

# MAKALU EXPEDITION SPRING



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# MAKALU EXPEDITION (8485M/ 27,838FT)

## FACTS OF THE TRIP:

Highest access:	8485m (27,838ft)
First Ascent:	J. Franco's French Expedition. Jean Couzy and Lionel Terray. 1955
Duration:	62 days (typically)
Group Size:	08-10 persons per group.
Co-ordinates:	27°53'21"N / 87°05'27"E
Location:	Nepal
Arrival & Departure:	Kathmandu Airport: TIA"
Mountain Grade:	PD+ Scottish Grade III/IV
Accommodation:	3-4 stars hotel
Meals:	Breakfast, lunch and dinner
Transportation:	Car, Flight
Culture:	Sherpa and Rai
Climbing route:	South East Ridge/ Northwest Ridge

## DETAILED ITINERARY OF MAKALU EXPEDITION SPRING

Day 01	03 April	Arrival in Kathmandu Airport and transfer to 3-4 star hotel accommodation in Kathmandu (1350m/ 4,430ft).
Day 2-3	4-5 April	Preparation and briefings at the Departments of Tourism. Last-minute shopping.
Day 04	06 April	Fly from Kathmandu to Tumlingtar. 50 min Drive to Num (1980m/ 6,496ft)6-7hrs. Lodge accommodation.
Day 05	07 April	Trek from Num to Seduwa (1500m/ 4,922ft) 6-7 hrs Lodge accommodation.
Day 06	08 April	Trek from Seduwa to Tashigaoun(2100m/6,890ft) 6-7hrs. Lodge accommodation.
Day 07	09 April	Trek from Tashigaoun to Khongma Danda (3500m / 11483ft) 6-7hrs. Lodge accommodation.
Day 08	10 April	Exploration and Acclimatisation day at Khongma (3500m/ 11,483ft) 06-07hrs. Lodge accommodation.

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Day 09	11 April	Trek from Khongma to Dobute (3650m/ 11,975ft) 6-7 hrs. Lodge accommodation.
Day 10	12 April	Trek from Dobute to Yangle Kharka (3600m/ 11,811ft) 6-7hrs. Lodge accommodation.
Day 11	13 April	Trek from Yangle Kharka to Langmale Kharka (4410 m/ 14469ft) 6-7 hrs. Lodge accommodation.
Day 12	14 April	Exploration and Acclimatisation day at Langmale Kharka (4410m/ 14,469ft), Lodge accommodation.
Day 13	15 April	Trek from Langmale Kharka to Makalu Base Camp (5018m/ 16,464ft) 6hrs. Lodge/ camping accommodation.
Day 14	16 April	Rest and acclimatisation at Hillary base camp (5018m/ 16,464ft)
Day 15	17 April	Trek from Hillary base camp to Advanced base Camp (5600m/ 18,373ft) 5 hrs.
Day16-53	18-25 May	Climbing period for Makalu (8485m/ 27,838ft)
Day 54	26 May	Trek from Advance Base Camp to Yangli Kharka (3600m/ 11,811ft) 6-7hrs. Lodge accommodation.
Day 55	27 May	Trek from Yangli Kharka to Dobato (3650m/ 11,975ft) 6-7 hrs. Lodge accommodation.
Day 56	28 May	Trek from Dobato to Khongma (3500m/ 11,483ft) 6-7 hrs. Lodge accommodation.
Day 57	29 May	Trek from Khongma to Seduwa (1500m/ 4,922ft) 6-7hrs. Lodge accommodation.
Day 58	30 May	Trek from Seduwa to Num (1980m/ 6,496ft) 6-7 hrs. Lodge accommodation.

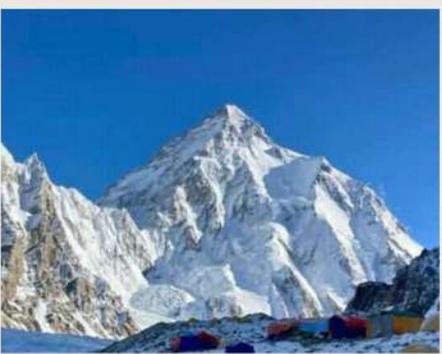
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Day 59	31 May	Drive from Num to Tumlingtar. 4 hrs. Lodge accommodation.
Day 60	01 June	Fly from Tumlingtar to Kathmandu (30 minutes), then transfer to a requested category hotel in Kathmandu for B&B accommodation.
Day 61	02 June	Leisure day & shopping in Kathmandu; Farewell celebration dinner with culture program in the Evening.
Day 62	03 June	Transfer to the airport for final departure



## COST FOR THE TRIP

S.N	Particulars of 3-4 star hotel accommodation in Kathmandu	Cost for the trip
01.	Full board Makalu expedition package	US\$ 25,000.00



## FULL BOARD SERVICE COST INCLUDES

- Arrival and departure transfer services to and from both domestic and international flights as per the itinerary.
- Assistance at the international airport by Satori Adventures while arriving and departing in Kathmandu.
- 4 Nights 3-4 star hotels accommodation in Kathmandu on B/B basis.
- Experienced and government-licensed high-altitude Sherpa guide during the trekking and climbing period.
- Schedule Flight Tickets for Kathmandu - Tumlingtar - Kathmandu sector to all climbing members, Sherpa guides, liaison officer and kitchen staff.
- All trekking and mountaineering equipment, including kitchen tents, store tents, dining tents, toilet tents, tables, chairs, and cooking utensils, for the advanced base camp and Camp II.
- Common climbing equipment (necessary fixed and main rope, ice bars, ice screws, snow bar etc)
- Services of a chef and a kitchen assistant at the base camp.
- 3 meals a day: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner with tea / coffee available at the tea house/ hotel/ lodge during the trek.
- 3 fresh meals a day: Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served at the advanced base camp.
- All food and fuel for base camp and the higher camps during the expedition for both members and crew.
- 50kg baggage allowance per person during the trekking period, which porters will carry.
- Daily weather report services from a Seattle, Washington based company.
- Trekking Permit (Makalu Barun National Park entry fee).
- TIMS card (Trekking Information Management System).
- Expedition Royalty and a climbing permit from the Nepal Government to climb Mt. Makalu (8485m).
- Nepalese Government Royalty and Fees.
- One experienced, trained, government-licensed, and

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three-time Everest summiteer climbing and expedition guide (Sherpa) per client.

- All wages, equipment, medical, and accidental insurance for all staff involved in trekking and expedition activities.
- Equipment allowances and wages for climbing Sherpa, chefs, and kitchen assistants.
- Equipment allowances and wages for a government liaison officer.
- First aid medical kits for the group and the staff.
- The guide for communication carries a satellite phone and is available to members at a cost of USD 3 per minute.
- Appropriate amount of food for high altitude and at base camp and above as required.
- Required fixed and dynamic rope during the climbing period.
- A heater will be provided at the base camp for heating the dining room.
- Emergency oxygen, mask, and regulator are provided upon request by the client, along with the appropriate charge.
- Each expedition member will have an individual tent available in the ABC.
- Solar panel for light and battery charging.
- All tents for camps 1, 2, 3, and 4 are reserved for members and staff.
- Icefall charges by SPCC
- Gamow Bags (Portable Altitude Chamber).
- 5 Bottles (8L) of Poisk Oxygen will be provided to each member (we use the Poisk brand of Oxygen) just in case of emergency, and four bottles of Oxygen for the Climbing Sherpa guide.
- The latest model of the Summit or Top Out system mask and regulators.
- Helicopter rescue insurance for high-altitude climbing Sherpa guide, chef and staff.



## FULL BOARD SERVICE COST INCLUDES

- Free assistance service for cargo clearance and duties.
- Freshly cooked food and a kitchen will be provided at Camp II.
- Trekking and Climbing Map of Mount Makalu.
- EPI cooking gas stoves will be provided in Camp One, Three, and South Col for cooking food and boiling water.
- The generator will provide backup power for lighting and charge electronic equipments.
- Transportation of food supply to Base Camp from Kathmandu.
- Our service charge and Government Taxes are levied in Nepal.
- Complete pre-departure information
- Flight ticket reconfirmation, visa extension procedure services (if necessary)
- Farewell dinner in a typical Nepali restaurant with a domestic culture show in Kathmandu.
- Satori t-shirt/ pashmina, brochure.

## FULL BOARD SERVICE COST EXCLUDED

- Lunch and dinner during your stay in Kathmandu (except for the farewell dinner).
- Any packed food/ snacks, aerated drinks, energy drinks, mineral water, alcohol, cigarettes, chocolates, nutria -bars or any other food consumed beyond the prescribed breakfast, lunch and dinner, etc.
- Items of personal nature, laundry expenses, tips.
- Expenses incurred towards usage of landlines, mobiles, walkie-talkies or satellite phones and internet expenses.
- Clothing, packing items or bags, personal medical kit, or trekking gears.
- Any extra expenses arising out of various/ unforeseen situations like natural calamities, landslides, political disturbances, strikes, changes in Government regulations, etc.



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- Extra transportation beyond what is displayed in the itinerary program.
- Any additional staff other than those specified.
- Rescue, repatriation, medicines, medical tests and hospitalization expenses.
- Medical insurance and emergency rescue evacuation, if required.
- Travel insurance and helicopter rescue.
- Walkie-talkies
- Filming permit (special camera).
- Personal climbing gear.
- Clothing, packing items or bags, personal medical kit, camera/video fees or trekking gear
- Nepal's customs duty for importing expedition equipment.
- Summit bonus for climbing Sherpa guides as per the mountaineering association rules. Minimum \$1500.00USD per climbing Sherpa guide.
- Tips and gifts for base camp and high-altitude trekking and climbing staff.
- Airfare for international flights.
- Nepal entry visa fee (Visa issuance on arrival in Kathmandu)
- Any extra services, products, offers, or activities which are not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Any other item not included in the "COST INCLUDES" section.



## MAKALU ADVANCED BASE CAMP

(5600M/18,372FT):

Makalu Advanced Base Camp is situated on a rocky moraine, offering stunning views of the Himalayas. Satori Adventures' advanced base camp will be set up for almost a month. On an 8000m expedition, climbers spend most of their time at base camp, so naturally, on any long expedition, base camp becomes a home away from home. We establish our camp at a walking distance between different groups and with a strategic view of the Makalu massif. Satori offers a personal tent that serves as your private retreat, a dining tent that functions as the common area, a shower tent, and a toilet tent. Upon arrival at base camp, you will find it fully established, with hot beverages and snacks available immediately. Waiting for you there will be your base camp staff and high-altitude climbing Sherpa. Prior to your climbing period, you will have a Puja ceremony at the base camp for good luck. This is one Nepalese tradition not to miss; it represents a safe climbing passage for everyone involved in the expedition.



## MAKALU CAMP 1 (6400M/21,000FT) 3-4 HRS:

Once you have reviewed basic and advanced training by your climbing Sherpa guide, you will be ready for your attempt to climb to Camp I, which is at a height of 6400m/21,000ft. Prior to the first section of the glacier, you will encounter grassy slopes, rock slabs and moraine. Once on the glacier, you will encounter mixed terrain, including a few crevasses and 200m of blue ice. The first section of climbing on the moraine takes about an hour. After that, you reach the crampon point at the mouth of the glacier, and the glacier portion takes about 2 hours. For average climbers, it takes about 3-4 hours. Camp I is divided into two sections: Lower Camp I and Upper Camp I. The distance between the two is 100 meters, or approximately 328 feet. Camp One is situated between 6,400 m and 6,500 m.



### MAKALU CAMP 2 (6800M/22,310FT) 2½HRS:

The climb from Camp I to Camp II is considered the moderate-to-technical section on Mt. Makalu. During this section, you encounter the heart of ice and snow. The first section involves slogging over snow for about an hour, and then you encounter several steep sections of ice. There are also small sections of icefall that do not require a ladder. These sections can be crossed with the support of fixed ropes, a few big steps and some steep snow climbing. For most people, this is the crux of the route. This section will take slow climbers about 2½-3 hours. Camp 2 is situated above the snowy terrace.



### MAKALU CAMP 3 (7450M/24,445FT) 4HRS:

The distance from Camp II to Camp III is the longest section of the route, extending 600m/1,968ft. It does not require any ladder crossings, but there are a few crevasses that are roughly half a meter long that need to be jumped. A climbing Sherpa team fixes the main ropes. This section, for most climbers, feels easier, but still, it is not to be taken lightly. The climbing is on sustained slopes, and there is exposure to cold and wind. Although in spring, there have been reports of direct sun hitting this section, making it feel very warm. This is the camp from which 40% of climbers plan to make their summit push. However, Satori Adventures always fixes Camp IV before the summit so that clients can get a half-night's rest. This section takes approximately 4 hours for normal climbers and 5 hours for slower and first-time 8000m climbers.



### MAKALU CAMP 4 (7900M/25,918FT):

Climbing from camp III to camp IV feels like a short day; the distance is short, but now you are nearing the death zone. The oxygen levels are very low at this altitude, so it is expected that any effort, no matter how minimal or trivial, will feel arduous. In this section, you must climb for 3 hours on steep snow that is on a 50°-55° slope. This section is particularly hazardous in the autumn season because the snow slope is often covered by a layer of ice, making it prone to



avalanches. This is the reason Satori Adventures only operates in the spring season. Many consider the crux of the route to be the Seignior Wall, which will be crossed here. The camp will be set up right above Makalu La. The Satori team makes an easy traverse to Camp IV at 7,900 m, which allows for a shorter summit day.

### **MAKALU SUMMIT (8485M/27,838FT) 16-17 HRS:**

The primary goal during the climbing period is to reach the summit. Most climbers begin their summit bid at 11:00 pm. If all goes well, they are expected to reach the summit between 7:00 and 10:00 am. Below the main summit is a false summit; the main summit is reached via an exposed ridge. It takes about 5 hours to return to Camp 4 from the summit and another 2 hours to reach Camp 3 for an overnight stay. The climbing is not technical in the early part as you ascend through several basins with short snow headwalls. The climb passes the false summit and finishes on an exposed ridge, offering a spectacular view of the mighty Himalayas. Satori Adventures Sherpa guides will fix ropes, break trail, and make every effort to assist the group in reaching the summit of the 5th-highest mountain in the world.



Kindest Regards,

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