

Chisapani Nagarkot Trek



The Chisapani Nagarkot Trek is one of the best short treks near Kathmandu, offering a perfect mix of natural beauty, cultural diversity and Himalayan views. Ideal for families, beginners and travelers with limited time, this 2 to 3-day trek provides a refreshing escape from the city without requiring high-altitude trekking experience.

From Chisapani, the route continues to Nagarkot, one of Nepal's most famous hill stations. On clear days, Nagarkot rewards trekkers with stunning sunrise and sunset views of major Himalayan peaks, including Langtang, Ganesh Himal, Manaslu, Dorje Lakpa, Cho Oyu and even Gaurishankar.

Trek Highlights:

- **Stunning Himalayan Views:** Enjoy panoramic views of Langtang, Ganesh Himal, Manaslu, Dorje Lakpa and Gaurishankar on clear days.
- **Walk Through Shivapuri National Park:** Hike through lush forests filled with rhododendron, oak, and pine trees, home to diverse birdlife and wildlife.
- **Scenic Village Trails:** Pass through traditional Tamang and Brahmin villages and experience authentic rural lifestyles in the Kathmandu Valley region.
- **Cultural Insights:** Encounter Buddhist monasteries, Hindu temples and rich local traditions along the trail.
- **Sunrise and Sunset from Nagarkot:** Witness breathtaking sunrise and sunset views over the Himalayas from Nagarkot, one of Nepal's top viewpoints.
- **Peaceful Escape from Kathmandu:** Just a short drive from the capital, this trek offers fresh mountain air, quiet surroundings, and a break from city life.
- **Ideal Year-Round Trek:** Suitable for all seasons, with the best weather during spring (March–May) and autumn (September–November).

Where is Chisapani Nagarkot Trek?

The Chisapani Nagarkot Trek is located in the hills northeast of Kathmandu, Nepal. It lies within the Bagmati Province, covering areas inside and around Shivapuri Nagarjun National Park, and stretches between the districts of Kathmandu and Bhaktapur.

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Kathmandu(1400m)

Welcome to Nepal! Upon arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport, make your way to your hotel in Kathmandu (self-transfer).

Day 2: Drive to Sundarijal - Trek to chisapani(2,125m)

Your journey begins with a short drive (around 1 hour) from Kathmandu to Sundarijal, the gateway to Shivapuri National Park. From here, the trail climbs steadily through lush forests, waterfalls, and the traditional Tamang village of Mulkharka. As you ascend, the urban noise fades, replaced by birdsong and the rustle of pine and rhododendron trees. After about 4–5 hours of trekking, you’ll arrive at Chisapani, a peaceful village known for its panoramic views of the Langtang and Ganesh Himal ranges.

Day 3: Trek from Chisapani to Nagarkot(2,175m) 6-7hours

Today’s trail offers a full day of peaceful walking through forested ridgelines, hillside villages, and open farmlands. You’ll pass small settlements like Jhule and Chaukibhanjyang, where locals farm and herd livestock in a traditional way. The route gently undulates with a few ascents and descents before reaching Nagarkot, a popular hill station known for sunrise and sunset views of the Himalayas.

Day 4:Nagarkot to changunarayan -Drive Back to Kathmandu

Early risers can catch a spectacular sunrise over the snow-capped peaks from the Nagarkot View Tower. After breakfast, the trail descends gradually through terraced fields and Newari villages toward Changunarayan, home to Nepal’s oldest pagoda-style temple and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After exploring the temple complex, you’ll return to Kathmandu by road (about 1.5 hours).

Inclusions:

- Trekking Permits & Entry Fees: All required permits and entrance fees, including Shivapuri National Park entry.
- Accommodation: Basic lodges/tea houses along the trail on a twin-sharing basis.

- **Licensed Trekking Guide:** Friendly, experienced English-speaking guide for support, safety, and local knowledge.
- **Porter Service:** One porter for every two trekkers to carry luggage (up to standard weight).
- **Transportation:** Ground transfers as per itinerary, including Kathmandu to Sundarijal and return from Nagarkot.
- **Pre-Trek Briefing:** Detailed trek orientation at our office in Kathmandu before departure.
- **Basic First Aid:** Guides carry a first aid kit and are trained in handling altitude and minor injuries.

Exclusions:

- **Meals on the Trek:** Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are not included to allow flexibility in food choices.
- **International Airfare:** Flights to and from Nepal.
- **Nepal Tourist Visa:** Available on arrival at Kathmandu airport (visa fee not included).
- **Travel Insurance:** Mandatory insurance covering emergency evacuation and medical costs.
- **Trekking Gear & Equipment:** Personal items such as trekking boots, sleeping bags, and clothing.
- **Tips and Gratuities:** Tipping for guides and porters is appreciated but optional.
- **Meals in Kathmandu:** Food and drinks before and after the trek are at your own expense.
- **Personal Expenses:** Wi-Fi, hot showers, snacks, drinks, charging devices, and laundry services.
- **Unexpected Expenses:** Extra costs from delays, strikes, bad weather, or emergencies.
- **Optional Activities:** Any sightseeing or tours not included in the set itinerary.

Best time for the Chisapani Nagarkot Trek

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Spring (March to May):

- Lush greenery and colorful rhododendron forests in full bloom
- Warm daytime temperatures and clear skies for mountain views
- One of the most beautiful times for photography and birdwatching

Autumn (September to November):

- Crystal-clear views of the Himalayas after the monsoon
- Fresh air, blue skies, and comfortable trekking conditions
- Ideal for sunrise and sunset views from Nagarkot



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