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***Makalu to Everest Traverse via Sherpani Col /Great Himalaya Trail Trek :- 23 Days - USD 8000 Per Person***

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## Highlights

- *Exploring the Great Himalayan Trail (GHT) between Makalu and Everest Trekking region.*
- *Joining the most challenging and rewarding trek over 3 cols (East Col 6,146 m/20,164 ft, West Col 6,143 m/20,154 ft, and Amphu Labtsa 5,848 m/19,186 ft).*
- *Enjoy the up-close views of Makalu and Everest combined.*
- *Enjoying ethnic Sherpa, Rai, and Limbu culture.*
- *A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to trek around the most challenging rugged terrain.*

## Overview

*Do you have the spirit for taking a challenging trek with rewards for other-worldly views? Then the Makalu to Everest Traverse over 3 cols (East Col 6146m, West Col 6143m, and Amphu Labtsa 5848m) is the trek for you. The trail explores a part of the Great Himalayan trail with rugged, challenging terrain and rural Nepal lifestyle. It allows you to bask in the raw beauty of the fifth highest peak in the world, Mount Makalu (atop 8,485 m/ 27838 ft), and the first highest peak of the world, Mount Everest (8,848.86 m/29,031.7 ft). Ethnic Rai and Sherpa groups reside in these mountains. Hence, this trek will be a mix of adventurous trails and ethnic culture. The trip encompasses a total of 23 days from the arrival to Kathmandu to departure. Firstly, the trip includes preparations for treks and permits. On the 3rd day of arrival, a one-hour flight to Tumlingtar (351 m/1,154 ft) is taken, followed by a three-hour jeep drive to Chichila (1,980m/6,497ft). Taking 4-7 hours' trek per day with altitude ranging 1,560 m/5118 ft to 4,755 m/15600 ft, you will reach Makalu Base Camp on the 12th day of the hike. As you trek along, you will...*

## Itinerary

***Outline Itinerary:***

***Day 01: Arrival at Kathmandu Airport.***

***Day 02: Official Procedure and Preparation day. (B)***

***Day 03: Fly from Kathmandu to Tumlingtar (1 hr) and jeep drive to Num ( 1040m) 4-5 hours. (B/L/D))***



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*Day 04: Trek from Num to Seduwa (1509m) 5-6 hours. (B/L/D)*

*Day 05: Trek from Seduwa to Tashi Goan (2065m) 4-5 hours. (B/L/D)*

*Day 06: Trek from Tashi Gaon to Khongma (3470m) 6-7 hours. (B/L/D)*

*Day 07: Resting day at Khongma for Acclimatization. (B/L/D)*

*Day 08: Trek from Khongma over Shipton La pass (4257m) and Keke La Pass (4150m) to Dobate (3875m) 7-8 hours. (B/L/D)*

*Day 09: Trek from Dobate to Yangla Kharka (3557m) 5-6 hours. (B/L/D)*

*Day 10: Trek from Yangla Kharka to Langmale Kharka (4410m) 4-5 hours. (B/L/D)*

*Day 11: Trek from Langmale Kharka to Makalu Base Camp (4755m) 5-6 hours. (B/L/D)*

*Day 12: Trek from Makalu Base Camp to Swiss Camp (5150m) 5-6 hours. (B/L/D)*

*Day 13: Rest day at Swiss Camp for Acclimatization. (B/L/D)*

*Day 14: Trek from Swiss Camp to East Col Base Camp (5700m) 5-6 hours. (B/L/D)*

*Day 15: Climb over East Col (6146m) and West Col (6143m) to Honku Basin (5500m) 9-10 hours. (B/L/D)*

*Day 16: Trek from Honku Basin to Amphu Labsta High Camp (5527m) 6-7 hours. (B/L/D)*

*Day 17: Climb over Amphu Labsta La pass (5848m) to Chhukhung (4720m) 9-10 hours. (B/L/D)*

*Day 18: Rest day at Chhukhung. (B/L/D)*

*Day 19: Trek from Chhukung to Dingboche (4260m) 5-6 hours. (B/L/D)*

*Day 20: Trek from Dingboche to Namche Bazaar (3440m) 5-6 hours. (B/L/D)*

*Day 21: Trek from Namche Bazaar to Lukla (2830m) 5-6 hours. (B/L/D)*

*Day 22: Fly from Lukla to Kathmandu. (B/D)*

*Day 23: Departure to Airport. (B)*

*What's included?*

- *Pick up and drop off from Kathmandu International Airport to hotel.*
- *Three Nights 3\* hotel in Kathmandu with breakfast.*

- *Flight Kathmandu to Tumlingtar and Lukla to Kathmandu, and transfer to and from Kathmandu domestic airport.*
- *Certificate of CO2- emission-free return flight to start and from end trek.*
- *Licensed and certified climbing guide. Well experienced and English-speaking.*
- *Porter service for carrying luggage, tent equipment, and cooking equipment. One porter for two persons, max. luggage 12 kg. per person.*
- *Free use of the waterproof bag for your luggage.*
- *Free use of tent equipment; including one tent for two persons and a light sleeping mattress.*
- *Teahouse room during the trek (if available). Shared room for 2 persons; couples or same gender in one room.*
- *Climbing gear includes climbing harnesses, crampons, ice axe, helmets, climbing ropes, prusik ropes, and jumar.*
- *Satellite phone hire.*
- *3 meals a day during trek: breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Tea/ coffee/ hot water.*
- *Salary, food, accommodation, and insurance for the mountain guide, porters, and cooking staff.*
- *Makalu Barun National Park restricted area permit, Sagarmatha National Park permits TIMS card and local taxes.*
- *Tented accommodation during climbing.*
- *All government and local taxes.*
- *Last night's farewell dinner at an authentic Nepalese restaurant with a cultural performance.*

## *What's excluded?*

- *Visa fee for Nepal.*
- *International airfare to and from Kathmandu.*
- *Entrance fees in Kathmandu.*
- *Lunch and evening meals in Kathmandu (and also in the case of early return from mountain than the scheduled itinerary).*
- *Travel and rescue insurance.*
- *Altitude chamber (PAC) or oxygen.*
- *Personal expenses (phone calls, the internet, laundry, bar bills, battery recharge, extra porters, bottled or boiled water, shower, etc.).*
- *Extra night accommodation in Kathmandu because of early arrival, late departure, early return from mountain (due to any reason) than the scheduled itinerary.*
- *Gratitude and tips for climbing Sherpa, mountain guide, and porters.*

## *Equipment*

### *Equipment List for Makalu to Everest Traverse via Sherpani Col /Great Himalaya Trail Trek:*

*Makalu to Everest Traverse via Sherpani Col /Great Himalaya Trail Trek is difficult trekking but however our long-year experience of operating Trekking to Nepal, We learn many things and would like to give some information to pack your equipment list for your Makalu to Everest Traverse via*



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*Sherpani Col /Great Himalaya Trail Trek and we hope, this information will be helpful you so success your trip.*

## **Luggage/Duffle bag:**

*You will require a duffel bag or a backpack for trekking (65- 75 L) max and all our trekking stuff is kept in this duffel bag and this will be carried by our porters. However, Himalayan Adventure also provides the duffel back if needed.*

## **A day backpack:**

*You will need a day backpack and you will be carrying it every day by yourself and we recommend you it has to be at least 25L and you can carry important documents like Passport, credit card along with a need to carry a water bottle, snacks bar and clothing layers (hat, gloves, fleece, sunblock, poles, etc...).*

## **Trekking/Hiking boots:**

*Makalu to Everest Traverse via Sherpani Col /Great Himalaya Trail Trek is difficult to trek and It is very important to have good trekking boots and it should be waterproof (in case of snow, or rain) Make sure it should be fit on your feet and comfortable during walking. Also, recommend you bring the Crompton during the winter season in Nepal.*

## **Sport Sandals:**

*You need to have a pair of sports shoes or sandals to use while you are in camp or tea houses after the trek.*

## **Sneakers:**

*Makalu to Everest Traverse via Sherpani Col /Great Himalaya Trail Trek is difficult trekking so sneakers are not suitable for this trek so you can leave your sneakers in the Kathmandu hotel until you get back.*

## **Sleeping Bag:**

*You need to have a lightweight sleeping bag that works for minus 15 degrees for the summer season but during the winter we recommend minus 25 degrees for the Makalu to Everest Traverse via Sherpani Col /Great Himalaya Trail Trek. Himalayan Adventure can provide it if you need one but has to be returned after the trek.*

## **Fleece jacket:**

*You need to have good quality fleece jacket at least 1 synthetic jacket or pullovers are a great alternative to fleece because they are lighter and more compressible and give you enough warmth during trekking.*



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## *Down jacket:*

*Down jacket is compulsory and recommend you bring the warm enough so can keep you warm during the Makalu to Everest Traverse via Sherpani Col /Great Himalaya Trail Trek.*

## *Socks:*

*You need to have at least 6 pairs of thick socks during the spring & autumn but winter and monsoon need at least 8 pairs of socks for the Makalu to Everest Traverse via Sherpani Col /Great Himalaya Trail Trek.*

## *Lightweight/ warm insulated pants:*

*You need to have at least 4 pairs of lightweight trekking pants like Lightweight expedition thermal bottoms, Nylon hiking shorts, Softshell and hardshell trekking pants, Water/windproof trousers, and Casual pants so we can use them like the weather.*

## *Short-sleeved shirts:*

*You need to have 4 ice-breaker merino wool to keep you warm from the cold or synthetic shirts and if you are not allergic to wool products, merino wool is the ideal for Makalu to Everest Traverse via Sherpani Col /Great Himalaya Trail Trek.*

## *Long-sleeved shirts:*

*You need to have at least three shirts.*

## *Underwear:*

*You need to have a few pairs of underwear and this can be as much as you need as there are no washing facilities every day on Makalu to Everest Traverse via Sherpani Col /Great Himalaya Trail Trek, we highly recommend you to have enough pairs of underwear.*

## *Waterproof jacket:*

*You need at least one waterproof jacket for the rain/snow and wind for the Makalu to Everest Traverse via Sherpani Col /Great Himalaya Trail Trek and waterproof pants may be an option.*

## *Head and face gear:*

*Sun Hat or cap during the daytime, Woolen Hat for morning & Evening, and Polarized sunglasses are compulsory.*

## *Hand gear:*

*You need warm gloves.*



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## *Traveling supplies:*

*Adapter Plug for Charging the Camera and Mobile, Camera belt, Passport belt ( nice to have), Swiss army knife (option), Flashlight, Headlamp, Water bottle, Extra camera battery, Hand sanitizer, Alarm clock, Hiking poles (optional ), and Binoculars (optional).*

## *Toiletries:*

*Razor, razor blades, shaving cream, aftershave toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, sunscreen, toilet paper, small towel, and period pads (for women).*

## *Medication:*

*First Aid Medical Kit box (can be purchased in Thamel Kathmandu), Altitude Medicines (Diamox), Tylenol, aspirin, ibuprofen, Anti-diarrheic, Powerful antibiotics, and Nasal Spray or Drops.*

## *Read Less*

# *Trip Notes*

## *Physical Fitness:*

*Many people have questions as to what level of physical fitness is required for trekking in Nepal and that is extremely reliant on what activity the visitor is engaging in Nepal. With that said, for a standard easy trek to Extreme hard level of trekking. The daily activity (trek) would be 5-6 hours,(depending on the trekking trail) and elevation will generally not exceed 5,600 meters like Everest Base Camp, Throng la passes, Chola passes treks and other passes or Base Camp but some of them are less than 4000m. The trekking day is involving both long steep climbs, and descents with a variety of terrain underfoot from well-trodden paths, to rocks covered with ice or snow, depending on the season. Mostly a day would include a number of climbs or descents of 600 meters more or less, starting after the early morning breakfast, resting at a lunch place in the afternoon, then continuous trekking until arriving at the teahouse.*

*In preparation for the trekking in Nepal, it is important, to begin with, the basic training requirement at least 2 months before departing for trekking in Nepal. Two to three hours of aerobic exercise like running, walking, swimming, cycling & some gym work per week is the minimum and most will find it beneficial to add some basic strength training to their physical fitness routine required for the hard trekking and for normal and easy trek just have some physical fitness is enough. One of the best ways*





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*to prepare is to take practice hikes with a daypack roughly the same weight as what you will be taking during the trek. Your calf should be enough fit and prepare for trekking. Mostly during the trekking calf pain or tiredness is the main issue. Do this only after a baseline of fitness has been reached. Moving fast is not our goal, will provide a more enjoyable and safe adventure trekking in Nepal for all easy and hard levels.*

## **Trekking Seasons in Nepal:**

*There are main two seasons in which Nepal is where the most amount of visitors visit. (September, October & November) being the most popular season which is also called the peak season in Nepal, and spring (March, April & May) coming in close behind which is also called the mini-season in Nepal. The summer months of June, July, and August are the monsoon season and most of the time raining as such the trails are mostly washed out sometimes, and roads can sometimes be impassible due to landslide activates. Nevertheless, you can trek to rain-shadow regions like Upper Dolpo and Upper Mustang during the monsoon seasons. Nepal is a suitable destination for all seasons.*

*Winter is very dry & extremely cold and all the high passes become inaccessible due to ice and snow conditions. The temperature doesn't usually fluctuate during the day time temperature is around 20-25 degrees. However, you gain altitude the temperature decreases. The temperature can drop to around 0 to -25 degrees at night when staying at tented camps in Himalayan regions. Winter trek in higher altitudes is not advised due to the danger of avalanches and also altitude sickness. Although some may enjoy the sight of the snow-covered mountains as you reach your destination. However, the temperature does not change as much in lower mountain regions the nights are slightly colder than days' time.*

*Autumn & Spring is the best timing for trekking in Nepal because the weather is generally warm and dry, and flowers are in bloom in the lower elevations of the country on the same time you can see the many festivals during that period.*

## **Trekking Day:**

*A typical trekking day begins with the early morning breakfast around 7 am in the hotel. (Depend on the trekking region). It would advise you to pack your trekking gears in a duffle bag and essential supplies in your day pack after having breakfast; we begin the trek and head along the trail at around 8 am. The morning walk is more energetic to be longer as we begin with refreshed bodies and enthusiasm. A good morning's walk, we make a stop for lunch at around 11-12 pm. The lunch involves group meals enjoying the vicinity around the stop & enjoying the organic & local food in the mountain. After resting for about an hour or two, we resume our trek to reach the teahouse or camp by 2-3 pm. The afternoon walk is relatively shorter and can involve games and side trips as organized by the trekking experienced guides. You also can enjoy breaks during the trek to relax, read, and stroll around the area, or do yoga. You can explore with the local people and observe their lifestyle & culture. Dinner is served around 7-8 in the evening to round off the day.*

## **Meals and Accommodations:**

*During the trekking period, the accommodation is commonly referred to as teahouses. These are*

*family-run basic lodges that fill the role of the restaurant, Dining hall, and boarding house for tourists. Now a day's electricity can be found in the rooms, which means one light bulb, and one or two outlets for charging electronics. The common areas are also lit by electricity. Alternatively, teahouses may also use solar, hydroelectric, or have electrical lines running into the village, so the commonality and availability of electricity may vary. Still, a few of the trekking route electricity service is not available. Use the local traditional kerosene light.*

*Most of the teahouses have private rooms, though if the trek is in a more remote or high altitude place there are limited teahouses so season time dormitories are the norm. Most of the room has 2 single beds with basic bedding, and the bathroom is shared. Some of the places we can get the private bathroom also with a mix of western and squat style toilets in the bathrooms.*

*Breakfast and dinner are taken at the same teahouses and these lodges have large family-style dining rooms centered on a stove or coal to provide heat basically in mountain areas. Most of the area's menu will have Nepali-style western foods such as pancakes, pizza, burgers, fries, etc. Also on the menu is the traditional Nepali food Dal Bhat meal. This is a lentil soup with rice, vegetable, Pickle, or meat curry. Most menus will also offer a smattering of local cuisine.*

### ***Internal Flight Delays:***

*Nepal is an incredible and beautiful country of mixed of the White Mountains, deep valleys, Landscape, rivers, and green rolling hills. With this incredible diversity of landscapes, road travel can be extremely time-consuming and flights within Nepal to reach popular trekking destinations is the easiest way. Not all trekking destination has flight service so road transportation is the only option. Mountainous terrain also comes with the possibility of in-climate weather. It mentions the incredibly high number of visitors during peak seasons makes internal flight delays a genuine possibility. To manage this situation it may be helpful to have a few extra days on either end of your tour. If any cancellations or flight delays do occur (high chances of flight delays from around Kathmandu to Lukla, Everest region, Pokhara to Jomsom, Annapurna region), we also provide services to arrange chopper on the last stage to help you to be on your schedule on the premises of Civil Aviation Rules in Nepal which state that helicopters can fly if the visibility is 1500m. The cost ranges from USD400 to USD650 according to the number of passengers. The payment can be made either to the helicopter company or to us directly and can be made either by cash or using a credit card. It will be very helpful to purchase and review your insurance as some of the alternative measures for travel may be covered by the insurance companies. Flight insurance may cover changing your international flight if it is necessary.*

### ***Travel Insurance:***

*Most expeditions, Adventurous trekking, and tours require that travel insurance, and it is purchased prior to arriving in Nepal, but other normal treks and tours may not require it. However, travel insurance is definitely an important consideration. There are a number of reasons to consider insurance. Firstly, it may be required, so check to see what is being asked for by the company. Second, Nepal is a landlocked country, and there are only a few direct flights. Travel in and out of the country can encounter some disruptions if purchasing insurance, make sure flight delays and cancellations are also included. Always choose insurance that, though every safeguard is in place during your Holiday,*





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*there are always extenuating circumstances that may result in an accident during trekking & tours. Read carefully the printout of insurance policies to ensure that the trekking or any other activity you are engaging in is covered or not, as some policies have stopped covering trekking in certain places. If you are going above 5000 m or high always mention the policies so it's cover the chopper service in the last condition. It is very important that if you have the comfort of good insurance, so do the research and choose carefully which makes your trip relaxing and joyful.*

## *Nepal Visa Entry Procedure:*

*There is only one International airport which is the Tribhuvan International Airport in Nepal. Immigration Office, TIA (Tribhuvan International Airport) under the Department of Immigration has been facilitating tourists flying to Nepal by providing visas on Arrival.*

*'On Arrival' visa procedure is very quick and simple. October, November, March, April can expect some queues during peak Tourist season and October is basically the Nepalese got the Main festival Dashain. You can also get Visa from Nepalese Diplomatic Missions stationed abroad prior to your arrival. The choice is yours.*

*Visa obtains from Nepalese Diplomatic Missions, and then you must enter Nepal within six months from the visa issued date. Your total stay is counted starting from the day you enter Nepal.*

*Visas obtained on Arrival at the Entry and Exit points are 'Tourist Visas'. They bear multiple Re entry facilities. Tourist Visa 'On Arrival' is the only entry visa to Nepal. If you are visiting Nepal for purposes other than Tourism (sightseeing, tour, travel, mountaineering, trekking, visiting friends and families), you should still get a 'Tourist Visa' to get into the country. However, you must change the category of visa as per your purpose and length of stay in Nepal from the Department of Immigration by producing the required documents.*

*Please click below for the online Visa form.*

<http://online.nepalimmigration.gov.np/tourist-visa>

*The following visa rules apply for tourists:*

*For 15 days Multiple Entry Visa, the visa fee US \$ 30 or equivalent foreign currency.*

*For 30 days Multiple Entry Visa, the visa fee US \$ 40 or equivalent foreign currency.*

*For 100 days Multiple Entry Visa, the visa fee US \$ 100 or equivalent foreign currency.*

*According to the immigration regulations, a tourist is allowed to stay in Nepal only for 150 days a year. You can extend the visa up to another 90 days.*

*US\$ 2 or equivalent Nepalese currency per day for extension.*

*Additional US\$ 25 or equivalent Nepalese currency on visa fee, if Multiple Entry facility is required for*



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## **Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS):**

*Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS) is usually seen in un-acclimatized people shortly after ascent to high altitudes. The condition occurs due to the thinning of air as the altitude increases. The condition, if not taken seriously and treated immediately, can be life-threatening and its symptoms can be seen generally above 3200 meters. The symptoms of Acute Mountain Sickness are nausea, vomiting, tiredness, shortness of breath, and cerebral pain. The itineraries are designed to properly acclimatize you to the change in high altitude climate and sufficient precautionary measures too are taken to take utmost caution for our valuable guests. Our staff is also equipped with cell phones and satellite phones (Option) in the occurrence of any emergency cases. We are greatly driven to keep the safety and security of our clients as our foremost concern.*

## **Drinking-Water:**

*Water is essential for life, and clean water is imperative while on holiday. When visiting less developed countries like Nepal, it is a concern that all travelers should consider. There are few options when trekking or traveling in Nepal that will mitigate any chances of drinking contaminated water. The first consideration to take into account is that tap water should not be ingested. That even means when brushing your teeth in an urban area. Most will choose to buy bottled water and if doing so make sure the cap has sealed properly. Plastic bottle reuse is a big problem, and with that being said there are other options on the market to assist in making water drinkable. Mountain spring water is drinkable but if you use the purified tablet. The conservation area project also sells this tablet for most of the trekking area. A guide will assist you in finding out about it.*

## **Arrival Instruction:**

*Upon your arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) Kathmandu Nepal, our company representatives are stationed to welcome you to the country. We request you to carefully look for your and company name placard being held by our representatives following the events upon landing. Our representatives will be responsible to escort you up to your hotel in Kathmandu. There are many brokers, Taxi drivers, and trouble maker people offering you to carry your luggage and take you to your destination as you exit from the gate. We request you to pay no attention to these people and follow the company representatives and follow their instructions.*

## **How to Book Your Tour:**

*Before booking any tour or trekking please read all the terms and conditions thoroughly and call or email the company representative with any questions prior to making any payments. Begin by filling out a booking form and paying the non-refundable deposit. Fill out the form completely and if any confusion contacts the company person so as not to disrupt the expediency of the process. The form*



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*may be submitted online or by downloading the form and mailing or Whatsapp the form to your company representative.*

*It is very important to understand all aspects of the chosen trip, from what's included and excluded, to the level of service, or even what trip may be right for your level of experience and fitness. Take the time to get all the questions answered so that when booking the trip, it is without trepidation.*