make nights frigid.

Temperature:10°C to -17°C.

Trip Grade, Fitness level

This helicopter tour involves **a limited on-foot trek.** You will only hike from Lukla to Phakding for 3 hours and from Phakding to Namche for 5 to six hours. In addition, during the rest and acclimatization day, we will trek to nearby areas. Since there is no heavy trek involved, almost all people can complete this trek. If you have sensitive medical conditions such as lung or heart diseases, please consult us before booking.

Trekking group/single

This is a private tour because of its nature - a helicopter tour. The helicopter is comfortable for three persons and can accommodate four persons at the maximum.

Travel insurance

Travel insurance is compulsory. The policy must cover medical and emergency repatriation - including helicopter rescue and evacuation expenses at the highest trek altitudes (up to 6000m).

If you require, we can recommend insurance companies for you- based on our previous clients' experience. However, we do not sell insurance. We request all our valuable clients to send their insurance details within a week of booking the trip. In emergencies, we will use your documents for rescue.

Passport and visa

All foreigners, except Indians, require a visa to enter Nepal . **Most nationals get an on-arrival visa** at the Tribhuvan International Airport. You can get a visa at immigration checkpoints along Nepal borders as well.

A visa application will require a **passport with at least six-month validity, a passport-size photo,** and **visa application fees.** The current visa application fee is USD 50 for a thirty-day stay, which you can pay in cash (dollars). Chinese and SAARC (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka) citizens get free visas.

Citizens from Nigeria, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Cameroon, Somalia, Liberia, Ethiopia, Iraq, Palestine, and Afghanistan may not receive on-arrival visas. So if you are from any of these countries, you will have to contact your local Nepalese embassy.

Visa information may change without notice, so for recent visa information, visit - https://www.immigration.gov.np/ .

Money exchange

Nepali Rupees (NPR) is the local currency.

(1 USD = ~ Rs.120 NPR)

You can exchange major foreign currencies through local banks and legitimate money exchanges in Kathmandu and throughout Thamel. Legal money exchanges display their ongoing rates visibly. If you have Indian Rupees, please note that only Indian Notes of 100 and 2,000 are legal in Nepal.

Despite the security advantage of traveler's cheques, **we recommend you cash exchanges** to avoid lengthy processes and high bank commission rates. You can also withdraw cash (in Nepalese Rupees only) from one of the many ATMs in Kathmandu and Thamel. Several of these ATMs are open round the clock for convenience.

The maximum withdrawal amount is Rs. 35,000 per transaction, with a Rs. 500 processing fee when using a foreign card. If you use the money exchange facility at banks and financial institutions, the service charge imposed is about 4% or more.

Please note that there are no banks or money exchanges in the trek regions, so you should exchange your money in Kathmandu based on your estimated expenses. Trek regions accept Nepalese currency only.

How much luggage can I bring to the Everest Base Camp Helicopter tour?

The luggage **weight limit per trekker is 9 kg.** We provide one porter for every two trekkers, and we do not allow our porters to carry more than 18 kg of combined weight. However, we expect you to bring a regular backpack for your valuables and essential documents. We advise you to bring only the basics to the trek. You can store your excess luggage at your hotel or Discovery World Trekking store for free.

Everest Base Camp Trek Safety

We guarantee the safety and security of all our clients. To ensure safety, we carry all the necessary gear, equipment, and first aid kits. Our leaders and guides have completed extensive first aid training. If a trekker falls sick due to the altitude, your trek guide has the authority to decide whether to descend immediately or continue the trek. Further, we will be trekking together.

FAQs For Everest Base Camp Helicopter

GENERAL INFORMATION

What is the Everest Base Camp Helicopter Tour?

The Everest Base Camp Helicopter Tour combines trekking and helicopter flights, allowing you to experience the stunning landscapes of the Everest region from ground, and air. You'll trek through villages and acclimatize along the route, and reach Gorak Shep, then Everest Base Camp. You will visit Kala Patthar (5,555m) before returning to Lobuche. From Lobuche, a helicopter will fly you back to Lukla, giving you breathtaking aerial views of the Himalayas.

How long does the Everest Base Camp Helicopter Tour take?

The entire tour, including trekking, can take around 9 days. However, the helicopter ride itself, from Lobuche to Lukla, is about 20 minutes. Your trek before the helicopter ride spans multiple days with gradual acclimatization.

Do we land at Everest Base Camp during the helicopter tour?

No, the helicopter does not land directly at Everest Base Camp. You will trek to Everest Base Camp on foot, and after exploring the area, you'll return to Lobuche to take the helicopter back to Lukla.

What are the main highlights of the Everest Base Camp Helicopter Tour?

The main highlights include flying around Mount Everest region, stunning aerial views of the Khumbu Glacier and Icefall, visiting the famous Tengboche Monastery, trekking through Sherpa villages like Namche Bazaar, and witnessing panoramic views of peaks such as Ama Dablam, Lhotse, and Nuptse.

Can I arrange a private 5-day Everest Base Camp Helicopter trek?

Yes, we can organize a private 5-day Everest Base Camp Helicopter Trek for you.

PREPARATION & FITNESS

Do I need to be physically fit for the Everest Base Camp Helicopter Tour?

Yes, moderate physical fitness is recommended, especially for the trekking portion of the tour. You'll trek at high altitudes for several days, so be prepared for long walks and acclimatization.

Is any hiking involved during the helicopter tour?

Yes, you'll be trekking for several days, covering distances of up to 12 km in one day before the helicopter ride back to Lukla. We also organize one-day helicopter tours for those who do not want to hike.

Are there any altitude-related concerns during the tour?

Yes, altitude sickness can be a concern as you will trek to heights of over 5,364 meters (17,598 feet). Our treks have acclimatization days built into the itinerary to help your body adjust to the thin air.

PERMITS

Do I need permits for the Everest Base Camp Helicopter Tour?

Yes, you will need a Sagarmatha National Park entry permit and a Khumbu Pasang Lhamu Rural Municipality permit.

Are the necessary permits included in the tour package?

Yes, the necessary permits are typically included in the tour package, so you don't need to worry about obtaining them separately.

Where can I obtain the permits for the helicopter tour?

You can buy permits in Kathmandu or at the entry points in the Everest region. However, our company will handle these for you.

INSURANCE & VISA

Is travel insurance necessary for the Everest Base Camp Helicopter Tour?

Yes, travel insurance is mandatory. We reserve the right to refuse the trek to anyone without insurance or adequate insurance.

What should my insurance cover during the helicopter tour?

Your insurance should cover medical expenses and emergency helicopter evacuation up to the highest trek altitude (5,500m). Please call your insurer and verify that your insurance covers helicopter evacuation.

Do I need a visa to visit Nepal for the helicopter tour?

Yes, foreigners, except Indians, need a visa to enter Nepal. An on-arrival visa is available at the Kathmandu airport for most nationalities.

GUIDES & PORTERS

Will there be a guide or pilot briefing before the Everest Base Camp Helicopter Tour?

Yes, there will be a guide briefing before the trek and the helicopter flight to ensure you are prepared for the itinerary and altitude challenges.

What kind of information does the guide provide during the helicopter flight?

The guide or pilot will offer insights into the geographical features, mountain peaks, and historical landmarks you see during the flight.

Is there a co-pilot or support staff on board during the flight?

Yes, there is usually a co-pilot or support staff on board, ensuring safety and communication throughout the flight.

ACCOMMODATION

Is accommodation provided before or after the Everest Base Camp Helicopter Tour?

Yes, accommodation is provided throughout your stay in the Everest region.

Are there restroom facilities at any point during the helicopter tour?

Yes, there are restrooms at various lodges along the trek and at your overnight stops.

Do we stop for refreshments during the tour?

Yes, standard meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) are included during the trek.

FOOD & DRINKS

Is breakfast or lunch included in the Everest Base Camp Helicopter Tour?

Yes, standard meals including breakfast, lunch, and dinner are included during the trek.

Are vegetarian or vegan food options available at the breakfast stop?

Yes, vegetarian and vegan options are available at most lodges along the route. However, tell the guide about your food preferences before heading to the trek.

Can I bring snacks or drinks during the helicopter tour?

Yes, you can bring snacks and water, but avoid bringing large amounts of food as the helicopter tour lasts about 20 minutes.

WEATHER

What is the best time of year for the Everest Base Camp Helicopter Tour?

The best time for the tour is during the trekking seasons of March-May and September-November when the weather is stable and clear.

How does the weather affect the helicopter tour?

Bad weather can delay or cancel flights, particularly during the monsoon and winter.

What happens if the helicopter tour is canceled due to bad weather?

If the helicopter flight is canceled due to bad weather, we will reschedule the flight.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Are there any health risks, such as altitude sickness, during the helicopter tour?

Yes, altitude sickness is a significant risk, which is why acclimatization days are included.

What safety measures are in place for the Everest Base Camp Helicopter Tour?

We hire well-maintained helicopters flown by experienced pilots who know the terrain.

What happens in case of a medical emergency during the helicopter flight?

In a medical emergency, helicopters will fly to a lower altitude or medical facility.

PACKING & GEAR

What should I bring for the Everest Base Camp Helicopter Tour?

Bring trekking gear, warm clothes, sunglasses, sunscreen, a camera, and personal items like medications.

Are cameras or drones allowed during the helicopter flight?

Yes, you can bring cameras without a problem, but you need to check the local regulations for drones.

Do I need to wear trekking or winter gear for the tour?

Yes, it's essential to wear warm trekking gear, especially for the higher altitudes.

BOOKING & PAYMENTS

How far in advance should I book the Everest Base Camp Helicopter Tour?

We recommend you book at least a month in advance, especially during peak seasons.

What payment methods are accepted for booking the tour?

We require 10 percent of the trek package as advance for tour confirmation. You may pay using credit cards, bank transfers, Wise, and Western Union. You can pay the remaining amount when you arrive in Kathmandu using cash, credit card, bank transfer, Wise, or Western Union.

Are there cancellation or refund policies for the helicopter tour?

Yes, we have cancellation and refund policies. Please visit our terms and conditions page.

TRANSPORTATION

How do I get to the starting point of the Everest Base Camp Helicopter Tour?

You'll either fly to Lukla from Kathmandu. In busy trek seasons, we will drive you to Manthali from Kathmandu and then you can fly from Manthali to Lukla.

Is hotel pickup and drop-off included in the tour package?

Yes, all our packages include hotel pickup and drop-off so you never have to feel alone.

What are the transportation options if my flight to Nepal is delayed?

If your flight to Nepal is delayed, we can reschedule the tour, or adjust the itinerary.

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