

## Overview

### 2 Days Mardi Himal Trek Overview

The 2 Days Mardi Himal Trek adventure starts and ends in Pokhara. This is the shortest Mardi Himal trekking itinerary, suitable for all adventure lovers. The views on this trek are not to be missed. The trail starts higher than the normal Mardi Himal Trek. So, you still get the spectacular views from Mardi Himal Base Camp, but don't get views from the lower region. This trek is just a bit rushed, but it is perfect for those who can hike at a decent pace and/or have limited time/budget and have previous hiking experience. The first day of the trek starts with a jeep drive from Pokhara to Sidding in the morning and continues with a hike to Mardi Himal High Camp. You mostly walk uphill for 6 hours. If the weather is clear, you will have a splendid view of Annapurna Himalayan range on the way to Sidding. The trail from Sidding to Low Camp goes through rhododendron forests for two and half hours leading to Badal Danda. The view from Badal Danda is amazing! You can see even the Annapurna Base Camp trail deep down below, as well as the two beautiful villages Ghandruk and Chomrung. From Badal Danda, the scenic trail leads to High Camp.

The trail to High Camp is mostly uphill. It's best to wake up early to catch the sunrise from Mardi Himal High Camp or the nearby viewpoint. Seeing the red glimmering Machapuchre peak and other Annapurna range peaks for sunrise is an experience cherished by anyone who is lucky to witness it. Mardi Himal Base Camp is about 2 hours from the viewpoint. There are not any guesthouses at Mardi Himal Base Camp now, but the local committee is building a few teahouses nearby. Our 2 Days Mardi Himal Base Camp Trek is a spectacular quick trek in the Annapurna region. It is the shortest way to explore the beautiful Himalayas and save time and money for another adventure. The actual trekking portion of the 2 Days Mardi Himal Trek starts and ends in Sidding. However, if you want to trek on a different trail on the way down, our experienced guide will lead you on a different trail from High Camp to Sidding.

### Best Time for 2 Days Mardi Himal Trek

The best time for 2 days Mardi Himal Trek is from March to May and September to December. March is a highly recommended time for the 2 Days Mardi Himal trek because of the colorful rhododendron flowers being in full bloom. In winter, if there is not too much snow, this trek can be done and the skies are super clear as well. If there is snow, the trail can be quite difficult and even dangerous. The summer is not bad for the journey up to Mardi Himal Base Camp, though clouds can obscure some views. Few other trekkers go during this time and not many guesthouses will be opened on the trail, which makes it a bit more peaceful. The bright green hills and the vibrant seasonal wildflowers add a lot of beauty to the trail. Also, there is no risk for landslides or flooding during this time. If you love flowers, a peaceful trail, or if your vacation lines up with the monsoon months, then this season will be great for you. September to December offers clear skies and crisp views. You'll get stunning views of the Annapurna Himalayan range and a surprising Pokhara city view from High Camp.

### **2 Days Mardi Himal Trek Difficulty/Fitness Level**

This trek is designed for those who have short holidays, but still want to see the Himalayas up close. This trek requires basic trekking and hiking level experience. This is typically a 5-day trek, but we have changed the route to start at a higher place, so it is possible to finish within 2 days. On the way to Mardi Himal Base Camp, the trail is mostly ascending so it's better to have some uphill walking experience. If you don't have much experience, you can choose the regular Mardi Himal Base Camp trek or train yourself beforehand to prepare. This trek leads us up to 4650 meters within 2 days, so it might be difficult for beginner trekkers. If you have previous experience of walking in high altitude, this trek would be a great fit for you.

To complete this 2 Days Mardi Himal Trek, you don't have to be a marathon runner or expert climber. Basic hiking experience and a previous high altitude trekking experience will make this trek doable for you. If you don't have much hiking experience, we recommend starting hiking on up and down hills or stairs if there aren't any mountains nearby to hike in.

### **Cost for 2 days Mardi Himal Trek**

The cost of the 2 Days Mardi Himal Trek depends on your preferred transportation service. Normally the cost for this trek is \$..... If you want to hire luxury and personal jeep to/from Sidding, the price will be increased for that. The cost includes all your accommodation, 3 meals per day, guide, porter, trekking permits and transportation. Also, we can upgrade your hotel in Pokhara for an additional cost.

### **Highlights**

Awesome view from Badal Danda

The beautiful peak of Machhapuchhre (Mount Fishtail)

View of Pokhara city at night and the Annapurna Himalayan range from High Camp

Breathtaking view of the Himalayas from the viewpoint

Glowing sunrise from the Viewpoint

Daily sunset view behind the Himalayas

Reaching Mardi Himal Base Camp

The view of Annapurna Base Camp Trail and Annapurna Base Camp from Mardi Himal Base Camp.

Scenic drive to and from Sidding.

## **Outline Itinerary**

**Day 01 : Drive to Sidding (2 hours) and Trek to High Camp (6 hours).**

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## **Cost Includes**

- Transportation to and from Sidding
- Experienced Trekking Guide
- Strong and well experienced Porter
- Accommodation during the Trek
- 3 Meals per day during the trek
- Down Jacket, Sleeping bag and Crampons if needed
- Insurance, food, accommodation, and wage for guides and porters
- All equipment (sleeping bag, warm layers, etc.)
- First Aid Kit
- Maps
- Service charge and government taxes
- Annapurna Conservation Park entry fee
- Post-trek celebration dinner in Kathmandu
- Tims Fee

## **Cost Excludes**

- Meals in Pokhara / Kathmandu (besides breakfast)
- Your personal expenses, shopping, etc.
- Shower and electronic charging fees at guest houses during the trek
- Alcoholic drinks, chocolates, tea and coffee
- Tips for guide and porter
- Extra accommodation and meals outside of itinerary
- Costs from unexpected occurrences (i.e. cancellations, weather problems, damages of property, illness, etc.)