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# **Sunkoshi River Rafting - 9 Days**

#### SUNKOSHI RIVER RAFTING: A TRUE NEPALI ADVENTURE

Sunkoshi River rafting is one of the most thrilling water adventures in Nepal, offering a perfect blend of natural beauty and adrenaline-pumping action. Known as the "River of Gold" for the way its waters gleam during certain times of the day, Sunkoshi provides the kind of challenging rapids that seasoned rafters crave. Originating from the Tibetan plateau, the river travels through rugged landscapes and provides a stunning view of Nepal's majestic mountains. With rapids ranging from Class III to V, it's not just a rafting expedition – it's a journey that brings you face to face with the raw, untamed beauty of Nepal's rivers.

For those seeking an even deeper connection with Nepal's landscapes, combining this trip with a trek like the <a href="Annapurna Circuit">Annapurna Circuit</a> or a <a href="Manaslu Circuit Trek">Manaslu Circuit Trek</a> offers a complete Nepali adventure. Trek Mania Nepal offers packages that ensure you get the best of both worlds – white-water adventure and serene mountain treks.

## Thrilling Rapids and Scenic Views Await You

Sunkoshi isn't just about navigating through powerful rapids – it's about immersing yourself in nature. As you paddle through the roaring waters, you'll be treated to views of terraced farms, small villages nestled along the banks, and distant Himalayan peaks. The rapids are not only exhilarating, but they are framed by the beauty of rural Nepal, making this a multi-sensory adventure. The opportunity to camp on the banks of the river adds a rustic charm to the experience, offering a chance to connect with nature like few other activities in Nepal.

To enhance your experience, consider extending your adventure with a cultural experience in places like Pokhara or Kathmandu, where you can explore the rich history and traditions of Nepal. The combination of rafting with a visit to these cultural hubs gives you the full spectrum of what Nepal has to offer.

## A Unique Cultural and Natural Experience

Rafting on the Sunkoshi River is not just about the rush of the rapids – it's also about the chance to experience rural Nepali life up close. As you float past traditional villages, you'll get glimpses of the simple yet rich lives led by the people of these regions. Many villagers rely on the river for their livelihoods, making this trip an opportunity to learn about Nepali culture and river-based traditions. When you take breaks along the way, you might even meet some of the local people, who are always welcoming to visitors.

If you're interested in a deeper exploration of Nepal's culture, you can combine rafting with trekking in regions like <u>Langtang or the Gosaikunda Trek</u>. These treks offer a more immersive look at the Himalayan lifestyle and will take you deeper into Nepal's history and spirituality.

#### Why Choose Sunkoshi River Rafting with Trek Mania Nepal?

Trek Mania Nepal offers a complete and safe experience for those looking to explore Sunkoshi River rafting. Our guides are experienced and well-trained to ensure your safety while giving you a chance to explore Nepal's wild waters. Whether you're an experienced rafter or a beginner, we provide all the necessary training, gear, and support to make sure your adventure is one to remember. Plus, with our unique approach, you'll experience the heart of



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Nepal – not just through its rivers, but its people and culture too.

## Conclusion

Sunkoshi River rafting is a must-do for anyone seeking the ultimate adventure in Nepal. It's more than just a thrilling rafting experience - it's a chance to immerse yourself in the heart of Nepal's natural and cultural beauty. From the rugged rapids to the peaceful riverside camping and the cultural richness of the areas you'll visit, this adventure will leave you with memories that will last a lifetime. Ready to take the plunge? Book your Sunkoshi River rafting adventure with Trek Mania Nepal today and experience the magic of Nepal's waterways like never before.





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## PRICE INCLUDES

- Experienced Guide& Supporter.
- All meals (B/L/D)
- Accommodation (Tent).
- All national Park permits
- · Rafting permit.
- All necessary fees.
- Transportation
- All the necessary equipment for rafting, like boats, life jackets, paddles, and other safety equipment.

## PRICE EXCLUDES

- Alcoholic beverages during the whole trip
- International air ticket.
- Hotel accommodations and extra meals
- International airport pick up and drop off
- Tips for guides and staff on sleeping bags



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#### ITINERARY IN DETAIL

#### Day 1: Drive from Kathmandu to Dolalghat and camp at Tarang Gaun

Your exciting journey begins with a scenic drive from Kathmandu to Dolalghat, the starting point of the Sunkoshi rafting expedition. Along the way, enjoy views of lush valleys, local settlements, and distant mountain backdrops. After reaching Dolalghat, we continue to Tarang Gaun, where we'll set up camp by the river. This peaceful riverside location is perfect for a briefing session, gear check, and your first night under the stars.

#### Day 2: Rafting from Taranj Gaon to Khunkot

After a hearty breakfast, we hit the river for our first day of rafting on the Sunkoshi River. This stretch introduces you to exciting Class III rapids, providing the perfect start for both beginners and experienced paddlers. The day is filled with thrilling moments and tranquil floats past charming villages and forested hills. We camp overnight at Khunkot, surrounded by serene nature.

#### Day 3: Rafting from Khunkot to Likhu

Today's section of the river becomes more intense with bigger rapids and longer runs. The Likhu River joins Sunkoshi along the route, adding more volume and force to the current. As we navigate the rapids, you'll also witness changing landscapes and remote farming communities, giving you a true taste of rural Nepal. We camp at Likhu, on a beautiful sandy beach.

#### Day 4: Rafting from Likhur to Harkapu

As we continue downstream, the rapids pick up pace. Today features a mix of technical rapids and wide open water stretches, giving you a balanced river experience. The highlight is the exhilarating ride through several Class IV rapids, with incredible views of lush hills and riverside life. We reach Harkapur, where we camp beside the water and enjoy a peaceful evening under the open sky.

#### Day 5: Rafting from Harkapur to Rai Ghat

This section includes one of the most challenging parts of the Sunkoshi – the notorious "Hakapur Rapid," which demands skill and teamwork. Once past this, the river widens and gives way to gentler flows. The journey to Rai Ghat takes you through a mix of intense excitement and relaxing drifts. You'll see more traditional villages, and likely spot locals fishing or bathing by the river.

#### Day 6: Rafting from Rai Ghat to Bander Ghat

Today's journey flows through calmer waters, with intermittent rapids to keep things fun. It's a great day to sit back and appreciate the surrounding natural beauty – terraced hills, thick jungle, and glimpses of Himalayan wildlife. This is a perfect chance for some riverside meditation or photography. We spend the night camping at Bander Ghat, a tranquil riverside site.

## Day 7: Rafting from Bander Ghat to Bonjur Ghat

The river gets more playful again, with several Class III and IV rapids to navigate. The combination of challenging water and the peaceful riverbanks creates a unique rafting experience. You'll notice the climate slowly turning warmer



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as we descend into lower altitudes. We camp at Bonjur Ghat, where the calm waters offer a great chance for swimming and relaxation.

#### Day 8: Rafting from Bonjur Ghat to Barahchhatra

Today marks the final full day on the river. We encounter some last exciting rapids and enjoy long stretches of gentle paddling. The surrounding landscape becomes more tropical, with wide open skies and warmer air. We arrive at Barahchhatra, a sacred Hindu site, where we'll set up our last camp and celebrate the success of the adventure with a bonfire and team dinner.

## Day 9: Rafting from Barahchhatra to Chatra then drive to Kathmandu

After a short and relaxing morning paddle, we reach Chatra, the official end point of the rafting trip. After drying off and changing into fresh clothes, we'll begin our drive back to Kathmandu. It's a long but scenic journey with plenty of time to reflect on the unforgettable days spent on the mighty Sunkoshi River. Upon arrival in Kathmandu, we'll drop you at your hotel, where a hot shower and soft bed await.



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## **FAQ**

# 1. What is the best time for Sunkoshi River Rafting?

The ideal season for Sunkoshi rafting in Nepal is from September to November and April to early June, when the river is at a manageable level and the weather is dry and warm. Monsoon season (July–August) brings too much water, making the rapids risky for commercial trips.

## 2. Do I need prior rafting experience for this trip?

Yes, prior whitewater rafting experience is highly recommended. The Sunkoshi River features Class III to Class V rapids, making it more suitable for those with some experience in paddling or adventure sports.

## 3. What is included in the Sunkoshi rafting package?

Our Sunkoshi River rafting package includes:

- All meals during rafting
- · Experienced rafting guides
- Rafting equipment (helmet, life jacket, paddle, dry bags, etc.)
- Transportation from Kathmandu to the river and back
- · Camping gear and accommodation in tents
- · Safety kayaker and support crew

#### 4. How difficult is the Sunkoshi rafting expedition?

The Sunkoshi River is known for its intermediate to advanced whitewater challenges. With technical rapids, long distances, and remote camping, this trip is best suited for those looking for a multi-day river adventure in Nepal.

## 5. What should I bring for a multi-day rafting trip in Nepal?

You'll need to pack light but wisely. Essentials include:

- · Quick-drying clothes
- Water shoes or sandals
- Sunscreen and sunglasses
- Sleeping bag (we provide if needed)
- Personal toiletries and medications

We'll provide a full packing list when you book your Nepal rafting tour with us.

# 6. Can I combine this trip with other adventures in Nepal?

Absolutely! After the rafting trip, many travelers choose to explore more with our Kathmandu Valley cultural tours, a short Annapurna trek, or even a Chitwan jungle safari. We can help you create a custom Nepal itinerary based on your interests.