

Pikey Peak

REGION	Lower Solu · Khumbu fringe
DURATION	8 days
MAX ALTITUDE	3540 m
GRADE	Easy-Moderate
SEASON	Mar-May · Sep-Dec
FROM	from \$2,500

Overview

Said to be the finest Everest viewpoint of all

Tucked away in the lower Everest region of Solukhumbu, eastern Nepal, the Pikey Peak Trek offers a quieter, more authentic alternative to Nepal's busier trekking routes. Away from the crowds of the main Everest trail, this lesser-known journey winds through tranquil villages, terraced fields, and dense rhododendron forests, giving trekkers an immersive look at rural Himalayan life.

The trek begins with a scenic drive from Kathmandu to Dhap village, where the trail starts. From there, the route follows a high ridge through Sherpa settlements, offering uninterrupted mountain views along the way. Along the trail, you'll pass through the heart of Sherpa Buddhist culture, with opportunities to visit monasteries such as Thupten Chholing and engage with resident monks - a meaningful cultural counterpoint to the trek's natural scenery.

At 4,065 meters (13,336 feet), Pikey Peak's summit is famed for its panoramic sunrise and sunset views over Everest, Kanchenjunga, Lhotse, Makalu, and other Himalayan giants. The peak holds historical significance too - it was reportedly Sir Edmund Hillary's favorite spot to view Everest, adding a layer of legacy to an already spectacular vantage point.

Each night is spent in local teahouses, where trekkers share stories over traditional Nepali dal bhat, deepening the sense of connection to the region and its people. With its untouched trails and blend of scenic and cultural richness, Pikey Peak offers a genuinely unspoiled trekking experience.

Highlights

- Experience a relatively new and short trekking destination, offering unspoiled natural beauty
- Encounter the ethnic Brahmin and Chhetri communities on the way to Dhap
- Walk a less-crowded, off-the-beaten-path trail and savor the tranquility of nature in solitude
- Witness breathtaking sunrises and sunsets from Pikey Peak, with panoramic views of nine Himalayan giants: Mount Everest, Kanchenjunga, Lhotse, Makalu, Cho Oyu, Dhaulagiri, Manaslu, Annapurna I, Shishapangma
- Explore significant religious shrines, including a visit to Thupten Chholing Monastery along the trail
- Engage with local Sherpas and immerse yourself in their lifestyle and culture
- Savor a variety of local delicacies from the Sherpa community
- Discover Ringmo, a village renowned for its apple orchards and orchard products

- Hike up to Chiwong Monastery, perched dramatically on a cliffside with sweeping panoramic views of the valley

Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrival in Kathmandu (1,400 m / 4,593 ft)

Upon arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport, our representative will greet you and transfer you to your hotel. Enjoy some free time to rest after your flight, or take a short walk to explore the neighborhood.

- Overnight stay at hotel in Kathmandu.

Day 2 - Drive from Kathmandu to Dhap Village (2,900 m / 9,350 ft) - Approx. 7 Hours

We depart Kathmandu early in the morning and drive along the scenic B.P. Highway (Banepa-Bardibas Highway), passing through Dhulikhel before the road follows the Sunkoshi River, winding through Nepal's mid-hills via Khurkot and Ghurmi. At Khurkot, we turn left and continue roughly 100 km to Okhaldhunga, from where Dhap village is just 20 km further. With refreshing scenery, a few snake-like curves, and bumpy roads along the way, we stop for rest and lunch en route before arriving at Dhap Village. In the afternoon, we stroll through the quiet local bazaar to interact with residents, watching artisans hand-weave traditional pure-wool Radi blankets directly on their porches, before closing the day watching the sunset over the terraced hills.

- Overnight stay at a teahouse in Dhap.

Day 3 - Trek from Dhap to Jhapre (2,920 m / 9,580 ft) - Approx. 6 km to Singane + 2-3 Hours onward, 5-6

After a delicious breakfast at our teahouse in Dhap, we set off on a gradual uphill trek toward Jhapre. The trail begins along a wide dirt path leading to the quiet settlement of Singane, roughly 6 km from Dhap, where the route opens up to reveal vast terraced farmlands and small, traditional Sherpa communities. We stop here for lunch and a well-earned rest. From Singane, we continue for another 2-3 hours as the trail climbs gradually, lined with ancient Buddhist stupas and fluttering prayer flags, weaving through deep forests of rhododendron and pine. Along the way, we pass through charming villages and colorful gompas before reaching Jhapre Phokte Danda, where a panoramic view unfolds - including Mount Everest and Numbur among the surrounding peaks.

- Overnight stay at a teahouse in Jhapre.

Day 4 - Trek from Jhapre to Pikey Peak Base Camp (3,640 m / 11,942 ft) - Approx. 6-7 Hours

Today's trek follows a steady uphill route on the Pikey Peak trail, leading through meadows and ridgelines with excellent views of the surrounding peaks. Along the way, we pass mani stone walls, Buddhist monasteries, and small local cheese factories, before the trail dips below Taping Danda through a lush rhododendron forest. We stop at Bhulbhule for tea, coffee, and snacks, then continue to Lamjura Danda for lunch and rest. From here, the trail turns a little more challenging as it winds back through rhododendron forest, passing old yak houses along the way. After an additional 3-4 hours of trekking, we reach Pikey Base Camp.

- Overnight stay at a teahouse in Pikey Peak Base Camp.

Day 5 - Pikey Peak Summit to Jasmane Bhanjyang (3,540 m / 11,614 ft) - Approx. 3-4 Hours (post-summ

We rise early for the highlight of the trek - the climb to the prayer flag-draped summit of Pikey Peak in time for sunrise. From the top, we're treated to a serene daybreak as the sun paints the surrounding mountains in orange, with panoramic views across Mt. Everest, Annapurna, Kanchenjunga, and their neighboring peaks on clear days. After soaking in the summit views and breakfast, we descend along a moderate ridgeline that gradually steepens into forest, bringing us down to Jase Bhanjyang. From here, we continue 3-4 hours toward Jasmane Bhanjyang through rocky landscapes and dense rhododendron forest, arriving in time for lunch.

- Overnight stay at a teahouse in Jasmane Bhanjyang

Day 6 - Trek from Jase Bhanjyang (3,540 m) to Junbesi (2,675 m) - 11 km, 5-6 Hours

After a satisfying breakfast at our teahouse, we begin our descent from the high ridges, entering a thick forest of rhododendron and pine. The trail drops quickly through quiet woods, the cool air and green shade making for fast, easy walking as we near the valley below. The steep path gradually levels out as we reach Lamjura village, where we cross a suspension bridge over a small river and enter a wide, open valley. From here, the trail becomes an easy dirt path winding through Taktor village, home to traditional Sherpa farms, potato fields, and apple orchards. We stop for lunch in Taktor, with time to visit the local monastery while our meal is prepared. Continuing on, we round a corner to find the beautiful Sherpa village of Junbesi ahead, home to the renowned Thupten Chholing Monastery. This route notably intersects with the classic Everest Base Camp trek from Jiri at Junbesi. We spend the afternoon exploring the village, visiting the monastery, witnessing Buddhist rituals, and meeting local residents and monks.

- Overnight stay at a lodge in Junbesi.

Day 7 - Trek from Junbesi to Phaplu, then Drive to Kathmandu - 237 km, Approx. 14-15 Hours Total (5-6)

Today marks the final day of our trek. We set out early, driving 2-3 hours alongside the Junbesi Khola until we reach Beni Ghat, and we continue on to Phaplu. From Phaplu, we take on the scenic drive back to Kathmandu, approximately 8-9 hours. Upon arrival, relax at your hotel after a long but rewarding day.

- Overnight stay at hotel in Kathmandu.
- Breakfast and lunch included.

Day 8 - Half-Day Kathmandu Sightseeing - Kathmandu Durbar Square & Boudhanath Stupa

After breakfast, set off on a half-day guided sightseeing tour of Kathmandu's most iconic cultural landmarks. We begin at Kathmandu Durbar Square, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and historic heart of the city, home to ornately carved palaces, temples, and courtyards. From there, we continue to Boudhanath Stupa, one of the largest and most revered Buddhist stupas in the world, encircled by monasteries, prayer wheels, and fluttering prayer flags.

- Free time in the afternoon to rest, shop, or explore Kathmandu independently.
- Overnight stay at hotel in Kathmandu.

What's included

- TIMS & local permits
- Licensed guide + porters
- Teahouse accommodation
- All ground transport
- Pre-trip briefing
- 5% funds village schools & health posts

Not included

- International flights to/from Nepal
- Travel & high-altitude insurance
- Personal trekking & climbing gear
- Nepal entry visa fees
- Tips for guides and porters

- Personal expenses (drinks, wifi, laundry)

Available departures

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