

Everest Base Camp Trek



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Duration

14 Days

Per Person Cost

USD 1515

Difficulty

Modarate - Challenging

Group Size

1+

Best Seasons

March - May) and October -
December

Maximum Elevation

-5545m

Accommodation

Lodge/Tea House

Transportation

Private Vehicle/Flight

Meals

Full Board

Trip Route

Lukla-Namche-Tengbuche-
EBC

EBC Trek Highlights

- Panoramic Views flight from Kathmandu to Lukla and exploring Tenzing Hillary airport.
- Explore Sagarmatha National Park and get the chance to see rare and endangered species of floras and faunas.
- Visit the capital city of Sherpa in Namche Bazaar and learn about their lifestyles, habits, cultures, and traditions.
- Climb Kala Patthar and see the majestic sunrise from the top of Mt Everest.
- Visit the glacial moraines of the world's highest glacier-Khumbu Glacier.
- Climb one of the highest monasteries in Tengboche Monastery
- Soak in the trekking environment, including trekking trails, terraced fields, rhododendron forests, and Buddhist monasteries.
- View of Everest and other mountains like Ama Dablam, Cho-Oyu, Lhotse, and Nuptse.
- Trekking across suspension bridges, streams, waterfalls, mani walls, and chortens.

Trip Overview

Everest Base Camp Trek is one of Nepal's most popular and highly commercial treks. This trek takes you closer to the highest mountain in the world, Mount Everest (8849m). EBC trek is one of the **most beautiful trekking trails**. Trekkers will visit different terrains, from sub-tropical vegetation to temperate lush jungles, rocky peaks and valleys, and snowy glacial moraines. *Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay first explored Everest Base Camp Trek*. However, they went the classic route via Jiri instead of the standard route from Lukla.

The hike to Everest Base Camp starts from the 45-minute flight from Kathmandu to Lukla. After landing in Lukla, your trek begins as you go to Phakding on the first day. The second day takes you to **Namche Bazaar**, where you can visit places like Sagarmatha Museum, Sagarmatha National Park, Hotel Everest View, etc. During your EBC trek, you will explore amazing places and attractions like Namche Bazaar, Tengboche Monastery, Dingboche, Gorakhstep, Everest Base Camp, and Kala Patthar.

During the trek, you will also pass through the Sagarmatha National Park, home to diverse flora and fauna. This trek allows you to witness some of the endangered species in the Himalayas. Moreover, the trekking trail itself provides an exceptional experience in nature. The stunning view of the Khumbu Glacier and Khumbu Icefall, along with peaks like Ama Dablam, Mount Everest, Cho-Oyu, Lhotse, Nuptse, and others, is breathtaking. You can also see a jaw-dropping sunrise over the world's highest peaks from Kala Patthar's edge. The panoramic scenery of Mt. Everest and the surrounding peaks is also amazing.

Trip Itinerary

Day 01: Arriving in Kathmandu

Upon your arrival at **Tribhuvan International Airport**, Hillary Step Trek's representative will meet you at the International terminal. After completing the formalities, our representative will drive you to a hotel in Kathmandu. The rest of the day is for refreshment and relaxation at the hotel. However, if time permits, you can go for sightseeing in Kathmandu Valley.

In the evening, our representative will provide you with all the essential information regarding our 14 days Everest base camp trek. Prepare your packing as per the instruction from our representative.

Stay overnight in a hotel in Kathmandu.

Accommodation	Altitude:
Hotel Thamel Park	1350m/4,429ft

Day 02: Fly 35 minutes to Lukla from Kathmandu & Trek to Phakding

The second day of the 14-day trek to the EBC starts with a **thrilling flight to Lukla**. You will head towards Tribhuvan International Airport or the Manthali Airport in Ramechhap to board flights to Lukla. The short 35-minute flight to Lukla offers stunning views of the Kathmandu Valley, and Himalayan ranges from the bird's eye view. Upon Landing, we will take a short tea break and acclimate to high altitudes.

In Lukla, you will also meet your Porter team. Shortly, you will begin your trek toward Phakding with porters and guides. The trek to Phakding is relatively easy and takes around 3 to 4 hours, passing through beautiful forests of pine and cedar trees. On the way, you will also have the opportunity to explore several local settlements including Chhupulung, ThadoKoshi, and Ghat. Additionally, the pleasing views of mountains, Tibetan inscriptions carved in rocks, multi-color Buddhist flags dangling around the Mani walls, and prayer wheels make the journey peaceful and exciting.

Stay overnight at a teahouse in Phakding.

Time: 8km/4.9 Miles/ 3 hours	Accommodation Lodge	Meals: B.L.D
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Altitude:
2,610m/8,563ft

Day 03: Trek from Phakding to Monju/Jorsale to Namche bazaar

We aim to reach Namche Bazar, the Sherpa Capital, on the third day of our Everest base camp trek 14-day itinerary. The trekking trails ascend uphill towards the entrance to the Sagarmatha National Park as you pass through the forests of Magnolia trees and rhododendrons.

From Sagarmatha National Park, the Everest region's official entrance, the trekking trail takes you through Chumoa settlements to Monjo. At Monjo, you will complete the permit verification and continue your journey through the suspension bridge to Jorsale Village.

The site offers you the first glimpse of the mighty Everest from Top Danda. Hiking up further for 2 hours, the trails will take you to Namche Hill, our final destination for the day.

Stay overnight at a teahouse in Namche Bazar.

Time: 11 km/6.8 miles/ 6-7 hrs	Accommodation Lodge	Meals: B.L.D
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Altitude:
3,440m/11,286ft

Day 04: Rest day in Namche bazaar, acclimatization day to Everest View Hotel

On our Everest base camp trek 14-day itinerary, we have separated the fourth day for acclimatization. Acclimatization is important to give your body time to adjust to high altitudes and prevent altitude sickness.

On this day, you can explore the local village in the **Khumbu region**. You can take a short hike to Khumjung village situated at about 3790m to explore Sherpa culture, heritages, monasteries, and

purported Yeti scalp, and

Time:

3-4 hrs

Accommodation

Lodge

Meals:

B.L.D

Altitude:

3880m

Day 05: Trek from Namche to Tengboche

After a restful acclimatization day in Namche Bazaar, you are ready to continue your trek towards Tengboche at an elevation of 3867 m. The trail gradually ascends and passes through Leushyasa, Kyangjuma, and Phungi Thanga offering stunning views of the surrounding peaks including Thamserku and Ama Dablam.

Continuing the walk, the trekking trail passes through the blossoming rhododendron woods before you cross the Dudh Koshi River to arrive at Tengboche. Here, we will explore the largest Buddhist monastery in the region which is considered a significantly important cultural site.

Stay overnight at a teahouse in Tengboche.

Time:

10km/6.2 miles/ 5-6 hrs

Accommodation

Lodge

Meals:

B.L.D

Altitude:

3,867m/12,687ft

Day 06: Trek from Tengboche to Dingboche

On our sixth day of 14 days Everest base camp trek itinerary, we aim to reach Dingboche at an elevation of 4410 m. Today, the trekking trail takes you through conifer, willow, and rhododendron-studded forests. You will pass through Pangboche, Milingo, Deboche, and Somare to reach Dingboche.

On the way, you will visit the oldest Pangboche Monastery at Pangboche and witness a magnificent view of Island Peak, Lhotse, Ama Dablam, and surrounding peaks. Dingboche offers beautiful views of terraced fields of buckwheat, potato, barley, and crops.

Stay overnight at a teahouse in Dingboche.

Time:

12km/7.4 miles/ 5 hrs

Accommodation

Lodge

Meals:

B.L.D

Altitude:

4,410m/14,468ft

Day 07: Acclimatization day in Dingboche Hike to Nakhharshang Hill

The 7th day of the 14-day Everest base camp trek is yet another day for acclimatization to allow your body to adapt to higher altitudes. You can hike up to Nagarjuna Hill and the Chhukung village, where you can witness exceptional views of Mount Everest, Ama Dablam, Lhotse, Thamserku, and surrounding snow-capped peaks.

Returning to Dingboche after a short hike, you will spend your day exploring the local village and have an opportunity to interact with friendly locals.

Stay overnight at a teahouse in Dingboche.

Time: 4 hrs	Accommodation Lodge	Meals: B.L.D
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Altitude:
5,083m/16,545ft

Day 08: Trek from Dingboche to Lobuche

After the previous acclimatization day, you can continue your trek at a higher altitude. Today, we aim to reach Lobuche at an **elevation of 4940 m**. The trekking trail is challenging yet exciting as it takes you through a narrow valley surrounded by snow-capped peaks.

On your journey, the beautiful natural scenarios, including exceptional landscapes, vibrant trees, snowy glaciers, and rivers, keep you enticed to arrive at Thukla/Dughla. Thokla presents the breathtaking scenery from the top view.

From here, the trek further takes you through Lobuche settlements, where astonishing views of Mt. Pumori, Mt. Lingtern, and Mt. Khumbutse welcome you. After ascending for an hour, you will arrive at Lobuche.

Stay overnight at a teahouse in Lobuche.

Time: 12km/7.4 miles/ 5-6 hrs	Accommodation Lodge	Meals: B.L.D
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Altitude:
4,910m/16,207ft

Day 09: Trek from Lobuche to Gorakshep (5,164m/17,598ft) to Everest Base Camp

Today marks one of the most exciting days on our 14 days Everest base camp trek itinerary as you will trek to the Everest base camp today. The demanding yet fruitful trek starts with many short ascents and descents with a lot of rocky fields with wobbly rocks to arrive at Gorakshep.

You will enjoy lunch in Gorakshep and then hike another 2 hours to arrive at the Everest Base Camp. The base camp is situated at an altitude of 5364 meters and offers stunning views of the surrounding peaks, including Mount Everest.

From the site, you can also witness exceptional views of the Khumbu icefall and the massive Lhotse-Nuptse wall. Take some time to explore the camp and soak in the surreal surroundings. After spending some time at the base camp, you'll trek back to Gorakshep.

Stay overnight in a teahouse in Gorakshep.

Time: 15km/9.3 miles/ 7 hrs	Accommodation Lodge	Meals: B.L.D
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Altitude:
5,364m/17,598

Day 10: Gorakshep to Kala Patthar (5,545m/18,192ft) to Pheriche (4200m/13780ft)

After exploring the astonishing Everest Base camp, today you will trek to Kala Pathar which is yet another key highlight of our journey. Enjoying early morning breakfast, the day starts with witnessing the breathtaking sunrise view over the Himalayas.

The view of the first sunlight falling on the surface of Mount Everest and surrounding peaks creates a lifelong memory. From here, you can observe the southern side of Mt. Everest in a close-up view. Take your time to immerse in magical nature and capture the panoramic vistas of snow-capped peaks in your camera.

After satisfying your nature-loving soul here, you will return on the same trail and move ahead to the next destination Pheriche.

Stay overnight in Pheriche.

Time: 13km /8 miles/7 hrs	Accommodation Lodge	Meals: B.L.D
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Altitude:
5,545m/18,192ft,
4200m/13780ft

Day 11: Trek from Pheriche(4,200m/13,780ft) to Namche Bazaar (3,440m/11,286ft)

After relishing breakfast, the trekking trail takes you back to Namche Bazaar. The trail passes through engrossing sites including Pangboche, Somare, Deboche, Milinngo, Kyangjuma, and Tengboche to arrive

at Namche Bazaar.

On the journey, you are rewarded with impressive views of surrounding mountains as you pass through numerous ascents and descents. The trekking trail also includes paths through the forest as you traverse back along with the mountainside and descend to Namche Bazaar.

Stay overnight at a teahouse in Namche Bazaar.

Time: 14km/8.6 miles/6 hrs	Accommodation Lodge	Meals: B.L.D
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Altitude:
4,200m/13,780ft,
3,440m/11,286ft

Day 12: Namche Bazaar to Lukla (2,860m/9,383)

We will start the day in the early morning as another long day trek awaits ahead to take you back to Lukla. After early morning breakfast, you will begin by descending Namche Hill crossing Hillary Bridge.

The trail includes numerous ascents and descents as you walk through Monjo and depart Sagarmatha National Park and Phakding. Continuing the walk, you will pass through Ghat gradually trekking up to Lukla.

Today you will spend your last night in the Khumbu region. Stay overnight in Lukla.

Time: 19km/11.8 miles/ 7 hrs	Accommodation Lodge	Meals: B.L.D
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Altitude:
2,860m/9,383

Day 13: Fly from Lukla(2,860m/9,383ft) to Kathmandu (1350m/4429ft)

On the 13th day of our Everest Base camp trek itinerary, you will bid a final goodbye to the beautiful Khumbu region after collecting mesmerizing memories to cherish forever. We will board an early morning flight to return to Kathmandu from Lukla. Once again, you will have an opportunity to relish the exceptional Himalayan views from the top view.

Upon arriving in Kathmandu, our representative will drive you to the hotel in Kathmandu, where you have the rest of the day for refreshment and relaxation. If time permits, you can also choose to explore the Kathmandu Valley. Our representative will provide you with some key locations to visit in the valley. You can also spend time buying souvenirs or gifts in the local streets of Kathmandu.

Stay overnight at a hotel in Kathmandu.

Time:

35 min flight

Accommodation

Hotel Thamel park

Meals:

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Altitude:

2,860m/9,383ft, 1350m/4429ft

Day 14: Final Departure

Our Mount Everest base camp trek comes to an end today. Join us for a farewell breakfast. Together, we will recall the beautiful memories from our exciting trekking. You are welcome to provide your valuable feedback and suggestions.

Our representative will drive you to the Tribhuvan International Airport and wave a final goodbye. We wish you a safe journey ahead.

Time:

30 miin drive

Meals:

Breakfast

Includes

Accommodation

- Two nights accommodation in Kathmandu (Hotel Thamel Park with Breakfast)
- 11 Nights Standard Accommodation in During the Everest Base Camp Trek

Meals

- All Standard meals (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner/the main course) during the trek

Transportation

- Free Pick up/Drop of from to International airport and domestic airport by private vehicle
- Both way Kathmandu to Lukla and Lukla to Kathmandu by flight with airport tax

Extras

- Sagarmatha National Park Fees
- Pasang Lhamu municipality fees

- Professional & Government licensed holder English Speaking Trekking Guide
- Porter (2 trekkers: 1 porter)
- Staff costs including their salary, insurance, equipment, food and accommodation, etc
- Sleeping bag (if Needed)
- Hillary Step Treks T-shirt, warm head
- Trekking Map
- First aid kit
- Seasonal fresh fruits every evening after dinner
- Trekking completion certificate
- All government and Local Tax

Excludes

- International airfare
- Nepal visa fees at Tribhuvan International Airport (15 Days US\$30, 30 Days -\$50, 90 Days- \$125)
- Lunch and Dinner in Kathmandu.
- All the drinks like tea, coffee, Coke, Fanta, mineral water, boiled water, hot shower, battery charge, desert etc
- Extra accommodation in Kathmandu due to early arrive or late departure or early return from the Trek
- Your trekking gears.
- Your travel insurance which should include the emergency rescue.
- Tips for guide and porters.

Trekking Information

Starting Point of Everest Base Camp trek

As per the itinerary designed by the expert guides and trekking operators of Hillary Step Treks, the [Everest Base Camp trek route](#) starts from Lukla, you reach Lukla via a flight from Kathmandu. The trek begins from the beautiful small mountain village of Lukla, elevated at 2840m. The climb along the southeast spine begins with a journey to Everest Base Camp on the southern side of Nepal, at 5,364 meters. We also provide customization options. Rather than a direct flight, you can drive to Salleri and lower Khumbu and head out towards base camp. If you want more adventure and extra time, you can choose that option. Since we are here for the Everest base camp trek 14 Days, Lukla is the most straightforward option, saving you time, cost, and effort on the Everest base camp trek route.

What Makes EBC Trek different from others?

Everest Base Camp Trek is quite famous not only with locals but also with foreign trekkers around the

world. One of the main reasons the EBC trek is more popular than other treks is that it differs from others. Here are the factors that make the EBC trek different from other treks.

- Everest Base Camp is the highest base camp in Nepal at 5,364 meters.
- EBC trek is the one trek where trekkers can face the constant threat of altitude sickness.
- Only the EBC trek can take you closer to the world's highest mountain, Mount Everest.
- The Everest Base Camp trek takes you to the Sherpa people's settlement and helps you learn about their life, culture, and traditions.
- Compared to other trekking destinations in Nepal, Everest Base Camp Trek is highly popular, more commercial, and generates more income for the tourism board of Nepal.
- Everest Base Camp Trek is the only destination that hosts many local and foreign trekkers worldwide.
- It is harder to issue the permits and regulations for Everest Base Camp due to the surge of crowds almost yearly.

A Day in EBC Trek

5 AM - 6 AM: A Typical Day of the EBC trek starts with the early rise in the teahouse where you stayed the previous night. The day of the trek starts early in the morning, around 5 AM to 6 AM. To start the trek, you will first have a delicious local breakfast with a stunning view of the region's mountains, peaks, and valleys.

7 AM - 8 AM: You will prepare for the trek ahead after breakfast. You can pack essential items and wear layers of clothes suitable for the altitude. Create a separate handbag for continuous, usable items like snacks, chocolates, water bottles, sunglasses, etc.

8 AM to 12 or 1 PM: The initial part of the trek starts around 8 or 9 AM, based on the time you wake up. This initial portion of the trek ranges from 4- 5 hours, and since you are fresh from morning sleep, you will cover more distance. After about 4-5 hours of trekking, you will find a suitable spot for lunch based on your itinerary.

12 PM to 1 PM: You will take about 1 hour break for lunch and rest for a bit. The guide or trekking agency will take you to a suitable teahouse for lunch. You can enjoy the local delicacies like Dal and Bhat. For your enjoyment, you can also find Western dishes like Pizzas, Burgers, and spaghetti in some teahouses.

1 PM to 4 PM: After lunch and rest, it's time to start the afternoon trek. Depending on the itinerary, the afternoon trek takes about 4-5 hours. As this portion of the trek is during the day and you might be tired, it is wise to trek slow. The afternoon trek generally consists of visiting local villages, enjoying the scenery, or exploring ancient temples and monasteries. As the evening grows closer, the light changes color, casting long shadows on the mountains.

4 PM to 5 PM: The evening is here, and it's time to head towards the teahouse. It is wise to reach the teahouse before sunset as it is easy to navigate when there is still light outside.

5 PM to 7 PM: Once you arrive in the village where you will stay, you can keep your luggage inside the rooms. Relax by the fire and enjoy hot tea or coffee among the locals. You can also ask for an internet connection and talk with your loved ones, explore the villages, visit local temples and monasteries, or mingle with local people.

7 PM to 8 PM: It's time for today's dinner. For Dinner, you will probably eat local meals, but in some teahouses, there are options for Western foods. Stay with everyone during dinner, as it's a great time to tell stories and socialize effectively.

8 PM to 10 PM: It's time to sleep after dinner. It is wise to go to bed early since you will have another hard day of trekking tomorrow. Greet your crew goodnight and fall asleep quickly to rest your body and mind.

Planning and Preparation for Trek to Everest Base Camp

The Everest region lies in a remote location with limited facilities, and the trekking route passes through highly challenging and demanding trails in unpredictable weather conditions. Upon that, trekking at higher altitudes provides a greater risk for altitude sickness. This is why Everest Base Camp Trek requires careful planning and preparation to ensure your trekking journey is safe yet enjoyable. Here are some ways to plan and prepare for the Everest Base Camp Trek.

- Research and choose the Right Trekking Season.
- Take all your documents and issue all the necessary permits.
- Before the trek, improve your physical fitness and learn about your prior health issues.
- Learn about problems at high altitudes, like altitude sickness, its symptoms, and ways to prevent it.
- Strengthen the core of your body by participating in cardiovascular and breathing exercises.
- Pack lightly, but ensure you have packed all the necessary clothing, especially warm clothes for high altitude.
- Ensure you eat healthy and nutritious food on the Everest Base Camp trek.
- Carry all the necessary hiking equipment, like trekking boots, sleeping bags, poles, etc.
- Ensure you have taken the necessary vaccines and important medicines like Diamox for the high-altitude trek.
- Stay well-hydrated throughout the trek and avoid hiking in the sun, as sweat can cause dehydration.
- Always know slow and steady wins the race, so do not rush toward the high altitude and climb gradually.
- Research Everest Base Camp Trek's cost and budget your trek accordingly.
- Hire guides and porters to make your EBC trek easy to navigate and safe.
- Avoid trekking EBC during off-seasons, such as monsoons and extreme winter seasons.
- Ensure you are well camped at high altitudes, especially if the weather is unsuitable for hiking.

Choosing the Right Trekking Season For 14 Days Everest Base Camp Trek

The best time for the EBC 14-day trek is during the pre-monsoon (March to May) and post-monsoon (September to November) seasons. The pre-monsoon season is called Spring, whereas the post-monsoon season is Autumn.

Spring season

Spring (March to May) is the most popular time for Everest Base Camp trekking, as the temperatures are mild, and the rhododendron forests bloom with colorful flowers during this time. *The climate is slightly hot during the day while hiking and deep freeze at night, depending on the altitude.* There is also less chance of rain during this time, and you can expect clear weather, fully serviceable teahouses, and

plenty of daylight, which is perfect for Everest trekking.

Autumn season

In **autumn (September to November)**, the skies are clear, and the weather is dry, which provides an excellent opportunity to enjoy panoramic mountain views. *During the Autumn seasons, the weather conditions are generally stable, minimizing the trekking challenges and difficulty levels compared to other rainy or snowy seasons.*

These are the ideal seasons for trekking EBC; however, in Nepal, off-season trekking is available for experienced trekkers. We recommend you do methodical planning and medications while trying to complete the 14-day Everest Base Camp Trek at any time of the year.

Obtaining the Necessary Permits and Documents

Khumbu region, the home to Everest Base Camp, is a protected zone in Nepal. So, before embarking on the Mount Everest Base Camp trek, you must obtain the necessary permits and documents from the Nepal government. You need to obtain three permits to explore this region, which are as follows:

Khumbu Pasang Lhamu Municipality Permit

Khumbu Pasang Lhamu Municipality permit is the first permit that the trekkers must issue during their trek. The local government issues this permit, and anyone visiting the Khumbu region must issue this permit.

The place to get this permit:

On your first trek day, you can get this permit at the Lukla Checkpost (Khumbu Pasang Lhamu Rural Municipality Office). If you're trekking through Jiri or Salleri, you can obtain this permit at the Monjo checkpoint.

Cost of Khumbu Municipality permit

The cost of a Khumbu Municipality permit is about \$16, which is equivalent to NPR 2000.

Sagarmatha National Park Permit

Place to Obtain Sagarmatha National Park Permit

Sagarmatha National Park permit can be purchased at the tourism office in Kathmandu or from the town of Lukla, as well as the Sagarmatha National Park Entrance Permit in Monjo.

Cost of Sagarmatha National Park Permits

This permit costs NPR 2000 and NPR 3000, respectively. For SAARC nationals, the permit cost is NPR 1000 and NPR 1500, respectively.

Gaurishankar Conservation Area Permit

If you're traveling to Everest Base Camp from Jiri, you might need a Gaurishankar Conservation Area Permit. To start your journey, go to Jiri by bus or a private car. It takes 7 to 8 hours to get there from

Kathmandu. When you reach Jiri, get the permit, and then you can start hiking at Everest Base Camp.

Place to buy

You can buy it in Shivalaya or the Nepal Tourism Board in Kathmandu.

Cost

The cost of a Gaurishankar Conservation Area permit is also \$16 or NPR 2000.

Tims Card (Optional)

TIMS card or Trekkers Information Management System Card is a card that keeps a record of all the trekkers visiting a particular region of Nepal. Previously, the trekkers had issued this card compulsorily, but now, after establishing a municipality permit, this card has become optional. Generally, you don't have to issue this card for the EBC trek, but if you want to trek other regions without region permits, you might have to show the card at some checkpoints.

Some forms need to be filled out for identification purposes while collecting permits. So, having all primary identity documents, especially a visa, along with your passport-size photographs, is always favorable.

Read More: [Cost for Everest Base Camp Trekking Permit](#)

Physical Fitness and Health Requirements Throughout Everest Base Camp Trek

Unsurprisingly, the Everest Base Camp trek is physically demanding and challenging. Hence, every trekker planning for this trek requires good fitness and health. So, it is ideal to start preparing for the trek several months in advance by improving your physical fitness and focusing on your health requirements. So, let's get into some tips for physical fitness and health requirements for the EBC trek.

- Cardiovascular training is the first option to improve your core during the EBC trek.
- Since you must trek six to seven hours daily for over 14 to 18 days, improving your physical fitness and overall strength is wise by focusing on strength training.
- Flexibility is also a good skill for trekkers, as there is a chance of cramps during these long hikes, etc. Stretching exercises like aerobics, skipping, running, and swimming will help trekking easily.

During these long treks like EBC, being physically fit is not enough; you must also be medically cleared. The trekkers will be in high-altitude remote areas, so if they need medical attention regularly, then trekking in those conditions is not a wise choice. Here are some ways to know you are medically cleared for the trek.

- Understand the concept of altitude sickness and ways to prevent and cure it before booking your trek.
- Consult your doctor if you have heart or lung-related disease and if it's safe to trek at a high altitude.
- Always eat proper food filled with nutrition and energy. During the trek, avoid eating meat in the high-altitude teahouses.
- Keep yourself hydrated, and avoid drinking coffee and alcohol as they can increase the possibility of altitude sickness.

Altitude Sickness and Prevention

As you trek to Everest base camp at altitudes up to 5,545 meters (18,192 feet), [altitude sickness](#) may sometimes be an issue. Altitude sickness, also known as Acute Mountain Sickness, is the most common concern as you trek at high altitudes. The thinning air with low oxygen levels is to blame for this. The Everest Base Camp Trek Itinerary includes scheduled acclimatization days at Namche Bazaar and Dingboche to help you adjust your body to the high altitude. Altitude sickness is common for trekkers heading over the 3000 meters (10000 ft.) mark in the Himalayas. The EBC Nepal voyage starts at 2,610 meters in Phakding and ascends to a maximum elevation of 5,644.5 meters at Kala Patthar.

Acclimatization days are scheduled, considering your body is adjusting to the altitude. Hence, these stopovers at Namche Bazaar and Dingboche are crucial. However, only a few trekkers are severely ill, and proper caution can help you stay safe here. The prime symptoms of altitude sickness are headache, nausea, breathlessness, vomiting, and, in extreme cases, hallucinations and unconsciousness. Let your guides know if you have any of these symptoms while trekking the Everest Base Camp trail.

Preventive Measure for Altitude Sickness

Proper Acclimatization

You should ascend gradually and allow your body to adjust to the changing conditions over several days. To do this, you can spend several days at lower altitudes to enable the body to acclimate before gradually ascending to higher elevations. It would be best to acclimate frequently during your trek so your body gets used to the weather, climate, and oxygen levels.

Keep Yourself Hydrated

It would also be best to stay hydrated to minimize the risk. So, drink plenty of water while you walk forward with the trails. You may also want to avoid smoking and drinking alcohol to reduce the potential risks during the Everest Base Camp trek 14-day itinerary.

Listen to your body

During your EBC trek, constantly monitor your body and find out if you want to trek or take a rest. Do not overtake if you feel tired; if you get weak and tired all the time, you might invite illness quickly.

Descend quickly

Despite following these measures, if you still suffer from altitude shock, you can descend to a lower altitude as quickly as possible. You can also keep first aid medicines like Diamox for instant relief.

Health and Safety throughout EBC Trek

Our Everest Base Camp Trek itinerary is undoubtedly physically demanding and challenging. Therefore, you must take the necessary safety precautions and maintain good health throughout the trek. Doing so will ensure you have the safest trek while gathering beautiful memories that will last a lifetime. So, what are the health and safety factors to consider on the Everest base camp trek route? Here, we have compiled the key safety factors to be aware of. Let's check it out.

Proper Hydration

Climbing higher into the mountains means you're moving forward with the reduced air pressure, which can lead to lower oxygen levels. This can result in symptoms like dizziness, nausea, and headache. Staying hydrated helps to avoid those symptoms as it increases blood flow and oxygen levels in your muscles.

Additionally, drinking adequate water helps maintain optimal bodily function and provides you with the most needed energy to meet the physically demanding activities during your tour. Therefore, staying hydrated helps people remain active at high altitudes, preventing fatigue and muscle cramps. So, drink plenty of water; we encourage you to drink at least 3 to 4 liters daily throughout the trek.

Sanitation

As you ascend higher altitudes and pass through harsh climatic conditions, your immune system may weaken, making you vulnerable to illness and sanitation. This is where good sanitation comes into play to protect your health by preventing the spread of germs. So, follow the proper sanitation, such as washing hands regularly, drinking clean water, wearing clean and neat clothes, and using clean water to cook foods to ensure healthy trekking.

Risk of Injuries

While most trekkers complete the EBC 14-day trek without any injuries, the trekking route does contain the risk of injuries. This is because you will walk through uneven, stony, and rough terrains where incidents like slips, falls, and trips are always a risk factor. Those risk factors may lead to sprains, fractures, cuts, blisters, and bruises, which can be painful, spoiling your trekking experience. So, you should not underestimate those risks even if the risk possibility is low. This requires you to be careful while walking on rough roads and take essential precautions to avoid injuries.

Emergency Process in case of injuries or accidents

Though you have prepared the best way, ensuring all the necessary precautions, accidents and injuries can still occur on unfortunate occasions while trekking in Everest Base Camp. So, you must know how to respond to emergencies to avoid serious health consequences.

Dealing with Common Injuries

As discussed earlier, the common injuries during the Everest base camp trek include blisters, cuts, bruises, and sprains. Upon such injuries, you must take prompt action to treat them. This helps you to avoid complications. This is how to deal with those common injuries.

- **Blisters:** Use moleskin for blister pads to protect the affected area. Avoid popping blisters, as this can increase the risk of infection.
- **Cuts and scrapes:** Clean the wound with an antiseptic, then cover it with a sterile dressing.
- **Bruises:** Apply a cold compress to the affected area to reduce swelling and relieve pain.
- **Sprains:** Rest the affected limb and apply a compression bandage to reduce swelling.

Evacuation Procedures

If the injuries are more serious, requiring a medical emergency, then evacuation may be necessary. There are several options for evacuation, including helicopter rescue or evacuation by foot or animal.

Here, we have compiled the step-by-step guidelines for you to consider in emergencies. Let's learn.

Step 1: Stay calm and assist a guide or medical professional from the trekking agency to assess the situation and determine the severity of the injury or illness.

Step 2: After inspecting the severity, the trekking guide or medical professional will decide if the person needs to be evacuated immediately or can be treated by bringing them to a lower altitude and applying essential first aid treatments.

If the situation requires immediate medical attention, the injured person may be airlifted to a nearby medical facility. So, the trekking agency representative contacts the rescue services immediately for quick action to airlift the wounded person.

In the other case scenario, if the situation is less severe, the trekking representative will arrange to transport the injured person to a lower altitude for further treatment.

It would be best to remember that the evacuation procedure varies depending on the severity of the situation, the location of the injury or illness, and the available resources. So, consult the trekking agency for a detailed emergency plan before moving ahead on the Everest Base Camp Trek. Also, ensure you have travel insurance for trekking to Everest base camp that covers emergency evacuation to ensure you're prepared for any unexpected events.

Equipment Checklist for Everest Base Camp Trek 14 Days

Cloths:-

- Short-sleeved T-Shirt (merino wool)
- Long-sleeved T-shirt (merino wool)
- Trekking Trousers (preferably with zip-off shorts)
- Belt
- Underwear (merino wool) x 3
- Sports Bra (merino wool) x 2
- Trekking Socks (merino wool) x 3
- Liner Socks (optional) x 3
- Fleece Down Jacket
- Waterproof Jacket
- Waterproof Trousers
- Silk Leggings (for winter/high altitude)
- Hiking Boots/Shoes (+ insoles)
- Gloves x 2 (thin + thick)
- Hat x 2 (sun hat + warm hat)
- Buff Sunglasses (+ spare pair)
- Trousers (for the evening)
- Thermal Tank Top (for winter/high altitude)

- Long-sleeved Thermal Top (for evening/sleeping)
- Thermal Leggings (for evening/sleeping)
- Socks (for the evening)
- Sandals (for the evening)

Trekking Gear:-

- Backpack + Waterproof Cover
- Duffel Bag (if trekking with porter)
- Waterproof Backpack Liner
- Trekking Poles
- Water Bottle(s) / Bladder
- Headtorch (+ batteries/charging cable)
- Microspikes (if trekking in snowy/icy areas)
- Gaiters

Tea House Gear:-

- Sleeping Bag
- Silk Liner Eye Mask & Ear Plugs
- Travel Towel Scrubba & Suds (for laundry, optional)
- Washing Line (optional)
- Packable Bag (optional)
- Penknife + Repair Kit/Tape

Electronic:-

- Travel Adapter
- Power Bank + Charging
- Cable Portable Solar Panel (optional)
- Camera + SD Card + Batteries +
- Charging Unit + Charging Cable
- Phone + Charging Cable

Essentials Gear:-

- Trekking pole
- Sleeping bag
- Towels
- Raincoat
- Water bottle
- Backpack or Day pack

Hygiene and First Aid:-

- Steripen + Filter (or similar) / Water Purification Tablets
- Insect Repellent
- Sunscreen (face + body + lips)
- Hand Sanitiser

- Wet Wipes
- Toilet Paper
- Toothbrush + Toothpaste
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Moisturiser
- Deodorant
- Nail Clippers (for longer treks)
- Tampons/Pads/Cup
- First Aid Kit
- Paracetamol
- Ibuprofen
- Diamox (optional)
- Antihistamines
- Strepsils (or similar)
- Diarrhoea Relief + Rehydration Sachets
- Electrolyte Tablets
- Compeed (or similar)
- Decongestant
- Eye Drops
- Any Other Personal Medication

Essential:-

- Passport + Copy
- Travel Insurance Details
- Cash (enough for trek duration)
- Trekking Permits (if applicable)
- Waterproof Document Wallet

Miscellaneous:-

- Book / E-Reader (+ charging cable)
- Playing Cards / Games
- Pen + Journal
- Snacks + Specialist Food

Note: The above list can be customized as per the seasons and necessity of the trekkers

Accommodation at Everest Base Camp Trek

The rise in popularity of trekking in the [Everest Region](#) has led to the establishment of teahouses and lodges. It has been an income source for the locals residing over there. The teahouses are simple, comfortable, and provided with basic facilities. You can get additional facilities like Wi-Fi, hot showers, and laundry with rooms in the lower Khumbu region at additional charges.

Most teahouses are owned and operated by a native of that region. You can interact with friendly locals, hear some folklore, and learn about the culture and lifestyle of the people there. Check for working

electrical outlets, hot showers, and Wi-Fi availability before booking a room. As the altitude rises, the space and service are limited, and sharing must be done. Be humble and respect the local norms while staying in these places.

Meals in Everest Base Camp Trek

Meals during the trek are mostly healthy, keeping fit and energized throughout the trek. The staple dish is Nepali Dal Bhat alongside curry, which provides enough vigor to trek for 6-7 hours. Another classic favorite is Shyakpa (Sherpa Stew). The more common international cuisine (Tibetan, Continental, Italian, Indian, etc.) is also available at Lukla and Namche Bazaar. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served from the teahouses or a lodge menu on the way to the destination stops. The prices for meal rises as you go higher. It is best to follow the guidance of trekking specialists for a safe, hygienic, and nutritious meal diet.

Drinking Water of Everest Base Camp Trek in 14 Days

Drinking water to keep yourself hydrated is best while trekking. Mineral water can cost the US \$ 1-3. Alternatively, you can fill up your water bottles at the guesthouses with boiled water or water purified through a filtration system. Similarly, freshwater streams straight from the Himalayas are also not hard to find while trekking. You should carry a drinking water bottle, some chlorine tablets, or water purification agents to perform your water treatment and just to be safe.

Internet connectivity on the Everest base camp trek in Nepal

Everest Link's Wi-Fi cards have made it possible to connect with our loved ones, even on the **EBC Trek** trail. The cards are easily available at different stops during the trek, and the connection is smooth and stable. The cards are readily available at different stops during the trek, and the connection is smooth and stable. The cards are readily available at different stops during the trek, and the connection is smooth and stable. But there are only two free hotspots along the trek at Lukla and [Namche Bazaar](#). Alternatively, you can use a SIM card with a data package anywhere. The connection is good enough for video calls, sending messages, and uploading files. But it is a great idea to get disconnected from the hustle and bustle of the outer world for a while, fall in love with nature, and enjoy spectacular mountain vistas and sceneries.

Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance is one of the quintessential things you must do before any travel or trek. Most trekkers face many obstacles as they ignore this important part of the trek. Travel insurance, not only acts as a safety net against the risk of experiencing unforeseen medical expenses but also safeguards against other travel-related emergencies that could ruin your trek. One must confirm that the travel insurance covers an altitude of above 4000 meters. Medical extremities, luggage loss, theft, flight cancellations, etc. must be covered. Hence you should get appropriate travel insurance before you start on this trek to enjoy it without worries.

Extra Personal Expenses

You might have to spend extra and advisable to carry extra cash with you as access to ATMs and banks are difficult here.

- For your Travel Insurance.
- Extra or personal porter.
- Hot showers, internet access, battery charging, laundry, and other extra services in the mountains.
- Emergency evacuation cost.
- Souvenirs from the Himalayas, such as medicinal herbs, paintings, and other things.
- Any kind of drinks, energy bars throughout the trek, tips to the guides and porters at the end of the trek.

How tough is Everest Base Camp Treks for trekkers having various experience levels?

The Mount Everest Base Camp trek in Nepal is challenging, adventurous, and moderately tough for trekkers and requires acclimatization for everyone. If you have experience trekking in the Himalayas before, it is quite easier. We recommend you in attempting short hikes, convey a backpack of 10/15 kilos, and start climbing before venturing into the high-elevation trails of the Himalayas. You descend the same trail you ascend. However, with proper guides and planning, anyone can complete the trek without any hassle. Even people having average physical fitness but strong willpower and a positive attitude can do Everest trekking, regardless of the optimal fitness level required for Everest Base Camp. But, the fitter you are, you can relish your treks. The weather is pleasant during the season and you can find plenty of other trekkers to assist you throughout the journey. Be sure to experience the trek during the season if you are a first-time trekker. It is convenient if you have a guide and porter to escort you.

Cultural and Environmental Considerations

Certainly, the Everest Base Camp 14 Days itinerary provides you with a mesmerizing experience with the rich and diverse culture of the local communities and natural surroundings. In return, you may want to ensure that you have positive impacts on them too. While you will benefit the locals as a tourist, providing income and employment opportunities, your many activities can also lead to the displacement of local people and the degradation of their way of life.

Negative effects on local communities and the environment

As you do not want to leave negative effects behind, it becomes crucial to recognize your possible negative effects on the local communities and environment. Here are some impacts to avoid:

- Littering and waste disposal.
- Deforestation and habitat destruction.
- Carbon emissions and pollution.
- Overcrowding and destroying natural resources.
- Disruption of traditional lifestyles and cultures.
- The exploitation of local labor.
- Loss of local control over resources.

Tips for minimizing negative impacts and promoting sustainable tourism

To promote sustainable tourism, we encourage you to engage in responsible practices and respect local culture and customs through your Mount Everest Base Camp trek days. Some tips for responsible trekking include:

- Hiring local guides and porters.
- Staying in locally-owned lodges.
- Following proper waste management and disposal processes.
- Respecting local cultures and customs by dressing appropriately, asking for permission before taking photographs, and refraining from engaging in activities that are considered disrespectful or offensive.
- Staying on designated trails and avoiding damaging natural habitats.

Benefits of Choosing Hillary Step Treks (HST)

- Our professional and experienced team of over one decade has accomplished treks in Everest Base Camp treks and other treks too.
- Our government-licensed guides are fluent in English, Nepali, and Sherpa dialects. They know the terrain, culture, people, and the Everest region through & through.
- HST provides you with the best value services for your money. No hidden cost, every step with HST is transparent and clear. We value our clients over profit any day.
- Your safety is the top priority while trekking with the HST team. Thus, in case of an emergency first-aid kit or provision of rescue teams as a requirement.
- We are a government-registered company providing you with real care services at the best reasonable rate.
- Our company also has 70% repetitive clients over the years which shows their trust in us.
- We go the extra mile to assure you of a complete trekking experience in Nepal. HST is your ideal choice for trekking in Nepal.

FAQs of Everest Base Camp Trek 14 Days

Is Everest Base Camp worth it?

Yes, Everest Base Camp is worth it. You can see amazing mountain views, walk through beautiful villages, and experience the thrill of being close to the world's highest peak. It's a tough trek, but the stunning scenery and the feeling of reaching the base camp make it a memorable adventure.

How many hours of walking is Everest Base Camp?

The Everest Base Camp Trek usually involves about 5 to 8 hours of walking each day, depending on the day's itinerary and your pace. You'll walk for several days, with some longer and shorter days along the

way. Many days involve hiking between 4 to 6 hours.

How long do climbers stay at Everest Base Camp?

You usually need 4 to 5 days at Base Camp to get used to the altitude before climbing the Khumbu Icefall. After climbing the Icefall, you'll return to Base Camp to rest. Then, you'll climb up to Camp 1 and stay there for two nights before coming back to Base Camp again.

Can I bring kids for the Everest Base Camp trek?

Yes, you can bring kids on the Everest Base Camp trek, but it requires careful planning. The trek is challenging with high altitudes and long days of walking, which might be difficult for younger children. Considering their fitness levels, acclimatization needs, and overall health is important.

Is the Everest Base Camp Trek risky?

The Everest Base Camp Trek does carry some risks, primarily due to the high altitude. Challenges include altitude sickness, which can be serious, and unpredictable weather that can affect safety and comfort. However, with proper preparation, acclimatization, and taking necessary precautions, many people complete the trek safely each year.

How long does it take to reach Everest Base Camp?

Generally, it takes 10-16 days to reach the EBC trek from Kathmandu, depending on your chosen route. The trek involves several stages, starting from Lukla, with daily hikes ranging from 4 to 8 hours, depending on the pace and itinerary.

Do you lose weight at Everest Base Camp?

Yes, many trekkers do lose weight on the Everest Base Camp trek due to the high physical demands and the body's increased calorie expenditure at high altitudes. The trek involves long days of walking and climbing, which can burn a significant amount of calories.

Is Everest Base Camp crowded?

Yes, Everest Base Camp can be quite crowded, especially during the peak trekking seasons of spring and autumn. The popularity of the trek attracts a large number of trekkers, as well as porters and guides, which can lead to busy trails and crowded accommodations along the route.

What type of rooms do we get during the EBC route?

You will have a private twin-sharing standard room during the EBC route. Numerous places, including Lukla, Phakding, and Namche, have rooms with attached bathrooms.

Is October a good month for Everest Base Camp Trek?

Yes, October is the best time to trek the Everest Base Camp (EBC) and all other trekking destinations in Nepal. The weather is generally clear and stable, with good visibility and moderate temperatures, making

it ideal for trekking. Traveling to Nepal in October/November is highly suggested.

Is Everest Base Camp in the death zone?

No, Everest Base Camp is not in the death zone. The death zone refers to altitudes above 8,000 meters, where the oxygen levels are so low that humans can't survive for extended periods without supplemental oxygen. Everest Base Camp is located at about 5,364 meters, which is high but not in the death zone.

What is the total distance for 14 days EBC Trek?

The total distance for 14 days of the EBC trek is 130km/80 miles, a round trip. This includes the journey from Lukla to Everest Base Camp and back. The trek involves gradual ascents and descents, covering around 65 kilometers. The distance may vary slightly depending on the specific route and acclimatization stops.

How many people climb Everest Base Camp every year?

Each year, around 30,000 to 40,000 people trek to Everest Base Camp. This number can vary based on weather conditions, political situations, and global events. The trek to Everest Base Camp is popular for its stunning views and the opportunity to experience the high-altitude environment of the Everest region.

What to expect when trekking at Everest Base Camp?

When trekking to Everest Base Camp, expect breathtaking mountain views, diverse landscapes, and a rich cultural experience. You'll pass through Sherpa villages, cross suspension bridges, and see Buddhist monasteries along the way. The trek involves long days of hiking, with some challenging sections due to the high altitude and varying terrain.

Can a beginner trek Everest Base Camp?

Yes, Everest Base Camp Trek is for beginners, but they must be well-prepared and realistic about the challenges. While the trek is achievable for those with basic fitness levels, [Everest Base Camp Trek beginners](#) should undergo some physical training before the trek to build endurance and strength.

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