

# Annapurna Circuit Short: Village Homestays & Mountain Views, Nepal

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Destination  
**Nepal**



Duration  
**7 Nights 8 Days**



Starting from  
**Rs. 55,000 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

↖ **Kathmandu · 1N**

↖ **Pokhara · 1N**

↖ **Ulleri · 1N**

↖ **Ghorepani · 1N**

↖ **Tadapani · 1N**

↖ **Ghandruk · 2N**

## Overview

Annapurna Circuit Short: Village Homestays & Mountain Views, Nepal — a carefully paced 7 nights / 8 days Nepal tour package that blends comfortable city stays, scenic drives, village homestays and high-mountain viewpoints. Perfect for travelers seeking a compact yet authentic Nepal Adventure tour package experience with cultural immersion and dramatic Himalayan vistas. This itinerary highlights the classic Annapurna foothills: Pokhara, Ghorepani (Poon Hill), Tadapani, and Ghandruk with overnight village homestays and local hospitality.

### Highlights:

- Short Annapurna Circuit-style trek with village homestays and mountain panoramas
- Sunrise at Poon Hill for majestic Annapurna & Dhaulagiri views
- Cultural immersion in Ghandruk — Gurung village homestays
- Relaxing lakeside time in Pokhara and key Kathmandu cultural sites
- Ideal for travellers looking for a 7 & 8 Nepal Adventure tour package

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#### ✓ What's Included

- ✓ Airport pick-up and drop-off in Kathmandu
- ✓ All domestic transfers as specified (Kathmandu–Pokhara–Nayapul–Pokhara–Kathmandu)
- ✓ 2 nights hotel accommodation in cities (Kathmandu & Pokhara) on twin/double basis
- ✓ 5 nights mountain lodges and village homestays (Ulleri, Ghorepani, Tadapani, Ghandruk homestays)
- ✓ Meals: city breakfasts and full board (B/L/D) during the trek and homestays
- ✓ Experienced English-speaking trekking guide and local porters (porter carry up to 20 kg shared)
- ✓ Trekking permits and local area fees where required
- ✓ First-aid kit, basic medical kit and emergency support
- ✓ Detailed pre-departure briefing and local SIM assistance if needed

#### ✗ Not Included

- ✗ International airfare to/from Nepal
- ✗ Nepal visa fees and travel insurance (mandatory for trekking, must include helicopter rescue coverage)
- ✗ Lunches/dinners in cities unless specified
- ✗ Personal trekking gear (sleeping bag, trekking poles — can be rented)
- ✗ Tips/gratuities for guides and porters
- ✗ Personal expenses (drinks, phone calls, souvenirs)
- ✗ Any costs arising from flight delays, landslides, or rescue/evacuation beyond standard emergency support

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

1

### **Arrival in Kathmandu & Short Cultural Introduction**

Arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport and transfer to your hotel in Kathmandu. After check-in there is time to rest. In the afternoon enjoy a guided introduction to Kathmandu's rich heritage visiting Kathmandu Durbar Square, Swayambhunath (Monkey Temple) or Boudhanath Stupa depending on time and interest. Overnight in Kathmandu. Tip: Carry some Nepali rupees for small purchases and temple offerings.

Day

2

### **Drive or Flight to Pokhara – Lakeside Relaxation**

After breakfast, drive (6–7 hours) or take a short domestic flight to Pokhara. Transfer to your lakeside hotel. Afternoon at leisure to stroll along Phewa Lake, rent a boat or visit the World Peace Pagoda for late-afternoon views. Overnight in Pokhara.

Day

3

### **Drive to Nayapul & Trek to Ulleri**

Early departure to Nayapul (approx. 1.5–2 hours). Begin the trek through rice terraces and subtropical forest, crossing charming villages and views of the Modi River. Trek to Ulleri (steep stone steps) – a traditional stop that introduces you to hill village life. Overnight in a local lodge/homestay in Ulleri. Note: Moderate fitness required; walking time ~5–6 hrs.

Day

4

### **Ulleri to Ghorepani – Rhododendron Trails**

Trek from Ulleri through beautiful rhododendron and oak forests with frequent mountain glimpses, arriving at Ghorepani, a vibrant trekking hub. Evening briefing for the early morning Poon Hill hike. Overnight in Ghorepani lodge.

Day

5

### **Poon Hill Sunrise & Trek to Tadapani**

Early pre-dawn hike to Poon Hill for a spectacular sunrise and panoramic views of Annapurna South, Machapuchare (Fishtail) and Dhaulagiri. Return to Ghorepani for breakfast, then trek through ridgelines and forests to Tadapani. Overnight in a mountain lodge in Tadapani. Tip: Sunrise on Poon Hill is cold – carry warm layers.

Day

6

### **Tadapani to Ghandruk – Village Homestay Experience**

Shorter trekking day descending towards Ghandruk, one of the most picturesque Gurung villages in the Annapurna region. Arrive in time to meet your homestay hosts, participate in local activities and learn about Gurung culture. Overnight in a traditional village homestay; dinner with the host family.

Day

7

## Ghandruk Village Immersion & Local Trails

Spend a full day in Ghandruk. Enjoy village walks, visit the local monastery and community museum, help with simple homestay chores or take a short hike to nearby viewpoints for sunrise/sunset mountain views. This is a key cultural highlight – perfect for photography and meeting local families. Overnight in Ghandruk homestay.

Day

8

## Return to Pokhara & Departure to Kathmandu / International Flight

After breakfast, descend to the road head and drive back to Pokhara. Transfer to Pokhara airport for an optional flight to Kathmandu or drive back by scenic road (timing depends on chosen transport). Arrive in Kathmandu for international connections or stay overnight depending on your flight schedule. Package ends on arrival in Kathmandu.

## ? Frequently Asked Questions

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### ? What is the best time to visit Nepal?

Nepal's prime seasons are October–November (post-monsoon) and March–April (spring). October–November offers crystal-clear skies, superb mountain views, and major festivals like Dashain and Tihar, making it ideal for trekking and sightseeing. March–April brings blooming rhododendrons, pleasant weather, and fewer crowds. Winter (December–February) is cooler with snow at higher elevations, perfect for budget travelers seeking discounts. Monsoon season (June–September) brings lush landscapes but frequent rains, landslides, and leeches on trails. For snow experiences, visit December–February at hill stations like Kalinchowk or Upper Mustang. Spring and autumn are best for trekking, while winter offers clear mountain views with crisp air.

### ? How can Indian citizens reach Nepal?

Indians can reach Nepal by air, road, or rail. By air, fly to Tribhuvan International Airport (Kathmandu), Gautam Buddha Airport (Bhairahawa), or Pokhara International Airport from Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Varanasi, and Bengaluru. By road, major border crossings include Sunauli–Bhairahawa (for Lumbini/Pokhara), Raxaul–Birgunj (fastest to Kathmandu), Panitanki–Kakarbhitta (eastern Nepal), and Banbasa–Mahendranagar (far-west). Good highways connect borders to major cities. By rail, take Indian Railways to Jayanagar–Janakpur–Kurtha line or reach border towns like Gorakhpur, Raxaul, then cross by road. Road travel offers scenic views but expect monsoon delays due to landslides.

## ❓ **Do Indian citizens need a visa for Nepal?**

No, Indian citizens do not need a visa to visit Nepal. However, you must carry valid identification – either an Indian passport or Voter ID with photograph. Aadhaar cards are generally not accepted for air travel, so check current requirements before departure. Children should carry valid photo ID as required by airlines and immigration authorities. This visa-free access makes Nepal one of the most convenient international destinations for Indians. You can stay for extended periods, but if planning to work or study, additional permits may be required. Always verify the latest entry requirements before travel, as policies can change.

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## ❓ **What are the local transportation options within Nepal?**

Nepal offers various transportation options. In cities, use metered taxis or ride-hailing apps like Pathao and Tootle (available in Kathmandu/Pokhara). City buses and minibuses are the cheapest option, with Sajha Yatayat operating key routes in Kathmandu Valley. For intercity travel, choose tourist buses or private cars for comfort to destinations like Pokhara, Chitwan, and Lumbini. Domestic flights save time to Pokhara, Bharatpur (Chitwan), Lukla, and other destinations. Motorbikes and bicycles are popular in Pokhara and Thamel for short distances. For mountain areas, jeeps and local buses connect remote regions, though roads can be challenging during monsoon season.

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## ❓ **Where should I stay in Nepal and what accommodation options are available?**

Kathmandu's Thamel district is perfect for budget travelers and trekkers, offering guesthouses, hostels, and mid-range hotels. Durbar Marg and Lazimpat provide upscale options. In Pokhara, stay in Lakeside for lake views, restaurants, and easy access to activities. Luxury options include Dwarika's Hotel and Hyatt Regency (Kathmandu), Temple Tree Resort and Fish Tail Lodge (Pokhara). For wildlife, choose jungle lodges in Chitwan like Meghauri Serai or Barahi Jungle Lodge. Hill stations like Nagarkot and Bandipur offer mountain view resorts. Budget travelers can find Zostel hostels, homestays, and guesthouses starting from \$5-15/night. Mid-range hotels cost \$25-60, while luxury resorts range \$100-300+ per night.

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## ❓ **What are the must-visit attractions in Nepal?**

Nepal's top attractions include Kathmandu Valley's UNESCO sites: Pashupatinath Temple, Boudhanath Stupa, Swayambhunath (Monkey Temple), and the Durbar Squares of Kathmandu, Patan, and Bhaktapur. Pokhara offers Phewa Lake, World Peace Pagoda, and Sarangkot for sunrise views. Chitwan National Park provides jungle safaris for rhinos and tigers. Lumbini, Buddha's birthplace, features sacred gardens and international monasteries. For trekking, visit Everest region (fly to Lukla) or Annapurna region for Poon Hill and Annapurna Base Camp treks. Nagarkot and Dhulikhel offer Himalayan sunrise views near Kathmandu. Adventure seekers should try Everest mountain flights, paragliding in Pokhara, and white-water rafting on various rivers.

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## ❓ What local food and cuisine should I try in Nepal?

Nepal's staple dish is Dal Bhat – lentils, rice, vegetable curries, and pickles, offering unlimited refills. Try momos (dumplings) with spicy chutney, available in vegetarian, chicken, or buffalo varieties. Thukpa and thenthuk are hearty Tibetan-style noodle soups. Sample Newari cuisine including bara (lentil pancakes), choila (spiced meat), chatamari (Nepali pizza), and yomari (sweet dumplings). Other specialties include sel roti (festival rice doughnut), gundruk (fermented greens curry), aloo tama (bamboo shoot curry), and sekuwa (grilled meat). Drink masala chai, tongba (warm millet brew), or local raksi spirit. Popular restaurants include Bhojan Griha and Thamel House (Kathmandu), and Moondance and Rosemary Kitchen (Pokhara).

## ★ Traveller Reviews



**Chetan Khatri**

★★★★☆ 4/5

### Well-Scheduled Tours

The tours were well-scheduled without feeling rushed. It allowed for plenty of exploration and relaxation time.



**Priya Joshi**

★★★★★ 5/5

### A Spiritual Journey

The spiritual sites visited during the tour were enlightening and peaceful. I highly recommend this tour for anyone seeking spirituality.



**Anshul Sinha**

★★★★☆ 4/5

### Vast Array of Experiences

This tour packed a vast array of experiences into a short period! I was surprised at how much we accomplished!



**Garima Sharma**

★★★★★ 5/5

### Stunning Sunrise Views

Watching the sunrise over the Himalayas was a life-changing experience! Highly recommend it.



**Kiran Gupta**

★★★★★ 5/5

### Endless Adventure Opportunities

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