

Annapurna Gay Hiking | Duration: 16 Days Days | Cost: \$2199

Annapurna Gay Hiking is a great trek designed for the LGBTIQ Community. This trek is a showcase of cultural and physical diversities. High and beautiful mountain peaks such as Annapurna 1, Gangapurna and Machhapuchre encircle the Annapurna Sanctuary. The lodge-based trek is through terraced hillsides, picturesque villages and dense rhododendron forests with the magnificent Himalaya on the backdrop. The trek is through forested hillsides to Ghorepani. Ascend next to Poon Hill for a magnificent panoramic sunrise view of the Annapurnas and Dhaulagiri. It passes below Mount Machhapuchhare before reaching the Annapurna Sanctuary. This trek offers an opportunity to explore the magnificent place before returning to Pokhara via Landrung and Dhampus. Check out the Nomadic Boys, Stefan and Sebastien's experience "Gay travel in Annapurna Nepal".

At a Glance:

- **Tour code:** GLABC002
- **Style:** Gay & lesbian
- **Grading:** ▲▲▲▲▲
- **Suitable for:** 4130m
- **Duration:** 16 Days
- **Start in:** Kathmandu |Airport
- **End in:** Kathmandu |Airport
- **Transport:** Private
- **Price:** 2199

Highlights of the tour:

- Annapurna Gay Hiking is Nepal's most popular classic trek
- Explore the beauty of Gurung village
- Views of the Annapurnas ,Dhaulagiri, Manaslu and many others
- Deep on the hot spring at Jhinu Danda.
- Enjoy magnificent sunrise at Poon Hill
- Visit Stupa, Ancient Palace, Temple and Monastery of Kathmandu
- Explore beautiful Fewa lake on boat

What's Included:

- Kathmandu Airport transfers
- An experienced equipped English speaking Guide
- Guided sightseeing and entry fee in Kathmandu
- Internal flights and land transport involved in the itinerary
- Airport tax
- Good standard Hotel (4-5*) accommodation in Kathmandu & Pokhara with breakfast
- Teahouse accommodation on trek twin sharing basic
- Tims permit
- Annapurna Conservation Fee
- Insured and equipped porter as on IPPG rules
- Ascents of Base Camp & Poon Hill (3190m)

What's Not Included:

- Travel Insurance
- Nepalese Visa
- Tips for Guide and other trek staff
- Meals except 6 breakfast in the city
- Additional costs due to illness, rescue etc
- Additional cost due to force majeure, changes of flight and itinerary
- Personal drinks and bar bill

Arrival and transfer to hotel

Arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport, Kathmandu. Traditional welcome by our airport representative. Your guide briefs about your further programme. Typical Nepali dinner served in the evening.

Kathmandu sightseeing

Your day will begin with breakfast at your hotel. You will be taken for sightseeing of Kathmandu valley. You will explore color and contrast of the vibrant city also get chance to participate in different kind of activities from which you can know more about the culture and arts of Kathmandu Valley. You will be guided to the famous Buddhist Swayambunath Temple in Kathmandu. This Temple attracts Buddhists and tourists from around the world. The view of Kathmandu valley from the top of the temple is stunning. Then you will be taken to Visit pashupatinath Temple. Pashupatinath is the most important temple dedicated to god Shiva. Every year this temple attracts hundreds of elderly followers of Hinduism. On the same day you will be taken to visit Boudhanath Stupa. Boudhanath Stupa (or Bodnath Stupa) is the largest stupa in Nepal and the holiest Tibetan

Buddhist temple outside Tibet. It is the center of Tibetan culture in Kathmandu and rich in Buddhist symbolism. The stupa is located in the town of Boudha, on the eastern outskirts of Kathmandu.

Drive to Pokhara

After breakfast drive towards the beautiful town of Pokhara in western part of Nepal. Taking fresh air, enjoy the staggering beauty of an area surrounded by some of the world's highest mountains. In the afternoon, we boat across lake Phewa for magnificent views of the Annapurna mountain range. Watch reflections of their dazzling white peaks sparkle in the mirror-like water. Annapurna range is probably one of the finest mountain panoramas in the world. Enjoy the sunset from lakeside and take dinner in one of the famous restaurant at lake side.

Drive to Nayapool-Trek to Tikhedhunga

Today you will drive approximately 1.5 hour to Nayapul, the starting point of the trek, on a private vehicle. Trek to Tikhedhunga on nice dirt road alongside beautiful stream. The beginning of the trek gives you glimpses of the Himalayan peaks but rest of the day you will enjoy the beauty of green mountain surroundings and local villages. You will spend the night at a guest house.

Trek to Ghorepani

Today's trek is bit challenging as you have to conquer 3300 stone steps. The trail crosses a suspension bridge across a stream. You climb through the steep stone steps to Ulleri, a settlement of Magar community. You will now gradually climb through meadows, cultivated fields and rhododendron forest. If you are a keen on bird-watching, here you can explore different kinds of redstarts, varieties of kingfishers, dippers and forktails in the area. You further trek to Nangethanti and finally reach Ghorepani. From Ghorepani you can enjoy the magnificent panorama of Dhaulagiri I, Annapurna I, Tukucho, Nilgiri, Hiuchuli and Tarke Kang. Overnight in Ghorepani lodge.

Sunrise at Poon Hill & trek to Tadapani

Wake up early today and trek about 400m uphill to Poon Hill which takes about 45 minutes. You enjoy mesmerizing sunrise over the Annapurna range. Watch the mountain peaks turn from soft pink to shimmering gold as the sun climbs higher in the clear blue sky. Of 14 mountain peaks above 8000 meters in the world, eight are in Nepal. Two among them can be seen from this spot if the sky is clear. Back to the hotel for breakfast and trek to Tadapani. Stay overnight at a lodge there.

Trek to Chhomrung

The trail descends through forest with the chirping of birds. After walking down about 45 minutes the trail goes very steep downhill through the terraced field to Kimrung Khola, cross the suspension bridge and walk to Gurjung. Then the trail ascends for 45 minutes and walk straight to reach Chhomrung at an altitude of 2170m. It takes 4-5 hours from Tadapani to Chhumrung. Stay overnight at lodge.

Trek to Dovan

The trail descends 310 meters through thousands of stone steps, cross Chhomrung stream and climbs up to Sinuwa at the height of 2340 meters. It is easy walk through rhododendron festooned with orchids and ferns. Climb down through steep stone steps to bamboo where you take lunch. You walk throughout the cool forest for about an hour and reach Dovan at an altitude of 2630 meters. Stay overnight at lodge.

Trek to Machhapuchre Base Camp

You have a peaceful jungle walk to Himalaya from Dovan. It is believed that mountains are sacred and holy. Annapurna in Nepali means plenty of food. Annapurna is a Goddess of Harvests. She is taken as kitchen-goddess who feeds human beings. Her popular shrine is located in Kashi, on the banks of the river Ganga, in India. (It is not clear where you finally reach, which place?) Stay overnight at lodge.

Annapurna Base Camp Trek/Annapurna Sanctuary

Today is the most important day of the trek as we will be stepping at Annapurna Base Camp. The base camp is inside Annapurna Conservation Area Project (ACAP), initiated by Nepal government to protect local flora and fauna. This area is home to many indigenous local inhabitants and dense rhododendron forests. There is a high chance of encountering with various wildlife blue sheep, pika, snow-leopards and Himalayan Thar etc. Similarly, conservation area is the home of various birds like colorful Impheyans, Koklas, blood pheasants etc. The trail towards Annapurna base camp is not very steep, you will be progressing through gentle uphill walk through peaceful meadows with enthralling views of towering himalayan peaks. You get the 360 degree panoramic views of Annapurna Himalayan range from base camp. The best view that you can't get elsewhere. One will be dumbstruck upon seeing the most beautiful and rewarding views of Annapurna, Machhapuchre and Gangapurna. You will surely miss these moments as you follow the same route to Himalaya Hotel for overnight stay.

Trek down to Dovan

Enjoy mountain view sipping hot tea or coffee. After breakfast you trek down to Dovan or Bamboo via MBC, Deurali and Himalaya. We take tea and lunch break on the way. Stay overnight at lodge

Trek to Chhomrong

Then you will trek to Chhomorang where you can explore Gurung village and know about their culture and tradition.

Tolka trek

From Chhomrong you will again trek down to Tolka. Tolka is the Gurung settlement where you can explore their culture and tradition. Can have interaction with the locals there.

Trek down to Pokhara

After breakfast today you will trek down to Pokhara leaving Tolka behind through the beautiful scenery and

exploring Himalayan range. Furthermore walking you will reach beautiful Pokhara. Overnight in Pokhara hotel.

Fly back to Kathmandu

Fly from Pokhara to Kathmandu, enjoy panoramic mountain views. Spend the rest of the day sightseeing, exploring, shopping or just relaxing in Kathmandu's numerous cafés and roof-top restaurants before spending the evening celebrating your achievements.

Drive to Airport for return flight

Your final day in Kathmandu is a free day. You do as you like. Many people take the time for shopping others enjoy exploring the cultural sites of the city. Our local guide can advise you on the best shops in the area. Farewells! Our airport representative will travel with you to the airport.

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