

Trekking in Dhorpatan Hunting Reserve - 12 Days

An unforgettable 12-day journey through one of Nepal's most pristine and isolated areas is the Dhorpatan Hunting Reserve Trek. The only hunting reserve in Nepal, Dhorpatan is situated in the west and provides a unique experience of hiking through untamed environment and seeing wildlife. This journey offers opportunity to explore a variety of environments, from lush woods and alpine meadows to the rough Dhorpatan Valley, making it ideal for those seeking isolation and an adventure off the usual route. You will experience local customs, stop at traditional villages, and take in breathtaking views of the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri ranges while traveling. This adventure is perfect for those who enjoy the outdoors and challenging hiking, as it guarantees an incredibly memorable experience.

WHY TREK IN DHORPATAN HUNTING RESERVE?

1. **Untouched Wilderness:** Unlike the more popular trekking routes in Nepal, Dhorpatan remains largely untouched by mass tourism, offering a true wilderness experience.
2. **Rich Biodiversity:** The reserve is home to a variety of wildlife, including the elusive snow leopard, blue sheep, and musk deer, along with over 50 species of birds.
3. **Cultural Immersion:** Trek through traditional villages inhabited by indigenous communities, including the Magar and Tibetan ethnic groups, and experience their unique way of life.
4. **Scenic Landscapes:** From rolling hills and dense forests to alpine meadows and snow-capped peaks, the landscapes here are breathtakingly diverse.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- **Physical Difficulty:** Moderate. Suitable for trekkers with a reasonable level of fitness. Some trekking experience is recommended.
- **Accommodation:** A mix of teahouses, local guesthouses, and camping. In Kathmandu and Pokhara, you'll stay in 3-star hotels.
- **Cuisine:** Enjoy a variety of Nepali dishes, with freshly prepared meals available at teahouses and guesthouses along the trail.

Ready to experience the untouched wilderness of Dhorpatan? [Contact us](#) today to reserve your spot on the Dhorpatan Hunting Reserve Trek. [Our team](#) is here to answer any questions and help you prepare for your adventure.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to explore one of Nepal's hidden gems, where nature, wildlife, and culture come together in an unforgettable trekking experience. [Book your adventure now](#) and get ready for the journey of a lifetime!

PRICE INCLUDES

- Domestic flights (Kathmandu-Pokhara-Kathmandu)
- One expert trek leader with a local assistant
- All meals (the best and healthiest food in the local tea houses) And accommodations
- All necessary trekking permits and national park fees
- Trekking equipment -Mattresses, Member tents, and Kitchen utensils.
- Three-time meals during a trek, along with Tea/coffee and snacks.
- Staff's salary, food, insurance, and clothing.
- Farewell dinner in Kathmandu.

PRICE EXCLUDES

- Nepal Visa
- International flights
- Personal expenses and meals in Kathmandu.
- Travel insurance (It's mandatory to have for Rescue and evacuation).
- Tips and gratitude for staff and guide.
- Donation and local entrance fee.
- Extra baggage weight on domestic flight
- Personal expenses like Alcohol, Local fabric, and Local monuments.

ITINERARY IN DETAIL

Day 1: Day 1: Arrival in Kathmandu

Max Altitude: 1,400 meters

Meals: No meals included

Accommodation: Hotel in Kathmandu

Welcome to Nepal! We'll greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. Relax or explore the vibrant streets of Kathmandu. Overnight stay at a 3-star hotel.

Day 2: Day 2: Fly to Pokhara and Drive to Beni

Max Altitude: 900 meters

Duration: 3-4 hours

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

Accommodation: Guesthouse

After a scenic flight to Pokhara, we'll drive to Beni, the starting point of our trek. Enjoy the scenic drive along the Kali Gandaki River. Overnight stay at a local guesthouse.

Day 3: Day 3: Trek from Beni to Darbang (1,180m)

Max Altitude: 1180 meters

Duration: 5-6 hours

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

Accommodation: Teahouse

The trek begins with a journey through lush green hills and terraced fields, leading to the small village of Darbang. Overnight stay at a teahouse.

Day 4: Day 4: Trek from Darbang to Lagaam (2,300m)

Max Altitude: 2300 meters

Duration: 5-6 hours

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

Accommodation: Teahouse

Trek through beautiful forests and traditional Magar villages as you make your way to Lagaam, a small village offering stunning views of the surrounding hills. Overnight stay at a teahouse.

Day 5: Day 5: Trek from Lagaam to Jaljala Pass (3,410m)

Max Altitude: 3410 meters

Duration: 5-6 hours

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

Accommodation: Tent Camping

Today's trek takes you to the Jaljala Pass, where you'll be rewarded with breathtaking views of the Dhaulagiri range. The trail passes through dense rhododendron forests and alpine meadows. Overnight camping at Jaljala.

Day 6: Day 6: Trek from Jaljala to Dhorpatan (2,865m)

Max Altitude: 2865 meters

Duration: 5-6 hours

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

Accommodation: Teahouse

Descend into the Dhorpatan Valley, the heart of the hunting reserve. The valley is a haven for wildlife and offers excellent opportunities for spotting blue sheep and other animals. Overnight stay at a teahouse.

Day 7: Day 7: Explore Dhorpatan Valley

Max Altitude: 2865 meters

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

Accommodation: Teahouse

Spend the day exploring the Dhorpatan Valley. Visit the local hunting camp, learn about conservation efforts, and enjoy a peaceful day surrounded by nature. Overnight stay at a teahouse.

Day 8: Day 8: Trek from Dhorpatan to Thankur (2,000m)

Max Altitude: 2000 meters

Duration: 5-6 hours

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

Accommodation: Teahouse

Trek through diverse landscapes as you make your way to Thankur, a remote village with a distinct Tibetan influence. Overnight stay at a teahouse.

Day 9: Day 9: Trek from Thankur to Burtibang (1,300m)

Max Altitude: 1300 meters

Duration: 5-6 hours

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

Accommodation: Guesthouse

Continue your descent as you trek towards Burtibang, passing through forests and small settlements. Overnight stay at a local guesthouse.

Day 10: Day 10: Drive to Pokhara

Max Altitude: 900 meters

Duration: 3-4 hours

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch included

Accommodation: Hotel

Take a scenic drive back to Pokhara, where you can relax by the lakeside or explore the city's attractions. Overnight stay at a 3-star hotel.

Day 11: Day 11: Fly Back to Kathmandu

Max Altitude: 1400 meters

Duration: 30 minutes

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch included

Accommodation: Hotel

Return to Kathmandu with a short flight from Pokhara. Enjoy your last evening in Nepal with a farewell dinner. Overnight stay at a 3-star hotel.

Day 12: Day 12: Departure

Max Altitude: 1400 meters

Duration: 5-6 hours

Meals: Breakfast included

It's time to say goodbye! We'll transfer you to the airport for your onward journey, leaving you with memories of an incredible adventure.

FAQ

1. How difficult is the Dhorpatan Hunting Reserve Trek?

This trek is rated as moderate in difficulty. It involves trekking through varying terrain, including forested areas, alpine meadows, and high passes. While it's suitable for trekkers with a reasonable level of fitness, some prior trekking experience is recommended.

2. What is the best time to trek in the Dhorpatan Hunting Reserve?

spring (March-May) and autumn (September-November) seasons. During these periods, the weather is generally stable with clear skies, making it ideal for the trekking and enjoying the stunning landscapes.

3. What kind of accommodation is available during the trek?

Accommodation on the trek includes a mix of teahouses, local guesthouses, and camping. In Kathmandu and Pokhara, you'll stay in comfortable 3-star hotels, while in the remote areas, you'll stay in basic teahouses or tents.

4. What wildlife can I expect to see in Dhorpatan Hunting Reserve?

Dhorpatan is home to a variety of wildlife, including blue sheep, Himalayan tahr, musk deer, and occasionally, the elusive snow leopard. The reserve also hosts over 50 species of birds, making it a haven for birdwatchers.

5. Do I need any special permits to trek in Dhorpatan Hunting Reserve?

Yes, trekking in Dhorpatan Hunting Reserve requires special permits, including the Dhorpatan Hunting Reserve entry permit. Your trekking company will arrange all necessary permits for you.

6. Is the Dhorpatan Hunting Reserve safe for trekking?

Yes, the reserve is generally safe for trekking. It's important to trek with a licensed guide and follow safety protocols, especially in remote areas. Your trekking company will also carry essential safety equipment, including a first aid kit.

7. How many kilometers will I trek each day?

The daily trekking distance varies, typically ranging from 8 to 15 kilometers, depending on the terrain and altitude. The pace is moderate, with ample time for acclimatization and enjoying the surroundings.

8. What should I pack for the Dhorpatan Hunting Reserve Trek?

Essential items include sturdy trekking boots, layered clothing for various weather conditions, a sleeping bag, trekking poles, personal medications, and a good-quality backpack. It's also advisable to bring snacks and hydration solutions for long trekking days.

9. Can beginners join the Dhorpatan Hunting Reserve Trek?

While the trek is more suited for those with some trekking experience, determined beginners with good physical fitness can also join. It's important to consult with your trekking company to assess readiness and ensure proper preparation.