

Phulchowki Hill Hike - 1 Days

"Lace up your hiking boots and get ready to conquer the highest hill in the Kathmandu Valley—Phulchowki Hill awaits!"

Rising majestically to 2,782 meters (9,127 feet), Phulchowki Hill is the tallest hill encircling the Kathmandu Valley, located in the Lalitpur District of Nepal. Its name, "Phulchowki," means "hill of flowers," a befitting description given its stunning rhododendron blossoms that burst into color every spring. Culturally significant, the hill is home to the Phulchowki Mai temple, dedicated to a revered Hindu goddess. Additionally, Phulchowki Hill is a treasure trove of biodiversity, featuring excellent birdwatching opportunities, thrilling hiking trails, and botanical marvels, with the occasional chance of snowfall during winter. Also at the summit, visitors are treated to breathtaking panoramic views of the imposing Himalayas, the Kathmandu Valley, and the surrounding lush landscapes.

Additionally, it is part of the Phulchowki Forest Reserve in the Godawari area and holds the distinction of being a UNESCO-listed biodiversity hotspot. The hill also serves as a key site for scientific and meteorological research, complete with observation towers at its peak.

- Highlights
- Stunning views of snow-capped peaks
- Visit the revered Phulchowki Mai Temple
- Winter snowfall attracts local families and photographers alike

Why Choose This Destination

The hike to Phulchowki Hill is the nearest high-altitude trek from Kathmandu, ensuring a breathtaking experience with its spectacular views. Also, this destination is ideal for nature

enthusiasts and photographers who can savor the blend of natural beauty with the spirituality emanating from the Phulchowki Mai shrine. The trek is accessible and fulfilling, featuring stunning Himalayan panoramas without the need for extensive travel. For birdwatchers, Phulchowki Hill is truly a paradise, while photographers will find it a dream spot with its vibrant floral landscapes, misty mountains, and verdant forest trails.

Furthermore, this adventure can be enjoyed throughout the year, with each season showcasing its unique allure—be it blooming flowers, fresh snow, or lush green scenery. Furthermore, the educational trails make it an ideal destination for school trips, nature walks, and eco-tourism. You can also combine your visit with a tour of the Godawari Botanical Garden or enjoy a picnic, creating a delightful day immersed in nature.

"Soak in the beauty, breathe in the mountain air, and let Phulchowki Hill be the highlight of your hiking journey in Nepal."

PRICE INCLUDES

- Round-trip private transportation from Kathmandu to Godawari (starting point)
- Experienced English-speaking hiking guide
- Packed lunch (local meal like dal bhat or similar)
- Bottled water during the hike
- All park entry fees and permits
- Taxes and service charges
- Basic first aid kit and safety support

PRICE EXCLUDES

- Personal snacks, drinks, and souvenirs
- Tips for the guide or driver (optional)
- Any alcoholic beverages
- Personal travel insurance or emergency evacuation
- Equipment rental (if needed, e.g., trekking poles)