

# CHO OYU 8201 M



## CHO OYU EXPEDITION (8201M)

**Type:** Expedition (All inclusive) *International flight not included*

**Total no of days:** 35 - 42 Days

**Alpine grading / Difficulty:** D/4

**Cost:** \$33000 P/P

### 1:1 GUIDE/CLIMBER RATIO

**Best season for Expedition:** August - October (Autumn)

## OVERVIEW

**Cho Oyu 8201M**, renowned as the sixth-highest mountain worldwide, stands out as the **easiest and safest** among the prestigious 8,000-meter peaks. It presents an ideal opportunity for aspiring mountaineers seeking to conquer a significant 8,000-meter expedition or as a pivotal preparatory climb for those with aspirations of reaching the summit of Mount Everest. With its moderate technical difficulty, Cho Oyu offers an attainable challenge for intermediate climbers eager to venture into the realm of high-altitude Himalayan climbing. Its technical ease relative to other 8,000-meter peaks positions it as an exceptional choice for climbers possessing prior experience with high altitudes.

**Pre-requisite experiences (at least two+ 6000M & 7000M + multi-pitch climbing):** *Lobuche East & Island Peak, Chulu West, Khumbu 3 Peak expeditions, Mt. Blanc, Baruntse peak, Himlung Himal, Ama Dablam. (Similar 4000M - 6000M peaks or higher), multi-pitch climb (rock or ice), rock climbing grade up to 5-9+/- to 5.10 a,b,c*

Situated in the awe-inspiring Tibetan/Nepalese Himalayas, Cho Oyu rewards climbers with breathtaking vistas encompassing Everest, Lhotse, Ama Dablam, and a myriad of other majestic Himalayan peaks. Furthermore, it provides an immersive opportunity to delve into the ancient and rich tapestry of Tibetan culture.

While the altitude poses a formidable challenge, the technical aspects of the ascent are manageable. Our meticulously planned route primarily consists of traversing snow slopes, occasionally encountering sections of ice and rock scrambling. Fixed ropes are employed to optimize speed and bolster safety. To maximize our chances of success, we have assembled a team of seasoned Sherpa guides who offer invaluable assistance in load-carrying and meticulous camp preparations. Many of these guides have accompanied our teams on numerous 8000M, 7000M, and 6000M expeditions, including Everest and Lhotse.

The expedition entails multiple rotations up and down the mountain, establishing strategic camps, and meticulously acclimatizing to the extreme altitude. We allocate ample time to account for inclement weather and facilitate a gradual acclimatization process, ensuring a safe and triumphant

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ascent. During the critical summit attempt and while resting at the High Camp, the utilization of supplemental oxygen further supports our climbers.

Embark on this exhilarating adventure with us to conquer Cho Oyu and expand your horizons in the realm of mountaineering amidst the resplendent Himalayas. Join our esteemed team and become part of an extraordinary journey that promises personal growth, unparalleled experiences, and the realization of your mountaineering aspirations.

History: Cho Oyu was first summited in 1954 by a small Austrian/Tibetan expedition.

### Expedition Highlights

- Cho Oyu 8201M Summit
- West ridge route, West face of Cho Oyu
- 29 Days of the remote alpine environment.
- 1:1 Guide/Client ratio throughout the expedition
- Advanced BC, Camp 1 - 3 strategy with rotation and rest days

### Expedition Strategy

#### Our Expedition Route

- West Ridge, Tibet

**Advanced Base Camp (5800M/18372FT)**

**Cho Oyu Camp 1 (6500M/21,325FT)**

**Cho Oyu Camp 2 (7100M/3,294FT)**

**Cho Oyu Camp 3 (7400M/24278FT)**

**Cho Oyu Summit (8201M/27765FT) 12 - 16hrs**



### SKILLS REQUIRED

Climbing the *Cho You* is for enthusiast climbers who aims to go high into 8000M+ in the Tibetan Himalayas. You will need your fitness and climbing skills to be able to look after yourself for long hours during the climb according to terrains. You should be able to take care of yourself even during the though climb session, eating well and staying hydrated from the start of the expedition, making sure your gears are in check and functional during the climb. Your Sherpa expedition leader will guide and motivate you throughout but a lot of the effort lies within your ability to climb and you will be liable to yourself.

The more experience you have rock climbing tougher routes in different types of rock the better it is for you to get familiar with climbing and adjusting during the expeditions.

**Abseiling:** This is the simplest yet the one of the most important skills to master. Some multi - pitch abseiling knowledge/experience are also required

**Climbing on different terrains:** Slab rocks, vertical rocks. Scrambling on steep terrains.

**Use of Crampons and Ice axe:** Winter ice climbing or mountaineering courses are recommended. You should be able to kick step and balance with ice axe on icy slopes to ascend on vertical climb. Ice arrest skills to save your self incase of slips or fall, being comfortable while descending and abseiling on crampons in all the terrains.

**Climbing in Altitude:** Your prior experience in climbing should give you a good understanding of your body coping in the altitude. You will be liable to yourself so it is best to build your fitness up to the best level. Our itineraries are designed to be able to help you with proper acclimatisation but you will also have to be aware of your eating pattern and staying properly hydrated.

**CHO OYU ITINERARY**

Day 1: Arrive in Kathmandu.

Day 2 - 4: Equipment check, apply for travel permits to Tibet and finalise visa permits

Day 5: Fly to Lhasa

Day 6: Acclimatisation and explore Lhasa

Day 7: Drive to Shigatse (3,800m/12,470ft)

Day 8 - 9: Drive to Tingri (4,350m/14,270ft) and acclimatisation rest day

Day 10: Drive Base Camp (4,800m/15,750ft)

Day 11: Rest and organize gear in base camp

Day 12-14: Review technical climbing skills and acclimatize with short hikes

Days 15-38 Climbing duration. Advanced base camp, Camp 1-3, Summit

Day 39 Trek to trail head and drive to Shigatse

Day 40 Drive to Lhasa

Day 41 Fly to Kathmandu

Day 42 Departure



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### Included

- IMFGA/NMA certified Guide leader
- 1:1 Sherpa Guides/climber ratio. (Additional Sherpa can be arranged, extra charges apply)
- \$1000 Individual tip pool. \* Tip pool will be fairly distributed among all Namas staff members. *(Guides, porters, drivers, hotel security and staffs). Guest may personally hand in extra tips to our guides and porters)*
- Namas Branded merchandise (Down Jacket, Cap, Buff)
- Head chef and kitchen assistants (Helpers increase with the numbers in climbing team members)
- Arrival hotel in Kathmandu & Lhasa
- All trekking and climbing permits
- All internal-local transportation to and from the trekking trail head
- Expedition tents (2 or 1 person tents)
- 4 X Oxygen Bottles
- 60 kgs personal weight
- Meals during camping days (Chicken, Goat, mushroom, vegan options etc)
- Chocolate, energy bars, hydration pills, biscuits, canned foods, nuts
- Burners and expedition equipments
- Walkie talkie/ Satellite phone
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on trek and expedition days.
- Lodge accommodation during the trek
- High altitude Porters
- Arrival pick up and departure
- Internal flights
- Basic First aid kit
- Welcome/Farewell leave Dinner

### Not Included

- Visas and travel insurance
- Summit Bonus Tips (\$1200 - \$1500 USD to your guide)
- Entertainment and food ( Kathmandu )
- Bottled drinks and beverages
- Evacuation (will be done in your account)
- Single supplement Charges
- Laundry, Phone services, Personal expenditure transactions
- Optional trips
- Tea breaks, chocolates or other snacks and any meals beside breakfast, lunch and dinner. • Delay and cancellation because of natural phenomenon
- International flights to Islamabad



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### **Guides /Sherpas. Ratio : clients. Qualification and level of English**

On this expedition we aim to have max 8-10 climbers, we have 1 Main guide who will be IMFGA / NMA certified. But we believe that Nepalese IMFGA certified guides are more than capable in this day and age and have an excellent level of English. We are committed to responsible tourism and want to enhance and prioritise local Nepalese leaders first, but if the clients request a western guide personally then we can have that arranged. Sherpa ratio 1:1. Our Sherpas are NMA ( Khumbu climbing center trained/certified ). Additional Personal Sherpa for 1:1 can be arranged who will be solely responsible for the clients but extra additional charges apply. Our Sherpas have an intermediate level of English. Can understand, reply and instruct very well.

### **Tips for our porters.**

Most of our guest gives tips during the end of the trek. Your booking payment already consist a tip pool of \$1000. Your guide leader will fairly distribute the tips among your drivers, assistant guides and porters. Guest also donates trekking equipments like jackets, trek poles, gloves or hats to porters which is greatly appreciated. Guest can also buy our porters dinner, during the final day of the trek for all their hard work and for making their trek possible.

**+ Additional Summit Tips of \$1000+**

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### Why choose Namas Adventure team. (More on about us)

- Client safety is our primary focus and is implemented in all decision we make on our expeditions.
- We assemble best Sherpa, co-ordination and guiding team on all our expeditions.
- Use of highest quality gears and equipments on all treks and expeditions. ( i.e. Tents, ropes, climbing gears, base camp essentials)
- Best experienced team to help you achieve your one of the greatest adventure.
- Creating a fun memorable experience and target successful summit on all our expeditions.

**Namaste** - " *Our soul recognises your soul* "

At Namas, core mission is to invoke sense of adventure, exploration and inspire human spirit through outdoor adventure activities.

### **Our Moto - *Live Your Story***

Namas Adventure is a premier adventure activity service provider specialising in hand picked adventure activities with trekking, motocross and expeditions to the peaks. We aim to provide the best adventure tours around the globe. What makes us different is also our commitment to responsible, ethical and sustainable tourism. Our central aim is to help you attain your personal adventure/expeditions goals while experiencing the best of our planet, its unique cultures and environments. We aim to offer the highest quality adventure tours and expeditions at a great value while focusing on our primary goals: safety, success, and recreation. We hire only the best leaders and we don't cut corners on costs. Our adventures and expeditions strive to set the highest standards. We prioritize the wellbeing and safety of our teams, being responsible to the environments we operate in, respecting culture, contributing to local economies by employing regional partners and paying them higher than the industry standard or influencing higher pay when we feel the market has underpaid the working staffs and working in a self-sufficient and self-reliant way. We promote a sustainable/responsible approach to adventure travel by connecting people to the natural world and giving back to local communities. (More on our about us website page)

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## ALPINE GRADING

**1 or F:** Easy These routes involve easy glacier travel and may require some rock scrambling. Except for the glacier sections, you can often climb rope less.

**2 or PD:** a little difficult. These routes involve some technical climbing sections and glaciers of higher difficulty. There may also be some short sections of steep terrain. They are good introductory climbs for beginners.

**3 or AD:** Fairly hard. These are physically demanding routes for experienced alpine climbers. They usually have steep and exposed climbing sections or snow/ice slopes over 50°. The descents are long and more complicated, and most of the route requires to be roped.

**4 or D: Difficult:** These routes involve sustained rock climbing, ice climbing or snow travel. They are considered a significant undertaking and demand a huge commitment.

**5 or TD:** Very difficult. Highly technical climbs that involve long distances, remote locations, and hard multi-pitch climbing sections. Besides, there are often other hazards like bad weather (extreme cold, strong winds) or poor protection on the routes.

**6 or ED:** Extremely difficult. These are extreme climbs (the most difficult in the world, actually!) with continuous difficulties. They take several days to be completed.

## FITNESS GRADING

**A -** Fitness level to be able to enjoy multi day walks of 6-7 hours per day. Should be able to carry 5-8kg of weight during the activity days.

**B -** Good level of cardio-vascular fitness and strength fitness needed. Can train by running or cycling 30+ min 3/4 times a week combined with some gym session of endurance or lower body straightening. Should be able to carry 10kgs during the activity day.

**C -** High level of fitness level required both in strengthening and endurance fitness level. Should be able to carry 8 -12 kgs of load. Training or gym sessions are required to attain this level of fitness. Previous experience of multi-day hill walking is essential.

**D -** Exceptional level of all round fitness will be required to cope with the exceptionally strenuous nature of these expeditions. Experience is required to be able to take on tours of this physical grading.

**E -** Exceptional level of all round fitness coupled with ability to cope and resist in highest of the altitude. A resistance to extreme weather conditions over extended periods of time. Heavy loads over multiple days may need to be carried. Previous experience is highly crucial in order to prepare your body endure the high level of mental and physical toughness from both altitude and terrains.

### **Expedition Fitness**

When it comes to expedition the more fitter you are and more stronger the better your chances of successfully climbing to the summit and most of all enjoying the expedition. The grading system gives you an indication of the level required for each expedition both technically and physically. It is very important that you train and build your level of fitness depending on your choice of expedition and whilst on expedition if your fitness is deemed to be inadequate our leaders would ask you to remain at camp. Please discuss with our guiding leaders on how you feel and weather you can actually make that push during all climbing/expedition, as we take your and staff safety seriously and would not want any unchecked incidents or miss out on your successful summit bid.

### **Adventure Travel – Accuracy of Itinerary**

It is on our best interest to operate our expeditions as printed in the itinerary but due to unseen circumstances it may be necessary to make some changes as a result of flight schedules, climatic conditions, limitations of infrastructure or other operational factors. As a consequence, the order or location of overnight stops and the duration of the day may vary from those outlined. We would ask for your patience in this case as a lot of these can be out of our hands and we will best decide to plan alternatives. Our assigned leader is responsible for the overall safety of the whole team during the expedition and will encourage the use of safe climbing practises during the expedition. They will ensure that every opportunity is taken to fulfil the objectives described in the trip's outline itinerary, but have the freedom to modify any plans subject to weather, delays or unforeseen circumstances which are deemed to be out of the control of Namas Adventure. The leader will maintain a good team spirit and attempt to keep morale high for the whole group. Wherever possible the leader will keep the Namas Adventure office informed of team progress and any emergency situations that may arise.

### Insurance

All our clients are required to have adequate insurance for their trip programs. When conducting research for insurance options, please look into the details of the policies covering the right requirements. Unexpected life events occur. Your travel plans might change due to illness while you are abroad or because of a family emergency even before you leave home. Our recommendation is that you protect your investment and welfare against these unexpected circumstances so you and your loved ones can prepare for your upcoming adventure with more peace of mind.

- **Cancellation or curtailment**
- **Helicopter rescue**
- **Repatriation**
- **The altitude that you are expected to attain**
- **Grade of trek/climb/expedition**
- **Medical cover**

### Namas Adventure X Global Rescue

#### Who Is Global Rescue?

Travel Protection, Namas Adventure partners with Global Rescue to offer the world's leading travel protection services. Medical and security emergencies happen. When they do, we rely on Global Rescue to provide our clients with medical, security, travel risk, and crisis response services. Without a membership, an emergency evacuation could cost over \$100,000. More than one million members trust Global Rescue to get them home safely when the unexpected happens. We highly recommend our clients enroll with Global Rescue. (Insurance link - [Click here](#))

#### IMG Signature Travel Insurance

IMG Signature travel insurance is the perfect add-on to a Global Rescue membership, providing coverage against a variety of unforeseen expenses while you're traveling, giving you the added comfort of knowing the value of your trip is protected in case you need it.

[TRAVEL INSURANCE LINK](#)

## **Namas Adventure is a Global Rescue Safe Travel Partner.**

Namas Adventure is committed to excellence in every aspect of your trip experience, especially when it comes to safety.

That's why we are a Global Rescue Safe Travel Partner.

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Purchase a Global Rescue membership for your next adventure and travel with peace of mind. Single trip, annual and family options are available – just ask us to learn more. [Click here]

## **Few insurance provider which we recommend.**

### **UK based clients**

True Traveller: [www.truetraveller.com](http://www.truetraveller.com) Treks upto 4500M (Check Ultimate pack with Nepal trekking Box)

Austrian Alpine Club (UK) [www.aacuk.org.uk](http://www.aacuk.org.uk) ( Expedition's mostly)

Snowcard: [www.snowcard.co.uk](http://www.snowcard.co.uk)

World Nomads: <https://www.worldnomads.co.uk/>

Dogtag: [www.dogtag.co.uk](http://www.dogtag.co.uk)

### **For non-UK based clients:**

Travelex Ins. Services: [www.travelexinsurance.com](http://www.travelexinsurance.com)

True Traveller: [www.truetraveller.com](http://www.truetraveller.com) (Check Extreme pack or Ultimate pack with Nepal trekking Box)

Austrian Alpine Club (UK): [www.aacuk.org.uk](http://www.aacuk.org.uk)

These are some of the insurance companies that we trust but you are free to choose the one you have been using or trust during your travel. Please forward the details of your Insurance as soon as you have it: we need the insurance company's name, their 24 hour emergency telephone number and your insurance policy number –

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