

Ghorepani–Poonhill Itinerary



Day 1



Day 1: Pokhara → Drive to Tikhedhunga → Trek to Ulleri (2,050 m)

- Drive Duration: 3–4 hours
- Trek Duration: 3–4 hours
- Trek Distance: ~4–5 km
- Elevation: 2,050 m

Description:

After a scenic drive from Pokhara to the Tikhedhunga/Nayapul area, the trek begins immediately. The trail passes through traditional villages, terraced farmland, and long stone staircases, offering a first real taste of trekking in the Annapurna foothills. Overnight stay in Ulleri, a charming Magar village.

Day 2: Ulleri → Trek to Ghorepani (2,874 m)

- Trek Duration: 5–6 hours
- Trek Distance: ~8–9 km
- Elevation: 2,874 m

Description:

The trail climbs steadily through dense rhododendron and oak forests. As altitude increases, the air becomes cooler and quieter. On clear days, glimpses of Annapurna South and Hiunchuli appear along the way. Ghorepani is a lively mountain village and an important stop before Poon Hill.



Day 2





Day 3



Day 3: Ghorepani → Poon Hill (3,210 m) → Trek to Ghandruk (1,940 m)

- Trek Duration: 6–7 hours (including sunrise hike)
- Trek Distance: ~11–13 km
- Elevation: 3,210 m (highest point)

Description:

An early morning hike leads to Poon Hill for a spectacular sunrise over the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri ranges, one of Nepal's most iconic viewpoints. A pleasant downhill walk through forests and small settlements leads to Ghandruk,

Day 4: Ghandruk → Drive to Pokhara

- Drive Duration: 3–4 hours
- (Optional Trek): 1.5–2 hours walk to road point (Siwai/Kimche)
- Trek Distance (if walking): ~3–4 km
- Elevation: Pokhara ~822 m

Description:

The final day follows village trails and terraced fields as the drive descends to Nayapul. From here, a scenic drive brings you back to Pokhara by afternoon, marking the end of a short yet rewarding Himalayan adventure.



Day 4



Poon Hill Trek: Fun & Fascinating Facts

Q: Why is Poon Hill so famous?

A: Because it offers one of the best sunrise viewpoints in Nepal, where the first golden light hits both the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri ranges at the same time, something very few viewpoints can offer.

Q: What's a unique cultural experience on this trek?

A: Walking through traditional Gurung and Magar villages like Ghandruk and Ulleri, where stone houses, local dress, and warm hospitality are still part of everyday life.

Q: What can I taste that's special along the trail?

A: Fresh local dal bhat, handmade millet roti, and hot ginger or lemon honey tea, simple mountain food that tastes unforgettable after a day of hiking.

Q: Can I see wildlife on the Poon Hill trail?

A: Yes! The forests are home to colorful pheasants, langurs, and during spring entire hillsides covered in blooming rhododendrons, Nepal's national flower.

Q: What makes Poon Hill perfect for first-time trekkers?

A: It's short, comfortable and doesn't require technical skills, yet still delivers classic Himalayan views of Machhapuchhre, Annapurna South, and Dhaulagiri, making it beginner-friendly but deeply rewarding.

