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Pikey Peak Trek

URL: https://himalaya-discovery.com/trip/pikey-peak-trek/

Destination
Nepal

Activity
Trekking in Nepal

Start / End Point
Kathmandu

Duration
7

Per Person From
USD 685

Accommodation
Lodge
Nepal lodges, also known as teahouses, are basic yet cozy accommodations found along trekking routes.

Region
Everest

Max. Altitude
3,640 meters (11,942 feet)

Nature Of Trek
Teahouse Trek

Best Season
Autumn and Spring

Activity Per Day
4-6 hr trekking

Group Size
1 – 4

Transportation
Sharing Jeep Ride

BLD
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Medium
Medium trekking involves more challenging trails with moderate climbs and longer durations, requiring a good fitness level.

Pikey Peak Trek Highlights

- View of Mt. Everest in clear weather
- Best sunrise and sunset magnificent views of Everest and more Himalayan range
- Meet entertaining Sherpa couple at the Pikey Peak base camp
- Discovery of local Sherpa culture
- Visit Buddhist monasteries

Pikey Peak Trek Overview

Pikey Peak Trek is a less crowded and newly introduced destination in the Lower Khumbu region of Nepal. The trek allows you to cover the unique geography of the Everest region. It gives you an opportunity to discover some of the beautiful mountains such as Mount Everest, Mount Makalu, Ganesh Himal along with other Himalayas of the Everest region.

The off the beaten route to Pikey Peak offers trekkers with an insight of Sherpa culture, tradition and lifestyles. Exploring the Buddhist monasteries, traditional Sherpa Villages and walking through the forest of pine, Rhododendron and fir are some of the significant highlights of Pikey Peak. It is suitable for everyone who wants to discover the beauty of the Khumbu region.

This short lower Everest trek starts with a scenic drive to Dhap Bazaar by jeep. For those who do not want a physically challenging trek without a flight to the Everest region, then Pikey Peak Trek can be a decent option. A right combination of nature and cultural exploration, Pikey Peak can become your lifetime memory.

For those who want to trek this off the beaten track and see something completely different from many of the more touristy areas in the country, this is a perfect trek.

How Mount Everest Looks Like from Pikey Peak?

Amazing view from Pikey Peak

Above the beautiful and majestic Himalayan giants, the peak of Pikey (4065 meters) unveils Mount Everest as a proud jewel among them in an instant.

This is a viewpoint not yet well known to tourists but at which the most magnificent view of Everest can be obtained.

The View of Everest from Pikey Peak

Clearly visible if the day is fine, Mount Everest is high in the northern part of the sky and is not far from the center of the mountain range. The mountain is not as close as Kala Patthar or Gokyo Ri, but its top clearly stands out.

The black rocks of the mountain shine brightly under the golden sun, leaving a gorgeous contrast against the white snow. In the view, there will also be other mountains such as Lhotse, Makalu, and if the weather is good, Kanchenjunga in the far east.

A Peaceful Perspective

Pikey Peak definitely provides a 180-degree view that is much wider and unconventional from other vantage spots that are located near the mountain. The tranquility of the surroundings makes the experience of it even more intense.

The spot provides trekkers with an opportunity to view Everest in all its full glory as well as the reflection of the mountain’s awe and peace in the surroundings.

Pikey Peak: Where Sir Edmund Hillary First Saw Everest

The first person to reach the summit of Mount Everest, Sir Edmund Hillary, caught sight of the highest mountain in the world for the first time at Pikey Peak. It was a historic moment in this place.

- One of his early expeditions in the Solu region brought Hillary to Pikey Peak, and there, he had a view of the whole Himalayan range.
- He later claimed that it was the most beautiful part of Everest in Nepal where he saw the best view of the Everest.

Far away from the common trekking routes, it is the most secluded piece of land with a different and beautiful view of Everest that captivates your impression of Hillary's exploit.

Now, tourists retrace Hillary's steps not only for the sake of it but also to be at the same spot, the same viewpoint, the Himalayan range and Mount Everest looking just as magical under the clear, bright blue sky with the golden sun rising.

Go for the Lower Everest Region Best Trek with Everest Sherpa Gudie and Himalaya Discovery

Lower Everest Region is best explored with the support of the sherpa guides. They have extensive experience in the region and are well aware of the trails, people, and mountains.

In addition to safety, a local guide also facilitates a deeper understanding of the mountains, the villages, the culture, and the society in the region.

Born and brought up in the region, the guides make your journey really an authentic and fulfilling one.

When you travel with Himalaya Discovery, you are taken care of all the way through to the final stages of your tramp by trained Sherpa people. You will be assured of their help.

Pikey Peak Height and Distance

Pikey Peak, towering 4,065 meters (13,336 feet) above sea level, provides a remarkable viewpoint in the lower Everest region of Nepal.

Though not as well-known as EBC, Pikey Peak offers surprising 360-degree views of many of the world's tallest peaks, including Everest, Makalu, Kanchenjunga and many more.

- **Elevation:** 4,065 meters (13,336ft)
- **Total trek distance:** approximately 40–55 kilometers, depending on the chosen route
- **Duration:** 5 days to 8 days again, depending on trial options and starting point

Alternative Pikey Peak Trek 5 days for Active Hikers

This 5-day Pikey Peak Trek is the most suitable for active hikers who have a strong desire for a shorter adventure in the lower Everest region without a lack of thrilling experiences.

This is the shorter version of the Pikey Peak Trekking for those with limited time but who are physically fit. The trek is meant for those desiring a quick adventure in the Himalayas and can be a short one.

Day 1: Drive to Dhap Bazaar (2850m). Duration: 6-7 hours.

Day 2: Trek from Dhap Bazaar to Jhapre (2815m). Duration: 5-6 hours.

Day 3: Trek from Jhapre to Pikey Base Camp (3640m) Duration 5-6 hours.

Day 4: Hike to Pikey Peak (4065m) & Trek to Jhapre Duration 6-7 hours.

Day 5: Trek to Dhap & Drive to Kathmandu (1400m). Duration: 8-9 hours.

7 Day Pikey Peak Trek Cost 2026, 2027 Update

Solo Trekker Prices

If you trek solo, the cost for the Pikey Peak Trek in 2026-2027 will be approximately USD 890 per person.

Normally, the price for the trek will consist of guide service, accommodations, meals, permits, as well as transportation in the trek.

Prices for Groups of 2 to 3

For a small group trekking with 2-3 people, the per-person cost would decrease to about USD 685.

By trekking with a small group, you are able to affordably reduce some of the associated costs, such as group guide fees as well as transportation.

Price for Groups of 3 to 4 People

If you're trekking with 3-4 individuals, the price drops down to about $595 a person.

Larger groups also share accommodations and logistics costs, so this is the best option for anyone who would like to trek Pikey Peak as a group with family or friends.

Itinerary

The Pikey Peak Trek Itinerary is crafted by experienced local guides who had been in the area a good number of times.
The path is a special mix of superb mountain sights, such as a view over Everest that is not so crowded and a chance to deeply immerse in the culture of Sherpas.

Our schedule is a well-balanced combination of trekking and cultural engagement.

Day 01: Arrive in Kathmandu

Welcome to the Himalayas! On your arrival at the airport, our representatives will pick you up and take you to the hotel.

Today is free and rest day in Kathmandu, or you can wander around the city to get familiar with the surrounding. There are varieties of shops and fun places where you can hang out and enjoy the time.

Highest Altitude:	Meals:	Accomodations:
1400m	Breakfast	Hotel

Day 02: Drive from Kathmandu to Dhap Bazar.

Early morning after breakfast, we will take a sharing jeep to Dhap Bazaar. To reach today's destination, it will take 7-8 hours, the road follows the Sunkoshi River and Tama Koshi River.

We will stop at Ghurmi, a small village where we will have a typical Nepali food for lunch. After 3 hours, we will reach to Dhap Bazaar. You can explore the local lifestyle of the local village Dhap. Overnight at guesthouse.

Trek Distance:	Trek Duration	Highest Altitude:
230 to 240 kilometers Drive	8 hrs	2829m

Meals:	Accomodations:
Breakfast- Lunch- Dinner	Teahouse

Day 03: Trek to Jhapre.

The trail quickly leaves the road, as an undulating path takes you through forest of brightly colored rhododendrons, white sub-alpine flowers and endless views of the foothills of the greatest mountain range on earth.

The valleys are steep sided, with terraced fields of rice and vegetables carved into the hillsides and it is here that you'll start to fully appreciate walking through the Sherpa homeland. The day is a relaxed 5-6 hours of walking on quiet trails. Soon we reach to Japre (2920 m/9580 ft), perched above a deep valley with nice views of Everest and Numbur Himal.

There's a pretty little gompa and stupa here, and this is your stop for the night, overnight is in the quiet mountain village of Japhre. Overnight at guesthouse.

Trek Distance:	Trek Duration	Highest Altitude:
Approximately 11 to 14 km	5 – 6 hrs	2950m

Meals:	Accomodations:
Breakfast- Lunch- Dinner	Teahouse

Day 04: Trek to Pikey Camp.

After Japre, the path climbs up to a grassy ridge at Bhulbhule. There is one lodge with no name and nice views of the mountain peak vary from here. Before long when Bhulbhule, the path splits and you'll flip right to Pikey Peak.

You will pass some previous yak huts and an extended Mani Wall. Then path contours the side below Taklung Danda and goes through a fine-looking wooded trail.

There are several rhododendrons here on tier path (which you'll see they blooming if trekking in spring). As you allow the forest, it a short walk to Pikey Peak base camp, regarding a pair of hours away.

From here, it's a brief climb to the summit at 4065 m / 13336 foot. Unless you've got an extraordinarily clear evening, it is wise idea to climb to the summit in morning for sunrise. Overnight at guesthouse.

Trek Distance:	Trek Duration	Highest Altitude:
Approximately 13.7 km.	6 – 7 hrs	3640m

Meals:	Accomodations:
Breakfast- Lunch- Dinner	Teahouse

Day 05: Trek to Pikey Peak to Jase Bhanjyang.

Today early morning you start trekking to the famous viewpoint of Pikey Peak. You can enjoy the sunrise and mountain views of Mt. Everest (8848m), Number Chuli (6959m), Thamserku (6608m), Kangtega (6685m), Khatang (6853m), Kanchenjunga (8586m), Manaslu (8163m), Dhaulagiri (8167m), Gaurishankar (7134m), Dorje Lakpa (6966m) and Langtang.

After taking in the extensive panorama from Pikey Peak we will descend to Jase Bhnajyang and rest (Today walking distance is short but because of steps up and down hiking, walking time will take around 4/5 hours. Thus, it is wise to stay at Jase Bhanjyang for night stay and take a rest). Overnight at guesthouse.

Trek Distance:	Trek Duration	Highest Altitude:
Approximately 5 to 6 kilometers.	4 – 5 hrs	3520m

Meals:	Accomodations:
Breakfast- Lunch- Dinner	Teahouse

Day 06: Trek to Junbesi.

After breakfast, you follow the trail through the forest. After the forest, you walk through the meadow. Then you arrive village named Taktor. Have lunch in this village. Then continue the trek towards Junbesi by wide dirt road. Before arriving in Junbesi, you can visit Buddhist Monastery.

Junbesi is a beautiful village with Buddhist Stupa, and comfortable tea houses. This is the village of the Sherpa, Magar, and Tamang people. Overnight at guesthouse.

Trek Distance:	Trek Duration	Highest Altitude:
Approximately 10 to 12 km	5 hrs	2680m

Meals:	Accomodations:
Breakfast- Lunch- Dinner	Teahouse

Day 07: Trek to Phaplu.

After another late morning in Junbesi, your final day of trekking takes you to the mountain hamlet of Phaplu. Following an easy route, you'll follow the road past blue pine forests and the Solu River, enjoying the sweeping views and unspoiled nature of this river basin.

Upon arrival, the rest of the day is free to relax and explore Phaplu at your leisure. Overnight at guesthouse.

Trek Distance:	Trek Duration	Highest Altitude:
13.3 kilometers	5 – 6 hrs	2413m

Meals:	Accomodations:
Breakfast- Lunch- Dinner	Teahouse

Day 08: Drive back to Kathmandu.

You are nearing the end of your Himalayan adventure. Wake-up call, morning refreshments and breakfast, then departure for Kathmandu.

You head back toward Kathmandu today – about 235 kilometers journey into the winding mountain road. The journey would take for about 8 hours. Upon arrival in Kathmandu, you will be transferred to your hotel.

In the evening, we will have a farewell lunch / dinner in a traditional Nepalese restaurant with cultural performances.

Trek Distance:	Trek Duration	Highest Altitude:
269 kilometers	8 hrs	1400m

Meals:	Accomodations:
Breakfast- Lunch	Hotel

Day 09: Free day / Fly home.

You can either stay back in Kathmandu today and enjoy a free day or leave for your respective country. It’s time to say goodbye to Nepal. Enjoy your final moments in Kathmandu by having breakfast in a café, taking a city stroll, and/or shopping for souvenirs.

A representative will meet you at your hotel and transfer you to the airport to catch your return flight home. It’s good to be at the airport at least two and half hours prior to departure.

Highest Altitude:	Meals:
1400m	Breakfast

Price Includes

- Airport transfers pick-up and drop-off.
- All necessary Pikey Peak Trek permits.
- From Kathmandu to Dhap Bazaar by eep.
- From Phaplu to Kathmandu by Jeep.
- Three meals a day: breakfast, lunch, dinner during the trek.
- Fresh fruit every evening after the dinner.
- Hot drinks (tea/coffee) three times a day.
- Private accommodations during the trek.
- English speaking native Sherpa trek guide.
- Porter to carry your luggage during the trek (1 porter for 2 trekkers)
- Transportations, accommodation, wage, food, insurance, equipment for staff.
- Hiking pole for the trek, if needed.
- Himalaya Discovery duffel bag.
- Sleeping bags.
- Trek map.
- All government taxes.
- Farewell dinner at typical Nepali restaurant after the trip completion in Kathmandu.

Price Excludes

- International airfares and Nepal visa.
- Any personal medical or evacuation expenses incur.
- International travel insurance which included rescue.
- Tips for the guide / porter (tipping is expected).
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned on the ‘Price Includes’ section.

Group Discounts Available

No. of Persons	Price per Person
1 – 1	USD 890
2 – 3	USD 685
3 – 4	USD 595

Add Ons

Extra Things to Do on Your Trek

If you are going on the Pikey Peak Trek or if you have already completed the hike you may consider adding more activities so that the hills and the local culture can reveal more of their beauty and, at the same time, you can meet some friendly people.

These added trips will give you the chance to explore the serene environment and connect with the gentle locals.

- Trishuli River Rafting
- Heli Sightseeing
- Kathmandu Food Tour
- Paragliding in Nepal (Pokhara)
- Ultra-Light Flight
- Kathmandu Day Tour
- Bardia Jungle Safari
- Chitwan Jungle Safari
- Bungee Jumping

Sleeping Bag Rental

A sleeping bag for all four seasons can be rented for only USD 30 on your journey. However, if the sleeping bag is either damaged or lost, the client will suffer a penalty of USD 165.

Personal Porter Services for Your Trek

Go for the Pikey Peak Trek in less time and more comfort using the Personal Porter Services from the Himalaya Discovery. At a rate of $20 per day, a porter will carry up to 25 kg of your gear, and you can share a porter between two trekkers.

Besides, you can have a restful walk away from your heavy backpack while enjoying the tranquil trails and breathtaking sunrise views from Pikey Peak.

Our porters are local people, and they are also able to provide you with information about the surrounding area where you are walking, as well as some cultural insights and tips, thus making the adventure even more memorable.

Trip Information

Before embarking on the Pikey Peak Trek experience, you'll want to be as informed as possible about what it is like to trek at altitude and on trails, often in isolated areas.
There is great information here regarding what to pack, difficulty, safety, types of accommodation, meals, and, at the end, the added importance of acclimatization stops that will help you avoid altitude sickness and provide you with the best likelihood of completing this trek.

When is the best time to trek Pikey Peak?

The best times for trekking to Pikey Peak are 'pre-monsoon' in Spring (February, March, April and May) and 'post monsoon' in Autumn (September, October and November).

The summer months are very rainy because it's the monsoon season and the winter is very cold. In the summer months, mornings are cloudy with rain. Trekking is very uncomfortable, because the trail is slippery and muddy.

Trekking during winter is no real problem because it will normally be dry and clear but it gets quite cold. You need plenty of warm clothes if you want to go trekking during the winter months.

How Difficult is Pikey Peak Trek?

Pikey Peak Trek is moderately hard, especially considering that it reaches only 4065 meters (13347 feet).

It is far less demanding than the famous treks like the Everest Base Camp trek which is an ideal choice for the novices and the ones with a moderate level of fitness.

The track is quite well-constructed and has only mild inclines with very few steep parts, so the majority of people who are reasonably physically fit will be able to hike the trek without experiencing high-altitude sickness.

Daily hiking usually lasts 5 to 6 hours, with the trek lasting for 5 to 7 days.

Accommodation on the Pikey Peak Trek

The accommodations during the Pikey Peak trip are just as nice and cozy as the people in the local community's hospitality.

The Pikey Peak Region is much less developed than the trek to the Everest Base Camp but there are lots of tea houses and lodges at the main overnight stopping points Dhap, Jhapre and Pikey Base Camp.

- – Type: Basic tea houses and lodges.
- – Rooms: Twin-share with shared bathrooms.
- – Facilities: Blankets, local food, charging (usually a fee), showers (some hot showers).

You can order from a variety of things like dal bhat, noodles, soup, tea and food at most places where you will meet the locals and having a home-cooked meal with Sherpas.

Village/Stop	Accommodation Type	Hot Shower	Charging	Meals Available

Dhap	Tea House	Limited	Yes	Yes
Jhapre	Tea House	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pikey Base Camp	Basic Lodge	Very limited	Yes	Yes

Meals Types

During your Pikey Peak Trek, the food will be offered to you by the local teahouses en route. The food is basic, natural, and healthy, perfect for long walks.

A typical menue includes Dal Bhat (rice, lentils, and vegetables), noodles, soups, potatoes, eggs, and Tibetan bread. There are also many vegetarian and vegan options.

Breakfast may include porridge, pancakes, tea, or coffee. Lunch and dinner typically consist of several rice or noodle dishes.

Trekkers should eat as much as possible to maintain their calories and drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated at high altitudes. Teahouse offer bottled and boiled water for a reasonable fee.

Pikey Peak Trek Travel Insurance Requirement

Even though Pikey Peak is a low-altitude trek compared to the Everest Base Camp, it can be quite challenging due to the high altitudes (up to 4,065 meters), remote pathways, and erratic weather conditions.

Your travel insurance for trekking in Nepal Pikey Peak area should include emergency medical evacuation, altitude sickness treatment, and trip cancellations or delays.

Life is such an unpredictable phenomenon. That means accidents or sudden illnesses can happen; thus, the helicopter could be the only quick way for the evacuation process. Without proper coverage, it can be unbelievably expensive.

Moreover, the policy must include trekking up to 4,500 meters in Nepal. Bring with you an insurance document in both printed and digital forms.

This way, both the you get a sense of security and are fully covered throughout the trek in the Himalayas.

What Permits Are Needed For Pikey Peak Nepal Trek?

If you are willing to undertake to Pikey tour in Nepal, two permits are obligatory.

The way leading you to Pikey Peak lies in the lower Everest, which is part of the Solukhumbu District and local conservation areas.

These permits are collected to establish the local community and keep the trails in good condition.

Gaurishankar Conservation Area Permit (GCAP)

- This permit is required as the trek to Pikey Peak crosses through the Gaurishankar Conservation Area.

- Cost: NPR 3,000 (approx. USD 25) for foreigners

Khumbu Rural Municipality Permit

- Trekkers are required to pay a local government fee once the trek starts in the Khumbu region.
- Cost: NPR 2000 (approx USD 15-20)

To have both permits, the most convenient option is to obtain them in Kathmandu or at entry checkpoints on the trail. A TIMS card is of no need for this particular trek.

Always ensure you have photo- copies of your passport and passport-sized photos with you, which will be required during the permit process.

Last-minute Booking Option

You can book the Pikey Peak Trek in Nepal on short notice or at the last minute, but you will need direct contact us via WhatsApp, email, or telephone.

For a smooth booking process, your trip should be confirmed at least 1-days prior to departure on your trek. You will need to pay for your trip at the time of booking in full.

We have a team that will take care of the details while organizing your trip, including your permits, your guide, accommodations, and transportation, with ease so that you do not waste any time, even if you have short notice or late booking.

While we always recommend booking early, we will try our best to service late bookings last minute trekkers.

Packing List Suitable for Lower Khumbu Pikey Peak Trek

When preparing for the Pikey Peak Trek, which reaches an elevation of 4,065 meters in the Lower Khumbu region, you will have to plan not only for a light pack but a smart pack.

The weather can be cold, especially at altitude, and it can change quickly.

Clothing

- Moisture-wicking base layer (top & bottom)
- Fleece or down insulating jacket
- Waterproof and windproof shell jacket
- Trekking pants (convertible if you have the option)
- Warm hat, gloves, buff/scarf
- thermal underwear
- a comfortable T-shirt, a long-sleeve shirt

- two lightweight trekking shirts

Footwear

- Sturdy trekking boots; break them in
- Camp shoes/sandals for the evenings
- 3-4 pairs of wool or synthetic hiking socks.

Equipment & Accessories

- Backpack (30-40L) with rain cover
- Sleeping Bag (recommended at least rated to -10°C)
- Headlamp with spare batteries
- Water bottles or hydration bladder
- Sunglasses and sunscreen
- Trekking poles
- Quick-dry towel

Personal & Other

- Toiletries and small first aid kit
- Snacks and energy bars
- Camera or phone and charger
- Power bank

Here is the more detailed Nepal Trekking Packing List for you to be fully prepared before the Pikey Peak Hike in Nepal.

Frequently Asked Questions

The Pikey Peak Trek requires good physical and mental condition.
Some of the most frequently asked questions we answered are related to the toughness of the trek, the best time to go, the necessary papers, and the advantages of hiring a local guide.

This FAQ section has been put together in such a way that it not only facilitates your planning but also the enjoyment of your trek.

All Questions Answered About the Traveller's

Is Pikey Peak Trek suitable for beginners?

Yes, the Pikey Peak Trek is a moderate trek and suitable for beginners – as long as you are fit enough and acclimatizing well to the altitude doesn't cause you any trouble.

How do I get to the starting point for the trek?

Your trek is most likely to start in Dhap or Jiri, and you will drive 6 -10 hours in a jeep or bus from Katmandu.

Is there a chance of altitude sickness?

Yes, there is a chance of altitude sickness, but this trek route reaches low high altitude area compared to the Everest Base Camp. You can avoid altitude sickness with proper hydration and acclimatization.

Is there a mobile network and wi-fi available?

Yes, there will be a mobile signal at times and maybe a few areas, but it will not be reliable. You may come across a teahouse with wi-fi along the trek route, but it will be slow and limited.

Is there an ATM on the trek route?

No, there are no ATMs along the trek route, so you want to take enough cash (Nepalese Rupees) on the trek route from Kathmandu.

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