

Manaslu Region Helicopter Tour

Duration: 4-5 hours Days

Itinerary (Plan)

Day 1 Detailed Itinerary for Manaslu Region Helicopter Tour

- **Time :** 4-5 hours
- **Max Altitude :** 5160 m

Accommodation: N/A

Meal: N/A

6:00 AM – 6:30 AM: Hotel Pickup & Transfer to Kathmandu Airport

Your Manaslu helicopter tour begins with an early morning pickup from your hotel in Kathmandu. A private vehicle transfers you to the domestic terminal at Tribhuvan International Airport, where our team handles check-in and pre-flight procedures.

6:30 AM – 7:30 AM: Flight from Kathmandu to Samagaun

After completing airport formalities and a safety briefing, the helicopter departs Kathmandu heading northwest. The flight passes over the scenic Gorkha district, with aerial views of Arughat, Sotikhola, Machhakhola, Jagat, Deng, and Namrung villages. The landscape transforms from terraced farmlands and green forests to steep gorges and high Himalayan terrain. The Annapurna and Ganesh Himal ranges come into view as the helicopter approaches Samagaun, the closest settlement to Manaslu Base Camp.

7:30 AM – 8:00 AM: Refueling & Exploration at Samagaun (3,530m)

The helicopter lands at Samagaun for refueling. You have approximately 30 minutes to explore this serene Himalayan village. Visit the large Milarepa statue, the Sambhavaka Gumba monastery, historic Mane Chaityas, and the traditional rotating Mani wheels. Colorful prayer flags, the fragrance of Himalayan incense, and views of the surrounding snow-capped peaks create a deeply peaceful atmosphere. The local Gurung and Lama communities welcome visitors with their traditional hospitality.

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM: Aerial View of Manaslu Base Camp & Birendra Lake

After refueling, the helicopter ascends toward Manaslu Base Camp, offering breathtaking views of the 8,163m peak of Mount Manaslu, along with Himlung Himal, Cheo Himal, Annapurna II, Kang Guru, and Himalchuli. The flight passes over the stunning blue waters of Birendra Lake, a glacial lake fed by the Manaslu glacier. During the climbing season, the base camp tents and trekking routes to Larke Pass are visible from above, with trekkers appearing as tiny specks along the mountain trails.

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM: Return Flight from Samagaun to Kathmandu

Board the helicopter for the return journey to Kathmandu. The flight retraces the route through the Gorkha district, offering final panoramic views of the Manaslu Conservation Area, terraced hills, river valleys, and rural settlements. The descent into the Kathmandu Valley marks the end of the Himalayan journey.

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM: Hotel Drop-off – Tour Concludes

Upon landing at Tribhuvan International Airport, you are escorted to your vehicle and transferred back to your hotel. The tour concludes by mid-morning, leaving you with unforgettable memories of the world's eighth-highest peak and the remote villages of the Manaslu region.

Cost Include

- Hotel pick-up and drop-off (Airport transfers within Kathmandu)
- Private or shared-basis chartered helicopter flight (Kathmandu – Manaslu Region – Kathmandu)
- Experienced, certified helicopter pilot and professional flight crew
- Guaranteed window seat (subject to the selected package and operational availability)
- Landing in the Manaslu region for sightseeing, photography, and exploration (subject to weather and aviation authority regulations)
- Passenger insurance coverage during the helicopter tour
- Domestic airport departure tax
- Manaslu Conservation Area Permit (MCAP)
- Annapurna Conservation Area Permit (ACAP) (where applicable)
- Manaslu Restricted Area Permit (RAP) (included when the helicopter itinerary enters the restricted area)
- Fuel surcharge, landing charges, and helicopter operational costs
- Emergency oxygen system onboard for passenger safety

- Basic travel coordination and on-ground assistance from the company team
- All applicable government taxes and service charges

Cost Exclude

- Personal equipment and personal expenses
 - Meals, beverages, and personal purchases
 - Travel insurance (recommended, including emergency medical and helicopter evacuation coverage)
 - Tips and gratuities for the pilot and staff (optional)
 - Costs arising from flight delays, cancellations, or itinerary changes due to adverse weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances
 - Any additional costs, services, or expenses not specifically mentioned under Package Includes
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