

MAKALU BASE CAMP TREKKING
23 DAYS

Departure : From April to Mai and from October to December, dates of your choice – To travel outside these dates, please contact us. khumbushangrila@gmail.com

Duration of the trek : 20 days from the day you arrive in Kathmandu until the day you leave

Detailed Program :

This program is for an indication only. It may be modified depending on the weather and ground conditions, the physical condition of the participants, etc.

In addition, the Agency does not take any responsibility for any changes on the internal flights.

D1 to D3 : we will meet you at the airport and will drive you to your hotel. The following day, you have one day to prepare your bag and do a bit of shopping in Kathmandu. Then, we will go to Tumlingtar by plan.

D1	Arrival in Kathmandu – Transfer to the hotel			
D2	One day in Kathmandu			
D3	Flight to Tumlingtar			800m

D4 to D7 : The first stages of the trek will take place on wide paths running through ricefields. You will notice the very specific colour of the soil: orange. An other observation, which will surprise you, is the continuous songs of the cicadas, sometime very loud! There is a lot of life along those paths, inhabitants travel from one village to an other one, from market to market. In Num, there is a school, and the children will welcome you warmly. Children are learning English at school. Sedua is situated on a ridge. There is a pitch of volleyball and you may be invited to play with them ! A great opportunity to break the ice! But make sure that you do keep the ball on the pitch, otherwise you will have to go down 200m to get it!

D4	Khadbar	stage 1	4 hours	1100m
D5	Chichila	stage 2	6 hours	1800m
D6	Num	stage 3	5 hours	1500m
D7	Sedua	stage 4	6 hours	1500m

D8 to D9 : We leave Sedun and walk down to he river of Arun. We will cross the river on a hanging bridge and then we climb to Tashington, through ricefields. The ricefields have been installed on terraces along the face of the mountain. As we go out of Tashington, towards Kauma, we will enter the forest and start to gain altitude.

D8	Tashi Gaon	stage 5	5 hours	2000m
D9	Kauma	stage 6	6 hours	3300m

D10 to D11 : A long descent through the wood will bring us to a new valley, the valley of Barun. At the bottom of the valley is a tumultuous river. The glaciers of the area around the Makalu and Barun, are feeding into this river. The noise of the river is present at all time. We will walk along the embankment of the river on a very narrow path but well-marked. The area is quite empty with the exception of few shepherd and their herds. Then the valley becomes larger and we will reach large plateaus, situated on the left side of the Barun River.

D10	Mumbuk	stage 7	5 hours	3500m
D11	Nhe Kharka	stage 8	6 hours	3000m

J12 à J14 : You will start to feel the effects of the altitude, the air gets rarer and fresher. We will walk on plateaus at high altitude, surrounded by snowed mountains. Around 1pm, at the Makalu Base Camp, the view on the western ridge is breath-taking! Nowadays, this .camp is not used any more. Moutaineers prefer to stay higher at approximately 500m, on the moraine. The Makalu is an amasing mountain. We will stay one at Base Camp in order to rest and to visit the area. You can also climb to the new Makalu Base Camp at 5000m From there you will have a different view of the Makalu.

D12	Sherson	stage 9	7 hours	4600m
D13	Makalu Base Camp	stage 10	5 hours	4900m
D14	Visite région	stage 11	5 hours	5100m

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J15 à J20 : To go back to Tumblingtar, we will walk on the same path. An other possibility for this trek is to go back via the 3 passes and will join the Khumbu valley. In this case, the return flight to Kathmandu will be taken at Lukla. For this variant, please go and see our brochure on the trek of the three passes. However, please note that it is then becoming a trekking-peak. Ice axe, crampons and harness will be necessary. You must also be capable of walking with crampons and on slope of approximately 40°.

D15	retour Nhe Kharka	stage 12	7 hours
D16	retour Mumbuk	stage 13	5 hours
D17	retour Kauma	stage 14	5 hours
D18	retour Sedua	stage 15	5 hours
D19	Chichila	stage 16	6 hours
D20	Mane Bhanjyang	stage 17	5 hours

J21 à J23 : In Tumblingtar, you will fly back to Kathmandu. You will then stay one day in Kathmandu to visit the town and do some shopping. The following day, we will give you a lift to the airport where you will catch you flight, full of memories.

D21	Tumblingtar-Kathmandu by plan
D22	One day in Kathmandu
D23	Departure to London or Paris

Trekking Grades : Grade 3 over 4

- Accommodation in tents with walks of between 4 and 7 hours per day;
- Maximum altitude of 459m (Base Camp of Makalu); and

Trip Grading – Explanation:

Level 1: No difficulties. For example, visit of Kathmandu and its surrounding.

Level 2: Accommodation generally in lodges with walks of approximately 6 hours per day maximum. The highest altitude will not exceed 4500-4700m, and nights will be spent at altitude no greater than 4000m. An example is the trek of the Langtang.

Level 3: Accommodation will be in lodges or tents, with an average of 4 to 9 hours walking per day. Participants should expect to trek above 5000m when passing a pass, and one or two nights would be spent above 4000m. An example is the Manaslu Circuit Trek.

Level 4: Accommodation is mainly tents, with longer walks of between 6 and 9 hours per day. Self-catering during all or most of the trek. Participants should expect to trek at high altitude (above 4500m) with low temperatures for several days. Participants will also pass several passes and / or plateaus peaking at more than 5000m. An example is the Kangchenjunga Trek.

Luggage during the trek :

During the trek, you will only carry your equipment for the day. This will includes warm clothes (e.g. fleece), a windstopper / waterproof jacket, gloves, a woolen hat and a drinking water bottle.

Your main luggage will be carried by the porters or by yaks or mules depending on the area where you are traveling. The total weight of your main luggage should not exceed 14kg-15kg. Every evening, your luggage will be waiting for you at the campsite or lodge.

List of personal belongings

Your bag should not exceed 14-15kg.

Articles	Quantity	Observations
Sleeping bag	1	Type 3 seasons - warm
Rucksack	1	About 50-65 litres or marine bag for the porters + a small Rucksack of approximately 30l for yourself
Trekking boots	1 pair	Warm and waterproof
Mountain / trekking socks	2 pairs	One warm and thick and one light
Light trouser	2	
Thermal baselayer	2	
Fleece or pullover	1	Warm softshell
gore-tex jacket & pants	1	Waterproof jacket with hook and trouser
Sun hat	1	
Woolen hat	1	Take also a scarf

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Sun glasses	1 pair	Protective index 4 (for glacier)
Torchlight	1	With leds (more reliable and lighter)
Gloves	2 pairs	One light and one warm and waterproof (e.g. ski gloves)
Camp shoes or sandals	1 pair	To wear at the campsite or in the lodge
Walking equipments		Walking poles, survival blanket, energy bar
Others		Flask, toiletries, knife, sun-cream, batteries, camera, towel, note-book, pen
Medicinal kit		You must bring your own medicinal bag with appropriate medicines: aspirin, bandage, antiseptic solution, antibiotic (wide spectrum), anti-inflammation cream, etc. Please, ask your doctor for some advices. You can print a list of your medical kit and submit it to your doctor for approval.

Services

Cost includes	Cost exclude
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 4 nights in a Hotel in Kathmandu with breakfast ■ Guide, porters, cook and kitchen boy ■ Equipments for the porters ■ Food during the trek (3 meals per day) ■ Trek permits and park fees ■ Insurances for the Nepalese team ■ Go and Return flight Kathmandu - Tumlingtar ■ Dinner taken all together at the end of the trek ■ Transfer airport-hotel and hotel-airport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lunch and dinner in Kathmandu ■ Personal insurance, rescue/recovery ■ International airfare, departure tax and visa ■ Phone, cold / alcoholic drinks and soda ■ Tips for the Nepalese team ■ Return flight from Paris-Kathmandu or London/Kathmandu

Prices : Price is as indicated on this document or on the website – 490 euros per person.

This price is fixed with no extra charges for a group of participants ranging from 4 to 6.

For bigger group, between 6 and 12 participants, prices are reduced, please contact us.

Trekking Staff : You will be guided by a professional local guide who will speak either French or English. The guide is from the agency, Khumbu Shangri La. All of our guides are highly skilled professionals who have been selected based on their technical proficiency, proven safety records, careful judgment, patient and supportive teaching styles and great personalities. Our guides are also very experienced in dealing with the effects of higher altitudes and since they are natives of Nepal. Trust him!

Size of the groups : The groups are composed of between 4 and 12 persons.

Accommodation : In Kathmandu, you will stay at the International Guest House Hotel located in Thamel. You will be in double bedrooms. You can have a look at your hotel on our website www.voyages-nepal.com, under “Links” and then “your hotel in Kathmandu”. You will be able to leave some of your belongings at the hotel during the duration of your trek.

During the trek, you will be sleeping in lodges, in double bedrooms. In Nepal, lodges are very comfortable and pleasant. For a couple of hundreds rupees (1 to 2 euros) you can also take a hot shower.

Porters : No trek is possible without porters. They do a difficult job, and we are very keen to give them the utmost respect. This starts by providing them performance clothing and adequate equipment. The TSL company is a world leader in the production of snow shoes and outdoor equipment (walking sticks, shoes, rucksack, flasks, torchs, etc.) help us and provide to our porters trekking/mountaineering shoes. The skiing schools of Courchevel and Meribel (two well-know ski resorts of the Alpin Massif) provide to our porters warm clothes such as waterproof jackets and trousers. Those clothes come from the ski teachers who, each year have to change their equipments.

Tips : Tips are not compulsory but are very welcome! If you are satisfied by the services provided, you may leave a tip to the different members of our team. Please find below an idea of the tips usually given:

- Porters: 1000 roupies per porters (approximately 15 euros)
- Guide and chief cook: 1500 roupies per chief cook and guide (approximately 20 euros)

Passport – VISA : You must have passport which will still be valid 6 months after the date of your return in your country. A VISA is required to enter in Nepal. You can either get your Visa in the Nepalese Embassy / Consulate before your trek, or at Kathmandu Airport when you arrive.

You have to pay for the fee of the VISA (between 25 and 35 euros + 2 ID pictures).

You can find all the information regarding your passport and VISA on our website www.voyages-nepal.com, under “Questions-responses” and then “Passport and VISA”.

Please note that in order to facilitate the procurement of trekking permit, bring with you 3 copies of your passport (the four first pages) and your VISA (with the VISA, you can make some copies in Kathmandu) and 4 ID pictures.

Health : We advise you to go and see your doctor for a checkup before your departure in order to make sure that you are capable of doing the trek.

There are no compulsory injections, however before your departure check the salient information given on the embassy website of France or England in Nepal.

French Embassy: www.ambafrance-np.org

British Embassy: <http://ukinnepal.fco.gov.uk/en>

Finally, visit your dentist before your departure in order to check that you do not have any problems with your teeth that could worsen with altitude.

You must also have your own medical kit that you may want to run through with your doctor. You will find an initial list on our website under "questions-responses" and then "Medicine-medicinal kit". Please note that the list is not exhaustive and should be completed and/ or modified with your doctor.

Advices for altitude greater than 3500m

- Walk very slowly. You must push yourself to walk slowly and do not try to follow someone else. When you have found a good walking rhythm, slow down a bit more. Acclimatisation to altitude is a long and slow process.
- At the campsite or lodge, do not make any sudden moves, avoid any over exertation; everything must be done very slowly.
- In the evening, before going to bed and from 3500m of altitude, you can take between 250 and 500mg of aspirin.
- During the night, try to sleep with the upper body slightly higher. Always keep a flask or water bottle next to you to drink during the night.
- During the day, drink a lot; always try to have a full flask or water bottle with you. The guide will fill them in the morning before trekking.

Pressurised Bag :

For the trek or trekking peak, we can rent for you a pressurised bag if it is already used by some of our expeditions. Cost is of approximately 350 euros for one month.

You can also rent it to one of the producer Certec www.certec.eu.com

Please note that for this trek a pressurised bag is not considered a necessity.

Satellite phone :

You can rent a satellite phone on the following websites :

www.francesatellite.com

www.cellhire.fr/content/satellite.htm

telephone-satellite.marinesat.fr/

Money : Change your money in Thamel. There are a lot of official exchange offices; there is one at approximately 500m of the International Guest House Hotel where you will stay.

Euros and pounds are accepted in all the exchange offices and banks of Nepal. You can also withdraw some money with your VISA card or Mastercard in some of the banks in Kathmandu and Pokhara. However, you will need to pay a transaction fee for it. Finally, in Kathmandu, euros are usually accepted in all the shops.

During the trek, take only small bank notes that you would have exchanged in Kathmandu (10 to 500 roupies).

Insurance : You must have an insurance covering "Rescue + Recovery + Medical and Emergency Expenses"

You will have to indicate on the booking form, , the contact details of your insurance company and the person to contact in case of emergency.

Make sure that the fees to be rescued by helicopter are included in your insurance contract and without any restrictive clauses due to the altitude. In England, the British Mountaineering Club have such unrestrictive clauses. Be careful as insurance linked to your credit card does not always cover for rescue/recovery and research.

You can also subscribe to an insurance that will protect you against cancellation and losses or theft of your belongings.

Time Difference :

France-Nepal : 3h45 in summer and 4h45 in winter. For example, when it is 12h in France, it is 14h45 in Nepal in summer and 16h45 in winter.

United Kingdom-Nepal: 4h45 in summer and 5h45 in winter.

Electricity :

The voltage is of 220 Volts. There are regular power cuts but they are generally not very long. You can find adapters for the plugs in the hotel.

Movie-Pictures :

You can find everything in Thamel (the area surrounding your hotel), memory cards, films, batteries (AA, lithium, etc.). You can also develop and print on paper or CD your pictures. The quality is very good and prices very attractive.

Booking – Payment : To book your trek please return the booking form by mail with a deposit of 30%. The booking form can be found on our website www.shangrila-trek.com

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The booking form and the deposit are to be mailed to the following address:

MINGMA TSERING SHERPA
Chez M. TOMIO
Chalet Le Bivouac
73710 PRALOGNAN LA VANOISE
FRANCE

If you pay by cheque, please make it payable to Mingma Khumbu Shangri La.
Once we have received your deposit and full payment we will send you a receipt.
The full amount is to be fully paid 30 days before your departure to Nepal.
Contac us for other king of paid.

Contact: Agency Khumbu Shangri La

Address of the Agency in Kathmandu :	Mobile phone of the Agency in Kathmandu :
Agency Khumbu Shangri La Lazimpat Nile Sarsawati Box 25229 Kathmandu NEPAL	98 41 52 27 43 or 98 41 20 15 78 (call from Nepal) 00 977 98 41 52 27 43 or 00 977 98 41 20 15 78 (call from abroad)

Contact International Guest House Hotel

Address of the hotel:	Landline of the hotel (3 lines) : Call from abroad	Mobile phone of the hotel: Call from abroad	Email Address of the hotel:
International Guest House Po Box 70 60 Thamel Kathmandu NEPAL	00 977-1-4252299 00 977-1-4267888 00 977-1-4251661	00 977 98 51 04 08 32	info@ighthouse.com The hotel is equipped with internet

Useful links :

Rental of a satellite phone
www.cellhire.fr/content/satellite.htm ; telephone-satellite.marinesat.fr/
Rental of a pressurised bag
www.certec.eu.com/

**ALL THE TEAM OF KHUMBU SHANGRI LA
IS AT YOUR SERVICE AND WISH YOU A VERY GOOD TREK.**

MINGMA TSERING SHERPA, TASHI SHERPA, ANG TSERING SHERPA and PASANG SHERPA