



Helicopter tour to Everest Base Camp

Trip Facts

Difficulty Easy to Moderate	Max Altitude 5,545m/18,192ft	Accommodation	Meals
Activity Luxury trips	Best Season Mar–May & Sep–Nov	Start / End Point	Duration 1 Day

Trip Overview

The Everest region, also known as the Khumbu region, lies on the northeastern side of Nepal within the Solukhumbu district. Crowned by Mount Everest—the highest peak on Earth at 8,848.86 meters—the area is widely considered the "Roof of the World" due to its immense height. Mount Everest itself is situated directly on the international border between Nepal and China. In the Tibetan language, it is known as Chomolungma, which translates to "Goddess Mother of the World."

To preserve the fragile high-altitude ecosystem, the core of the region is protected under the strict conservation guidelines of Sagarmatha National Park, a globally recognized UNESCO World Heritage Site.

An Everest Helicopter Tour allows you to see the world's highest peaks in just 4 to 5 hours, starting and ending directly in Kathmandu. This scenic flight skips weeks of grueling trekking by flying you over the Khumbu Glacier, giving you an up-close aerial view of Mount Everest, Lhotse, and Nuptse.

Everest Base Camp Helicopter Landing Tour

Skip the grueling 12-day trek and stand before the roof of the world in just one unforgettable morning. The Everest Base Camp Helicopter Tour is the ultimate luxury adventure in Nepal, whisking you from Kathmandu straight into the heart of the Khumbu region. Savor spectacular aerial views of Mount Everest, Lhotse, and Nuptse before landing at the highest altitudes on Earth.

Trip Itinerary

06:00 AM - Hotel Pickup & Departure:

07:00 AM - Refueling at Lukla

07:45 AM - Everest Base Camp Flyover & Kala Patthar Landing

08:30 AM - Luxury Breakfast at Hotel Everest View

10:30 AM - Return to Kathmandu



FAQs

Is a landing at Everest Base Camp guaranteed?

Helicopters rarely land directly at Everest Base Camp because the moving Khumbu glacier makes the ground structurally unstable and blocks the view of Everest's summit. Instead, flights land at Kala Patthar (5,545m), a famous rocky ridge that offers the absolute best, unobstructed view of Mount Everest from base to peak.

How do you handle high-altitude safety?

Your safety is our absolute priority. To prevent Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS), ground time at maximum altitude (Kala Patthar) is strictly capped at 10 to 15 minutes. Additionally, all our helicopters are equipped with supplemental oxygen systems and piloted by experienced high-altitude alpine rescue captain pilots.

What is the maximum weight limit per person?

For safety and performance at high altitudes, helicopters have strict weight limits. The total weight capacity for the flight to Kala Patthar is 400 kg to 500 kg depending on the weather. If a group of 4 passengers exceeds this limit, we perform a shuttle flight from Pheriche or Syangboche, splitting the group into smaller sets of 2 or 3 passengers to land safely at Kala Patthar.

What happens if the flight is canceled due to weather?

Himalayan weather can change rapidly. If your flight is delayed or canceled due to poor visibility or unsafe mountain winds, we will automatically reschedule your tour for the following morning at no extra cost or issue a 100% refund (minus minor airport transport fees).

What should I pack for the morning?

Even in peak seasons, early morning temperatures at 5,000+ meters can drop well below freezing. We highly recommend wearing a down jacket, windproof outer layers, sturdy hiking shoes, a warm beanie, and polarized sunglasses to protect against intense high-altitude snow glare.