



Pikey Peak trail

Trip Facts

Difficulty Beginners friendly	Max Altitude 4,065m/13,337ft	Accommodation Hotel in Kathmandu / Tea houses on trek	Meals
Activity Trekking	Best Season Mar–May & Sep–Nov	Start / End Point	Duration 7-9 Days

Trip Overview

Experience the Pikey Peak Trail: The Ultimate "Hidden Gem" Everest View Trek

For travelers who want to see Mount Everest without the immense crowds, high costs, or grueling altitude of the classic Base Camp route, the Pikey Peak Trail is Nepal's best-kept secret. Located in the serene, lower Solukhumbu region, this off-the-beaten-path trail was famously named by Sir Edmund Hillary as his absolute favorite spot to view Mount Everest. Reaching a maximum altitude of 4,065 meters (13,336 feet), the summit offers an unparalleled 360-degree panoramic skyline. On a clear morning, your clients will witness a sweeping view of the world's highest peaks stretching from Annapurna in the west all the way to Kanchenjunga in the east.

Trip Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrival in Kathmandu.

Day 2 - Drive from Kathmandu to Dhap Bazaar

Difficulty	Max altitude 2,850m/9,350ft	Accommodation	Meals
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Day 3 - Dhap Bazaar to Jhapre

Difficulty	Max altitude 2,850m/9,350ft	Accommodation	Meals
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Day 4 - Jhapre to Pikey Peak Base Camp

Difficulty	Max altitude 3,640m/11,942ft	Accommodation	Meals
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Day 5 - Sunrise at Pikey Peak Summit & Trek to Junbesi



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Day 6 - Excursion to Thupten Chholing Monastery

Difficulty	Max altitude 2,920m/9,580ft	Accommodation	Meals
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Day 7 - Junbesi to Phaplu

Difficulty	Max altitude 2,700m/8,858ft	Accommodation	Meals
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Day 8 - Drive from Phaplu back to Kathmandu

Difficulty	Max altitude 2,470m/8,104ft	Accommodation	Meals
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Day 9 - Final Departure from Nepal

Cost Includes & Excludes

Includes:

- 2 nights accommodations during Kathmandu stay in twin sharing basis.
- All the ground transfer in public or Private vehicles.
- Required Permits & Fees: 1. Gaurishanker Conservation Entry Permit. 2. Khumbu Pasang Lhamu Rural Municipality Local Permit. 3. TIMS (Trekking Information Management Systems) card if applicable.
- Accommodation Along the Trail: 1. Standard twin-sharing rooms in local tea houses or mountain lodges for 6 nights.
- Trekking Support Staff: 1. Salary, insurance, food, accommodation, and equipment for a licensed English-speaking guide. 2. Salary, insurance, food, and accommodation for porters (typically 1 porter shared between 2 trekkers, carrying up to 20–25kg total).
- Meals on the Trek: 1. Full board meals: 3 meals a day (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) chosen from the teahouse menu. 2. Post-dinner hot beverages (tea or coffee) or a cup of hot water.
- Safety Gear: 1. First-aid kit carried by the guide, including an oximeter to monitor oxygen levels daily.

Excludes:

- International Travel Costs: 1. International airfare to and from Kathmandu. 2. Nepal Tourist Visa fee (payable in cash USD upon arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport).
- Single Supplementary fee
- Travel and Emergency Insurance: 1. Mandatory: Travel insurance that explicitly covers emergency helicopter evacuation up to 6,000 meters (most basic plans cap out at 3,000m).
- Meals before & after trek in Kathmandu & extra stay in Kathmandu hotels other than mentioned above: 1. Hotel up-gradation might cost extra depending on your request.
- Trail Luxuries & Services (Teahouse Add-ons): 1. Hot Showers: Gas or solar-heated showers cost between \$3 to \$7 USD per shower (prices increase with altitude). 2. Device Charging: Power banks, phones, and camera battery charging cost \$2 to \$5 USD per full charge. 3. Wi-Fi / Connectivity: AirLED or Everest Link Wi-Fi prepaid cards cost roughly \$5 to \$10 USD for a set amount of data. 4. Drinking Water: Bottled water costs \$1 to \$4 USD per bottle (it is highly recommended to bring water purification tablets/filters instead).



- **Personal Trekking Gear:** 1. Down jackets, sleeping bags, hiking boots, trekking poles, and backpacks (though sleeping bags and jackets can be rented cheaply in Kathmandu for around \$1 to \$2 a day).
- **Beverages & Snacks:** 1. Alcoholic drinks (beer, spirits), specialty coffees, soft drinks, and bakery items at Namche or trail cafes.
- **Tips & Gratitude:** 1. Tipping guides and porters is custom and highly expected. The industry standard is roughly 10% to 15% of your total trek cost, pooled together by the group and handed out on the final evening in Lukla.

FAQs

How difficult is the Pikey Peak Trail?

The trail is rated as moderate. While it requires steady uphill trekking—especially on the summit push—the trails are wide, less rugged than the high-altitude routes, and do not require any technical climbing skills. It is highly recommended for active beginners and families.

How do we travel from Kathmandu to the trailhead?

Unlike standard Everest treks, this route avoids the notoriously delayed Lukla flight. You will travel via a scenic 4WD overland jeep from Kathmandu directly to Dhap Bazaar on Day 1, and return from Phaplu on Day 7.

Will I experience altitude sickness on this trek?

The risk is lower compared to higher Everest circuits, but because the summit sits at 4,065 meters (13,336 feet), mild altitude symptoms can occur. Our itinerary features a gradual ascent through the hills to ensure your body acclimates safely before the summit morning.

What are the teahouses like on this specific route?

Because Pikey Peak is an off-the-beaten-path gem, the teahouses are traditional, cozy, and rustic. They offer basic twin-sharing rooms, shared bathrooms, and communal dining rooms heated by wood stoves. The food is fresh, organic, and features authentic Sherpa and Nepali dishes.

Do I need a trekking permit for Pikey Peak?

Yes, you will need a Gaurishankar Conservation Area Permit (GCAP) or local community permits depending on the exact route boundaries, alongside a standard TIMS card. We handle 100% of this paperwork for you; all permit costs are fully included in your booking package.

When is the absolute best time to book this trek?

Spring (March to May): Highly recommended if you want to walk through dense forests of blooming, bright red rhododendrons. Autumn (September to November): Ideal if your priority is completely clear, crisp blue skies for the absolute best mountain photography.