

# Mera Peak Climbing - Spring/Autumn Pacakge 2024/2025

#### **Facts**

**Destination:** Nepal

Trip Difficulty: Technical Challenging

Transport: Private Vehicle / Aeroplane

Food: Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel + Teahouses + Lodges

Max Elevation: 6476m

Group Size: Min 2 pax





Mera Peak, the highest trekking peak in Nepal (https://www.marveladventure.com/peak-climbing-in-nepal), is situated in the Hinku Valley of the Everest Region (https://www.marveladventure.com/everest-trekking). Consisting of the three peaks Mera South (6,065 meters), Mera North (6,476 meters), and Mera Central (6,461 meters), this expedition is the conquest of the Mera Central following the less-crowded scenic routes of the Khumbu region. Popular among the mountaineering community as an easy alpine peak



and fewer technical segments, Mera Peak Climbing is a famous expedition for the mountaineering enthusiast as a practice peak.

Mera Peak Climbing is one of the few Himalayan expeditions that can be completed within three weeks; following the remote virgin territory of the Hinku Valley, this expedition explores the northward prospects of the Khumbu region. An ideal Himalayan exploration for both beginners; who dream of conquering the 8,000-meter class massifs in the Himalayas and seasonal mountaineers who want to extend their Himalayan portfolio. This immersive, exhilarating adventure redefines the journey of solitude on an off-beaten path exploring the Himalayan wilderness. And leads to the summit that rewards the expeditioners with spectacular views of the five of the highest mountains in the world; <a href="Everest">Everest</a> (<a href="https://www.marveladventure.com/blog/how-long-does-it-take-to-climb-mount-everest">https://www.marveladventure.com/blog/how-long-does-it-take-to-climb-mount-everest</a>), <a href="Manchenjunga">Makalu (https://www.marveladventure.com/people-and-culture-of-kanchenjunga)</a>), Lhotse, and Cho Oyu.

First conquered by the British expeditioner Col. Jimmy Roberts and Sir Tenzing for the first time on 20 May 1953, this Himalayan gem has been a favorite mountain for adventures over the years. Especially as a lucky charm and the first mountain to ascend for mountaineering enthusiasts who are on their first adventure in the Himalayas, aiming to pave the way for greater conquests in the future.

## **How Technical is Mera Peak?**





Mera Peak Climbing is a **non-technical mountain**; it has a pretty much straightforward route to the summit and requires very little technical climbing skills on its normal route. Unlike other



alpine mountains that consist of steep technical segments on their slope, Mera Peak Climbing is a pretty much straightforward expedition that just needs mountaineers to use jumars and fixed rope during the last snowy dome segment, 40-50 meters distant from the summit.

Although it is not a technically difficult mountain that requires an expert level of mountaineering skills, the significant altitude can be challenging for many. Mera Peak climbing has been graded 'Alpine Grade PD' in the Alpine grading system, which means that there are some technical and challenging climbing segments on the slopes of the mountain. The adventure on this magnificent peak of the Himalayas used to have an 'Alpine Grade F' rating, which means it was an easy, straightforward ascend to the summit of the mountain.

But, due to the change in the glacier level and the involvement of the technical segment during the final push to the summit, it has now been evaluated as the 'Alpine Grade PD' mountain. Thus although the Mera Peak Climbing is considered a **non-technical expedition**, you will still need to cover a little technical stretch during the final push to the summit. But don't worry; our expert team will guide you properly throughout the expedition, and you will also receive **pre-climb training at Khare** for a safe and enjoyable mountaineering experience and how to overcome the technical segment.

# Mera Peak Climbing in Spring

The spring season in **Nepal (March, April, and May)** offers the most exhilarating and gratifying experience of the Himalayan exploration. The weather is mostly stable and warm during this season, with clear spectacular visibility. The green vegetation, lush forest, and wildflowers make it the best time to experience the full bloom of the Himalayan wilderness.



If you are a nature lover, you cannot simply miss the exploration of the region when it is at its peak. In spring, the temperature of the region hovers around 15°C to 20°C during the day time and can as drop as low as 12°C to -8°C during early mornings and night.

## Perks of Mera Peak Climbing in Spring

- Colorful flowers and lush greenery at their finest
- Cozy temperature with clear visibility
- Low probability of snowfall and rainfall
- Blooming wildlife and migrating birds
- Longer days are perfect for an immersive adventure
- Tasty seasonal delicacies

# Mera Peak Climbing in Autumn

**Autumn (September, October, and November)** is another peak season for high-altitude adventure in the Himlayas in Nepal. The freshly washed-up terrains and souring rivers nourished by monsoon rains, stable weather, warm temperature, and chilly fresh morningsnights make it the best season for the Himalayan adventure.

The dry-breezy days, accompanied by the clear blue skies and unprecedented visibility, make it an ideal time to truly immerse in the magnificence of the Himalayan vistas. The day temperature during this peak season fluctuates around 14°C to 20°C and can drop upto 10°C to -5°C during the night.

# Perks of Mera Peak Climbing in Autumn

Pleasant, chilly, and breezy temperatures



- Dry stable weather conditions
- Clear and wide visibility of Himalayan vistas
- More cultural exploration opportunity
- · Low probability of rainfall and snowfall
- Opportunity to witness wildlife preparing for hibernation
- Nothing beats photography this season
- No bugs, no leeches

# **Training and Preparation**





Mera Peak Climbing is a high-altitude adventure in the alpine environment over an altitude of 6,000 meters; thus, preparing for this glorious expedition of the Himlayas, like any other



trekking expedition, might not just make the cut. Although Mera Peak is considered the highest trekking peak in Nepal, (https://www.marveladventure.com/peak-climbing-in-nepal) traversing across the alpine and glacial segment with a slight technical segment near the summit differentiates it from other trekking adventures.

Thus preparing for Mera Peak Climbing **8-12 weeks** prior to the adventure, like other treks, will not be enough. You will actually ascend the mountain slopes with ice and snow segments, so it is recommended that you should start your preparation at least **4-6 months** or longer, if possible, before the expedition. Here are a few exercises you can include in your training regime while preparing for the Mera Peak Climbing.

**Strength and Endurance Exercises:** Squats, plank push-ups, bicep curls, overhead pass, bench press, dumbbell row, pull-ups, deadlift, weightlifting, bench press, leg curl

**Cardiovascular Exercises:** Cycling, jogging, swimming, water aerobics, jumping rope, rowing, burpees, dance, pilates, lunges

**Mental Preparation:** Meditation, practiced breathing to stay calm, boosting confidence, visualization, mental toughness

## **Food and Accommodation**





As Mera Peak Climbing explores remote parts of the Himalayas on an off-beaten path from Hongu and Hinku Valley's prospects, the food and accommodation facilities here might not



be top-tier like you expect on the mainstream trekking routes. But, it doesn't mean that you cannot enjoy exquisite lavish dishes when you join the main trekking route, so you will have to make do with what is available during the exploration of the remote parts of the expedition. Similarly, the lodges are basic in the remote region, with beds, mattresses, pillows, and blankets. Generally, the rooms in the teahouses are on a shared basis, usually two or three beds per room, and the same for the bathroom facilities (shared).

During most parts of your expedition, teahouses along the trail will prepare food for you and arrange accommodation. However, during the ascending period on the mountain, our expert team will arrange the tented accommodation for you at **Mera High Camp** and prepare warm-nourishing meals. Here are some food menus you can expect in your Mera Peak Climbing.

#### For Breakfast

- Egg options
- Toast and bread (jam or honey)
- Coffee, tea (milk, black, ginger pepper)
- Pancakes
- Oats
- Soup
- Cornflakes
- Sandwiches
- Chapatti
- Porridge

#### For Lunch and Dinner

- Thukpa
- Momos



- Sherpa stew
- Macaroni
- Spaghetti
- Potato items
- Yak steak
- Riki kur
- Shyphale
- Rildok
- Daal bhaat tarkari
- Burger
- Spring roll
- Pizza
- Noodles, chowmein

For vegan and vegetarian expeditioners, the teahouses along the trail also have vegan and vegetarian options. You could just request the chef to prepare you a vegetarian or vegan meal, excluding the meat or any other ingredient you don't want.

\*\*Note: During your trekking part, Marvel Adventure

(https://www.marveladventure.com/contact-us) will arrange the finest teahouse in the region for the best value food and accommodation facilities\*\*

#### You may also like:

- Island Peak Climbing in Spring and Autumn
   (https://www.marveladventure.com/island-peak-climbing)
- Chulu West Peak Climbing (https://www.marveladventure.com/chulu-west-peakclimbing)



• Pisang Peak Climbing (https://www.marveladventure.com/pisang-peak-climbing)

### **Alternative Route**

For the Mera Peak Climbing expedition, there is also an alternative route that takes you to Chhuthanga after landing in Luka instead of Paiya. In this alternative route, you will follow the trail to Chhuthanga, Thuli Kharka, and Kothe, finally joining the main route. This alternative route also has an extra contingency day for weather or any other unforeseen complications.

# Day 1: Fly to Lukla and trek to Chhuthanga

Lukla Elevation: 2,800 meters

Chhuthanga Elevation: 3,475 meters

Elevation Gain: 675 meters

**Duration:** 5-6 hours

On the alternative route of your Mera Peak Climbing, after landing in Lukla, instead of heading to Paiya, you will follow the route to Chhuthanga. This ascending trail from Lukla passes through the lush rhododendron and pine forests in a less-ventured route just below the Kalo Himal Ridge. As you will be trekking in restricted areas on this day's adventure, you will require a special permit to enter the region.

This day's uphill trekking also explores the beautiful Himalayan settlements that are spread across the trail and their religious prospects; the prayer wheel, flags, chortens, and mani walls that will warm up your spiritual side. This beautiful high-altitude settlement nestling between hills and mountains will be your resting destination tonight.



## Day 2: Chuthanga to Thuli Kharka trek

Chhuthanga elevation: 3,475 meters

Thuli Kharka Elevation: 4,300 meters

Elevation Gain: 825 meters

**Duration:** 5-6 hours

After your morning breakfast, on the second day of this alternative Mera Peak Climbing route, you will traverse across the lush rhododendron, pine, and magnolia forest as you alongside the widespread yak pastures. As altitude gain is significant on this day's trek, you should be careful about keeping yourself hydrated and staying on the lookout for any symptoms of altitude sickness. After trekking on the ridge of the Kalo Himal, you will arrive at the Zatrwa La Pass, which separates Khumbu and Hlnu Valleys.

Then descending on the stony path decorated with prayer flags and chortens, you will finally arrive at Thuli Kharka, which can be translated into 'Big Meadow.' This summer camp used by yak herders houses a couple of teahouses; you will take your well-deserved rest in one of the finest teahouses here.

## Day 3: Trekking from Thuli Kharka to Kothe

Thuli Kharka Elevation: 4,300 meters

Kothe Elevation: 3,691 meters

Elevation Loss: 609 meters



**Duration:** 6-7 hours

The Day 3 of your alternative Mera Peak Climbing will finally connect you to the main route of this expedition, i.e., trekking from Chhatra Khola to Kothe. Following the trails of the Hinku Valley, leaving Thuli Kharka behind, on this day's exploration, you will walk along the path covered by rhododendron and pine forest. The glorious peaks of the Himalayas, like Peak 43, Kusum Kanguru, and the south face of Mera Peak, will reward this day's adventure.

Kothe lies on the west side of the Hinku Valley, right above the banks of the Hinku Khola; after a final uphill ascend, during the last stretch, you will finally enter this beautiful Himalayan settlement. After reaching Kothe, this expedition follows the same mainstream route from Thaknak to Khare and rest.

## **Highlights**

- Summit of Mera Peak Central (6,461 meters)
- Breathtaking spectacular views of the 5 of 8,000- meters class mountains in the Himalayas (Everest, Makalu, Kanchenjunga, Lhotse, and Cho Oyu), including several other massifs
- Perfect off-beaten exploration that ventures the isolated, less traversed routes away from busy mainstream routes of the Everest region
- An ideal peak for mountaineering beginners who want to test their skillset before
   Everest or other 8,000-meter mountain expedition
- Conquest of the highest alpine trekking in Nepal
- Exploration the remote valleys of Hongu and Hinku Valley
- Exhilarating passes of the Himlayas like Zatrwa La Pass, Chutok La Pass, Kari La Pass, and Panggom La pass
- Diverse landscapes along the trail, from lush forests, soaring rivers, and waterfalls to



wide glacial vistas, pasture lands, and alpine terrains

 Warm hospitality, culture, and traditions of the high Himalayan settlements along the trail

## Day to Day Itinerary

- Day 01: Fly to Lukla and trek to Paiya
- Day 02: Trekking from Paiya to Panggom
- Day 03: Panggom to Ramailo Dada trek
- Day 04: Ramailo Dada to Chhatra Khola
- Day 05: Trekking from Chhatra Khola to Kothe
- Day 06: Kothe to Thaknak
- Day 07: Thaknak to Khare trek
- Day 08: Acclimatization day and pre-climb training at Khare
- Day 09: Khare to Mera High Camp
- Day 10: Trek to Mera Peak Base Camp (5300m)
- Day 11: Reserve day for contingency
- Day 12: Trek down to Kothe from Khare
- Day 13: Trekking from Kothe to Thuli Kharka
- Day 14: Trekking down to Lukla via Zatrwa La Pass
- Day 15: Lukla to Kathmandu

#### **Cost Includes**

- Airport pick up and drop by private vehicle
- All Domestic flights and airport tax as listed in the itinerary
- Standard meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) during the trek



- TIMS (Trekking Information Management System) card
- Mera Peak climbing permit
- Professional mountain guide
- Stong and helpful porter with proper equipments (1 porter for 2 people)
- Salary, food, accommodation and insurance for guide and porters
- Tea house/lodge accommodation during the trek
- One night tent accommodation in Mera Peak base camp with hygienic meals.
- Necessary peak climbing equipments
- Comprehensive first aid kit
- Government taxes and official expenses

#### **Cost Excludes**

- International Airfare and taxes
- Nepal entry visa fee
- Your Travel Insurance (compulsory)
- · Your personal expenses of any kind
- Any kind of drinks and desserts during the trek
- Tips for guide and porter (Tipping is expected)