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NEW - Everest Base Camp 70th Anniversary Trek



Overview

Next May will mark 70 years since the first successful ascent of Everest. To celebrate, Mountain Kingdoms is offering a special trek led by triple Everest summiteer, Pertemba Sherpa, which will reach Everest Base Camp 70 years after Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay stood on the summit on the 29th May 1953. Here, standing on the boulder strewn glacier below the terrifying Khumbu ice-fall, there will be the chance to meet any expeditions and climbers still at base camp and to celebrate this historic occasion at the place where it all began. A genuine once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

Details

Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay famously stepped foot on the summit of Everest on the 29th May 1953 receiving worldwide acclaim and a lifetime of mountaineering superstardom. To mark their historic achievement, Mountain Kingdoms has arranged a special Everest Base Camp Trek to arrive at Base Camp exactly 70 years later.

This platinum anniversary trek will be led by Pertemba Sherpa - a celebrated three times Everest summiteer who made his first ascent alongside mountaineering legend Chris Bonington. Pertemba's exceptional experience, Himalayan knowledge and years spent accumulating a treasure trove of mountaineering tales will add an extra dimension to the trek and give a unique insight into life on Everest.

During the day at base camp there will be the chance to meet any expedition members who are still in situ as the climbing season draws to a close, and perhaps hear enthralling stories of their adventures over a mug of chai. As base camp is also the starting point for the Everest Marathon, held on the same momentous day, there should be a real buzz of excitement and activity.

Scenically spectacularly at every step, the ascent to base camp from Lukla is steady and gradual with side treks to picturesque villages and two acclimatisation days to aid adjustment to the thinner mountain air. By staying in traditional tea houses en route hearty meals and a warm welcome are assured, plus trekkers will also be giving back to the local Sherpa communities of the Khumbu.

The trek to Everest Base Camp is a very special achievement in its own right, but with the added bonus of the anniversary celebrations, this will be a genuine once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Trek Information:

Duration: 19 days

Dates: 18 May – 5 June 2023

Prices: from £2,550 land only, or from £3,525 including international flights

Price includes: Pertemba Sherpa trek leader with support crew; domestic flights and airport transfers; tea house accommodation on trek on a twin share, full board basis; 2 nights hotel in Kathmandu on a twin share B&B basis; free hire of down jacket and sleeping bag; free kit bag and commemorative 70th anniversary t-shirt.

<https://www.mountainkingdoms.com/holiday/everest-base-camp-70th-anniversary-trek>

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