

# Dhorpatan Trek

## Trip Overview

Dhorpatan trek is an off-the-beaten path which isn't too challenging and it is a village of Baglung District, positioned in a large east-west valley south of the Dhaulagiri mountain range of Himalayas. There is a small village of indigenous Kham Magar people as well as Tibetan refugees. Trekkers don't need to be super-fit or qualified to enjoy this area, but a sense of adventure is necessary as much of the food and accommodation is basic.

The enclosing valley is drained to the west by the Uttar Ganga, an arm of the Bheri River, which in turn joins the Karnali River. The east-west direction of Dhorpatan Valley offers a notably Himalayan standard and the easy route between the Karnali basin of western Nepal and the Gandaki River basin in the center, over a relatively low pass on the watershed about a day's walk east of the town. This was a historic migration route for Khas people eastward in the late middle ages.

Dhorpatan trekking can be reached from Baglung via Burtibang by bus or jeep, and by jeep from Beni via Myagdi Khola. There are only some homestay and lodges serving basic food, tea, coffee, and milk. Cottages are accessible for hunters holding entry and hunting permits. In the summer months, outsized herds of livestock are taken northwards from the Rapti zone by Kham Magar people for grazing in nearby pastureland. Here, animal husbandry, handicrafts, and some tourism are the key economic activities of the people in this region.

March to May and September to November is the best season for Dhorpatan to visit and is best visited in the peak trekking seasons in Nepal.

## Trip Highlights

- The valley is held by the range of Mt. Dhaulagiri.
- See a part of Nepal that around 100 foreigners visit each year.
- Close-up views of Dhaulagiri as well as lesser-seen peaks in the west of Nepal.
- Interact with the curious Magar locals.
- Home-stay offices with fresh and hygiene-friendly local products.
- Since way back, Dhorpatan has been well-known for hunting too.

## Trip Itinerary

**Day 1: Pick up from airport transfer to Hotel**

## Cost Includes

- pickups and drops in a private vehicle at the airport upon your arrival and departure.
- All ground transportation is on a comfortable private vehicle as per the itinerary.
- 3-star hotel accommodation in Kathmandu with breakfast (the hotel standard will be changed as you wish).
- The Kathmandu Sightseeing Tour is inclusive of all entry fees, a tour guide, and a private vehicle as per the itinerary.
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner during the trek.
- Accommodation is in a tent house during the trek.
- An experienced, English-speaking, and government-licensed trekking guide.
- Porter service, trekking crew, including their salary, insurance, equipment, domestic airfare,

food, and accommodation.

- Highland Eco's duffel bag.
- All necessary paperwork and trekking permits
- A first-aid safety kit with basic medicines is essential.
- All government and local taxes and fees.

## **Cost Excludes**

- sightseeing tour of cultural heritage sites in the Kathmandu Valley
- A picturesque drive to Chhumti
- Traditional villages throughout the trek
- Get insights into the Tamang communities
- Travel around the PanchPokhari and get enlightened about this holy place