

Chulu Far East Peak Climbing - 16 Days

A journey to Chulu Far East (6,060m/19,882ft) is an invitation to explore the heart of the Annapurna region, offering a captivating blend of classic trekking and an achievable peak-climbing experience. It's an adventure that promises not just a summit but a deep dive into the stunning landscapes and rich cultures of Nepal.

While embarking on this journey, we find it to be a fantastic option for seasoned trekkers looking to elevate their skills or aspiring mountaineers seeking a challenging yet not overly technical climb.

THE JOURNEY TO THE SUMMIT

While organizing the Chulu Far East (6,060m/19,882ft) package, we typically follow a portion of the famous Annapurna Circuit. The trip begins with a scenic drive from Kathmandu, leaving the bustling city behind for the serene landscapes of the Marsyangdi Valley. We spend several days trekking through picturesque villages like Chame, Pisang, and Ngawal.

Chulu Far West 1.jpg

This initial phase is crucial for acclimatization, allowing our body to gradually adjust to the rising altitude while we soak in the views of soaring rivers, lush forests, and the magnificent Annapurna mountain range. The trail eventually veers away from the main Annapurna Circuit, leading us to a more remote and pristine environment where the real climbing adventure begins.

After leaving the teahouse-dotted trails, we reach Chulu Far East Base Camp, often shared with climbers of the adjacent Chulu East Peak. This is where your trekking poles are swapped for more technical gear.

We will have time for a clinical climbing course, learning and practicing essential mountaineering skills like using an ice axe, crampons, and ropes under the guidance of experienced climbing sherpas.

From the base camp, we ascend to a high camp, positioning ourselves for the final summit push. The summit day is long and demanding, but the route itself is generally considered one of the most straightforward for a 6,000-meter peak in Nepal, with a clear path over snow and ice slopes.

THE SUMMIT AND BEYOND

Most of our guest review this peak as the reward for their hard work is an unforgettable sunrise from the summit of Chulu Far East, at an altitude of 6,060m/19,882ft. From this vantage point, you will be treated to a breathtaking 360-degree panorama of some of the world's most impressive peaks, including Dhaulagiri, Manaslu, Annapurna II, III, and IV, Gangapurna, and Tilicho Peak. It's a moment of unparalleled triumph and beauty.

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After summiting the peak, we descend to Manang and then to Humde and further get back to Kathmandu via



Bensishahar using the vehicle as there is a well-established road to Manang from Bensishahar.

Note: You further have chance to rejoin Annapurna Circuit Trek as well crossing the famous Thorong La Pass, a challenging high-altitude crossing at 5,416 meters, before descending into the Kali Gandaki Valley and the sacred pilgrimage site of Muktinath. The trip usually concludes with a short flight from Jomsom to Pokhara, offering one last aerial view of the majestic Himalayas you've just conquered.

PRACTICAL DETAILS

Chulu Far East (6,060m/19,882ft) is a great option for those with prior trekking experience and a good level of physical fitness. While the climb is not overly technical, it is physically strenuous and requires proper acclimatization and a willingness to camp at high altitudes.

The best seasons for this climb are autumn (September to November) and spring (March to May) when the weather is stable, and the skies are clear, offering the best mountain views. The entire package typically spans around 18 to 22 days, providing ample time for acclimatization and a truly immersive Himalayan experience.

CHULU FAR EAST CLIMBING ROUTE

A thrilling adventure to Chulu Far East Peak (6,060m/19,882ft) begins in the bustling city of Kathmandu, where we will make final preparations before setting off. The journey kicks off with a scenic, 8-hour drive to the village of Jagat, marking the official start of your trek.

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From Jagat, you'll join a section of the legendary Annapurna Circuit trail, weaving through the lush foothills of the Marsyangdi Valley. The path gradually ascends over several days, guiding you through charming villages such as Dharapani, Chame, Upper Pisang, and Ngawal.

This initial phase is not only a feast for the eyes but also a crucial period for acclimatization, allowing your body to adapt to the rising altitude.

The trek then veers off the main circuit, leading you onto more secluded and challenging trails. A series of narrow, uphill climbs takes you from Ngawal to Yak Kharka, and finally, to the Chulu Far East Base Camp, situated at an altitude of 4,800 meters. A full day is dedicated to preparing for the climb and assessing the route, ensuring you're ready for the ascent.

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To increase your chances of a successful summit, the final push is broken into two stages. From the base camp, you'll first ascend to the High Camp, which is thoughtfully placed near a glacial lake at 5,400 meters. This strategic move shortens the demanding climb to the summit. From High Camp, it's a 1,260-meter ascent to the top.

The reward for your effort is a breathtaking, 360-degree panorama of some of the world's most impressive peaks, a moment of pure triumph. Upon completion, we get back to Manang, then to Humde, leading to Kathmandu via Bensishahar.

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This meticulously crafted itinerary combines the exhilaration of a 6,000-meter peak climb with the classic beauty of the Annapurna Circuit, providing a perfect blend of adventure and proper acclimatization.





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PRICE INCLUDES

Transportation

- Private vehicle for transfers as per in itinerary; airport pickup & drop, sightseeing
- Private vehicle for Kathmandu to Besisahar
- Shared vehicle for Besisahar to Dharapani and Manang to Besisahar

Food and Accommodation

- Four nights' accommodation in Kathmandu in a 3-star category hotel
- Best available local lodge/teahouse accommodation throughout the trek
- The tent accommodation during the climbing days
- All standard meals (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner) during the trek and climb
- Available seasonal fruits throughout the trek and climb
- Breakfast at a hotel in Kathmandu
- Farewell Dinner in Kathmandu

Staff

- A Government-licensed English-speaking trekking guide, including wages, meals, insurance, lodging, transportation, and other necessary gear & equipment.
- For more than six trekkers, one assistant guide includes wages, meals, insurance, lodging, transportation, and other necessary gear & equipment.
- A Government licensed English-speaking climbing guide, including wages, meals, insurance, lodging, transportation, and other necessary gear & equipment.
- A porter for two trekkers/ climbers, including wages, meals, insurance, lodging, transportation, and other necessary gear & equipment
- A government-licensed English-speaking tour guide for the Sightseeing Program at Kathmandu

Permits and Tariffs

- Annapurna Conservation Area Permit (ACAP) Trekkers' Information Management System (TIMS) card
- Chulu Far East Peak Climbing Permit
- All other government, local taxes, and official expenses

Additional

- A Gore-Tex (100% Waterproof) Duffle bag to keep your personal belongings to be carried by the porter
- Assistance in arranging rescue operations in case of complicated health conditions (funded by travel insurance)
- Chulu Far East Climbing Map
- Outward Adventure t-shirt



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- Token of Love after the successful trek
- A first aid medicine bag in each group (carried by the trekking/climbing leader)

PRICE EXCLUDES

- International Flight Cost
- Nepal Entry Visa Fees
- Extra night accommodation in Kathmandu due to early arrival or late departure, or early return from the climb
- Personal expenses such as alcoholic drinks, shopping, snacks, boiled bottled water, hot (Tea/ Coffee) and cold drinks, hot showers, alcohol, Wi-Fi, telephone call, battery re-charge fees, extra porters, etc
- Additional costs suffered due to causes beyond our control, such as natural disasters, weather conditions, itinerary modifications due to safety concerns, emergency evacuation, changes in government policies, strikes, and so forth
- Tips for guides, porters, and drivers (Tips are expected and appreciated)





ITINERARY IN DETAIL

Day 1: Kathmandu (1,338m/4,390 ft) Arrival

Day 2: Exploring Day in Kathmandu (1,,338m/4,390 ft) / Trip Preparation Day

Day 3: Drive Kathmandu (1,338m/4,390 ft) to Dharapani (1,946m /6,383 ft) via Bensisahar (760m/2,490 ft): 9 to 10 hrs.

Day 4: Trek Dharapani (1,946m/6383 ft) to Chame (2,670 m/8758 ft): 5 to 6 hrs.

Day 5: Trek Chame (2,670 m/8,758 ft) to Pisang (3,200 m/1,0497 ft): 5 to 6 hrs.

Day 6: Trek Pisang (3,200 m/10,497 ft) to Ngawal (3,660 m/12,078 ft): 5 to 6 hrs.

Day 7: Rest Day at Ngawal (3,660 m/12,078 ft) / Acclimatize Hike Around

Day 8: Trek Nagwal (3,660 m/1,2078 ft) to Yak Kharka (3,750 m/12,301 ft): 5 to 6 hrs.

Day 9: Trek Yak Kharka (3,750 m/12,301 ft) to Chulu Far East Base Camp (4,600 m/15,091 ft): 5 hrs.

Day 10: Trek Chulu Far East Base Camp (4,600 m/15,091 ft) to Chulu Far East High Camp (5,343 m/17,500 ft): 3 to 4 hrs.

Day 11: Summit Chulu Far East (6,060m/19,882ft) descent to Chulu Far East High Camp (5,343 m/17,500 ft): 8 to 9 hrs.

Day 12: Reserve Day / A contingency in case of Bad Weather Conditions

Day 13: Trek Chulu Far East High Camp (5,343 m/17,500 ft) to Humde (3,392m/11,129 ft): 7 to 8 hrs.

Day 14: Drive Humde (3,392m/11,129 ft) to Kathmandu (1338m/4,390 ft) via Bensishahar

Day 15: Rest Day in Kathmandu (1,338m/4,390 ft)/ Preparation for the final Departure

Day 16: International Departure/Airport Drop