Ruby Valley Trek

DURATION: 6 DAYS

Trip Facts

Group Size 1 - 10 Persons

Trip Grade Easy

Start From Kathmandu

End At Kathmandu

Duration 6 Days

Trip Overview

The Ruby valley trek is one of the best-kept trekking secrets in central Nepal! On this hidden valley trail, splendid views can be seen from 3,850 meters from Pangsang pass. This trek also offers an authentic experience of several ethnicities of the region including Tamang, Ghale, Gurung, and Kami. Experience the villages, the beautiful farm terraces, and the everyday lives of the Nepali people in the hills of the Himalayas. The trek starts after driving from Kathmandu to Syabrubensi. It passes through foothills and lowland farm terraces to ethnic Tamang villages at higher altitudes like Gatlang, which used to be on the ancient salt trade route between China and Nepal.

Along the trail, the trek offers splendid close-up views of Ganesh Himal, Langtang, Bouddha Himal, Hiunchuli, and other peaks of the central Himalayas. The highest altitude on this trek is the Pangsang pass at 3850m and it is one of the finest viewpoints on the trek. **The Ruby Valley Ganesh Himal trek** is a homestay

trek, meaning you will get an opportunity to interact with and support the local people. Homestays also allow guests to discover villages, ethnic groups, distinct cultures, languages, and lifestyles. **Your homestay and trek will also** help with the economic growth of the area. Homestay treks are also comparatively less expensive, making them a more affordable option for many people. Trekking always demands a spirit of adventure, following narrow winding paths to summit passes and mountains. For the extra adventurous there are also passes, lakes, mountains, and peak climbing.

Trip Itinerary

Day 1 KATHMANDU – GATLANG

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Guest House Bus

Early in the morning, we head to Machhapokhari where we get a local bus that drives us to Gatlang. Our total driving hours today will be around 9 hours and we will pass Trishuli Bazaar and the Trishuli River. We will stop at Kalikasthan for lunch and then continue past Langtang National park at Dhunchee. As there is a National park entrance permit checking, we will stop there for 15-20 mins and then the drive continues to Gatlang with magnificent views of hills and river flowing from the bottom of our journey on a bus. Overnight at Gatlang hotel.

Day 2 GATLANG – SOMDANG

7 hrs Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Tea House Walking

Today is the first day of our hike. We will have breakfast in the hotel catching the panoramic views of Langtang Himal range in the east with a sunrise rays falling on the snow-capped mountains. We start hiking after breakfast and today our total hours of hiking will be 6–7 hrs. We will walk through pine, juniper, and dense Rhododendron forest increasing in the higher altitude. After Khurbu danda, we walk downwards following a rough trail that leads us to a small and beautiful valley – Somdang.

Day 3 SOMDANG – PANGSANG / TIPLING

5 Hrs | Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner | Tea House | Walking

There will be a wake-up call in the morning for breakfast then we will start hiking from Somdang to Pangsang. It takes 4–5 hrs to reach the Pangsang pass from Somdang, and where our lunch point is. Depending on conditions, we can decide whether to extend our overnight to Tipling or we can stay overnight at Pangsang pass looking at the beautiful mountains.

Day 4 PANGSANG / TIPLING – SERTUNG / BORANG

5 Hrs | Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner | Tea House | Walking

Today our walking time will be around 4–5 hours and we will be mostly descending. The climate will be warmer than the previous days.We witness the panoramic and astounding view of Mount Manaslu and Ganesh Himal Range. As we explore the village, we discover a wide range of medicinal herbs. One of the untouched trekking routes of Nepal, there are relatively fewer lodges around here. The locals are initiating to build accommodation near the Pangsang Pass. We further descend to Laptung village passing through dense fir forests and rhododendron that adds up to the beauty of the route. We rest at Tipling after a long day.

Day 5 TIPLING / SERTUNG – DUNDURE / JHARLANG

7 Hrs | Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner | Tea House | Walking

The trail is easier, passing through different Tamang villages with beautiful terraced fields and the Ankhu Khola at the bottom. Total hiking of the day will be 6–7 hours. These are the only two villages in this region which are still under development. However, the locals and the tourism committee of the place ensures to provide its visitors with a basic meal and a place to rest. We hike further ahead to Bortang village. A settlement influenced by Tibetan culture, we get a glimpse of the beauty of the authentic culture and tradition of Tibetan people.

Day 6 DUNDURE / JHARLANG – KATHMANDU

7 Hrs | Breakfast & Lunch | Hotel | Walking & Jeep

Today is the last day of the Ganesh Himal Ruby Valley trek. We will have breakfast and walk to a place where there is access to a road and then travel by local jeep to Dhading and drive to Kathmandu. 3-hour drive from Dhading to Kathmandu and 4 hours drive from Dundure Khola to Dhading.We take another bus from Dhading to Kathmandu from where we will escort you back to your hotel. We can arrange a tour around the city as per your request. You can visit several world heritage sites around the city. As beautiful as the mountains, the culture around the city is a must-see before you call it an end to your vacation.

Cost Includes

- Airport/hotel pick up and drop off by private car / van.

- 3 meals a day (breakfast, lunch and dinner with tea or coffee) during the trek.
- Hotel in Kathmandu with breakfast.
- Homestays during the trek.
- Government licensed, experienced English-speaking guide.
- Food, accommodation, salary, insurance, equipment, and medicine for all staff.
- Langtang National Park permits and TIMS.
- Sleeping bags and Down jackets for the trek (should be refunded after the trek.
- Surface transfer from and to Kathmandu.
- First aid.
- All government taxes.

Cost Excludes

- Your travel and rescue insurance
- Beverage bills, bar bills, telephone bills and Personal expenses.
- Nepal entry visa
- Tips for guide, porter and driver.
- Optional trips and sightseeing if extended
- Lunch and evening meals in Kathmandu (and also in the case of early return from the mountain than the scheduled itinerary)
- Extra night accommodation in Kathmandu because of early arrival, late departure, early return from mountain (due to any reason) than the scheduled itinerary

Trip Map