

Shishapangma Autumn 2012

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The IMG 2012 Shishapangma expedition is designed for experienced high altitude climbers who want the leadership and infrastructure of our renowned Himalayan programs but want to work towards increased independence and participation. Clients are expected to be involved in all aspects of the climb. Previous high altitude Himalayan climbing or a strong resume of alpine ascents accompanied by moderate altitude climbs is required for this program. If you are a first timer to 8000m peaks, Cho Oyu would be a better choice for you.

Climbing Shishapangma is a great opportunity to escape the crowds of the busier mountains like Mt. Everest and Cho Oyu while challenging one's self on an 8000m peak. This is a beautiful climb that sees only a fraction of the traffic of Cho Oyu just to the South-east. It is the only 8000m peak completely within China and towers above the Tibetan plateau. Although Shishapangma lies in a remote area it's within 10 hours by jeep from Kathmandu via the Friendship Bridge, making it one of the most accessible 8000m mountains.

Route

The route on Shishapangma starts with a jeep ride from Nyalam town to the spectacular Base Camp (5000m; 16,400'). From BC we have yak support to ABC (5400m; 17,700'). The climb to Camp 1 (6200m; 20,300') and to Camp 2 (6700m; 21,900') is straightforward glacier travel. From C2 the route steepens as it climbs a rocky gully leading to Camp 3 (7400m; 24,200'). From C3 the summit ridge gets steeper, up to 60 degrees, but it is direct and leads right to the Central Summit (8007m; 26,262'). The route between the Central Summit and the Main Summit (8,013m; 26,289') , is quite difficult and requires traversing a sharp ridge crest. If the conditions are acceptable, we will try to go to the Main Summit.

Oxygen

The Shishapangma and Cho Oyu ascents can be attempted with or without oxygen, depending on the climbers experience and strength at altitude, with final approval from the expedition leader. Regardless, oxygen will be placed at high camp for all climbers, and no refund will be provided if it is not used. For climbers considering going no O₂, please contact us to determine if it's the right choice.

Leadership

The autumn 2012 Shishapangma expedition is a guided climb, led by IMG senior guide Mike Hamill under the direction of Eric Simonson. Mike is a veteran of our 2011 successful Shishapangma climb, eight Cho Oyu expeditions, four Everest expeditions, as well as dozens of other trips around the world. Working for the group will be a number of our IMG "A Team" sherpas, under the direction of Ang Jangbu. IMG has plenty of experience operating in Tibet: since 1990 we have organized 4 expeditions to Shishapangma, in both spring and autumn seasons, in addition to 22 expeditions to Cho Oyu, 7 to the north side of Everest, and many Tibet treks.

Climb two 8000m peaks in one season

The Shishapangma expedition provides a perfect opportunity to ascend two 8000m peaks in one season due to its proximity to Cho Oyu and IMG infrastructure in place on both mountains. The Chinese offer a modest discount on fees for climbers attempting more than one 8000m peak in a season, but the permit will have to be finalized well before the first expedition, so no reimbursement will be given to should climbers not make an attempt on Cho Oyu. For climbers considering both peaks, please contact us to determine if it's the right choice.

Dates

We start earlier than most expeditions to maximize the good post-monsoon weather, to be in front of other climbing teams, and to leave ample time to climb Cho Oyu after Shishapangma, if climbers choose to do so. Dates are listed starting with the arrival day to Kathmandu to the arrival day back to Kathmandu at the end of the trip. The ending dates for the Shishapangma climb are flexible, depending on weather and conditions. It would be normal for climbers to add at least 7 extra contingency days to these itineraries. Normally climbers will change their departure flights from Kathmandu when they know exactly when the expedition is going to end.

SHISHAPANGMA SUMMIT CLIMB \$16,750 Aug 26 – Oct 4, 2012

This is a guided climb led by Mike Hamill and our IMG Sherpa team, and it is designed for experienced climbers who want to enjoy the structure and leadership of a top notch program, yet maintain some personal flexibility. Climbers joining our summit program will receive full logistics support for their climb, oxygen for Camp 3 overnight and summit day, IMG and Sherpa leaders and guides. Please contact us to discuss further what we offer for on mountain support and compare us to other expeditions.

PERSONAL SHERPA \$7000

We will assign exclusively to you (in addition to our normal Sherpa support) one of our very best Sherpas. As a small two-person team, you will be able to take advantage of the "best of both worlds" with all the "horsepower" of the main IMG team at their disposal, in case of emergency, but also having the additional flexibility afforded by a climbing partner who is committed to climbing exclusively on your own schedule, when you want to. Your personal sherpa will also be available to help carry your personal gear to the higher camps. In addition, we will provide extra oxygen so you can start using oxygen at Camp 2.

ADD CHO OYU after Shishapangma: \$11,000

ADD PERSONAL SHERPA and Extra O2 for Cho Oyu: \$5,000

Costs included in trip fee: *The team will meet in Kathmandu, per the itinerary (if you arrive or depart on a different schedule, you must cover the additional costs). All ground transportation will be covered. All hotels are covered from the time the team arrives in Kathmandu until returning to the hotel in Kathmandu at the end of the trip. Breakfast is included in Kathmandu, as is a "welcome dinner" for the group. Also included are Park fees and climbing permit fees, approximate 1:1 ratio between Western Leader(s) and Sherpa climbers vs. participants, Sherpa climbers and cook staff, camp equipment including sleeping*

tents, dining facilities, cooking gear and fuel, VHF radio and satellite communications systems, climbing route equipment, 1800 liters climbing oxygen delivered to Camp 3 for ascent and descent with extra available for sleeping at C3, oxygen regulators and masks, first aid kit, Gamow bag.

Costs not included in trip fee: Hotels and meals upon arrival in Kathmandu AFTER the trip are not covered (we will make a hotel reservation for you in Kathmandu and will assist with reconfirming tickets and will cover the cost of your transfer to the Kathmandu airport). Other items not covered include international flights, personal gear, excess baggage charges, airport taxes and Nepal and Tibet visas (we will help you procure the Tibet visa), Sherpa tip pool (we suggest \$400 per person), satellite telephone air charges, personal sundries and beverages, costs incurred as a result of delays or events beyond the control of IMG, [required insurance policies](#) (medical, evacuation, trip cancellation, etc.), and customary but optional tips for IMG staff.

Payment Schedule*	<u>Summit Climb</u>
With Application	\$1,000
6 months prior departure	\$6,000
3 months prior departure	\$9,750

All IMG program fees are quoted in US dollars. All fees and payments are non-refundable and non-transferable. Payments must be received by IMG on or before the due dates noted above. Failure to submit payments on or before these due dates will result in forfeiture of fees paid and loss of program reservation. Payments made by wire transfer to IMG require inclusion of an additional \$30.00 wire transfer fee.

Shishapangma Expedition Details

International Mountain Guides (“IMG”)

IMG is the oldest and most respected high-altitude climbing service in the world and its three principals, Eric Simonson, Phil Ershler, and George Dunn, have led and organized hundreds of expeditions worldwide since 1975. Each is an AMGA Certified Alpine Guide with Himalayan expedition experience including Everest, K2, Kangchenjunga, Shishapangma, and Cho Oyu.

IMG's **Himalayan** programs are recognized worldwide as simply outstanding. We are known for our highly professional staff of leaders, climbers and Sherpas, and first-rate logistics, all of which results in our record of safety and success on the mountain. Since 1990, over 450 IMG team members have summited the world's classic 8,000-meter peaks.

IMG's Philosophy

Our goal is to safely help as many team members as possible reach their goal, and we invest in the people and equipment that will make this happen. We value our reputation as the premiere international climbing company, and we only put programs in place that measure up to our own high standards. If you would like to join a world-class team on Shishapangma, we encourage you to contact us to discuss your goals and qualifications and secure an exciting role for yourself on our expedition!

Mike Hamill

Mike is one of the top IMG guides. A multiple 7-Summiter, he has climbed Shishapangma, Cho Oyu (5x) and Everest (3x). We have great confidence in Mike's ability to lead a safe and successful program on Shishapangma.

The IMG Sherpa team

Ang Jangbu and his staff in Kathmandu puts together one of the very best Sherpa / Tibetan teams on the mountain each year for IMG. We are proud to have a group of climbers working for us who are among the best paid, best led, best equipped, and best trained in the business. Our Sherpa / Tibetan team is the envy of the mountain and is comprised of many of the world's most experienced high altitude climbers. The Sherpa/Tibetan staff on the expedition have many 8,000m summits under their belt! Many of our Khumbu Sherpas do intensive technical skills training on an annual basis with some of the best American climbers in their home town of Phortse, through the Khumbu Climbing School, which IMG is proud to be a sponsor of: <http://www.alexlowe.org/kcs.shtml>

Difficulty

How hard is Shishapangma? You need to have solid cramponing skills and be able to rappel with a pack on. You'll be ascending and descending on fixed ropes most of the time, but there may be some sections that will be climbed unroped. If you have a question about whether or not you are ready for a climb like Shishapangma, please get in contact with us.

References

Joining a high-altitude trek or expedition is a serious decision. You should be completely confident in the organization and leadership before you make that decision. Many of you have climbed with us before, and because your experience with us was good, you're considering another climb with us. For those of you who haven't climbed with us before, we strongly encourage you to interview us thoroughly and also talk to our past customers. When you're ready to make the decision, we'll be happy to provide you with a complete list of references.

Air Travel Arrangements

International Mountain Guides has worked for many years with Ms. Pirjo Dehart and her staff at CTT Destinations to provide professional travel service for participants in our programs. We urge you to contact CTT Destinations (www.CTTDestinations.com) at 800/909-6647 or img@cttdestinations.com for help with your plans. Travel to Tibet requires a special permit. We will procure the Chinese visa and Tibet Travel Permit authorization on behalf of the team (we will collect the Chinese visa fee from you in Kathmandu).

Travel Insurance

We invest in insurance coverage for commercial liability and medical and disability insurance for our employees and Sherpas while participating on our programs. We cannot insure you for your personal needs, but we do expect you to be as fiscally responsible as we are. We strongly recommend that you insure yourself against potentially expensive difficulties that may arise. First, Trip Cancellation Insurance may provide financial relief should you be forced to withdraw from the program before it even happens. Next, make sure you have adequate Travel Insurance for coverage should you have a problem during the trip. Medical care and evacuation in remote locations can be expensive. We recommend Travelex as a sole provider of [Trip Cancellation and Travel Insurance](#).

“I was very impressed with how everything was so well organized. It seemed like every little detail was covered. IMG is way better than the others. Way better! You guys are the best in the business...”

—Jim P.

For more comments from IMG climbers, please see our website at: www.mountainguides.com/comments.shtml

Things to Consider

Climbing 8,000m peaks in the Himalaya is serious business. I am proud of the way we conduct ourselves, and I think we provide the best package available. I encourage you to contact me to discuss in person all the details of our programs. We know we're not the cheapest deal around, and we don't want to be. We spend more providing the best personnel, equipment, logistics and safety measures – things that many lower-cost programs cannot afford and do not have. We don't cut corners. As you shop around, consider the following:

- **IMG** leaders are professionals and are great teachers as well as strong climbers. All have done numerous high-altitude expeditions, including the Himalaya. Our clients enjoy the immense benefit of a core group that has climbed together extensively, producing a team that knows how to work well together.
- **IMG** always complies with all local, state, federal, and international regulations for the countries in which we climb. This includes proper visas and climbing permits, full insurance and equipment for our employees and Sherpa support teams, and complete adherence to all environmental regulations. Our great safety record allows us to operate with full liability insurance. All client funds are deposited in a regulated trust account. We take our business seriously!
- **IMG** Base Camp is top-notch and our enthusiastic cooks do a great job and our menus are well considered. It makes a difference! Some of the amenities we offer include: a gas powered hot shower, a shower tent, a separate communications tent, individual tents at base camp, excellent base camp food which often includes fresh baked goods, sushi, and tempura by our trained cooks, western snack food, thick foam pads for sleeping, etc. We feel these small comforts go a long way in making our clients more at home at base camp, and allow them to relax and focus on their climb.
- **IMG** itineraries are longer than most others offered on the market, and we allow enough time for a second attempt, if necessary. We know how to acclimatize properly and we don't rush.
- **IMG** brings advanced technology to the mountain. All climber/sherpa teams will be issued a VHF walkie-talkie radio. Solar power at Base Camp quietly supports our satellite communications, allowing us to maintain excellent emergency contact capabilities and keep friends and family informed of our progress during the long weeks away from home. IMG will post regular internet dispatches and/or send regular e mail updates to keep friends and families apprised of the climbers progress. We have wireless internet available at ABC @ \$10/MB.
- **IMG** provides its state-of-the-art proprietary oxygen system to every summit climber. 1800 liters of oxygen will be placed at Camp 3 for use during the summit bid. Additional oxygen will be available for sleeping at C3 as well as emergency and backup.
- **IMG** maintains a full team medical kit at base camp and bring appropriately sized kit up with us to higher camps so we can properly deal with medical situations should they arise. We supply a gamow bag, pulse oximeter, and extra medical oxygen for emergencies.

“After seeing some of the other groups, I would certainly recommend IMG to anyone interested in going...”

—Joe C.

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Shishapangma Personal Equipment Checklist

This equipment list is meant to help you compile your personal gear for a high altitude trekking trip. Most items are required. Please consider each item carefully and be sure you understand the function of each piece of equipment before you substitute or delete items from your duffel. Keep in mind that this list has been carefully compiled by Eric Simonson, the expedition organizer. Don't cut corners on the quality of your gear.

Travel Items

- Duffel Bags: One duffel will accompany you on the trek to BC. Climbers will need a second duffel, which will be packed with the mountain equipment and which will go direct to BC. Duffels are carried by porters and yaks and should be sturdy and waterproof with name written on bag (in case tag is lost). Bags with wheels are nice for the airport, but the porters and yaks don't like to carry them, so don't bring wheeled bags. You will also store some travel clothes at the hotel in Kathmandu while trekking, so a smaller additional bag with a lock might be handy. **Tip:** Bring 5 large plastic garbage bags to pack gear inside duffels to protect gear from rain.
- Daypack: Large daypack or bag with a shoulder strap, so you don't have to set it down while doing the duffel shuffle or handling travel documents while going through passport control and customs at the airport. It needs to be big enough to hold everything you'll need for an overnight stop.
- Locks: You'll want padlocks in Nepal and Tibet, but for flying out of the USA, it might be better to use plastic zip ties which can be cut by TSA staff if necessary (bring extra zip ties).
- Travel Wallet: Important for carrying your important documents including passport, extra photos, duffel inventory list, and money. We suggest that you use a travel wallet that you can hang around your neck and place inside your shirt, or around your waist tucked under your shirt or trousers.
- Passport (valid for at least 6 months after the trip ends with sufficient extra pages for visa stamps and in **same name as airline ticket** (or with endorsement-for women who changed name w/ marriage). Get your Nepal visa on arrival in Kathmandu at the airport (and in Kodari on the return to Nepal).
- 2 additional passport photos for Nepal visas.

Trekking Gear

- Trekking Poles: Poles come in handy for balance and easing impact to your knees. Get collapsible poles that can attach to your backpack.
- Backpacks: The "day pack" is great for a travel carry-on and may be big enough for the trek (need room for your clothes, water, camera, food, etc during the day while hiking). Climbers will need a larger pack (50-60 liter size is popular) and this will also be fine for the trek. For the international flights put your backpack into the duffel bags.
- Pack Cover: Waterproof rain cover for your pack.
- Sleeping Bag: Rated to at least 0 degrees Fahrenheit. Synthetic or Down. Base Camp can get down to around 0-10 degrees F at night...so quite chilly.
- Trekkers do not need a pad (foam mattress will be provided for trek and Base Camp). Climbers should bring a Thermarest pad to augment the closed cell pads we put in the tents above BC.

Footwear

- Lightweight Shoes: Running/tennis shoes and sandals for camp, around town, etc.
- Hiking Boots: Medium-weight hiking boots, waterproofed and broken-in.
- Gaiters: To keep snow, mud, and scree out of your hiking boots.

- Socks: 5 complete changes of socks, in a combination that you have used and know works for you. Make sure your boots are roomy enough for the sock combination you intend to use. Tight boots will make your feet cold.

Clothing

- Base Layer: 2 pair synthetic long johns: one midweight set and one expedition weight set.
- Mid Layers: One additional warm layer (wool sweater, another fleece jacket, shelled vest, etc, that can be worn in conjunction to the other layers).
- Shell Jacket: Waterproof/breathable jacket with hood.
- Shell Pants: Waterproof/breathable pants (full side zips are best).
- Climbing/Trekking Pants: Look for construction that provides freedom of movement and/or stretch materials. Fabric should be a breathable synthetic that preferably holds up to abrasion and dries quickly. You can wear them over longjohns if it is cold.
- Warm Parka: Down or synthetic. This should be big enough to go over other garments. Many climbers also like insulated pants for cold mornings and evenings at BC / ABC.
- Trekking Clothes: Light hiking pants and / or hiking shorts for warm weather down low- NOT cotton. Shirts for hiking on nice days (t-shirts OK, quick-drying synthetic fabric far better.)
- Casual Clothes: For travel/meals in dining rooms. You'll want a shirt or two with a collar to wear on flights and for restaurants. A sweatshirt or light jacket might be nice in the evening.
- Bathing Suit: Some of the hotels have pools (eg, in Bangkok).

Clothing Accessories

- Gloves: Light gloves for hiking and warm ski gloves. Bring mittens too if your hands tend to get cold.
- Hats: Warm wool or heavy fleece hat, sun hat and bandana.
- A "Buff" or light balaclava to breathe through in the cold dry air. Good for preventing "Khumbu cough"

Camp Accessories

- Headlamp: With several sets of extra batteries. Climbers should bring a second "back up" headlamp.
- Water Bottles: 2 water bottles with foam insulation shells. Bring a Pee bottle too.
- Water Treatment: Iodine tablets (Potable Aqua or similar) or iodine crystals (Polar Pure).
- Camera: Spare batteries and a large capacity memory card. USB for sharing photos.
- Pocket Knife. Climbers need to bring Bowl, Cup spoon.

Personal Accessories

- Wrist Watch: With alarm and light for reading in the dark. We like the Suunto ones.
- Eyewear: Bring good sunglasses. For contact lens wearers, ski goggles with light color lenses (for use at night) might be useful in windy conditions that cause blowing dust.
- Vision correction: Bring extra prescription eyeglasses or contact lenses if you wear them. Lens solutions are not widely available in Nepal, bring enough.
- Skin Care: Maximum SPF sunscreen and lip balm.
- Basic First Aid and personal: Bring plenty of hand sanitizer (Purell). Also you'll want moleskin, tape, aspirin (many climbers take an 81mg aspirin every day to prevent stroke), ibuprofen/acetaminophen, Imodium & Pepto Bismol for diarrhea, Band-Aids, antacid, insect repellent, ear plugs, and several rolls of toilet paper (we will have a supply at Base Camp), small towel, soap/shampoo, a few disposable dust masks, hand cream (for chapped hands).

- Prescription Medications: 1) Antibiotic for upper respiratory problems (azithromycin) 2) Antibiotic for GI problems (Cipro or azithromycin); 3) Diamox (acetazolamide) for acclimatization (125 mg tabs recommended, enough for a week); 4) Sleeping pills for jet lag; 5) Malaria Chemoprophylaxis, if needed based on travel plans; 6) Asthma medication, if any history (many climbers use Advair inhalers at high altitude to prevent Khumbu cough). For serious illness on high altitude expeditions standard treatment protocol is 7) nifedipine (for pulmonary edema) and 8) dexamethasone (for cerebral edema) in association with immediate descent.
- Cold medicine (Sudafed, etc), Chloroseptic or Tessalon Perles throat lozenges.
- Personal Snack Food: Approximately 5 pounds of personal snacks, also some drink mixes if you like these (add drink mix to your water bottle after giving iodine tablets 30 minutes of contact time). Summit climbers should bring some extra high altitude snacks they know they will like to eat up high!
- MP3 Player, Kindle or Books. Plan on sharing books with our Base Camp Library.
- Pee bottle
- Chemical hand warmers (6)

Climbers add the following

- Ice axe: We like a general purpose axe in the 60-70 cm range, depending upon your height and the type of climbing you anticipate. A wrist leash is useful for wearing while crossing snow bridges or on steep slopes where losing an axe would be a big problem. A spike with a point is preferable to a tubular shape (which can glance off the ice at certain angles).
- Crampons: The number one rule with crampons is that they need to stay on your boots no matter what. Make sure your boots are compatible with your crampons. Avoid "cookie cutter" crampons with a vertical side rail. They tend to ball up in soft snow. Mono points, heel hooks, and various technical ice paraphernalia may be great for an icicle, but are unnecessary for mountaineering.
- Helmet
- Bowl, Cup, Spoon, Pocketknife for up high
- Climbing Harness: We prefer a harness with a minimum of padding that can be adjusted to fit over bulky clothing with leg loops that open up so you don't have to step into the harness.
- Ascenders & Hardware: Two large locking carabiners, mechanical ascenders with slings, rappel device (Figure 8 or ATC that will work on a variety of rope diameters from 6mm to half inch braided rope), 4 extra shoulder slings with 'biners. Bring 30 feet of 6mm accessory cord or ½ inch tape webbing to rig your ascender and safety sling (we will show you a good way to do this).
- Warm shelled mittens (down or similar insulated preferred)
- Plastic double boots and overboots or many climbers prefer the Millet Everest or the La Sportiva Olympus Mons boots which have an integrated gaiter.
- 1 pair of Glacier glasses, with a spare pair as backup.
- A "Buff" or light balaclava to breath through in the cold dry air
- Goggles (including light yellow or clear lens for night if it is cold)
- Small repair kit. We'll have a large repair kit at Base Camp with tools, etc.
- Holster or other manner for stowing ice axe (between shoulders under pack?). Must be out of the way and easy to reach with one hand.
- Good 1 liter thermos bottle
- Extra socks (you can hand wash socks and underwear at BC, no problem).
- Down pants that work with the down parka or a down suit. Summit day can be very cold! Many climbers also like insulated pants for cold mornings and evenings at BC / ABC.

Shishapangma Autumn 2012 Itinerary

Aug 21, 2011	Arrive Kathmandu
Aug 22, 2011	Visa day at Chinese Embassy
Aug 23, 2011	Drive to Zhangmu
Aug 24, 2011	Drive to Nyalam
Aug 25, 2011	Acclimatization day in Nyalam
Aug 26, 2011	Drive to Shishapangma Base Camp
Aug 27, 2011	Acclimatization
Aug 28, 2011	Acclimatization
Aug 29, 2011	Acclimatization
Aug 30, 2011	Move to Advanced Base Camp
Aug 31, 2011	ABC
Sep 1, 2011	ABC
Sep 2, 2011	Climb to Camp 1, return to Camp 1
Sep 3, 2011	Camp 1, overnight
Sep 4, 2011	Camp 1, overnight
Sep 5, 2011	ABC
Sep 6, 2011	ABC
Sep 7, 2011	ABC
Sep 8, 2011	Camp 1
Sep 9, 2011	Camp 2
Sep 10, 2011	Camp 2
Sep 11, 2011	Climb toward Camp 3
Sep 12, 2011	ABC
Sep 13, 2011	Base Camp
Sep 14, 2011	Base Camp
Sep 15, 2011	Base Camp
Sep 16, 2011	ABC
Sep 17, 2011	Camp 1
Sep 18, 2011	Camp 2
Sep 19, 2011	Camp 3
Sep 20, 2011	Summit and camp 2
Sep 21, 2011	Contingency day
Sep 22, 2011	Contingency day
Sep 23, 2011	Contingency day
Sep 24, 2011	Contingency day
Sep 25, 2011	Contingency day
Sep 26, 2011	ABC
Sep 27, 2011	ABC — pack. Yaks arrive
Sep 28, 2011	Base Camp
Sep 29, 2011	Drive to Zhangmu, cross border and drive to Kathmandu
Sep 30, 2011	Contingency day

Shishapangma Immunizations Checklist

- Tetanus-Diphtheria** - You should already have. Do you need a booster?
- Polio** -You should already have. Do you need a booster?
- MMR** -You should already have. Do you need a booster?
- Meningitis** - Recommended. Consult your physician.
- Hepatitis A** - Recommended. Consult your physician.
- Hepatitis B** - Not a bad idea. Ask your physician.
- Cholera** - Ask your physician. Not usually recommended any more.
- Typhoid** - Not a bad idea to be safe. The tablet form, Vivotif Berna, is good for five years.
- Rabies** - The new vaccine is easy. Rabid animals are occasionally encountered in China.
- Malaria** – Not necessary unless you plan on traveling, for example, to certain parts of Thailand before/after the trip...then malaria chemoprophylaxis is recommended.

We recommend that you visit the travel clinic at a major University Hospital or your local Public Health Department for the most up to date info on travel requirements, or check the Center for Disease Control Website at www.cdc.gov

“I have to say, in my opinion, IMG ran one excellent expedition! I have done and do many sports that can get very dangerous very quickly if they are not managed correctly or respected accordingly. You nailed it!”

—Mark

“You clearly have Himalayan climbing "dialed in" from years of experience. Nothing was overlooked. Safety was always top priority, and no shortcuts were allowed. And if I didn't immediately recognize this, the contrast couldn't have been more apparent as we moved up the mountain. I was so glad to be an IMG client. I don't want to criticize other services, but there really is a world of difference, and it's worth every penny!”

—Robert M.

“I wanted to say thanks for a great expedition. I was very impressed with the organization and facilities that were put together for the trip. Outstanding group of staff and in general the trip flowed with great ease because of the groundwork you've spent years perfecting. Thanks for the fantastic adventure!”

—Kris E.

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