



# SNOWY HORIZON TREKS & EXPEDITION PVT. LTD.

Seven Corner, Thamel, Kathmandu, Nepal

## Shishapangma Expedition (8012m/8027m) from Tibet



### Overview:

*"Catch and join us for the most spectacular Himalayan expedition both commercial and professional climbing on Mt. Shishapangma (8012m/8027m) from North or South with team Snowy Horizon on your mountaineering holidays as a lifetime experience."*

**Shishapangma** is the 14th highest peak of the world with the altitudes of 8012m and 8027m. This mountain is considered as one of the easiest 8000m mountains to climb. **Shishapangma** is also the highest peak in the Langtang Himalayan region. The trademark of **Shishapangma** is a long, steep, craggy southern face rising over 2000m, makes an imposing sight to all world to climb. The Nepalese name of the peak is **Gosaitan** meaning **"The Holy Place"**. The Tibetan name is **Xixapangma** and it means literally **"The Mountain overlooking the grassy plains"**. **Shishapangma** is only the peak with the height over 8000m, which is totally located in Tibet.



### Shishapangma Expeditions

**Shishapangma** is the last 8000m peaks to be climbed. It is the closest 8000m Peak for possible Expedition from Kathmandu even though it lies totally in Tibet. Hsu Ching and his ten-man Chinese climbing team in 1964 had made first successful **Shishapangma Expedition** reaching to the summit via northwest face of **Mt. Shishapangma** and it was finally opened to foreign teams in 1980.

**Shishapangma Expedition** can be made from its South and North faces. This **expedition** is easier and less technical as well better commercial from North face. Due to a massif 2000m face and few challenging lines the South face of **Mt. Shishapangma** requires a good level of alpine climbing experience. The south face route is not feasible for the beginners of mountain climbing. There are two separate base camps for **Shishapangma Expedition**. They are to be used for Expedition Base separately from South and North side. The access to both Base Camps is very convenient by SUV from **Kerung (Gyirong-2850m)**, a considerable and rapidly expanding town. However for the acclimatization and last minute shopping reason, the 5-6 hours driving up to **Old Tingri (4300m)** is considered though it is a bit either side of the Mountain. This provision is applied after the massive earthquake in 2015 and the Nyalam route has been closed for the tourists.



### The great Shishapangma Expedition on 2011 with Team Snowy Horizon:

**Snowy Horizon** had organized a successful **Shishapangma Expedition Autumn 2011** with total number of 43 members from Hong Kong, China and Romania. The actual number of expedition members was 12 where as 10 of them were filming group up to advance base camp. In this Expedition total 18 members of students and teachers had also participated as the observer of the Expedition up to the advance base camp of **Shishapangma**.

Since then **Snowy Horizon Expeditions** had been continuously organizing several **Spring and Autumn Expeditions** between 2012 till dates. The fixed departure expeditions are designed for experienced high mountain climbers expecting to be a leader and product of our renowned **Snowy Himalayan Expedition Programs**. We are though willing to work with individual participants who intend to join group with us. This expedition program now designed for the climbers who are willing to use our **full board service** for the **Mt.**





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**Shishapangma Expedition** agreed on our offers and expected that one need to be involved in all aspects of climbing activities. 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, we suggest you for **Cho Oyu Expedition**, which would be a better choice than the **Mt. Shishapangma**.

**Climbing Shishapangma** will bring you the great opportunity to escape the crowds of the busier mountains like Mt. Everest and Mt. Cho Oyu while challenging yourself on 8000m peak climbing. **Shishapangma Expedition** is a beautiful climbing that sees only a fraction of the traffic of Cho Oyu just to the Southeast.

Please contact us at [info@snowyhorizon.com](mailto:info@snowyhorizon.com) or [snowy.bodha@gmail.com](mailto:snowy.bodha@gmail.com) (These e-mail addresses are being protected from spam bots, you need java script enabled to view it) if you have further queries or would like to discuss different options. We may provide varieties of packages about expeditions different than **Shishapangma Expedition**.

## Approaches to ABC from Kathmandu:

- Our standard expeditions start from Kathmandu. We cross the border to Tibet in Rasuwagadhi. After 2 days of acclimatization at 2850m in Kerung (Gyirong), we take 6hrs Jeep/SUV drive to Old Tingri, where acclimatizing and last minute shopping for the expedition with one extra day and continue drive to the New Chinese Base Camp (Driver's Camp) at 4900m. Another possibility is to fly from Kathmandu to Lhasa/Tibet. From Lhasa it takes 4 days to get to the Chinese Camp.
- The ABC is located 18km from the Drivers Camp it takes two days to get to the Base Camp (5400m) via intermediated camp (Middle Camp) trekking 18 km away. From here we execute our climb through 3 camps arrangement C1, C2 and C3.

## Climbing Route of Shishapangma:

- Shishapangma is usually climbed via Northwest face and North ridge, which is the standard commercial route. This route is considered among the easiest routes to the summit of all the 8000m peaks, and has often been skied. The greatest challenge of this route is traversing from the Central to Main Summits along a knife-edged ridge.
- The climb starts from the Base Camp (5400m) located on the lateral moraine of the Shishapangma glacier. We walk along the moraine and climb 20-30deg. skiable and snow bondable snowfield to reach Camp 1.
- Camp 1 (6200m) is located on flat snowfield with plenty of space for tents. From C1 we cross a small plateau and climb up to Camp 2 on another-ski able and snowboard-able snowfield.
- Camp 2 (6700m) is also located on a large flat platform. We cross large snow plateau largely flat with some minor up and down slope to eventually reach another 30deg. headwall, one is marginal for skiing due to protruding rocks.
- Camp 3 ((7400m) is located on a protected and safe rock crowned flat buttress at the bottom of the North ridge.
- Summit day is a steep ascend on a snow and rock ridge to the snow knob of false central summit. Most of climbers finish here and do not attempt snowy knife-edge ridge to the real summit less than 15m higher. The view is tremendous from here on Cho Oyu, Everest and number of 7000m satellite peaks surrounding Shishapangma.

## Skiing Possibilities:

Most of the climbing is on ice and snow slopes up to 30 degrees with a few very short sections of steeper rock and ice. This makes it a perfect for ski and snowboard descent. The first ski descent





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of an 8,000-meter peak was on September 19, 1987, when Polish climber Jerzy Kuczka reached the summit of Shishapangma and then skied down.

## Need of Oxygen:

The Shishapangma ascents can be attempted with or without oxygen, which depends on the climbers experience, stamina and strength at altitude. The climber should take a final approval from our expedition leader about the needs of oxygen. Apart from, oxygen will be placed at high camp for all climbers, and no refund will be provided if it is not used.

## Shishapangma Expedition (8012m/8027m) from Tibet

### Spring- South Face:

**(38 Nights 39 Days)**

#### Day-to Day Itinerary:

- Day 01: Arrival in Kathmandu Airport & transfer to hotel (1350m).
- Day 02-03: Rest, preparation, visa collection, assignment & briefing.
- Day 04: Drive (8 Hrs.) to Kerung Town via Timure-immigration formality; hotel.
- Day 05: Rest and Acclimatize day in Kerung Town (2850m); hotel.
- Day 06: Drive via Kerung pass (5200m) to Old Tingri (4300m-7 Hrs.); hotel.
- Day 07: Rest, acclimatization and last shopping day at Old Tingri.
- Day 08: Drive from Old Tingri to Chinese Base Camp (4900m-3 Hrs.); camping.
- Day 09-11: **Acclimatization days; arrange Yaks for Advance Base Camp (ABC).**
- Day 12: Trek to Middle Camp (MC-5200m-4 Hrs.); Camping.
- Day 13: Trek to Advance Base Camp (ABC-5400m-4 Hrs.); full camping.
- Day 14-35: **Climbing Period (ABC-Summit Shishapangma, 8027m-ABC).**
- Day 36: Dismantling ABC; drive to Kerung (2850m-6 Hrs.); hotel.
- Day 37: Drive via Timure (Immigration formality) to Kathmandu (8 Hrs.); hotel.
- Day 38: Rest, leisure day and shopping in Kathmandu; farewell dinner.
- Day 39: Final departure to your port of destination.

### Autumn- South Face

**(38 Nights 39 Days)**

#### Day-to Day Itinerary:

- Day 01: Arrival in Kathmandu Airport & transfer to hotel (1350m).
- Day 02-03: Rest, preparation, visa collection, assignment & briefing.
- Day 04: Drive (8 Hrs.) to Kerung Town via Timure-immigration formality; hotel.
- Day 05: Rest and Acclimatize day in Kerung Town (2850m); hotel.
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## Full Board Service Package Includes:

- All arrival and departure transfer services in Kathmandu.
- Hotel accommodations in Kathmandu (5 Nights) & Tibet (6 Nights) BB Plan.
- Kathmandu-Rashuwa Gadhi (Kerung border)-Kathmandu 4/WD transfers.
- Tibet travel visa and permit (**Royalty: US\$ 9,300 /4,000 for member/Staffs**).
- Official Liaison Officer for Mt. Shishapangma Expedition from Tibet.
- Kerung-Tingri -Chinese BC and VV transportation on SUV minibus on sharing.
- Full camping logistics set up in Chinese BC, Intermediate Camp and Advance BC.
- Complete 3 meals a day (BLD) cooked by our expedition cook in CBC, MC and ABC.
- 1:1 experienced climbing Sherpa guide and required BC staffs in sharing plan.
- Cargo and duties clearing assistance service in Kerung border on both way.
- Gamow bag at base camp for emergency rescue purpose.
- Solar panels for light and battery charging to the required devices at ABC.
- Necessary member tents for ABC (1:1) and high camps (C1, C2, & C3; 2:1).
- All required icefall, environmental and rope fixing charges where applicable.
- 2 Oxygen (4 Ltrs.) bottles for climbing member and 1 for Sherpa.
- Mask & regulator set for each climbing member and supporting Sherpa.
- High altitude food served by climbing Sherpa at C1, C2 and C3.
- Baggage allowance carrying by Yak up and down to ABC from CBC-50 Kg each.
- First Aid medical kits for the Group and the staffs at ABC.
- Walkie-talkies & satellite phone for communication (uses charge \$ 5 per unit for Sat).
- Office service charge and government taxes levied in Nepal.
- Combined pre-departure information for the members and staffs.
- Farewell dinner & Snowy Horizon special gifts.

## Full Board Service Package Excludes:

- Lunch and dinner during your stay in Kathmandu and Tibet
- (Except farewell dinner in Kathmandu and campsite meals in Tibet expedition).
- Items of personal nature like laundry, phone calls and Internet uses.
- Clothing, packing items, personal medical kit, personal trekking/climbing gears.
- Any extra services or products or offers or activities not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Any extra expenses arising out of various/unforeseen situations like natural calamities, landslides, political disturbances, strikes, change in Government regulations etc.
- Any additional staff (s) specially required by the climbing member.
- Rescue, repatriation, medicines, medical tests and hospitalization expenses.
- Medical-travel insurance and emergency rescue evacuation if required.
- Airfare of international and domestic flights other than specified.
- Nepal entry or re-entry visa fee (Visa issuance is easy at the arrival borders).
- Nepal custom duty fees for import of expedition goods if required.
- Emergency/rescue/early Jeep cost (**US\$ 1000** approximately per Jeep).
- Summit bonus to the personal climbing Sherpa
- (**Beginning from minimum US\$ 1000 per summit per Sherpa**).



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- Tips to base camp staffs
- **(Per climbing member beginning from minimum US\$ 200.00 in total for all)**
- Any other item not mentioned in "The Service Package Excludes" Section.



## Package Cost:

Please contact us by email or call us for negotiation of the Package Cost.

Sincerely,

Bodha Raj Bhandari  
Chairman

