# Chulu West Peak Climbing

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| DURATION | **20 Days** |
| DIFFICULTY | **Moderate** |
| MAX ALTITUDE | **6419m** |
| GROUP SIZE | **17 People** |
| BEST SEASON | **September–November and March–May** |
| START / END | **Kathmandu / Kathmandu** |
| PRICE FROM | **USD 3,690 per person** |

## Trip overview

Chulu West Peak Climbing is a challenging trekking peak expedition in the Annapurna region of Nepal, offering a true Himalayan mountaineering experience. It is one of the highest trekking peaks in the region and is suitable for experienced trekkers aiming to step into technical alpine climbing.

The journey follows the classic Annapurna Circuit route, beginning with a drive from Kathmandu to Besisahar and continuing through Chame, Pisang, and Manang. Proper acclimatization in Manang is an important part of the itinerary before progressing toward Chulu West Base Camp and High Camp.

From High Camp, climbers attempt a demanding summit involving steep snow slopes, glacier travel, and fixed rope sections. The summit rewards climbers with breathtaking panoramic views of Annapurna II, III, IV, Dhaulagiri, Gangapurna, Tilicho Peak, and the surrounding Himalayan ranges.

### Geography & Landscape

Chulu West Peak lies in the Manang Valley within the Annapurna Conservation Area, part of Annapurna Conservation Area.

The region features a dramatic transition from lower green valleys and pine forests to high-altitude desert-like terrain. As the trek progresses toward Manang, the landscape becomes dry, rugged, and surrounded by towering Himalayan peaks.

Above Manang, the terrain shifts into alpine and glacial environments with rocky ridges, snowfields, and ice-covered slopes leading to Chulu West Base Camp. The area is remote and less crowded, offering a pure and isolated Himalayan climbing experience with wide-open mountain views.

### Sherpa Guide & Support

Chulu West Peak Climbing is conducted under the supervision of experienced Sherpa climbing guides who ensure safety and technical support throughout the expedition.

### Key support includes:

- Route navigation across glacier and steep alpine terrain
- Fixed rope setup and technical climbing assistance
- Training in crampon, ice axe, and rope techniques

- Continuous altitude monitoring and acclimatization support
- Weather analysis and summit decision-making
- Emergency response and evacuation coordination

Porters assist with carrying expedition equipment up to Base Camp, while guides provide full technical leadership during climbing sections and summit attempts.

With expert Sherpa support, Chulu West Peak offers a serious alpine climbing challenge combined with the beauty and remoteness of the Annapurna region.

## Highlights

- Summit one of Nepal's most popular trekking peaks at 6,419m.
- Combine peak climbing with the classic Annapurna Circuit Trek.
- Cross the spectacular Thorong La Pass (5,416m).
- Enjoy panoramic views of Annapurna, Dhaulagiri, Manaslu, and Tilicho Peak.
- Experience alpine climbing with glacier travel and basic mountaineering techniques.
- Trek through traditional Gurung, Manangi, and Tibetan-influenced villages.
- Camp at high-altitude Base Camp and High Camp before the summit push.
- Explore diverse landscapes ranging from lush valleys to glaciated terrain.

## Day-by-day itinerary

### Day 1 : Arrival in Kathmandu (1,400m)

*Altitude: Arrival - 1,400m*

**Walk: 1–2 hrs airport transfer + briefing · Stay: Guest House · Visit: Nepal · Meals: Dinner**

You arrive at Tribhuvan International Airport and meet your representative for hotel transfer. In the evening, there is an expedition briefing covering the route, risks, weather, and climbing preparation.

### Day 2 : Kathmandu sightseeing and permits

*Altitude: 1,400m - 1,400m*

**Walk: 4–6 hrs preparation · Stay: Hotel · Visit: Nepal · Meals: Breakfast**

Full logistics and preparation day. Permits (Chulu West climbing permit + ACAP) are processed, and all technical equipment such as crampons, ice axe, harness, helmet, and down jacket are checked. Insurance documents are verified.

### Day 3 : Drive to Besisahar (760 m)

*Altitude: 1,400m - 760m*

**Walk: 6–7 hrs driving · Stay: Tea House · Visit: Annapurna Region · Meals: Breakfast Lunch Dinner**

You drive through hills, rivers, and villages toward the Annapurna region gateway.

### Day 4 : Drive to Chame (2,670m)

*Altitude: 760m - 2,670m*

**Walk: 5–6 hrs driving · Stay: Tea House · Visit: Annapurna Region · Meals: Breakfast Lunch Dinner**

A long off-road jeep journey along the Marsyangdi River valley with dramatic mountain scenery.

### Day 5 : Trek to Pisang (3,200m)

*Altitude: 2,670m - 3,200m*

**Walk: 5–6 hrs walking · Stay: Tea House · Visit: Annapurna Region · Meals: Breakfast Lunch Dinner**

The trekking begins through pine forests, suspension bridges, and gradual alpine terrain with views of Annapurna II.

### Day 6 : Trek to Manang (3,540m)

*Altitude: 3,200m - 3,540m*

**Walk: 6–7 hrs walking · Stay: Tea House · Visit: Annapurna Region · Meals: Breakfast Lunch Dinner**

You follow the upper route via Ghyaru and Ngawal, gaining better acclimatization and wide Himalayan views.

### Day 7 : Acclimatization Day in Manang (3,540m)

*Altitude: 3,540m - 3,540m*

**Walk: 2–4 hrs optional hiking · Stay: Tea House · Visit: Annapurna Region · Meals: Breakfast Lunch Dinner**

Rest and acclimatization day with optional hikes to Gangapurna Lake or Ice Lake.

### Day 8 : Trek to Yak Kharka (4,050m)

*Altitude: 3,540m - 4,050m*

**Walk: 4–5 hrs walking · Stay: Tea House · Visit: Annapurna Region · Meals: Breakfast Lunch Dinner**

Gradual climb into alpine grazing land with thinning air and increasing altitude effects.

### Day 9 : Trek to Chulu West Base Camp (4,900m)

*Altitude: 4,050m - 4,900m*

**Walk: 5–6 hrs walking · Stay: Tea House · Visit: Annapurna Region · Meals: Breakfast Lunch Dinner**

You leave the main Annapurna Circuit trail and head into a remote climbing zone with rocky moraine terrain.

### Day 10 : Base Camp Training Day (4,900m)

*Altitude: 4,900m - 4,900m*

**Walk: 3–5 hrs training · Stay: Tea House · Visit: Annapurna Region · Meals: Breakfast Lunch Dinner**

Professional mountaineering training is conducted, including crampon walking, ice axe use, fixed rope climbing, and glacier safety techniques.

### Day 11 : Base Camp to High Camp (5,400m)

*Altitude: 4,900m - 5,400m*

**Walk: 4–5 hrs walking · Stay: Tea House · Visit: Annapurna Region · Meals: Breakfast Lunch Dinner**

A steep ascent through snow and rock leads to High Camp in a fully alpine environment.

### Day 12 : Acclimatization and Rest at High Camp (5,400m)

*Altitude: 5,400m - 5,400m*

**Walk: 1–2 hrs light activity · Stay: Tea House · Visit: Annapurna Region · Meals: Breakfast Lunch Dinner**

Short activity day used for rest, rope practice, and final summit planning depending on weather conditions.

### Day 13 : Summit Chulu West Peak (6,419m) and Return

*Altitude: 5,400m - 6,419m - descent*

**Walk: 10–14 hrs total · Stay: Tea House · Visit: Annapurna Region · Meals: Breakfast Lunch Dinner**

Midnight summit push begins. You climb rocky sections, snow slopes using fixed ropes, glacier terrain with crevasses, and steep ice and mixed sections before reaching the exposed summit ridge and summit.

### Day 14 : Contingency Day (5,400m)

*Altitude: 5,400m - 5,400m*

**Walk: Full rest / standby · Stay: Tea House · Visit: Annapurna Region · Meals: Breakfast Lunch Dinner**

Reserved for bad weather, delayed summit attempts, or extra acclimatization needs.

### Day 15 : Descent to Yak Kharka (4,050m)

*Altitude: 5,400m - 4,050m*

**Walk: 5–6 hrs walking · Stay: Tea House · Visit: Annapurna Region · Meals: Breakfast Lunch Dinner**

You descend from High Camp to lower altitude, where breathing becomes easier and recovery begins.

### Day 16 : Trek to Manang (3,540m)

*Altitude: 4,050m - 3,540m*

**Walk: 4–5 hrs walking · Stay: Tea House · Visit: Annapurna Region · Meals: Breakfast Lunch Dinner**

Continued descent back to Manang village with improved facilities and communication access.

### Day 17 : Trek to Pisang (3,200m)

*Altitude: 3,540m - 3,200m*

**Walk: 5–6 hrs walking · Stay: Tea House · Visit: Annapurna Region · Meals: Breakfast Lunch Dinner**

You descend further through the Annapurna Circuit valley, passing dry alpine landscapes.

### Day 18 : Trek to Chame (2,670m)

*Altitude: 3,200m - 2,670m*

**Walk: 5–6 hrs walking · Stay: Tea House · Visit: Annapurna Region · Meals: Breakfast Lunch Dinner**

Further descent into forested regions and warmer climate zones.

### Day 19 : Drive to Kathmandu (1,400m)

*Altitude: 2,670m - 1,400m*

**Walk: 10–12 hrs driving · Stay: Hotel · Visit: Nepal · Meals: Breakfast Lunch Dinner**

Long jeep drive from Chame to Besisahar and then onward to Kathmandu.

### Day 20 : Departure

**Visit: Nepal · Meals: Breakfast**

Transfer to Tribhuvan International Airport for your onward flight

## Altitude & temperature

*Typical daytime / night temperature at each overnight stop in the best travel months. Temperatures can change with the weather.*

- Day 1 · Arrival in Kathmandu · 1,400 m · day 25°C / night 9°C

- Day 2 · Kathmandu sightseeing and permits · 1,400 m · day 25°C / night 9°C
- Day 3 · Drive to Besisahar · 1,400 m · day 25°C / night 9°C
- Day 4 · Drive to Chame · 760 m · day 28°C / night 13°C
- Day 5 · Trek to Pisang · 2,670 m · day 18°C / night 0°C
- Day 6 · Trek to Manang · 3,200 m · day 16°C / night -3°C
- Day 7 · Acclimatization Day in Manang · 3,540 m · day 14°C / night -5°C
- Day 8 · Trek to Yak Kharka · 3,540 m · day 14°C / night -5°C
- Day 9 · Trek to Chulu West Base Camp · 4,050 m · day 12°C / night -9°C
- Day 10 · Base Camp Training Day · 4,900 m · day 7°C / night -14°C
- Day 11 · Base Camp to High Camp · 4,900 m · day 7°C / night -14°C
- Day 12 · Acclimatization and Rest at High Camp · 5,400 m · day 5°C / night -17°C
- Day 13 · Summit Chulu West Peak and Return · 5,400 m · day 5°C / night -17°C
- Day 14 · Contingency Day · 5,400 m · day 5°C / night -17°C
- Day 15 · Descent to Yak Kharka · 5,400 m · day 5°C / night -17°C
- Day 16 · Trek to Manang · 4,050 m · day 12°C / night -9°C
- Day 17 · Trek to Pisang · 3,540 m · day 14°C / night -5°C
- Day 18 · Trek to Chame · 3,200 m · day 16°C / night -3°C
- Day 19 · Drive to Kathmandu · 2,670 m · day 18°C / night 0°C

## What’s included

## Accommodation

- 3 nights hotel in Kathmandu (3-star or similar)
- Teahouse/lodge accommodation during Annapurna Circuit trek (twin sharing)
- Tent accommodation at Chulu West Base Camp and High Camp

### Meals

- Full board meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) during trek and climbing period
- Tea/coffee during meals
- High-altitude energy food during summit push

### Transportation

- Airport pick-up and drop-off in Kathmandu
- Kathmandu -> Besisahar (road transport)
- Besisahar -> Chame (jeep)
- Chame -> Kathmandu return (jeep + road)
- All necessary ground transport during trek

### Permits & Fees

- Chulu West Peak climbing permit (Government of Nepal)
- Annapurna Conservation Area Permit (ACAP)
- TIMS card (Trekkers Information Management System)

### Staff & Support Team

- Licensed English-speaking trekking guide
- Experienced climbing guide (UIAGM/IFMGA-trained if premium package)
- Required number of porters (2 trekkers : 1 porter ratio or as per group size)
- Staff insurance, salary, food, accommodation

### Climbing Equipment (Group Use)

- Fixed ropes for summit route
- Ice protection ropes (where required)
- First aid medical kit
- Pulse oximeter (altitude monitoring device)
- Radio/satellite communication (if included in premium packages)

### Camping Logistics

- High-altitude tents (Base Camp + High Camp)
- Kitchen tent + dining tent
- Cooking equipment and fuel
- Mattress/sleeping base support at camp

### Safety Services

- Basic emergency evacuation coordination
- Guide-led altitude monitoring
- Weather tracking assistance

## Not included

## International & Visa

- International flight tickets to/from Nepal
- Nepal entry visa fee (approx. USD 30–125 depending on duration)

### Personal Equipment

- Personal climbing gear: Mountaineering boots Crampons (if not rented) Ice axe, harness, helmet Down suit/jacket
- Sleeping bag & down jacket rental (if needed)

### Insurance

- Travel insurance (mandatory): Must cover 6,500m+ climbing Must include helicopter evacuation

### Personal Expenses

- Alcoholic drinks
- Bottled water, soft drinks, snacks
- Hot showers and Wi-Fi charges in teahouses
- Charging electronic devices

### Kathmandu Expenses

- Lunch & dinner in Kathmandu
- Extra hotel nights due to delays

### Emergency Costs

- Helicopter evacuation (if needed)
- Medical treatment or hospitalization costs

### Tips & Miscellaneous

- Tips for guide, cook, and porters (customary in Nepal)
- Personal shopping, souvenirs, laundry

### Extra Costs (Not Included in Package Price)

- Flight/road delays due to weather
- Itinerary changes due to safety conditions
- Extra accommodation due to delays in Kathmandu or trekking route

## Dates & prices

- 02 Mar 2027 – 21 Mar 2027 · USD 3,690 · Available
- 16 Mar 2027 – 04 Apr 2027 · USD 3,690 · Available
- 06 Apr 2027 – 25 Apr 2027 · USD 3,690 · Available
- 20 Apr 2027 – 09 May 2027 · USD 3,690 · Available
- 04 May 2027 – 23 May 2027 · USD 3,690 · Available

## Best time to visit

Best months: February–April and October–November. The Kathmandu Valley can be visited all year. October–November and March–April are pleasant and clear; December–February are sunny with cold mornings, and the monsoon brings afternoon showers but green, uncrowded heritage sites.

## What to bring — packing checklist

## Climbing gear

- [ ] Mountaineering boots (double or insulated, crampon-compatible)
- [ ] Crampons, climbing harness, helmet
- [ ] Ice axe, jumar (ascender), descender / figure-8
- [ ] 2 locking and 2 non-locking carabiners, tape slings and prusik
- [ ] Glacier glasses (category 4) and ski goggles

### Clothing

- [ ] Thermal base layers
- [ ] Fleece and softshell mid-layers
- [ ] Expedition down jacket and down or insulated trousers
- [ ] Hard-shell (Gore-Tex) jacket and trousers
- [ ] Liner, insulated and summit mittens
- [ ] Balaclava, warm hat, buff and sun hat

### Trekking & camp

- [ ] Trekking boots and camp shoes
- [ ] Sleeping bag rated to –20 °C
- [ ] Daypack 35–45 L and a large duffel bag
- [ ] Trekking poles, thermos flask, pee bottle

### Health & personal

- [ ] Personal medication and a small first-aid kit
- [ ] Altitude medicine (Diamox) after consulting your doctor
- [ ] Water bottles or a 2–3 L hydration bladder, purification tablets or filter
- [ ] Sunscreen SPF 50, lip balm with SPF
- [ ] Hand sanitiser, wet wipes, quick-dry towel
- [ ] Headlamp with spare batteries, power bank

### Documents & money

- [ ] Passport valid for 6+ months, plus copies
- [ ] Travel insurance policy (covering helicopter evacuation)
- [ ] 4 passport photos for permits
- [ ] Cash in USD / Nepali rupees for tips, snacks and extras
- [ ] Credit or debit card

*Down jackets and sleeping bags can also be rented in Kathmandu.*

## Essential information

### Accommodation

Accommodation during the Chulu West Peak Climbing expedition includes comfortable 3-star hotel stays in Kathmandu, teahouse accommodation along the Annapurna Circuit trekking route, and fully equipped tented camps at Base Camp and High Camp. Most teahouses provide basic facilities, including hot showers, Wi-Fi, and charging services for an additional fee.

### Meals

The expedition includes full-board meals (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner) throughout the trek and climbing period. Freshly prepared meals provide the energy required for high-altitude trekking and mountaineering. Packed lunches and high-energy snacks are provided during summit day.

### Difficulty & Fitness

Chulu West Peak (6,419m) is considered a challenging trekking peak requiring excellent physical fitness, endurance, and previous high-altitude trekking experience. The climb involves glacier travel, steep snow slopes, fixed rope sections, and prolonged exposure to high altitude. Basic mountaineering experience is highly recommended.

### Permits

The expedition requires the following permits:

- Chulu West Peak Climbing Permit
- Annapurna Conservation Area Permit (ACAP)
- TIMS Card (if applicable)

All permits and necessary documentation are arranged by the expedition organizer.

### Best Time to Climb

The best seasons for Chulu West Peak are:

### Spring (March–May)

- Stable weather conditions
- Clear mountain views
- Favorable climbing temperatures

### Autumn (September–November)

- Dry weather and excellent visibility
- Ideal climbing conditions
- Outstanding Himalayan panoramas

### Transportation

The journey begins with a scenic drive from Kathmandu to Besisahar and continues along the Annapurna Circuit through Chame, Pisang, and Manang before reaching Chulu West Base Camp. The expedition often combines climbing with a crossing of the famous Thorong La Pass.

### Safety & Altitude

The itinerary includes gradual acclimatization and carefully planned ascent schedules to maximize safety and summit success. Experienced climbing guides provide technical support, health monitoring, and emergency response assistance throughout the expedition. Travel insurance covering climbing activities up to 6,500m and emergency helicopter evacuation is mandatory.

## Additional information

### Climbing Training

Before the summit attempt, climbers receive practical instruction in the use of crampons, ice axes, climbing harnesses, ascenders, fixed ropes, and glacier travel techniques. This training prepares participants for the technical sections encountered during the climb.

### Essential Equipment

Participants should bring suitable high-altitude trekking and climbing equipment, including insulated clothing, mountaineering boots, crampons, ice axe, climbing harness, helmet, sleeping bag, sunglasses, trekking poles, and personal essentials.

### Why Choose Chulu West Peak?

- One of the highest and most rewarding trekking peaks in the Annapurna region
- Ideal challenge for experienced trekkers and aspiring mountaineers
- Spectacular views of Annapurna, Dhaulagiri, Manaslu, Gangapurna, and Tilicho Peak
- Less crowded than many Everest-region climbing peaks
- Combines perfectly with the Annapurna Circuit and Thorong La Pass
- Professional climbing guidance and technical support
- Excellent preparation for future Himalayan expeditions

Chulu West Peak Climbing offers a true Himalayan mountaineering experience, combining challenging

alpine terrain, stunning mountain scenery, and the cultural richness of the Annapurna region into one unforgettable adventure.

## Frequently asked questions

### How difficult is the Chulu West Peak Climbing?

The Chulu West Peak Climbing is graded Moderate — suitable for most active travellers. You should be comfortable with long days at altitude; previous use of crampons and ropes helps, and our climbing Sherpas run pre-climb training at base camp. Regular cardio training — hiking, running, cycling or stair climbing — for 6–8 weeks before departure makes the trip far more enjoyable.

### What is the best time for the Chulu West Peak Climbing?

For the Kathmandu Valley & mid-hills region the best months are February–April and October–November. The Kathmandu Valley can be visited all year. October–November and March–April are pleasant and clear; December–February are sunny with cold mornings, and the monsoon brings afternoon showers but green, uncrowded heritage sites.

### What permits do I need for the Chulu West Peak Climbing?

You need entry tickets for the heritage sites you visit, plus the Nepal Mountaineering Association climbing permit. Nord Extreme arranges every permit for you before the trip starts — check the "Includes" section above for exactly what is covered in the price. Just bring your passport and a few passport-size photos.

### What is the accommodation like on the Chulu West Peak Climbing?

You stay in hotels in Kathmandu and teahouses on the approach trek, then in quality expedition tents at base camp and high camp. Our team sets up a dining tent, kitchen and toilet tent and cooks fresh, high-energy meals.

### Can I book the Chulu West Peak Climbing as a private trip or join a group?

Both. You can join one of the fixed departures listed under "Dates & Prices", or book a private trip for just you, your family or friends on any date. Solo travellers are welcome — you will always have your own licensed guide.

### Do I need travel insurance for the Chulu West Peak Climbing?

Yes, travel insurance is compulsory. It must cover medical treatment and emergency helicopter evacuation up to the trip's highest altitude, plus trip cancellation. Please send us your policy details before departure.

### What should I pack for the Chulu West Peak Climbing?

See the "What to bring" checklist on this page for the full list. The essentials are broken-in boots, warm layers, a down jacket, a waterproof shell, sun protection and a daypack. Down jackets and sleeping bags can be rented cheaply in Kathmandu, and a porter carries your main bag (up to 10–12 kg).

## Ready to book or have a question?

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