

Everest Basecamp and Manirimdu Festival Trek



Trip Overview

Mani Rimdu is one of the biggest Buddhist religious festivals which is celebrated in several places in Khumbu such as in Tyanboche, Thame, and Chiwang Monastery in Solu region in different seasons. It was first started in Rongbuk Monastery in Tibet and it is believed that the festival is organized on the occasion that Guru Rinpoche (Guru Padmasambhava) established the Buddhism religion in Tibet after avoiding the Bon religion. It is celebrated for the good fortune, prosperity, and long life of all the animals as well as human beings of the planet. This festival was first started in Tyanboche monastery in 1930 AD, and only then other monasteries started to celebrate. Although it is a religious and cultural festival, it is not limited to only pujas but it has many features of different dramas as well as interesting lamas dancing performances. This festival is done for 19 days but only the last three days are open to the public. It is a popular festival among the local people as well as all the tourists from the world wide. Every year hundreds of tourists come to the Everest Basecamp trek to attend this religious festival. After being done with the spectacular view of Mount Everest as well as many other mountains we will get the opportunity to enjoy the monk's dance and different other activities in Manirimdu Festival in Tyangboche. The Festival is performed in the 9th month of the Tibetan calendar which usually falls in late October and early November according to the Tibetan lunar calendar in Tyanboche, the 4th month in Thame, and the 6th month in Chiwang Monastery. This trek provides us the opportunity to incorporate a cultural

tour along with an amazing mountain adventure. The magnificent scenery of surrounding mountains, historical monasteries, and great local sherpa hospitality make this adventure lifetime memorable.

Trip Itinerary

- Day 1 - Arrival in Kathmandu and transfer to hotel (1400 Mtr/4592 Ft)
- Day 2 - Sightseeing in Kathmandu
- Day 3 - Flight to Lukla (2840 Mtr/9315 Ft) and Trek to Phakding (2610 Mtr/8560 Ft)
- Day 4 - Trek to Namche (3440 Mtr/11283 Ft)
- Day 5 - Trek to Khumjung (3790 Mtr/12431 Ft via khunde 3840 Mtr/12595 Ft)
- Day 6 - Trek to Phortse (3840 Mtr/12595 Ft)
- Day 7 - Trek to Dingboche (4410 Mtr/14465 Ft)
- Day 8 - Rest Day in Dingboche (4410 Mtr/14465 Ft) and hike to Ngangkarsang Peak (5080 Mtr/16662 Ft)
- Day 9 - Trek to Lobuche (4930 Mtr/16170 Ft)
- Day 10 - Trek to Gorakshap (5160 Mtr/16925 Ft) and Day hike to Everest Base camp (5365 Mtr/17597 Ft)
- Day 11 - To Kalapather (5545 Mtr/18187 Ft) and Trek to Pheriche (4240 Mtr/13907 Ft)
- Day 12 - Trek To Tyangboche (3860 Mtr/12660 Ft) Manirimdu Festival Ong
- Day 13 - Tyangboche Manirimdu Festival main Day
- Day 14 - Trek to Namche (3440 Mtr/11283 Ft)
- Day 15 - Trek to Lukla (2840 Mtr/9315 Ft)
- Day 16 - Flight to Kathmandu and transfer to hotel
- Day 17 - Free time in Kathmandu for shopping
- Day 18 - Departure for homeland

Cost Includes & Excludes

Includes

- All airport/hotel pick ups and drops within Nepal

- Flight Fare for both way (KTM-LUA-KTM)
- All trekking permits , TIMS card, Government and local taxes for the trek
- 3 Star hotel accomodation in Kathmandu with breakfast
- All Meals (Breakfast , Lunch and Dinner) During the trek
- All ground transportation on a comfortable vehicle as per the itenerary
- An experienced English speaking and government licensed trekking guide
- Porter Services(2 Trekkers : 1 Porter)
- Medical kit incase of Emergency
- Insurance for Nepali Staffs
- Sleeping Bag for the trek
- Welcome and farewell dinner
- Staffs Cost including their Salary, food , accomodation and equipments
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Excludes

- Nepal Visa Fee
- Personal Trekking gears
- International Flight fare
- Lunch and Dinner in the city , extra night accomodation in Kathmandu in case of early arrival or late departure and early return from the trek due to any reason than the scheduled itenerary
- Any rescue cost
- Personal Trekking gears
- Personal expenses as phone calls, laundry , Bar, Battery charge, extra porter, shower and bottled or boiled water
- Tips for Guide and Staffs
- Helicopter charter flight
- Excess baggage charges (can be carried only 15 Kg including in Airfare)

Gears and equipment

- Head

Warm Hat
Cap
Face Mask / Muffler

- Upper Body

Wind stopper/Waterproof Jacket
Down Jacket
Fleece Jacket/ trousers
Thermol
T-shirts
Woolen gloves/Water/wind proof gloves

- Lower Body

Trekking Trousers(light weight long Pant)
Underwear
wind stopper/waterproof Pant
Fleece or woolen pants

- Feet

Thin Lightwear/heavy poly or wool Socks
Sandals
Trekking Boot
Gaiters
Spare Shoes

- Accessories

Medium Rucksack (50-70 Ltr)
Small Day Pack
Personal Medical Kit
Chapstick/Sunscreen
Water bottle
Large Duffel bag
Trekking Pole
Spare batteries for Camera and Flash Light
Hand Towel
Head lamp with extra Batteries
Sun Glasses with UV protection

Suitcase (For stored in Kathmandu hotel for not needed items for trek)

Faqs

1. Why to go trekking in Everest Basecamp ?

When you think Nepal, you will think of world's highest mountain of the world. Trekking to everest basecamp is one of the most popular and adventures trip in the world. Every year thousands of trekkers come to see Mount Everest and to get to basecamp of Mount Everest which is life time experience trip. Once in your life time, one should visit Everest basecamp and see th Mount Everest.

2. What is the best seasons to trekking in Everest Basecamp?

In Nepal, there are four different seasons such as Spring, Summer, Autumn and winter. Spring and Autumn are most popular for trekking in Nepal. But the best season of your travel might be differ as per your purpose and your suitable time for travelling in Nepal.

3. What permit do I need for the Everest basecamp trek?

For trekking in the Everest Region, you need the following permits:

Local Governments Entry fee instead of TIMS (Trekking information management system): The local government is charging Rs 2000 per person in Lukla in the entrance of Everest Basecamp Trek.

Sagarmatha National Park Entry Permit: To entry in the Sagarmatha National Park, One has to obtain the permit which cost Rs 3000+ government tax per head. the park that is home to the Mount Everest Region, you need to obtain an entry permit.

4. How safe is Everest basecamp trek?

Safety is our first concern. As we provide experienced guides and leaders for the particular trip who are well trained in the high altitude sickness, first aid, friendly attitude, and ability to provide useful and important instructions. All our itineraries are designed with proper acclimatization days in order to reduce the risk of altitude sickness. In every group we provide the first aid kit bag incase of any injury and emergency.

5. How is the lodging and fooding facilities in EBC trek?

Along the trail to Everest basecamp, there are well facilitated lodges available with various types of foods. We provide you three meals a day with your own choice. We always provide the seasonal fruits as well. We always book in lodges with well management and facilities. Rooms are very nice and attached toilet until Dingboche. if you buy single supplementary package you will get single room.

6. What about the flight from Kathmandu-Lukla and vice versa?

Just about 25 minutes flight from Kathmandu takes us to Tenzing Hillary airstrip in Lukla but due to some circumstances, these days the flight to Lukla are operated from Ramechhap, which is 4 hours drive from Kathmandu and 15 min by flight to Lukla. There are options to fly by helicopter directly from Kathmandu to Lukla as well, which is bit expensive than regular flight. Sometimes the weather doesn't permit for the regular flight, then we should be compelled to hire the helicopter. The airlines companies have operated the first flight to Lukla directly from Kathmandu, so if you book your trip with us prior to 3 months, we can book the seat for direct flight.

7. Is there any internet wifi facility on the way?

After you arrive in Kathmandu airport, we recommend to buy One ncell sim card. In Everest region until Panboche Ncell 4G works very well. Above Panboche there is good internet facility of Everest link. There are varieties of data cards as 10 GB, 20 GB. If you purchased bigger one it works all over the Khumbu and if you purchase 20 GB one it is enough for your whole trek and you can enjoy in social media, news and connect with your family friends and loved one.

8. Can I use the foreign currency and Credit cards on the way in any shop or Lodge?

You can pay by foreign currency as well, but the exchange rate will not be same as Kathmandu, so we recommend you to exchange the money in Kathmandu and take Nepalese Rupees. In mostly lodges they accept the credit cards but sometime due to internet problem it will not be 100% guarantee.

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10. What is the normal temperature in spring and Autumn season?

Spring season starts from March, but until third week of March temperature will still be cold even in day time. But actually temperature depends on weather, if weather is mild temperature ranges from 10-15 Degree Centigrade. If the weather is clear, days will be warm. After April it will be warm with sunny weather. Especially in Morning and Evening time will be little cold.

Autumn season starts from September, September will still be warm even the weather is not good. From October normally in morning and evening will be cold.

11. How many days do we spend for Mani rimdu festival?

We spent two nights in Tyanboche for the main day and blessing day.