



Mardi Himal Base Camp Trek

This trek is a wonderful introduction to the mountains of Nepal, or for those with limited time, as it's the perfect length – just over a week long. It is a stunningly beautiful trek, taking you up through ancient rhododendron forests, to what feels like the face of the mountains themselves, as you get up close and personal with Annapurna South, Hiunchuli, Machhapuchhre, Gangapurna, Annapurna I and Mardi Himal.



Situated just east of the Annapurna Base Camp trek, the Mardi Himal trek is a hidden gem, as few trekkers make their way to Mardi Himal's Base Camp, spectacularly situated at the base of Mardi Himal and the beautiful and imposing Machhapuchhre or Fishtail. The trail winds along small paths through ancient rhododendron forests, until you climb out at around 3,300m. Here, the landscape changes quite abruptly with amazing views of Mardi Himal, Machhapuchhre, Annapurna South and Hiunchuli. From High Camp (3,580m) you can climb in about 3-4 hours to Mardi Himal Base Camp, which offers spectacular close up views of the entire Annapurna Range. There is also an amazing view point approx 2 hours from High Camp.





Itinerary

Day 1: Trek briefing and preparation

Day 2: Fly to Pokhara (20 min) and drive to Pothana. (1950m/5 hours) We will take a short 20 min flight from Kathmandu to Pokhara and take a private vehicle to the start point (45 minute drive) and then begin our trek with a steep climb through the jungle, passing local villages until we reach Australian Camp, our lunch stop. If the weather is clear, we will be able to see magnificent views of the Annapurna mountain range. A gentle incline after lunch brings us to Pothana where we will stay for the night.

Day 3: Pothana to Forest Camp. (2550m/7 hours.) A steep uphill climb for most of the day through thick jungle with beautiful views of the Dhaulagiri and Annapurna ranges. We may be lucky to catch glimpses of some of the abundant wildlife; leopards, deer, monkeys and many species of birds all live in this dense jungle. We reach Forest Camp in the afternoon.

Day 4: Forest Camp to Low Camp (2990m/4 hours). Today is a short distance but a steep climb through the rhododendron and juniper forest. As you reach the top, you will be rewarded with the most breathtaking views of Machhapuchhre (Fish Tail Mountain).

Day 5: Low Camp to High Camp (3580m/4 hours). This day is short too. We will get to High Camp for lunch. On the way up you will have good views of Annapuran South, Hiunchuli, Gangapurna, Tare Kang and Khangsar to the north.

Day 6: High Camp, trek to Base Camp (4450m) and back to High Camp (8 hours). An early wakeup call today so you can appreciate the most spectacular sunrise views of the mighty Himalayas. After breakfast, we climb to Mardi Himal Base Camp, which stands at 4500 meters. A challenging day walking along narrow, rocky trails, but all will be worth it for the spectacular views of this majestic mountain. This day, if the weather is clear you will get to see up close Annapurna I (8091m), Annapuran South, Hiunchuli, Gangapurna, Tare Kang, Khangsar, Annapurna III and Fish Tail.

Day 7: High Camp to Siding Village (18850m/7-8 hours). We will retrace our steps back down to low camp and then head southeast from the ridge through the dense forest towards Mardi Khola.

Day 8: Siding Village to Lwang. (1460m/5 hours) Siding Village to Lwang (1460m/5 hours). This day we will be mostly contouring and passing through beautiful Gurung and Tamang villages, rice fields and some forest.

Day 9: Lwang to Pokhara: On our final day we will walk for about 1 hour down to Mardi Khola where we will meet our transport back to Pokhara, which is about a 2 hour drive. We will be back in Pokhara in time for lunch. Overnight in Pokhara





Day 10: Drive (6-7 hours) or fly (30 mins) to Kathmandu..

Note

The trek itinerary is a guide only and may be subject to change at short notice.

Cost

For costs and further inquiries please contact us at info@himalayanquests.com

