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Everest Base Camp Helicopter - 10 Days

10 days. Grade: Challenging.

5.0 2295+ reviews on TripAdvisor

US$ 3000
per person, for 2 people

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This trek is for those short in time, but who want to see Everest up close without sacrificing any highlights. The hike starts from Lukla and follows the classic Everest Base Camp trail reaching Everest Base Camp and then to Kala Patthar viewpoint. From Gorakshep, you will take a helicopter to Lukla. The helicopter ride will take you over Cho La Pass and Gokyo lakes.

TRIP FACTS

Destination	Nepal
Grade	Challenging
Accomodation	Four Nights Luxury Hotel Yeti Mountain Home & Five Nights Other Standard Hotels/Lodges 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
Meals included	All Meals (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner) during the trek
Start / end point	Kathmandu / Kathmandu

PRICE

US$ 3000

per person, for 2 people

The full price is US$ 3800. You save US$ 800 per person.

Group-size discounts

People	Price per person
2	US$ 3000
4	US$ 2700

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

Highlights

- Flying above the mighty Himalayas from Kathmandu to Lukla
- A thrilling yet scenic helicopter ride from Gorakshep to Lukla
- One of the world's highest airports at Syangboche
- Familiarise with Sherpa traditions and lifestyles
- Explore world-famous monasteries and museums in the Khumbu region
- Trek in an incredible landscape around the world's highest peaks, Mt. Everest (8,848m), Mt. Lhotse (8,516m), Cho Oyu (8,201m), and Mt. Makalu (8,463m)
- Explore the UNESCO world heritage sites
- Khumjung Monastery, which is said to house a yeti scalp
- Encounter wildlife like musk deer, colorful pheasants, snow leopard, and Himalayan tahr.
- Traverse through the highest glacier on Earth (Khumbu Glacier)
- Enjoy the awe-inspiring sight of Khumbu Icefall (5,486m)

Everest Base Camp Helicopter Overview

The Everest Base Camp Helicopter Trek offers the best of both worlds — a classic trekking experience through the Khumbu Valley combined with a spectacular helicopter return, allowing you to save time while still achieving the full EBC adventure. This journey leads to the iconic Everest Base Camp (5,364 m), the ultimate trekking achievement, followed by an unforgettable aerial journey over glaciers, mountain passes, and rugged landscapes.

The trek begins with a scenic flight to Lukla, leading into the heart of the Khumbu region. The trail ascends steadily through Phakding and Namche Bazaar, passing suspension bridges, monasteries, and terraced landscapes. Trekking further, you reach Tengboche and Dingboche, witnessing the gradual transition from lush valleys to alpine terrain before heading toward Lobuche and Gorak Shep—the final stops before reaching Everest Base Camp.

After standing at the foot of the world's highest peak, you hike to Kala Patthar (5,545 m), offering the most stunning sunrise views of Everest, Lhotse, Nuptse, and surrounding peaks. Instead of retracing steps through the lower trail, the journey concludes with a thrilling helicopter flight from Gorak Shep or Pheriche, offering breathtaking aerial perspectives of the very landscapes trekked—the winding valleys, glacial moraines, and towering mountain ranges seen from above in their full glory.

This 10-day adventure provides an efficient yet immersive Everest experience, blending challenging trekking, cultural exploration, and luxury helicopter travel. It makes it perfect for you if you seek adventure and convenience in the Himalayas.

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 and acclimatization at Namche Bazaar.

Day 4 Trek from Namche to Tengboche (3,855m). Trek time: Approx. 5 hours.

Day 5 Trek from Tengboche to Dingboche (4,360m). Trek time: Approx. 5 hours.

Day 6 Rest and acclimatization at Dingboche.

Day 7 Trek from Dingboche to Lobuche (4,930m). Trek time: Approx. 5 hours.

Day 8 Trek from Lobuche to Everest Base Camp and back to Gorakshep (5,185m). Trek time: Approx. 6-8 hours.

Day 9 Hike to Kala Patthar Viewpoint, return to Gorakshep and trek to Lobuche. Trek time: Approx. 2.5 hours. Fly to Lukla. Flight time: Approx. 20 minutes.

Day 10 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 Itinerary

DAY 1

Flight from Kathmandu/Manthali to Lukla (2,850m/9,350ft) Trek to Phakding (2,650m/ 8,562ft)

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

Depending on the trekking season, you will be flying to Lukla either from Kathmandu or Manthali. If you are flying during peak trekking seasons (March, April, May, September, October, and November), the flights to Lukla from Kathmandu might be rerouted to Manthali Airport instead. To catch a flight from Manthali to Lukla, we will pick you up at your hotel at around 12:30 am and take you on a 5-hour drive to Manthali Airport. The subsequent flight from Manthali to Lukla takes roughly 20 minutes.

You can avoid the Kathmandu-Manthali-Lukla route by booking a helicopter from Kathmandu to Lukla but be prepared to spend around 550 USD per person to cover the helicopter expenses, assuming five people share the helicopter costs.

Trekking in months - December, January, February, June, July, and August- means your journey to Lukla from Kathmandu remains on track. After breakfast, we'll take you to Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) for an exciting and picturesque 40-minute flight to Tenzing Hillary Airport in Lukla.

After arriving at Lukla, you will take a short trek to Phakding, passing Chaurikharka village. We have deliberately limited the trekking hours so that you can acclimatize. You can utilize your free hours visiting local monasteries (including Rimishung Monastery), shops, and restaurants in Phakding.

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 early morning trekking along the northern banks of the **Dudh Koshi River** enjoying stunning views all around. The thrilling suspension bridges often adorned with prayer flags, make this hike even more exciting. You will be passing M**onjo Village** before reaching **Sagarmatha National Park.**

We register our permit at the Sagarmatha National Park and climb a dense forest, finally catching the first views of Mount Everest. Then, we continue our journey through the woods and stone-paved ways to reach **Namche Bazaar.** With incredible scenery and pleasant vibes, Namche Bazaar is an amazing place to relax.

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

DAY 3

Rest and acclimatization at Namche Bazaar

We spend another day at **Namche Bazaar**, to adjust to the thin air at a high altitude. However, we will not just be sitting idle. You will be exploring the alleys of Namche and hiking to **Sagarmatha National Park** and **Khumjung (3,790m)**. You will also visit **Hillary School** and old monasteries on the way to Khumjung. If you wish, you can further hike to Khunde. You must not miss visiting **Syangboche Airport (3,780m)** - one of the highest airports in the world. If you want to view Mount Everest some more, you can hike to Everest View Hotel.

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

DAY 4

Trek from Namche (3,440m / 11,285ft) to Tengboche (3,855m / 12,850ft)

Trek Distance 9.2km / 5.7miles Highest Altitude 3,855m / 12,850ft Trek Duration 5 hours

The trek begins gently till **Phunki Village**. Reaching **Tengboche** can be quite challenging, as we have to hike through steep uphills. As demanding as the hike might be, the majestic views of the Himalayas will make the ascent worth it. The walk uphill provides you a chance to spot **musk deer, pheasant**, and **Himalayan tahr**. As one of the most beautiful places on the trekking route, Tengboche has so many niceties to offer, especially the panoramic views of the mountains like **Everest (8,848m)**, **Ama Dablam (6,812m)**, **Lhotse (8,516m)**, **Nuptse (7,861m)**, and **Thamserku (6,623m)**.

Tengboche is home to one of the largest and most famous monasteries in the Khumbu region - **Tengboche Monastery**. This monastery is also called the monastery on the top of the hill, and you must not miss this site. We conclude the day with the peaceful sound of the prayers and the bells and get ready for our next walk to **Dingboche**.

Overnight stay at Hotel Good Luck
Included standard meals (Breakfast + Lunch+ Dinner)

DAY 5

Trek from Tengboche (3,855m / 12,850ft) to Dingboche (4,360m / 14,290ft)

Trek Distance 12km / 7.45miles Highest Altitude 4,360m / 14,290ft Trek Duration 5 hours

We continue our journey toward **Pangboche Village (3,985m)**, passing by numerous **stupas, mani walls**, and quaint **Sherpa villages** along the way. This section of the trail winds through lush alpine forests that come alive with seasonal rhododendrons. As we ascend, the landscape gradually shifts—forests give way to hardy shrubs and eventually to a stark, desert-like terrain, reflecting the increasing altitude.

The most strenuous part of the day begins after crossing the **Lobuche River**, where a steep and demanding climb takes us to **Dingboche (4,360m)**. Often referred to as the 'summer valley of Khumbu,' Dingboche is known for its kilometer-long stone wall, built to shield crops from harsh winds. The village rewards us with sweeping panoramic views of the surrounding peaks and valleys, making the challenging ascent all the more worthwhile.

Overnight stay at Good Luck Hotel
Included standard meals (Breakfast + Lunch+ Dinner)

DAY 6

Rest and acclimatization at Dingboche

Today, we explore the areas in and around **Dingboche (4,360m / 14,290ft)** while acclimatizing to the thinning air. To prepare for the next ascent, we hike up the ridge above Dingboche and take in the panoramic close-up views of **Mount Lhotse (8,516m / 27,940ft)**, the backside of **Ama Dablam (6,812m / 22,349ft)**, and **Island Peak (6,189m)**. As our bodies adjust to the altitude, the breathtaking scenery helps us calm our minds and stay present in the moment.

Overnight stay at Good Luck Hotel
Included standard meals (Breakfast + Lunch+ Dinner)

DAY 7

Trek from Dingboche (4,360m / 14,290ft) to Lobuche (4,930m / 16,175ft)

Trek Distance 8.5km / 5.2miles Highest Altitude 4,930m / 16,175ft Trek Duration 5 hours

The trail to **Lobuche (4,930m)** is absolutely stunning, offering breathtaking mountain views throughout the journey. It begins with a short uphill climb and leads to the steep terminal moraine of the **Khumbu Glacier (4,900m)**. Along the way, you'll pass massive slabs of rock displaced by the glacier over time. As we gain altitude, every turn reveals more intimate and dramatic views of the surrounding peaks. The path steepens before gradually leveling out as we approach **Thukla**. Here, we pass a poignant memorial site dedicated to climbers who lost their lives in this unforgiving region. Though the climb is demanding, the increasingly spectacular views push us forward—until, finally, we arrive at **Lobuche**.

Overnight stay at Himalayan Eco Resort
Included standard meals (Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)

DAY 8

Trek from Lobuche to Everest Base Camp (5,364m / 17,598ft) and back to Gorakshep (5,185m / 17,010ft)

Trek Distance 15 km / 9.32miles Highest Altitude 5,364m / 17,598ft Trek Duration 6-8 hours

After days of hiking, the day to reach the foothills of the highest mountain finally arrives. We will begin our walk to the Everest Base Camp (EBC) early in the morning, passing through many glaciers, including the famous **Khumbu Glacier**. Beyond Khumbu Glacier, you can see **Khumbu Icefall (5,486m)**. We will also pass the Army Mountaineers Memorial.

However, before reaching Everest Base Camp, we will trek to Gorakshep, where we will keep our belongings. Then, we climb up to the Everest Base Camp (5,364m). As you find yourself surrounded bysnow-capped mountains all around you will be overwhelmed with joy. After immersing ourselves fully with the views from the EBC and clicking tons of pictures, we climb down to **Gorakshep (5,185m)** and rest for the day.

Overnight stay at Everest Inn
Included standard meals (Breakfast + Lunch+ Dinner)

DAY 9

Hike to Kala Patthar Viewpoint (5,555m / 18,208ft), return to Gorakshep and trek to Lobuche, fly to Lukla (2,850m / 9,350ft)

Trek Distance 6km (3.7miles) Flight hours 20 Minutes Highest Altitude 5,555m / 18,208ft
Trek Duration 2.5 hours

Kala Patthar Viewpoint (5,555m) is a short hike from Gorakshep. You will hike very early to Kala Patthar to view the sunrise on Mount Everest and other surrounding peaks. Kala Patthar is the highest altitude of our entire trek. After spending a good hour at Kala Patthar, you will return to Gorakshep, have breakfast, and trek for another two and a half hours to return to Lobuche. From Lobuche, you will board a helicopter to Lukla. As you skip the downhill trail, you can reach Lukla fully relaxed.

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

DAY 10

Fly back to Kathmandu/Manthali from Lukla (2,850m / 9,350ft) - 40 minutes.

Flight hours 40/20 Minutes

At the end of the trek, you will fly from **Lukla to Manthali or Kathmandu,** contingent on the ongoing trekking season. You'll likely board a Manthali-bound flight, followed by a drive to Kathmandu if your trek takes place in March, April, May, September, October, or November. In other months (December, January, February, June, July, or August), you will fly directly to Kathmandu.

You can bypass the Lukla-Manthali-Kathmandu route is feasible if you book a helicopter along with four other individuals, resulting in an additional cost of approximately 550 USD per person.

We hope your journey to Kathmandu will be a relaxing one. We are sure you will be flooded with the memories you made during this trek. Your trek ends at Kathmandu, and you can spend the remaining day as you like. Kathmandu has several world heritage sites, which we believe you must see before ending your vacation.

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 tour from Gorakshep to Lukla
- Pick up & drop off from airport to hotel and vice versa in a private vehicle.

Accommodation

- Accommodations (total 9 nights): Four nights luxury accommodation (Yeti Mountain Home) at Lukla, Phakding, and Namche (2N), five nights standard lodge at Tengboche, Dingboche, Lobuche & Gorakshep (twin sharing).

Food

- Standard full-board meals: ten breakfasts, nine lunches, and nine dinners with one main course per meal in trek regions.
- Water purification tablets
- Seasonal fresh fruits every day

Guide and Porter

- Government licensed, English-speaking Discovery World Trekking trek leader. Porters to carry luggage. One porter for every two trekkers. The luggage limit per trekker is 9 kg.
- Guides and porter costs, their meals, insurance, salary, lodging, transportation, flight, and other necessary equipment

Trek Permit and Expenses

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

Medical Assistance

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

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

Accommodation

- All accommodation in Kathmandu, before and after the journey
- Extra night accommodations in Kathmandu due to early arrival or late departure, early return from the trek

Food

- All meals in Kathmandu, before and after the journey
- Extra night meals in Kathmandu due to early arrival or late departure, early return from the trek

Guide and Porter

- Tips for guide and porters

Visa

- Nepal entry visa fees 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, boiled/bottled water, hot (tea/coffee) and cold drinks, hot shower, alcohol, Wi-Fi, telephone call, battery re-charge), 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.

Packing List

We recommend you bring only the basic clothing and accessories for the trek. Though different persons have different preferences, we have prepared this packing list. Porters will carry your main luggage, but **your limit is 9 kg.**Our porters will carry the luggage of two trekkers and no more than 18 kg. Hence, we request you partner with a fellow trekker and pack your things together in a duffle bag with a capacity of over 60 liters.

Head and Face

- Sun hat or cap (wide-brimmed)
- Ear-covering warm hat or knitted beanie
- Scarf, buff, or neck gaiter UV-protection sunglasses
- High SPF sunscreen and lip balm
- Lightweight headlamp with spare batteries

Upper Body

- Moisture-wicking short or long-sleeved t-shirts
- Thermal base layers (light for warm months/heavy for cold)
- Fleece and puffy/insulated jacket
- Down jacket for colder elevations
- Waterproof and windproof outer jacket
- Lightweight long-sleeve breathable trekking shirt
- Synthetic bra for women
- Waterproof nylon raincoat or poncho

Handwear

- Warm insulated gloves or mittens
- Lightweight liner gloves
- Waterproof outer gloves for snow or wet conditions

Lower Body

- Quick-drying trekking pants and underwears
- Convertible or full-length trousers
- Quick Drying Underwear
- Thermal leggings or base layers
- Warm trekking trousers (insulated pants) for colder sections
- Lightweight cotton pants for evenings/ inside teahouses

Footwear

- Broken-in trekking boots with ankle support and good grip
- Warm wool or synthetic trekking socks
- Lightweight camp shoes or sandals for river crossings
- Gaiters for protection against mud, water, and debris
- Microspikes/crampons (seasonal) for better grip while crossing snowy and icy high passes

Backpack/Support/Sleeping Gear

- Duffle bag/Rucksack (50-60 liters, shared between two trekkers)
- Day backpack (20–30 liters) with rain cover
- Adjustable and lightweight trekking poles (preferably collapsible)
- Reusable water bottles or hydration bladder (minimum 2 liters)
- Water purification tablets, a filter, or a UV purifier
- Sleeping bag (rated -5°C to -10°C)
- Earplugs

Toiletries

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Medium-sized quick-dry towel
- Biodegradable soap or shampoo
- Toilet paper (in a Ziplock bag) Nail Clipper
- Body wipes/wet tissues
- Feminine hygiene products
- Hand sanitizer

Electronics and Documents

- Camera/Smartphone
- Power bank and charging cable
- Two-pin charging adapter
- Passport photocopies and passport-sized photos in waterproof bags

Medications

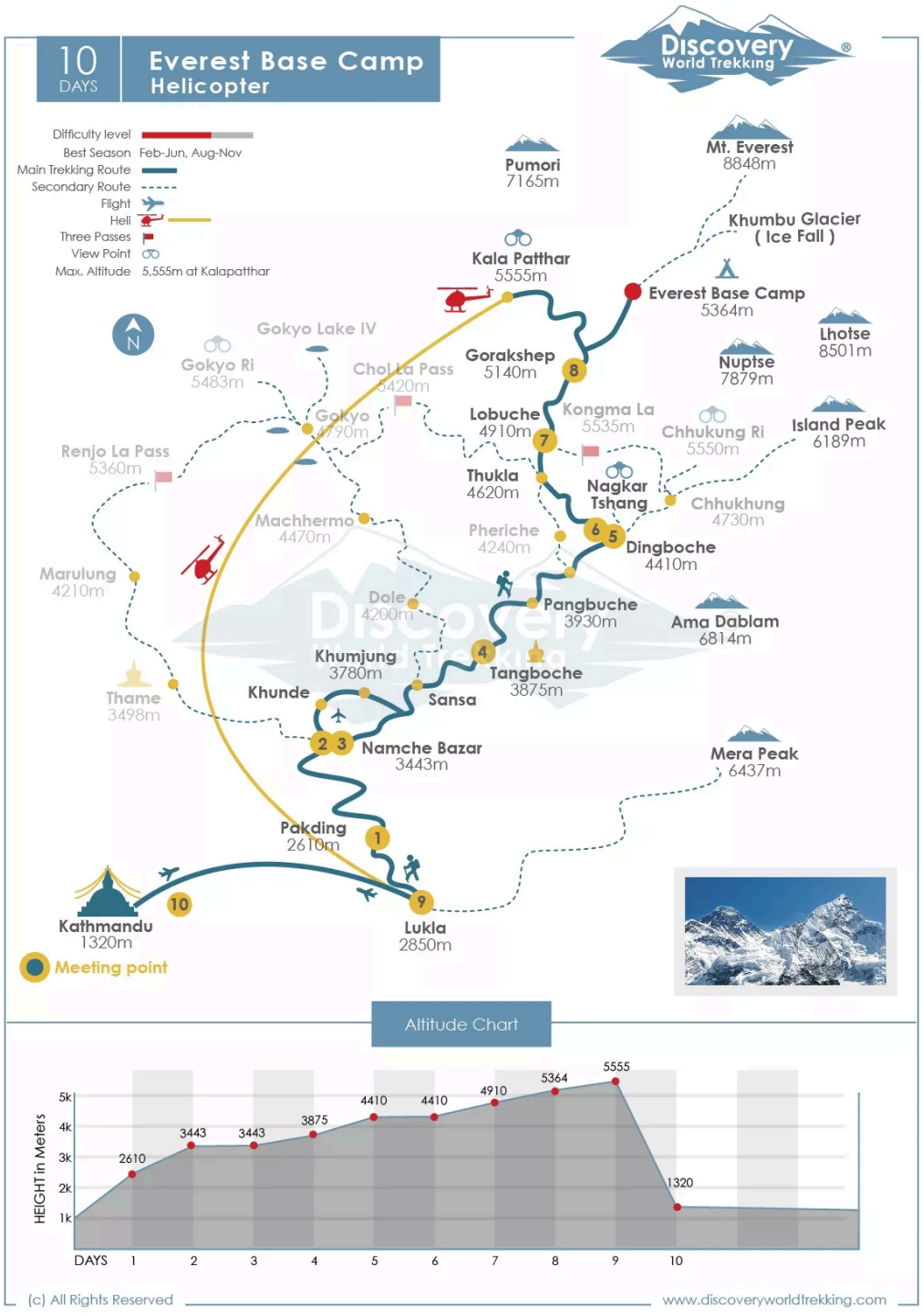
- Personal kits and medications (inhalers, allergy medicine, etc.) are highly recommended
- Blister care kit (Compeed/moleskin)
- Cough drops or throat lozenges (very useful in dry air)
- Basic first aid supplies (band-aids, antiseptic wipes, pain relievers, Diamox)

Optional Items

- Snacks and energy bars
- Notebook or pen for journaling your experience
- Book or e-book
- Binoculars
- Small multi-tool
- Pee-bottle/pee-funnel for women
- Comb

We can provide a used duffle bag (non-waterproof), down jacket, and sleeping bag if you don’t have your own

Route Map


10 DAYS
Everest Base Camp
Helicopter
Discovery World Trekking
Difficulty level
Best Season Feb-Jun, Aug-Nov
Main Trekking Route
Secondary Route
Flight
Heli
Three Passes
View Point
Max. Altitude 5,555m at Kalapatthar
Pumori 7165m
Mt. Everest 8848m
Khumbu Glacier (Ice Fall)
Kala Patthar 5555m
Everest Base Camp 5364m
Lhotse 8501m
Gokyo Lake IV
Gokyo Ri 5483m
Cho La Pass 5420m
Gorakshep 5140m
Nuptse 7879m
Gokyo 4790m
Lobuche 4910m
Kongma La 5535m
Chhukung Ri 5550m
Island Peak 6189m
Renjo La Pass 5360m
Thukla 4620m
Nagkar Tshang
Chhukhung 4730m
Machhermo 4470m
Pheriche 4240m
Dingboche 4410m
Marulung 4210m
Dole 4200m
Pangbuche 3930m
Ama Dablam 6814m
Khumjung 3780m
Tangboche 3875m
Thame 3498m
Khunde
Sansa
Namche Bazar 3443m
Mera Peak 6437m
Pakding 2610m
Kathmandu 1320m
Lukla 2850m
Meeting point
Altitude Chart
HEIGHT in Meters
5k
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Trip Notes

Arrival, Welcome, and Trek Start

Your journey to the majestic Himalayas begins with a warm welcome at Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) in Kathmandu as you will find our representative with your name on a placard. Our representative will greet you with a traditional Khada or marigold garland and transport you to your hotel in a private vehicle.

Please ensure you arrive by 3 PM at least a day before your trek departure for preparations. During peak trekking seasons (March, April, May, September, October, and November), Lukla flights may be rerouted from Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) to Manthali Airport due to heavy air traffic.

If this happens, your trek departure day will start with a guide picking you up from your hotel around 12:30 am for a five-hour drive to Manthali. From there, you'll take a quick 20-minute flight to Lukla.

During off-peak months (December, January, February, June, July, and August), flights to Lukla operate directly from Kathmandu. On the departure day, you'll head to Kathmandu Airport early in the morning for a 40-minute flight to Lukla.

Accommodations

This 10-day package includes 4 luxury lodge stays at Yeti Mountain Home in Lukla, Phakding, and Namche (2N), and 5 standard lodge stays at Tengboche, Dingboche, Lobuche, and Gorakshep. Two nights in Kathmandu (before and after the trek) are not included, but the city offers a range of hotels to suit every budget.

Meals

The Everest Base Camp Helicopter package provides three nutritious and delicious meals a day and a total of ten breakfasts, ten lunches, and nine dinners in trekking regions.You will get buffet-style meals at Yeti Mountain Home.

The menu items are traditional local, Asian, and Western cuisines, but as you go up, the menu gets shorter.

We advise you to take plenty of liquids - green, lemon, ginger tea, garlic soup (must), and fresh vegetables in trek regions.

Luggage

Porters will carry up to 9 kg of luggage per trekker (18 kg per porter for two trekkers). We advise you to partner with a fellow trekker and pack your thing in a duffle bag of over sixty liters. Please bring only the essentials, you can store your excess luggage at your hotel or our store for free.

Facilities and Essentials

- **Water**

You can purchase bottled water from shops or tea houses along the trail, but we encourage you to carry a reusable water bottle and refill it with boiled or filtered water available at tea houses. This helps reduce plastic waste and protects the environment. For extra safety, we recommend using water purification methods. If needed, we can provide purification tablets—just let us know!

- **Communication**

Wi-Fi service during your stay at Yeti Mountain Home Hotel in Lukla, Phakding, and Namche is free. At other places, Wi-Fi is available with some extra service charge. However, communication at high altitudes will be through mobile. You can buy a local SIM card in Kathmandu, but the signals may not be strong enough throughout the trail. We remain in contact with all our trek teams at least once a day via the trek lead to ensure that the hike is going as planned.

Travel Essentials

- **Visa**

All foreigners (except Indians) need a visa to enter Nepal. You can get an arrival visa at Tribhuvan International Airport. The visa application requires a passport with six months of validity, a passport-size photo, and visa fees. The current visa fee is US $50 for 30 days.

For the latest visa info, visit https://www.immigration.gov.np.

- **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is compulsory for this Everest Base Camp trek. The policy must cover medical and emergency repatriation - including helicopter rescue and evacuation expenses at high altitudes (up to 5,500 m). Before buying travel insurance, call your insurance provider, and recheck if your policy covers helicopter rescue and evacuation.

- **Currency Exchange**

The legal currency is the Nepali Rupee (NPR). (1 USD = ~ NRS. 133) You can exchange major currencies at banks and legal money exchanges in Kathmandu. ATMs are widely available but carry transaction limits and fees. Trek regions accept NPR only, so exchange enough cash beforehand.

- **Extra Expenses**

The package does not include personal beverages such as alcoholic drinks, caffeinated beverages, or bottled water. Additionally, it excludes the cost of stays in Kathmandu, giving you the flexibility to choose accommodations that suit your preferences. Wi-Fi and charging fees at lodges not part of the Yeti Mountain Home chain are also not covered.

Trek Season and Weather Conditions

Weather is a key factor when planning your trek to Everest Base Camp, as conditions vary greatly throughout the year. Here's a simplified guide to seasonal weather patterns in the high-altitude regions.

- **January to February:** The coldest period, with temperatures ranging from 15°C to -15°C. Heavy snowfall and freezing nights make treks challenging but rewarding for adventurers.
- **March to April:** One of the best seasons to trek, with temperatures from 18°C to -12°C. Clear skies and blooming flora make for breathtaking views and pleasant weather.
- **May to June:** Ideal trekking conditions before the monsoon arrives. Temperatures range from 25°C to -5°C, combining warm days with manageable trail conditions.
- **July to August:** Monsoon season brings heavy rainfall below 3,500m and possible flight disruptions. Treks are challenging but offer lush landscapes and fewer crowds. Temperatures range from 27°C to 5°C.
- **September to October:** This is a popular trekking season, with clear skies and comfortable temperatures between 20°C and 5°C. Festivals like Dashain and Tihar enhance your experience.
- **November to December:** Early November offers excellent trekking conditions, while late December brings snow and freezing nights. Temperatures range from 10°C to -17°C.

Weather in the Himalayas can change rapidly, so it's essential to be prepared for varying conditions.

Typical Day

Your day starts with a warm cup of tea or coffee and a hearty breakfast. After 3–4 hours of trekking, you'll stop for lunch. The afternoon hike lasts another 2–3 hours, ending at a lodge where you can rest, explore, and enjoy dinner. Evenings are for relaxing, learning local customs, or playing games with fellow trekkers.

Trip Conclusion

- **Farewell Dinner and Feedback**

After your trek is completed, we'll host a celebratory farewell dinner in Kathmandu. After dinner, we will present you with a trek achievement certificate. This is also the right time to share your feedback. If you are happy with your trek, we encourage you to leave your review on travel portals.

- **Departure**

We'll transfer you to the Tribhuvan International Airport during your departure. We hope you enjoyed your trek in Nepal and will return for more treks.

Trek Bookings

- **Private Treks**

We conduct private treks only and do not add anyone to your group. We can handle all group sizes and add an assistant guide for a group of twelve or more.

- **Safe Trek Bookings**

Discovery World Trekking is a Nepal government-authorized and bonded trekking 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). We require 10% of the trip cost as an advance for booking confirmation. You can pay through bank transfer, Western Union, and online payment directly from our website.

- **Last-Minute Bookings**

For those unable to book in advance, we have a special provision for last-minute booking. To take advantage of this provision, you must pay 100% of the trip cost 24 hours before trek departure. Even though we try our best to organize treks at any time, in the case of last-minute booking, there is a chance of trek delays due to circumstances beyond our control, like unavailability of air tickets, unfavorable weather, etc.

- **Flexible Schedule**

If the trek departure dates do not suit you, let us know. We will arrange the treks at your convenience.

- **Trip Extensions**

If you'd like to add more adventures after your trek, we can organize exciting activities such as a Chitwan jungle safari, paragliding, or rafting.

DWT Family

Our guides come from the remote high Himalayas. They are experienced, government-licensed, have completed wilderness first aid training, and have rock climbing experience. We try our best to keep them happy by paying them fair wages, insurance, food, and accommodations during the trek as we believe that only a happy person can make others happy.

Ecotourism Practices

We believe in sustainable travel. We partner with the Kathmandu Environmental Education Project (KEEP) to organize eco-friendly trips that protect the environment and support local communities. We aim to leave only the footprints behind in the trek regions.

Tipping Culture

Tipping is customary in Nepal. We recommend you tip as a group at the end of the trek. The tip amount should reflect the quality of service received, the trek cost, and the length of the trip.

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.

Is a private 10-day Everest Base Camp Helicopter Trek available?

Yes, we offer private Everest Base Camp Helicopter Trek for 10 days.

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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