

MANASLU EXPEDITION

NEPAL | ASIA | 26,781' – 8163M



View from near Manaslu Base Camp looking up at the climbing route (Phunuru Sherpa)

CLIMB MANASLU WITH IMG

IMG has conducted 32 Autumn season expeditions to 8000 meter peaks in Nepal and Tibet, including Cho Oyu, Shishapangma, and Manaslu. Now that the Chinese have closed access to Tibet for climbers, we will return to Manaslu in Autumn 2024.

Manaslu is located in the Gorkha District of Central Nepal, west of Everest and east of Annapurna and ranks as the 8th tallest peak in the world. . The three peaks of the Manaslu massif include Himalchuli and Peak 29 (Ngadi Chuli) which are aligned in a peculiar north/south orientation. The area around Manaslu is administered as the Manaslu Conservation Area and comprises sub-tropical Himalayan foothills to arid Trans-Himalayan high pastures bordering Tibet.

Leading the 2024 Manaslu expedition will be IMG's sirdar (head sherpa) Phunuru Sherpa. Phunuru has thirty-three (33) 8000 meter summits under his belt, including two successful autumn ascents of Manaslu.-Joining Phunuru will be IMG guides from USA and our top IMG Sherpa Guides from Nepal.

For the best possible chance of summiting this 8,163 m (26,781 ft) mountain we will look to take advantage of the "window" of good weather that follows the end of the monsoon, but before the cold winter winds start picking up. IMG will plan on using supplemental oxygen, which is a big benefit on a cold summit day!

This climb is fantastic, giving you the opportunity to climb a big Himalayan mountain, become familiar with our great Sherpa team, and also gain experience using oxygen on the summit day. If an 8000-meter peak is in your future, we hope you will join us for Manaslu. This will be great experience!

DATES & PRICES

Manaslu Expedition - \$25,500

Personal Sherpa & Extra O2 - \$7500
Single Supplement - \$300
(in hotel & lodges as available)

Sept 1 - Oct 5, 2024

DID YOU KNOW

Manaslu is known as the "Japanese" 8000 meter peak since many of the early expeditions to the area were from Japan.

First Boot-Prints on Top:
Manaslu was first climbed by a Japanese team on May 9, 1956.

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REGISTER

- [IMG Application Package](#)
- Application Fee \$5000 USD
- Passport copy

FEE SCHEDULE

Non-refundable application fee is due at registration and applies to program fees. **Balance of all fees are due 120 days prior to trip departure.** Please refer to the application package for payment instructions. 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.

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THE GUIDES

IMG leaders are professionals and are great teachers as well as strong climbers. All have done numerous high-altitude expeditions. 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.

THE ITINERARY

Our 2024 IMG Manaslu Expedition includes a [35-day itinerary](#) that combines an expedited trip by helicopter to and from the mountain, with an unhurried acclimatization schedule once we start climbing. After meeting in Kathmandu, the team will fly by helicopter to Samagaon (3850m) in the heart of the Gorkha District of Central Nepal, near to the Tibet border. Here we will spend several days doing acclimatization hiking prior to moving up to the Base Camp (4800m). Then, above Base Camp, a series of camps will be utilized: Camp 1 (5800m); Camp 2 (6400m); Camp 3 (6800m); and Camp 4 (7450m). **A Note on Dates:** The actual ending date is flexible, depending on weather and conditions. We have a number of contingency days built into the itinerary, but normally climbers will change their international departure flights when they know exactly when the expedition is going to end. We recommend adding several contingency days to this itinerary below in case we must wait for weather or conditions.

Day	2024 Date	Manaslu Itinerary
1	Sunday, September 1, 2024	Arrive Kathmandu
2	Monday, September 2, 2024	In Kathmandu
3	Tuesday, September 3, 2024	Fly to Samagaon (3,500m / 11,480')
4	Wednesday, September 4, 2024	Acclimatization in Samagaon
5	Thursday, September 5, 2024	Acclimatization hiking in Samagaon
6	Friday, September 6, 2024	Acclimatization hiking in Samagaon
7	Saturday, September 7, 2024	Trek to Base Camp (4800m / 15,744')
8	Sunday, September 8, 2024	Rest day
9	Monday, September 9, 2024	Acclimatization hike
10	Tuesday, September 10, 2024	Acclimatization hike
11	Wednesday, September 11, 2024	Climb to Camp 1 (5800m / 19,024') for sleep
12	Thursday, September 12, 2024	Acclimatization, second night at Camp 1
13	Friday, September 13, 2024	Descend to Base Camp
14	Saturday, September 14, 2024	Rest Day
15	Sunday, September 15, 2024	Rest Day
16	Monday, September 16, 2024	Camp 1, overnight
17	Tuesday, September 17, 2024	Camp 1, acclimatization day
18	Wednesday, September 18, 2024	Camp 2 (6400m / 20,992'), overnight
19	Thursday, September 19, 2024	Camp 2, acclimatization day
20	Friday, September 20, 2024	Climb to Camp 3 (6800m / 22,304') and descend to BC
21	Saturday, September 21, 2024	Rest
22	Sunday, September 22, 2024	Rest
23	Monday, September 23, 2024	Rest
24	Tuesday, September 24, 2024	Camp 1 (5800m / 19,024')
25	Wednesday, September 25, 2024	Camp 2 (6400m / 20,992')
26	Thursday, September 26, 2024	Camp 3 (6800m / 22,304')
27	Friday, September 27, 2024	Camp 4 (7450m / 24,436')
28	Saturday, September 28, 2024	Summit, descend to Camp 3
29	Sunday, September 29, 2024	Descend to Base Camp
30	Monday, September 30, 2024	Contingency
31	Tuesday, October 1, 2024	Contingency

32	Wednesday, October 2, 2024	Contingency
33	Thursday, October 3, 2024	Pack up base camp
34	Friday, October 4, 2024	Samagaon
35	Saturday, October 5, 2024	Fly to Kathmandu

THE DEAL: Here is what is included and not included in your land cost fee.

Included

- IMG Leadership, IMG Guides & Sherpa Guides, local Sherpa climbers & cook staff
- All airport transfers in Kathmandu before & after the climb
- Double occupancy accommodations for stated itinerary
- Hotels with breakfast in Kathmandu for stated itinerary at beginning of expedition
- Welcome dinner
- All meals after departing Kathmandu and before returning to Kathmandu
- Domestic Nepal flights
- Park fees, permits, liaison officer
- Group equipment (cooking gear & fuel, camp equipment, foam pad at Base Camp) & dining facilities
- Single occupancy tent at Base Camp (sharing above)
- VHF radio & satellite communications systems
- Climbing route equipment
- First aid kit, hyperbaric (Gamow) bag & emergency medical oxygen
- Supplemental climbing oxygen for the summit bid starting with the move to Camp 4

Not Included

- International round trip airfare/tax/baggage fees/travel expenses to/from Kathmandu
- Nepal visa fee
- Excess baggage charges
- Single Supplement hotel accommodations in hotels/lodges
- Lodging and meals before/after stated itinerary
- Personal gear
- Personal Sherpa and extra oxygen (available for additional fee)
- Tip pool contribution (\$500) for base camp staff and porters
- Satellite phone charges
- Personal sundries and beverages
- Costs incurred as a result of delays or events beyond the control of IMG
- Required Travel insurance; evacuation, hospital or medical costs
- Covid tests (if required for travel); any Covid-related expense resulting in delays or quarantine
- Optional but customary gratuity for your IMG guides, 5% is a good starting point

THE ODDS & ENDS:

Personal Sherpa & Extra Oxygen

(Starting Camp 2) In addition to your climbing guide, we can arrange for you to have a personal Sherpa and 1800L of extra oxygen for the Manaslu Expedition, allowing you to begin oxygen at Camp 2 (when you move to Camp 3 on the summit bid). The cost will be \$7500 for this combination. Your personal Sherpa will assist with carrying your extra oxygen, helping you with some of your personal gear, and being a climbing partner who will have an extra set of eyes on you during your climb. If you anticipate wanting additional support during the expedition, this would be a good option for you. Please let us know if this is something you are interested in having during the expedition.

We will provide high altitude climbing oxygen starting at Camp 3 for the day you move to Camp 4, for the overnight at Camp 4, and then for the summit day climb and descent back down to Camp 3. Climbers will typically set their flow rates for climbing in the 3 LPM range (liters per minute, a generous flow), and for "sleeping" at night at 1 LPM.

Single Supplement

Accommodations are based on double occupancy. If you prefer a single room in the hotels and lodges (as available),

this can be arranged for an additional \$300. Above Base Camp you will share a tent. Inform us of your request for single supplement accommodations not later than 120 days prior to your trip date.

Sleeping Bag Rental

Many climbers like to bring a second sleeping bag, so you can leave one at Base Camp and take the other higher up. We have a limited number of minus 20F down sleeping bags for rent for \$200. Please contact us to reserve your sleeping bag rental (subject to availability) no later than 120 days prior to the trip date.

Travel Insurance

Emergency evacuation & repatriation coverage and emergency medical expense coverage are required for International Programs. IMG strongly recommends the addition of trip cancellation/interruption coverage due to the IMG refund policy. Coverage should be door to door. Information is on our [website](#).

Flights

Plan to arrive to Nepal on Day 1 of the stated itinerary. Please provide your complete flight itinerary to us so we can book your hotel reservation, and do keep us informed of any changes to your itinerary. If you arrive a day early, we can assist in reserving an additional hotel night for you (at your expense).

Tips

We will collect for a tip pool, and ask the team members to please contribute \$500. We will collect this in Kathmandu and distribute this on behalf of the team as a thank you gift to the many unsung people that make the whole operation run smoothly: the porters, trek staff, cooks and helpers, hotel staff, Kathmandu staff, climbing Sherpas, and others. You may also wish to provide additional tip to your guides (figure 5% if you are looking for a generous number).

Ama Dablam Extension

Do you want to take advantage of your acclimatization and climb Ama Dablam after you return to Kathmandu? The itineraries for Manaslu and Ama Dablam match up perfectly, giving you some time back in KTM to rest and do laundry before getting on a helicopter and heading into the Khumbu Valley. Let us know if you are interested in adding Ama Dablam.

Passport & Visa

Your passport must have at least 6 months validity at time of entry to Nepal and one full page required for entry stamp. A tourist visa is required for U.S. citizens to enter Nepal, we'll provide instruction.

Immunizations + Covid

Participants are required to comply with the Covid-19 vaccination and documentation requirements of the destination country or area. For the most up to date information on Covid-19 vaccination requirements and any other immunization requirements, visit the website of your destination country embassy in the USA, [US Embassy website for your destination country](#), the [CDC](#), and [US State Dept Travel pages](#). Requirements are subject to change. Plan to carry a digital copy of your Covid-19 vaccination record with you.

QUESTIONS? [Email](#) or call (360) 569-2609 Ext. 1