

Chulu Far East

REGION	Manang · Annapurna
DURATION	20 days
MAX ALTITUDE	6,059 m
GRADE	Trekking peak · PD
SEASON	Mar-May · Sep-Dec
FROM	from \$3,050

Overview

A friendly first 6,000er on the Annapurna Circuit

Rising above Manang on the Annapurna Circuit, Chulu Far East is one of Nepal's most approachable climbing peaks - a straightforward glacier ascent with a huge panorama over the Annapurnas and Tilicho.

Chulu Far East is a trekking peak in the Annapurna region of Nepal, classified as a Group 'B' peak on the NMA Climbing Peaks list - meaning it requires the use of specialized mountaineering equipment. Among the three Chulu Peaks, Chulu Far East is considered the most straightforward, with a moderate difficulty level, making it a strong choice both for those extending their mountaineering experience in the Annapurna region and for newer mountaineers building toward bigger objectives.

The journey begins with a drive from Kathmandu to Chame, passing through deep valleys, soaring rivers and waterfalls, rhododendron- and pine-scented hills, and glacial moraines with wide Himalayan vistas. Along the way, the route offers views of Annapurna, Dhaulagiri, Machhapuchhre, Pisang Peak, Himal Chuli, Nilgiri, and more.

Highlights

- Day trip in Kathmandu exploring the UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Scenic drive through the Marsyangdi Valley alongside the soaring river, fresh green hills, and waterfalls
- Chulu Far East Peak, a popular and straightforward trekking peak in the Annapurna region
- Authentic traditions, culture, and lifestyle of the high-Himalayan civilization
- Spectacular views of Himalayan massifs including Annapurna, Machhapuchhre, Dhaulagiri, Manaslu, Pisang Peak, Himal Chuli, Nilgiri, and Tukuiche
- Diverse landscapes - rhododendron, pine, cedar, and oak forests up to glacial moraines
- The Mani walls of Humde Village, with 266 prayer wheels
- One of the easiest, most straightforward climbing peaks - an alternative to the Mera Peak expedition (6,476 m)
- Religious sites of major significance in Hinduism and Buddhism: Lophelling Monastery, Sher Gumpa, Tilicho Lake, and Muktinath Temple

Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrival at Kathmandu and Hotel Transfer

On arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA), you will be met and transferred to your hotel in the heart of the capital (approximately 15-20 minutes' drive depending on traffic). After check-in, take time to rest or stroll the nearby streets in the evening. A briefing on the expedition overview will follow.

- Max Altitude: 1,345 m (4,412 ft)
- Meals: Welcome Dinner (BB plan during the expedition)

Day 2 - Sightseeing Day in Kathmandu and Climbing Briefing

A full day of sightseeing around the major highlights of Kathmandu Valley, home to 7 of the country's 10 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Highlights include Pashupatinath Temple, Swayambhunath Stupa, Boudhanath Stupa, Changunarayan Temple, and the Patan-Kathmandu-Bhaktapur Durbar Squares. Afterward, receive a detailed briefing on the days ahead and use the remaining time for equipment checks or last-minute gear rental.

- Duration: Day trip
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (BB plan during the expedition)

Day 3 - Kathmandu to Chame by Private Vehicle

The trek begins with a scenic drive through the Marsyangdi Valley, past a soaring river, green hills, waterfalls, and traditional villages. After roughly 5-6 hours you reach Besisahar, gateway to the Annapurna Circuit, then continue by a more suited vehicle through Jagat and Dharapani toward Chame in the Manang district - with alluring views of Annapurna, Machhapuchhre, and Dhaulagiri along the way.

- Altitude: 1,345 m -> 2,713 m
- Elevation Change: 1,368 m
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 - Trek from Chame to Pisang

The first trekking day of the expedition. The route passes Jagat Village before an uphill stretch to Pisang, crossing the narrow trail of Paungada Danda with unprecedented Himalayan views and several waterfalls along the way, following the course of the Marsyangdi River.

- Altitude: 2,713 m -> 3,185 m
- Elevation Change: 472 m
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 - Trek to Humde Village

A shorter trekking day along a wider, dustier trail, with continued views of Annapurna, Machhapuchhre, Manaslu, and Dhaulagiri. Humde Village is home to the native Manangi people and the Mani Walls with 266 prayer wheels - a significant symbol of local Buddhist culture. The village also hosts the only airstrip in the Marsyangdi Valley.

- Altitude: 3,185 m -> 3,330 m
- Elevation Change: 145 m
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Humde Village to Julu Khola

The trail passes through lightly forested terrain of pine, cedar, and oak, with the chance to visit Lophelling Monastery and Sher Gompa, home to Tibetan Buddhist nuns. Elevation gain is significant today, so the pace stays gentle en route to Julu Khola, fed by the Chulu Peaks, with close-up views of the Dhaulagiri and Annapurna massifs.

- Altitude: 3,330 m -> 3,500 m
- Elevation Change: 170 m

- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 - Acclimatization Day at Julu Khola

A rest day to acclimatize above 3,000 meters. Spend the day exploring the Chulu Peak region on foot, resting at Julu Khola, and preparing for the ascent to base camp. Overnight in tented accommodation.

- Max Altitude: 3,500 m
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 - Julu Khola to Chulu Far East Base Camp

A longer, more demanding day covering a substantial altitude gain. The trail passes Yak Kharka before a steep, rocky climb to base camp, rewarded by magnificent views of Chulu, Annapurna, Dhaulagiri, and Manaslu.

- Altitude: 3,500 m -> 5,155 m
- Elevation Change: 1,655 m
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 - Acclimatization Day at Base Camp

A crucial rest day following the major altitude gain, improving summit success rates. Your climbing guide will run a pre-climbing training session, covering proper use of mountaineering equipment, before an overnight rest at base camp.

- Max Altitude: 5,155 m
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 - Trek to Chulu High Camp

A short but challenging uphill trek across snowy terrain on the slopes of Chulu Far East, with close views of Chulu East, Chulu West, Annapurna, and Pisang Peak. On arrival, the crew will check health and pulse rates to confirm readiness for the summit push, followed by a final equipment briefing.

- Altitude: 5,155 m -> 5,400 m
- Elevation Change: 245 m
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11 - Summit Day - Chulu Far East Peak, then Descend to Base Camp

The summit push begins on level slopes that steadily steepen, with rocky terrain in the final, most demanding stretch. From the 6,059 m summit, views extend across the Annapurna massif, the Chulu Peaks, Gangapurna, and the Himlung Valley. After the descent back to base camp, celebrate with a warm meal and rest for the night.

- Altitude: 5,400 m -> 6,059 m (summit) -> 5,155 m (base camp)
- Elevation Change: +659 m / 904 m
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12 - Descend to Manang

After completing the peak climb, the route heads to Manang, the crown jewel of the Annapurna region. Passing through Ngawal for breakfast, the trail crosses relatively level terrain through rhododendron and bamboo forest, descending to this trans-Himalayan town below Thorong La Pass, home to ethnic communities including the Lama, Ghale, and Gurung.

- Altitude: 5,155 m -> 3,341 m
- Elevation Change: 1,814 m
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 13 - Trek to Siri Kharka

A day of moderate elevation gain via Khangsar, sometimes called the 'ghost village' for its sparse

population. The trail follows the Khangsar River with fine views of the Chulu Peaks and Gangapurna Himal before reaching Siri Kharka.

- Altitude: 3,341 m -> 4,060 m
- Elevation Change: 719 m
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 14 - Trek to Tilicho Base Camp

A physically demanding day crossing rocky and glacial terrain, with wide vistas of Annapurna, Tilicho, Manaslu, and Himal Chuli, arriving at the base of Tilicho Peak (7,234 m).

- Altitude: 4,060 m -> 4,200 m
- Elevation Change: 140 m
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 15 - Trek to Tilicho Lake

A challenging uphill trek across moraine edges to Tilicho Lake, the highest lake in the world at 4,920 m and a site of deep significance in Hindu tradition. The valley's mystical atmosphere makes for a memorable overnight stay.

- Altitude: 4,200 m -> 4,920 m
- Elevation Change: 720 m
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 16 - Trek to Yak Kharka via Mesokanta La Pass

A long but descending day, crossing the Eastern Pass (5,340 m) with views of Tilicho Himal, Gangapurna, and Annapurna, followed by Mesokanta La Pass (5,121 m) for further views of Tilicho, Nilgiri, Tukuche, and Dhaulagiri. The trail ends on the level grazing grounds of Yak Kharka.

- Altitude: 4,920 m -> 4,200 m
- Elevation Change: 720 m
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 17 - Yak Kharka to Jomsom

An early start through Thinigaon, gradually descending toward Jomsom with a stop at the culturally significant Muktinath Temple, revered in both Hinduism and Buddhism. Jomsom, known as the windiest town in the Himalayas, is famous for its apples and the local apple wine, Marpha.

- Altitude: 4,200 m -> 2,700 m
- Elevation Change: 1,500 m
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 18 - Fly to Pokhara and City Exploration

A short 20-25 minute flight from Jomsom to Pokhara, followed by hotel transfer and a full day exploring the city's highlights: Phewa Lake, Sarangkot, Gupteshwor Mahadev Cave, Devi's Falls, Mahendra Cave, Chameri Gufa, Begnas Lake, and the World Peace Pagoda.

- Altitude: 2,700 m -> 850 m
- Elevation Change: 1,850 m
- Meals: Welcome Dinner (BB plan during the expedition)

Day 19 - Pokhara to Kathmandu by Private Vehicle

A 4-5 hour drive back to the capital along the Trishuli and Marsyangdi river valleys, passing notable landmarks and religious sites, including Manakamana. On arrival, check in and rest before a farewell dinner celebrating the successful completion of the expedition.

- Altitude: 850 m -> 1,345 m
- Elevation Change: 495 m

- Meals: Farewell Dinner (BB plan during the expedition)

Day 20 - Departure

Transfer to Tribhuvan International Airport for your onward flight, timed to your flight schedule. Arrival at the airport 2-3 hours before departure is recommended.

What's included

- Airport arrival and departure transfers by private vehicle
- 3 nights' accommodation in Kathmandu and 1 night in Pokhara with a bed and breakfast plan
- One day of sightseeing in Kathmandu with an experienced city guide, including entrance fees and private vehicle
- All necessary ground transportation by private vehicle as per the itinerary
- Flight from Jomsom to Pokhara
- Climbing permit for Chulu Far East Peak
- All required trekking permits and conservation area fees
- Combined accommodation in tea houses and camping during the trek, as per the itinerary
- All meals during the trek and climb (breakfast, lunch, and dinner)
- Experienced trekking and climbing guide
- Necessary number of porters
- Required climbing gear
- Kitchen and camping equipment during the climbing period
- General first aid kits
- Staff insurance, clothing, and salary
- Welcome and farewell dinners in Kathmandu
- All government taxes and necessary paperwork

Not included

- Personal climbing gear
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Alcoholic beverages
- Personal expenses
- Tips and summit bonuses for staff

Available departures

- 15 Mar 2026
- 02 Apr 2026
- 21 Apr 2026
- 12 May 2026
- 18 Sep 2026
- 06 Oct 2026