

Earthbound Expeditions

Dhaulagiri Expedition

50 days, from US$7,997 per person

Duration	Group size	Country
50 days	**18 People**	**Nepal**

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Dhaulagiri Expedition Overview

A 50-day expedition to Dhaulagiri (8,167 m): from Beni via Tatopani and Marpha, over the French Col to base camp, then the climbing period on the mountain.

Majestically towering in the heart of the Himalayas, Mount Dhaulagiri stands as the seventh highest peak in the world. Rising to a staggering 8,167 meters (26,795 ft), this colossal mountain is the embodiment of the wild and untamed essence of the Himalayas. Dhaulagiri; the name is derived from Sanskrit “Dhavala” means “White” and giri is “Mountain”. The Mountain was displayed by British surveyors in India in the early 1800s and was mapped by one of the secret Indian evaluators.

Dhaulagiri Expedition: An Overview

Embark on a breathtaking journey that begins in the heart of Nepal's vibrant capital, Kathmandu, before whisking away to the serene beauty of Pokhara by flight. From Pokhara, our expedition ventures forth by road to the tranquil village of Khara, setting the starting point of our trek. Traversing through deep and remote valleys, starting at an elevation of 1,100m/3,608ft, adventurers get to witness the stark contrast of altitude and landscapes as we aim for the towering Dhaulagiri summit, standing 7,067m/23,185ft above our trailhead. As we move from the tropical zones, through picturesque settlements reflecting age-old agricultural traditions, to the chilly climes of the alpine zones, our expedition offers a comprehensive Himalayan experience. Camp nights under starlit skies, warm meals in our dining tent, and the gradual ascend through diverse ecological zones makes the journey towards the Base Camp at 4,700m/15,420ft a trekker's dream.

Our meticulously planned climb sees the Sherpa team setting the stage, establishing camps and securing routes ahead of the team's arrival. The ascent captures the essence of high-altitude mountaineering, from steep climbs off the glacier near Base Camp to our first major halt at the north col at 5,750m/18,865ft. Progressing further, the climb becomes more challenging, culminating in the establishment of Camp 3 on the pinnacle of the NE ridge. The climax of our expedition is the summit push, beginning in the pre-dawn hours, where you navigate a blend of sharp ridges, rock shelves, and expansive snowfields to reach the grand summit. With a moderately technical climb, supported by our expert guide and Sherpa team, you’ll get a shot at standing atop the world's seventh highest peak, marking a monumental moment in your mountaineering journey.

Highlights of Dhaulagiri Expedition

- Immerse in local cultures by passing through traditional Himalayan hamlets.
- Experience the biodiversity transition from tropical to alpine zones.
- Camp at the picturesque base camp positioned at 4,700m/15,420ft beneath Dhaulagiri's western flank.
- Navigate challenging terrains between the base camp and the north col.
- Witness the expansive beauty from the north col at 5,750m/18,865ft.
- Conquer the summit, navigating sharp ridges and vast snowfields.
- Sleep beneath the brilliant Himalayan night sky during camp nights.

Difficulty Level of Dhaulagiri Climb

The Dhaulagiri Expedition is one of the most challenging mountaineering endeavors, given its towering altitude of 8,167 meters which poses significant risks of altitude sickness. The steep terrains, sharp ridges, and expansive snowfields, coupled with the unpredictability of Himalayan weather, can extend the expedition's duration. The remote location makes immediate assistance or evacuation difficult.Therefore, a high level of physical fitness, prior high-altitude mountaineering experience, and mental preparedness are indispensable, if you're attempting this formidable ascent.

Dhaulagiri Expedition: Cost

The cost of this incredible climb to Dhaulagiri is $7,997 per person.

If you're an experienced mountaineer seeking a challenge, the Dhaulagiri Expedition package is designed for you. However, if you prefer to explore the Dhaulagiri region at a more moderate pace and difficulty, then the Dhaulagiri Circuit Trek is the ideal choice for your adventure.

Mt. Dhaulagiri expedition itinerary in brief

Day 1: Arrival in Kathmandu

Day 2 - Day 4: Stay at Kathmandu for the official procedure

Day 5: Drive to Beni

Day 6: Trek to Tatopani

Day 7: Trek to Ghasa

Day 8: Trek to Marpha

Day 9: Rest at Marpha

Day 10: Trek to Yak Kharka

Day 11: Trek to French Col

Day 12: Trek to Dhaulagiri Base Camp

From Day 13: Climbing Phase

After completing the expedition: Return to Base Camp & Back to Kathmandu

Cost Includes/ Excludes

Includes

- Accommodations in (3) three starred hotels in the cities but for the duration of the trek, only effortless lodges are available.
- Ground transportation are provided.
- Sightseeing in Kathmandu where Earthbound Expeditions city tour guide will accompany you.
- Full broad meals will be provided throughout the trek.
- Government trained guides and needed no. of porters with their insurance, salary and meals will be provided.
- Farewell dinner along with one cultural show.
- Every single entry fees and TIMS permits will be provided.
- Every single Domestic Flights will be booked according to the Itinerary listed.
- Sleeping bags and down jackets for the trek will be provided.
- Car / Bus / Domestic Flights included.

Itinerary

Day 1

Arrival in Kathmandu

Upon your arrival you will be received by one of our representatives at the airport. You will be transferred to your hotel where you can relax and unwind. In the evening, you will be briefed about the journey.

Day 2

Day 4: Stay at Kathmandu for the official procedure

You'll be staying in Kathmandu for sightseeing and to complete the formal process for the expedition. You'll get to visit some UNESCO World Heritage sites like Kathmandu Durbar Square, Pashupatinath Temple, Swayambhunath Stupa, Boudhanath, and Patan Durbar Square. You can also go shopping for climbing gears and other required equipment.

Day 5

Drive to Beni

Today, we head onwards towards our journey with a drive to Beni. We first drive via scenic Prithvi Highway for about 6-7 hours to get to Pokhara, and from there we ride again to Beni relishing the gorgeous views of Annapurna ranges. Beni is a lively town just above the junction of beautiful Kali Gandaki and Myagdi Rivers. Overnight at Beni.

Day 6

Trek to Tatopani

After breakfast, we'll officially begin the expedition with trek to Tatopani. At first, the trail descends steeply through dense rhododendron forest occupied by rich animals and birds. Passing through some small villages, we eventually reach Tatopani- famous for natural hot springs where you can have a relaxing bath.

Day 7

Trek to Ghasa

Today, from Tatopani, we'll follow the Kali Gandaki River, weaving our way through lush subtropical greenery. Crossing those suspension bridges over the gorges will add a dash of thrill to our trek. By evening, we'll arrive in Ghasa, a unique blend of nature and tradition, where we'll settle down and rest for the night.

Day 8

Trek to Marpha

Today, we'll trace the Kali Gandaki River through its winding gorge, passing through charming Thakali villages. The red-roofed Taglung Gompa perched on a hill, is the highlight for the day. In the evening, we'll arrive in Marpha, a vibrant Thakali community, where we'll settle in for the night.

Day 9

Rest at Marpha

Today, we take a day off from trekking and spend the whole day exploring the historic and beautiful town of Marpha huddled behind a ridge. It’s also the delightful Apple capital nestled into picturesque hills. Overnight at Marpha.

Day 10

Trek to Yak Kharka

Today, we'll venture along the unmarked trail leading to Yak Kharka. As we navigate this impressive route, it promises an enriching trekking experience. We'll meander around, descend a bit, and then cross a river using an old, long bridge nestled between Gungsang and Yak Kharka. Upon reaching the picturesque village of Yak Kharka, we're in for a treat with the majestic sight of Annapurna III. We'll then cozy up and spend the night in Yak Kharka.

Day 11

Trek to French Col

Today, we're heading up to French Col via Kalopani. The journey will take us through steep trails, but the reward? Breathtaking views of the towering Himalayas. As we make our ascent, we'll pass the Dhampus Pass at 5,200 meters and navigate through several other passes before reaching French Col. Tonight, we'll camp under the stars in our tents.

Day 12

Trek to Dhaulagiri Base Camp

Today, after a hearty breakfast, we'll embark on a gentle ascent to the French Pass, standing tall at 5,360 meters. From this vantage point, the panoramas are spellbinding: Mukut Himal, Tashi Kang, and Sita Chuchura majestically frame the enchanting Hidden Valley. Further south, we'll spot the Tukuche Peak and, in the distance, our destination- the magnificent Dhaulagiri peak. After a day filled with stunning sights, we'll reach Dhaulagiri base camp, gazing up at the majestic Dhaulagiri ranges. We'll nestle in for the night in our tents, enveloped by the Himalayan serenity.

Day 13

Climbing Phase

From day 13, our true climbing odyssey begins, taking on the formidable Dhaulagiri expedition. As we make our ascent, we'll strategically set up a progression of camps, not just as pit stops, but as key points for acclimatization, preparation, and rest. In these higher altitudes, the thinning air and shifting weather patterns require us to be both cautious and adaptive. Along the way, we'll be gifted with panoramic vistas, from undulating snowfields to razor-sharp ridges, all set against the backdrop of the vast Himalayan skyline. Standing tall at 8,167 meters, this majestic peak offers climbers a unique blend of challenge and beauty. As we approach the summit, every hardship faced along the way fades in comparison to the overwhelming joy and sense of accomplishment.

Day 14

After completing the expedition: Return to Base Camp & Back to Kathmandu

With the thrill of the summit behind us, our attention shifts to a safe and measured descent to Dhaulagiri Base Camp. The familiar landmarks guide us back, reminding us of the ardor and excitement from our upward journey. When the outlines of the base camp emerge on the horizon, there's an undeniable blend of relief and nostalgia, as we bid farewell to the mighty slopes of Dhaulagiri. Meandering through trails we've come to know, past animated villages and across picturesque terraced fields, the tranquil embrace of the mountains gives way to the spirited energy of the city. And as you prepare to depart from Kathmandu, know that you'll carry with you not just memories, but tales of adventure and resilience that'll stay with you forever.

Dhaulagiri Expedition Cost and What's Included

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Not included

- International Flight tickets.
- Museums entrance fees.
- All personal expenses such as bar bills, beverage, snacks etc.
- Airport taxes.
- Extra shower, battery re-charge, laundry charge etc.
- Personal clothing and gears.
- Tips to guides and porters.
- Cost raised by cancelations, landslides, weather, political unrest, illness will not be our responsibility since these factors are not within our grasp.

Photos, videos and reviews of this trip: enepaltrekking.com/dhaulagiri-expedition