

## Chulu West Peak Climbing - 18 Days

Chulu West Peak (6419m/21,055ft) is one of the most beautiful trekking peaks of Nepal lies in one of the most beautiful trekking regions of Nepal – the Annapurna Region of central Nepal. There exist two Chulu Peaks; Chulu East and Chulu West and this package is all about Chulu West Peak Climbing. Climbing Chulu West is to grab the opportunity for preparing the high mountain expedition. It will be the best climbing practice, use of gear and equipment, spend nights in the tented camps, and practice walking in the icy giants.

Chulu West Peak, flaunting its snow-laden peak, rises magnificently to mesmerize everyone raring to undertake the climb. While also serving as an excellent vantage point to behold the views of the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri mountain massifs, the cultural diversity and biodiversity throughout the journey are certain to fascinate you.

Standing at 6419m, the top of the mountain, we can have the picturesque sceneries of Dhaulagiri, Nilgiri, Annapurna I, Manaslu, Lamjung Himal, Annapurna II, III and South, Machhapuchhre, and several mountains nearby. Considered a bit technical peak, climbing the Chulu West Peak requires good physical and psychological preparations and strengths. Although high technical skill is not necessary to climb it, high-altitude trekking such as Annapurna Base Camp Trek, Everest Base Camp Trek, etc. is highly recommended before climbing this mountain.

Chulu West Peak is a part of the bigger Damodar Himal range of Manang district in western Nepal, which runs south from Chako Peak (6,687m) in a north-south direction along the Nar Phu and Hunlung Khola. The trekking trail for Chulu west peak climbing is a memorable route that provides the most beautiful views of surrounding peaks as well as lush green forests of Nepal which is part of the famous Annapurna Circuit Trek.

A journey to Chulu West Peak Climbing begins with a picturesque drive to Dharapani (the beginning point of the trek) from Kathmandu in a private car. Starting the trek here we pass via the arid but gorgeous valley of Manang, which indeed looks like the slice of heaven on earth.

We will be able to enjoy the incredible landscape of Manang and its unique settlement. Upon reaching the village of Yak Kharka, we leave the main trail of Annapurna Circuit and follow a yak trail into a barren inhabited land with large meadows and a bit of vegetation. We spend a couple of nights at the base camp for acclimatization and practice climbing techniques required for the summit.

With sound preparation in the base Camp, we walk to the high camp for the final summit push. It can be at least one, and possibly two, high camps and cover rugged terrain on rocks and ice to reach the summit. The first part requires fixed ropes, but the final climb to the summit is long and gradual which is more tiring if the snow is soft. Upon reaching the summit, we enjoy the magnificent sceneries of the high mountain peaks, the entire Manang valley, and the terrains, we climb back to the high camp at the high camp.

Leaving High Camp, we descend to Thorung Phedi and begin another adventure to Thorung La (5416m) and continue



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walking down to Muktinath. We then descend into the deepest gorge in the world, the Kali Gandaki Valley, reaching a famous pilgrimage site, Muktinath, where there are several Hindu and Buddhist temples. From Jomsom, we take a flight to Pokhara and drive to Kathmandu to end the entire adventure.





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## PRICE INCLUDES

### Transportation

- Private vehicle for transfers as per in itinerary; airport pickup & drop, sightseeing
- Private vehicle for Kathmandu to Bensishahar, and Pokhara to Kathmandu
- Sharing Jeep for Bensishahar to Dharapani
- Domestic flight tickets (Jomsom – Pokhara) and airport departure taxes

### Food and Accommodation

- Three nights' accommodation in Kathmandu in a 3-star category hotel
- One night's accommodation in Pokhara in a 3 - star category hotel
- Nine nights' accommodation in the best available local lodge/teahouse throughout the trek
- Four nights in the tents while climbing the peak (in Base Camp and High Camp)
- All standard meals (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner) during the trek
- Available seasonal fruits throughout the trek
- Breakfast at a hotel in Kathmandu and Pokhara
- Farewell Dinner in Kathmandu

### Staff

- A Government licensed English-speaking trekking guide including wages, meals, insurance, lodging, transportation, flight, and other necessary gear & equipment.
- For more than six trekkers, one assistant guide includes wages, meals, insurance, lodging, transportation, flight, and other necessary gear & equipment.
- A Government licensed English-speaking climbing guide including wages, meals, insurance, lodging, transportation, flight, and other necessary gear & equipment.
- A porter for two trekkers/ climbers including wages, meals, insurance, lodging, transportation, flight and other necessary gear & equipment
- A Government licensed English-speaking tour guide for the Sightseeing Program at Kathmandu

### Permits and Tariffs

- Annapurna Conservation Area Permit (ACAP)
- Trekkers' Information Management System (TIMS) card
- Chulu West Peak Climbing Permit
- All other government, local taxes, and official expenses

### Additional

- A Gortex (100% Waterproof) Duffle bag to keep your personal belongings to be carried by the porter



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- Assistance in arranging rescue operations in case of complicated health conditions (funded by travel insurance)
- Chulu West Peak Climbing map
- Outward Adventure t-shirt
- Outward Adventure Appreciation Medal after the successful trek
- A first aid medicine bag in each group (carried by trekking/climbing leader)

## PRICE EXCLUDES

- International Flight Cost
- Nepal Entry Visa Fees
- Extra night accommodation in Kathmandu due to early arrival or late departure, or early return from the climb
- Extra baggage check-in during the flight (Jomsom – Pokhara ) if more than 15 KG, 01 USD per KG extra, can pay directly to the airline.
- Personal expenses such as alcoholic drinks, shopping, snacks, boiled bottle water, hot (Tea/ Coffee) and cold drinks, hot shower, alcohol, Wi-Fi, telephone call, battery re-charge fee, extra porters, etc
- Additional costs suffered due to causes beyond our control, such as natural disasters, weather conditions, itinerary modifications due to safety concerns, emergency evacuation, changes in government policies, strikes, and so forth
- Tips for guides, porters, and drivers (Tips are expected and appreciated)



## ITINERARY IN DETAIL

**Day 1: Arrival and transfer to Hotel in Kathmandu (1338m)**

**Day 2: Sightseeing for a full day in Kathmandu Valley and Trip Preparation**

**Day 3: Drive Kathmandu to Dharapani (1,950m) 9 to 10 hours drive**

**Day 4: Trek Dharapani to Chame (2,630m) 5 to 6 hours**

**Day 5: Trek Chame to Lower Pisang (3,475m) 4 to 5 hours**

**Day 6: Trek Lower Pisang to Manang (3540m) 5 to 6 hours**

**Day 7: Acclimatization Day at Manang: Side trip to Gangapurna Glacier**

**Day 8: Trek Manang to Ledar (4373m) 3 to 4 hours**

**Day 9: Trek Leder to Chulu West Base Camp (4,900m) 5 to 6 hours**

**Day 10: Chulu West Base Camp to High Camp (5,100m) 3 to 4 hours**

**Day 11: Summit Chulu West and back to Base Camp (4,900m) 9 to 10 hours**

**Day 12: Contingency Day in case of Bad Weather Conditions**

**Day 13: Trek Chulu West Base Camp to Thorong Padi (4,400m) 5 to 6 hours**

**Day 14: Trek Thorong Phedi to Muktinath (3,798m) via Thorong La (5,416m) 9 to 10 hours**

**Day 15: Trek Muktinath to Jomsom (2,750m) 5 to 6 hours**

**Day 16: Fly Jomson to Pokhara (850m) -25 minutes flight**

**Day 17: Drive Pokhara to Kathmandu (1,338m/4,390ft) 6-7 hrs drive**

**Day 18: Drive to the Airport; International Departure**