

Everest Helicopter Tour with Kala Patthar Landing

1 Day Itinerary

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Everest Helicopter Tour with Kala Patthar Landing (6 Hours)

The tour starts early in the morning, when the weather in the Himalayas is usually at its best. You fly from Kathmandu to the Everest region, land at Kala Patthar, and may stop for breakfast at Hotel Everest View before flying back to Kathmandu. The exact schedule can change depending on weather, flight operations and safety requirements.

Phase 1: Transfer from Hotel to Tribhuvan International Airport (6:00–6:30 AM)

A representative picks you up from your hotel in Kathmandu and takes you to the domestic terminal of Tribhuvan International Airport. Arriving on time keeps check-in smooth.

Phase 2: Airport Check-in, Safety Briefing and Boarding (6:30–7:00 AM)

You complete check-in and receive a safety briefing from the flight crew. The pilot explains the flight instructions, passenger weight limits and the rules for landing at high altitude. Departure time may change because of weather or airport conditions.

Phase 3: Scenic Flight from Kathmandu to Lukla (7:00–8:00 AM)

The helicopter flies from Kathmandu to Lukla in about 45 minutes to one hour. On the way you see green hills, river valleys, mountain villages and the Himalayan range. On clear days you may spot peaks such as Langtang Lirung, Ganesh Himal and Gauri Shankar.

Phase 4: Landing and Refueling at Lukla (8:00–8:15 AM)

The helicopter makes a short stop in Lukla to refuel and get ready for the high-altitude flight. Lukla is the gateway to the Everest region, and you get a look at the busy mountain town where trekkers and climbers begin their journeys.

Phase 5: Flight from Lukla to Kala Patthar (8:15–8:30 AM)

From Lukla the helicopter flies deeper into the Khumbu region. Depending on the route and visibility, you may see Namche Bazaar, Tengboche, Dingboche, Gorak Shep, Everest Base Camp and the Khumbu Glacier. The landscape gets more rugged as you near the high peaks.

Phase 6: Landing and Sightseeing at Kala Patthar (8:30–8:45 AM)

The highlight of the tour is the landing at Kala Patthar, at about 5,545 m. From this viewpoint you can see Mount Everest, Nuptse, Lhotse, Pumori and the surrounding peaks. The stop is short because of the altitude, so there is time for photos while you follow the pilot's instructions. The landing depends on weather, aircraft performance and the pilot's safety decision.

Phase 7: Flight to Hotel Everest View at Syangboche (8:45–9:00 AM)

After Kala Patthar, the helicopter continues toward Syangboche and Hotel Everest View, depending on the confirmed flight plan. On the way you see more glaciers, ridges and mountain settlements. The hotel is known for its wide view of Everest and the peaks nearby.

Phase 8: Breakfast at Hotel Everest View (9:00–9:30 AM)

If the stop is part of the flight plan, you have breakfast or refreshments at Hotel Everest View with the mountains in front of you. It is a quiet place to rest and take photos. Breakfast costs are not included unless stated in your package.

Phase 9: Return Flight to Lukla for Refueling (9:30–10:00 AM)

The helicopter flies back toward Lukla for refueling and checks, if the flight plan requires it. You get one more look at the Khumbu landscape before the return journey starts.

Phase 10: Flight from Lukla to Kathmandu (10:00–11:00 AM)

After refueling and checks, the helicopter flies back to Kathmandu. The return flight shows the scenery change from high Himalayan peaks to green hills and river valleys. The helicopter lands at Tribhuvan International Airport.

Phase 11: Transfer from Kathmandu Airport to Your Hotel (11:00–11:30 AM)

A representative helps with your transfer back to your hotel in Kathmandu, and you have the rest of the day to relax.

Max. Elevation	5,545 m (Kala Patthar)
Duration	Approximately 5–6 hours
Accommodation	No
Meals	No (breakfast at Hotel Everest View is at your own cost)

Note: The times above are approximate and form a sample schedule. Flight duration, refueling stops, landing arrangements and the Hotel Everest View stop depend on weather, aircraft performance, passenger weight and operational requirements. The tour operator and pilot decide the final itinerary based on safety conditions.

Cost Include

- Hotel pickup and drop-off in Kathmandu.
- Private charter helicopter flight with an experienced pilot.
- Domestic airport taxes and applicable airport charges.
- Company service charges.
- Salaries for the tour crew.
- Medical assistance and supplemental oxygen on board.
- Passenger insurance during the helicopter flight, provided by the helicopter company.

Cost Exclude

- Nepal entry visa fee and international flight tickets.
- Travel insurance and emergency evacuation costs.
- Breakfast and refreshments at Hotel Everest View.
- Meals and accommodation in Kathmandu.
- Personal expenses.

- Tips for the pilot, guide and crew.
- Any services or expenses not specifically mentioned under the cost includes section.