

## Nepal Langtang Trek



Duration: 12 days

This magnificent trek, with the ultimate combination of spectacular scenery and fascinating culture, takes us to the magnificent Langtang region of the Himalayas, open again for trekking after 2015's devastating earthquake.

We trek through the wooded gorges, yak pastures and rocky ridges of the Langtang valley, with its friendly Tibetan-style culture and awe-inspiring mountain views. We stay in teahouses in small villages en-route, allowing a wonderful insight to the daily lives of the local people.

Our trek culminates in historic Nuwakot village, in one of the districts that suffered most from the earthquake. Discover Adventure actively supports the re-building project here; we end our trip getting involved in the practical work, a rewarding way to give something back to this magnificent country.

## DETAILED ITINERARY

## Day 1: Depart London for Kathmandu

## Day 2: Arrive Kathmandu

Transfer to hotel for briefing and dinner. Night hotel.

## Day 3: Kathmandu – Syabrubesi

An early start sees us driving into Nepal's 'middle hills,' following the fertile valley of the mighty Trisuli River. Some of the roads are rough and bumpy, but the scenes of Nepal en-route form a marvellous introduction to our adventure. We drive via Trisuli Bazaar and the main trading town of Dhunche, on to the small town of Syabrubesi, the starting point for treks into the Langtang Valley. Night teahouse (1460m).

**Drive approx. 6-7 hours**

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### **Day 4: Syabrubesi – Lama Hotel**

Our trek starts gently downhill, crossing a suspension bridge over waters of the Bhote Kosi and then following a trail through forest – you'll hear and maybe see monkeys chattering in the trees – and then over a steep, rocky ridge. We climb through deciduous woodland which forms a rich habitat for diverse flora and fauna, including the elusive red panda. Our gradient eventually eases as we reach the Langtang Khola, the boulder-strewn rushing river which flows through the valley; we cross the river and climb through more woodland, passing a series of beautiful waterfalls. Night teahouse (2470m).

**Trek approx. 4-5 hours**

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### **Day 5: Lama Hotel – Langtang Village**

Our trek today takes us higher, with exquisite views of the snow-capped Himalayas. We start trekking alongside the Langtang Khola, climbing steadily to Ghora Tabela (2970m), where vistas of the Langtang Lirung greet us. We continue at a steady gradient until a steep section leads us into the upper section of the valley, our trail now zig-zagging higher and higher to Thangshep, impressive views of the widening valley curving ahead of us as we gain height – though a few level sections of trail provide some relief. Dry-stone walls line our path as we approach the lovely Tibetan-style village of Langtang. Langtang suffered a great deal in the earthquake, but is now able to welcome trekkers as it has been doing for decades, and it's rewarding to be able to bring income to the villagers here. Night teahouse (3430m)

**Trek approx. 6-7 hours**

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### **Day 6: Langtang Village – Kyanjin Gompa**

A very photogenic morning through pastures with mountain views – plenty of excuses to stop to take photos! We follow a trail through yak pastures and meandering streams, heading up through the valley over an old glacial moraine. We pass a series of mani walls, inscribed stone tablets which are sacred to Buddhists, and views of Mt Gengchempo dominating views of the east. Crossing a small stream, we climb to a broad valley, passing small Tamang settlements at 3410m and continuing uphill over more moraine, emerge into awe-inspiring views of Kyanjin Gompa, a Tibetan-style monastery flanked by spectacular mountains of the Langtang range. Roughly an hour's uphill hike takes us to the memorable Lirung Glacier (4300m) – sure to be a highlight, before descending again. Night teahouse (3850m).

**Trek approx. 4-5 hours**

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### **Day 7: Kyanjin Gompa – Lama Hotel**

We retrace our steps through the valleys and pastures, returning back to the lower wooded slopes. Predominantly downhill, this will be deceptively hard, especially on the knees, but the views as we head back are a wonderful distraction. Night teahouse (2470m).

**Trek approx. 6-7 hours**

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### Day 8: Lama Hotel – Syabrubesi

We retrace our steps to the end of the trail. If you've coped well with the challenges of the past few days this should be a fairly relaxed walk down! Syabrubesi will feel very large and busy in contrast to the higher villages. Night teahouse (1460m).

**Trek approx. 6-7 hours**

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### Day 9: Syabrubesi – Nuwakot

We load up into our vehicles for the drive to Nuwakot. This region is off the tourist trail, and very authentic. We stay at the Famous Farm, a farmhouse which has been beautifully restored to traditional wooden Newari houses, overlooking the hills. We have the afternoon free to explore. Night guesthouse.

**Drive approx. 4.5 hours**

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### Day 10: Nuwakot Project Work

Today we have the opportunity to give something back to this wonderful country, and get stuck into practical project work, helping to re-build the village. Rather than hastily reconstruct what was damaged in the earthquake, the emphasis has been on sustainability, with careful attention to preserving the heritage of this historic village, and a long-term plan to help it to attract tourism and provide local income. There will be a variety of tasks we can help with; experience is not necessary, but you should be fit, willing to get involved, and flexible in your expectations. Night guesthouse.

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### Day 11: Nuwakot – Kathmandu

More project work this morning, with time to walk around the village and appreciate its charm. After lunch we drive back to Kathmandu (approx 3-4 hours), where we are free to relax before meeting again for an evening of celebrations to mark our achievements this week. Night hotel.

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### Day 12: Fly Kathmandu to London

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## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All transport from London to Kathmandu return

- All meals except where specified, and accommodation
- Discover Adventure leaders; doctor with a group of more than 15 participants; local guides, porters, cooks and drivers
- Local support and back-up equipment
- Trekking permit and any other sites included in the itinerary

## WHAT'S EXCLUDED

- Any meals specified 'not included' in the itinerary
- Extra hot drinks in tea-houses (some are included)
- Travel insurance
- Nepal entry visa
- Personal spending money, souvenirs and drinks
- Tips for the local guides and support crew
- Inbound airport departure tax (no tax applied at the time of writing)
- Fees for any optional sites, attractions and activities
- Airline taxes; we cap these so £250.00 is the maximum you will pay
- Any applicable surcharges as per Terms and Conditions

## GRADE | ORANGE

Trips are graded Yellow, Orange or Red, in increasing level of challenge. This trip lies within the **ORANGE** range.



The grade is determined by factors such as terrain, distance, climate, altitude, etc. Each colour grade has a **spectrum** which reflects the difficulty of these factors; trip duration, accommodation and living conditions (see icon) are also taken into account.

[Trip grading explained](#)



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